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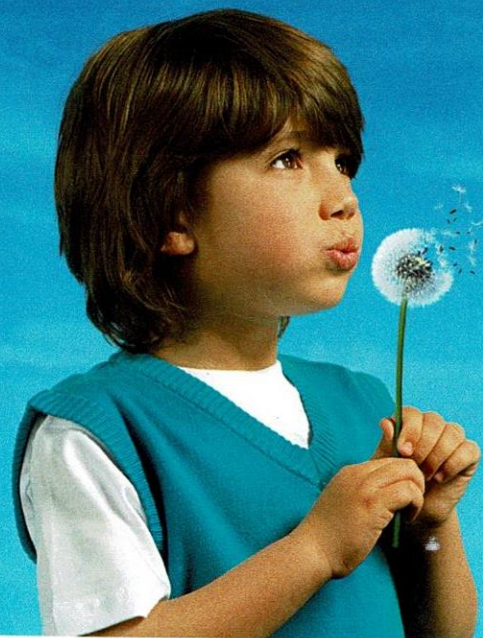
Oldham will come this evening with some confidence, for the second part of the three game mini-series between the two clubs. The result of the first game, in the Northern Rail Cup, may be seen as having little bearing on tonight's encounter. In the hope that nobody from the sponsor will read these notes, it is probably true to say that neither Oldham nor ourselves harboured any hope of progressing in that cup, and treated the game as a chance to try out a few different player combinations. And whilst neither of us will go on to win the Carnegie Challenge Cup, which is no disrespect to the academic sponsors from across the city, we will both be keen to make progress to the next round of that cup. Many will think, however, that tonight's match is the really important encounter.

It will be interesting to see how well tonight's game is supported. We were happy to support Oldham's request to switch the home and away fixtures, but the switch to Friday night because of the unavailability of the stadium on Sunday may upset some of our regular supporters. It is hoped that we will attract a number of "new" spectators, who might come to see how the Hawks of 2010 are going to fare, and maybe they will be attracted to come again. Unfortunately our publicity machine is not the greatest, and Sky telling the watching world last night that we were playing at Oldham on Sunday will not have helped our cause.

Another consequence of the switch of fixtures is that we will be without a home game for a long spell in May and June, which in turn will mean little income for the club at that time. Sponsorship is one means of supporting the club financially, and our match day packages are set at a price which allows for small businesses, or even a group of mates, to sponsor a game and enjoy the hospitality that goes with it. There are also a number of players that have not yet been sponsored. Details of match day sponsorship packages are on the website, or ring the Hawks Office on 0113 271 2730 for help, or to book a game – "whilst stocks last".

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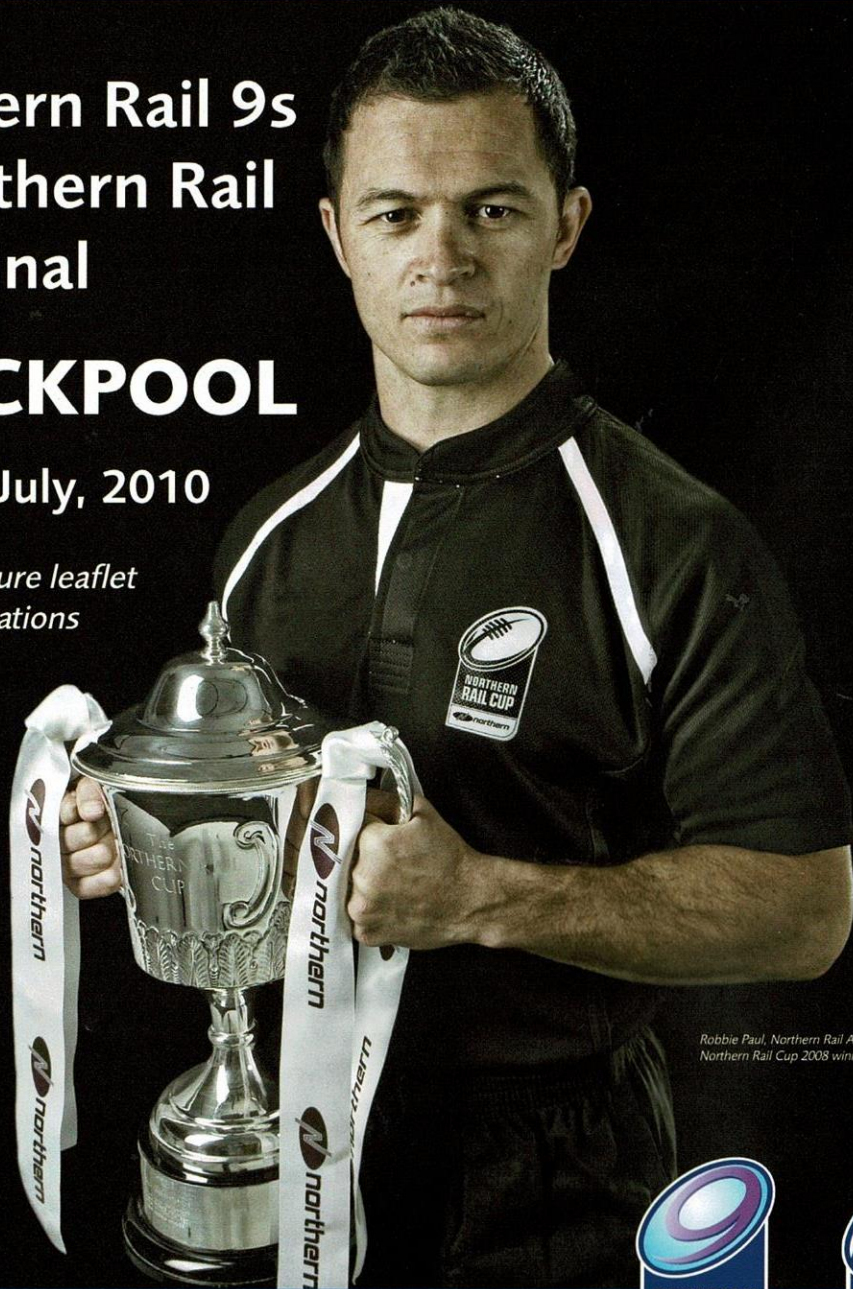
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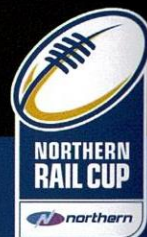
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Clubs have a point to prove

The Co-operative Championships are back this weekend following the break for the Carnegie Challenge Cup and the return to league action will come as a relief to a few clubs who will certainly feel like they have something to prove.

Doncaster picked up an unwanted record last week when they went down to Halifax-based community side Siddal 26-0 in their Carnegie Challenge Cup third round tie. Although 21 professional teams have previously come a cropper against amateur opposition in the Challenge Cup this was the biggest ever margin. At least Doncaster will not want for motivation when they face new boys South Wales Scorpions.

London Skolars are another team who will be hoping to make amends following a bad experience in the Cup. The Skolars lost 42-16 to Limoux in their third round clash and will be on the rebound when they come up against Swinton Lions.

Elsewhere, two teams that enjoyed heavy wins in the Cup clash live on Sky Sports on Thursday night with Batley Bulldogs taking on local rivals Halifax.

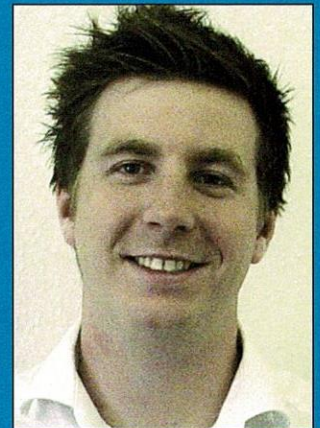
The two sides amassed a total of 158 points between them as they dismantled Leeds Met University and Ovenden respectively which will hopefully have warmed them up well for an entertaining game.

The draw for the Carnegie Challenge Cup fourth round took place on Monday night in Warrington and the most eye-catching tie out of the bag is a repeat of the famous 1998 Challenge Cup Final between Sheffield Eagles and Wigan Warriors.

This coincides perfectly with a special poll to mark the 113th anniversary of Rugby League's oldest and most prestigious knockout competition in which the Rugby Football League are asking fans to nominate their greatest Challenge Cup giant-killing act of all time.

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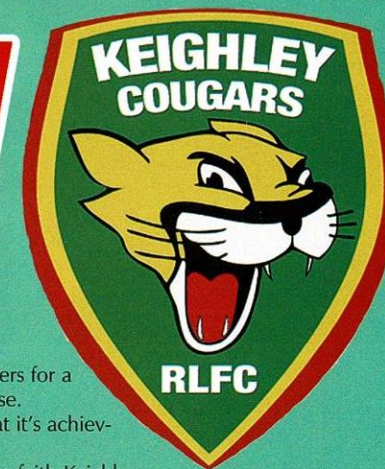
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Lessons learned on the fields of

EATON



Having enjoyed a distinguished playing career that saw him pick up a Northern Ford Premiership winners medal, represent Wales at international level and play in Super League for Widnes and Castleford, Barry Eaton is now recognised as one of the sport's top young coaches.

"I was always intrigued with that aspect of the sport," said Eaton. "Things like preparing for the game, thinking about tactics and coaching your team to beat the opposition."

Eaton began his career as assistant to Peter Roe at Keighley, before taking full control of playing matters at the start of the 2007 season.

"I took something from all the coaches I played under, head coaches, assistant coaches, reserve team coaches –

Every one of them influenced me and I've just added my own philosophy," said Eaton.

"We had some difficult times in during those first two years. Initially, I was there alongside Peter (Roe) and we had a very, very young side that hadn't played first team rugby before."

"There was only myself, Matt Bramald and Matt Foster that had any professional experience. The rest of the squad was made up of a mixture of under 21s, under 18s and

Loyalty and relationships mean a lot to the coach of the Keighley Cougars, who is looking forward to pitting his wits against the best in the Co-operative Championship. Barry Eaton spoke to TOM COATES

amateur players.

"It was always going to take some time for them to gel but we still have half a dozen or so who played for us then who still feature regularly for the first team now, so you can see how they've developed and come on."

The Cougars' progression under Eaton had not gone unnoticed by the rugby league community and, when Andy Kelly left Dewsbury Rams by mutual consent, club legend Barry was their top target.

"I went over and met (Rams chairman) Mark Sawyer and it was a really big decision for me to make," said Eaton on his decision to reject Dewsbury's offer.

"I had five-and-a-half fantastic years there as a player and I was also employed as a full-time development officer."

Eaton, along with half-back partner Richard Agar, spear-headed Dewsbury's success around the turn of the millennium and the club still has a place in the Keighley coach's heart. "Certainly the first result I look for on a Sunday evening is Dewsbury's," said Eaton. "But we'd started to see some real signs of progression at Cougar Park and Keighley were the first club to give me a coaching opportunity."

"There are people at the club who I've bonded with and that's not just the directors or staff. I've had some great support and significant help from sponsors in securing the services of players. The club has bright prospects and I want to see things through."

Despite already forging a reputation as one of the Championships' top tacticians, Eaton is eager to continue his education.

"From the outset, it's been a learning curve for myself," said Eaton. "Every week, I'm learning more and more and I'm always willing to learn from other coaches and to listen to my players"

"If you start believing that you know everything and you stop learning then you're just going to stand still."

"I'm always looking to expand my knowledge of the game but I feel like I have enough experience on board now to be respected as a coach."

After the elation of victory over Oldham in the play-off final came a period of uncertainty at Cougar Park, as the club entered administration.

"It was a massive blow and, before Christmas, I was a little concerned," he admitted.

"I'm full-time at the club and was worried about my job security and future as I have a family to look after."

"But the people that have come in have given me assurances that the staff and the playing squad would be retained."

The new directors have delivered everything they promised and I'm very happy about that."

With administration comes a nine-point deduction, giving the Cougars a huge mountain to climb to preserve their Championship status.

"We were probably going to be relegation favourites regardless of the nine point deduction so, in that respect, there's not much difference," said a defiant Eaton.

"One thing we have got at the club though is a group of players and staff that love a challenge. We achieved promotion to challenge ourselves against the best."

"We know it's going to be a tough ask, and we had a big slip up at Widnes in our first league game, but we've shown signs that we can compete at this level."

"We'll be giving it our best shot and we're certainly not accepting relegation."

Inevitably, the off-field problems at the club disrupted Eaton's recruitment plans during the close season, but the Cougars head coach has faith in the players on board.

"One thing that may have gone unnoticed is that we've kept the core of last year's first team squad together for this season and given them the opportunity to play at a higher level," said Eaton.

"We needed to work on our fitness levels, our power and explosive athletic ability to compete in the Championship and that's one of the reasons we brought Paul Royston in as conditioner."

"There's been a marked improvement in the players' strength and conditioning compared to last year so that's been a success."

Chris Baines arrived at Cougar Park from Oldham but he's the only 'name' to sign up, with the bulk of new recruits coming from Super League's academy set-up.

"We're looking at the potential side of the things in that respect but we're also trying to give a chance to the lads who've been at the club a few years and have been slowly developing," explained Eaton.

"The likes of Ben Sagar and James Haythornthwaite will definitely become first team regulars."

"I think they've benefited massively from the pre-season conditioning programme and are no longer young players they're men in their own right."

"They've certainly shown that they're capable of playing an important role within the first team squad."

Looking at the bigger picture, he is quietly confident about the club's prospects and hopes to play an integral part in the club's development.

"It's got real potential and that's what the new directors saw when they decided to get involved," said Eaton.

"On and off the field, we've developed over the last few years and they've come in to ensure that this continues."

"Some may say that Super League is unrealistic but I believe it's a possible aim."

"A few seasons ago Halifax looked like they were going to go out of business, but three years down the line they look

like strong contenders for a Super League license.

"It just shows that it's achievable."

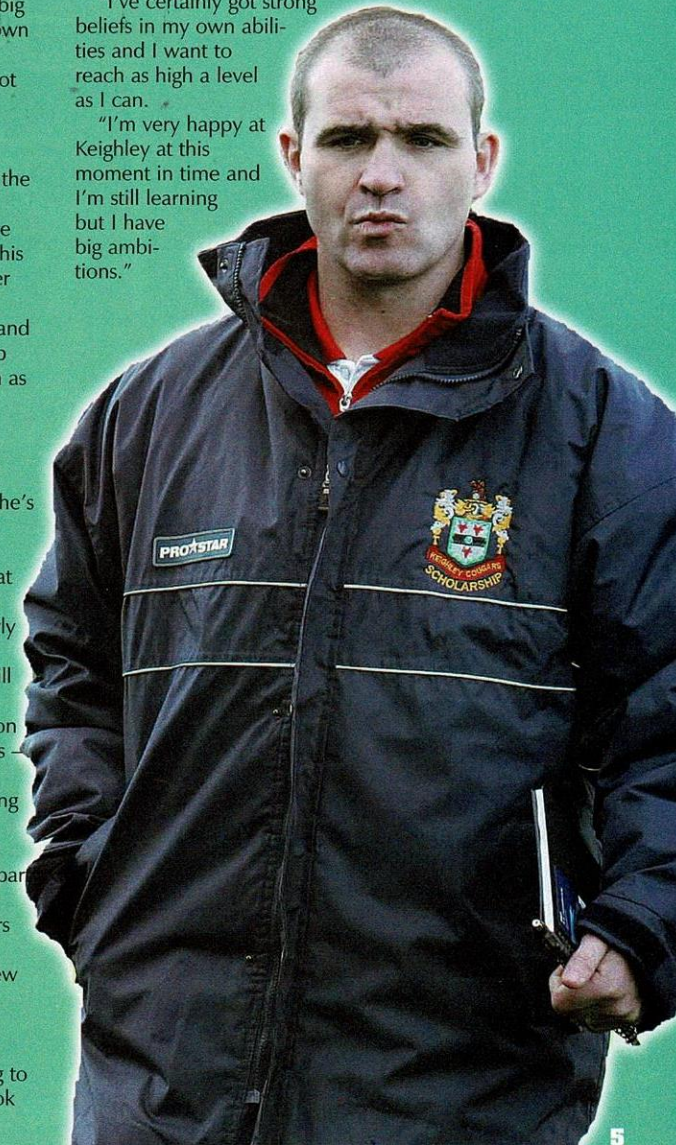
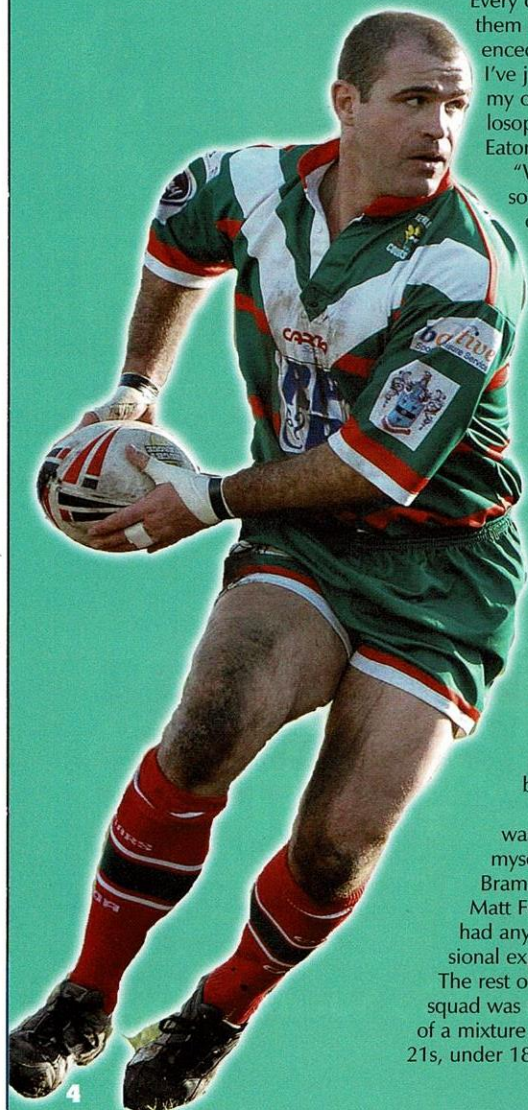
Having repaid the faith Keighley showed in him by giving him his first job, Eaton can look forward to realising his own ambitions as a coach.

"I'm contracted until the end of 2012 and that gives me a period to try and sustain our position in the Championship."

"I just want to be the best I possibly can wherever I'm coaching, whether that be at Keighley or anywhere else."

"I've certainly got strong beliefs in my own abilities and I want to reach as high a level as I can."

"I'm very happy at Keighley at this moment in time and I'm still learning but I have big ambitions."



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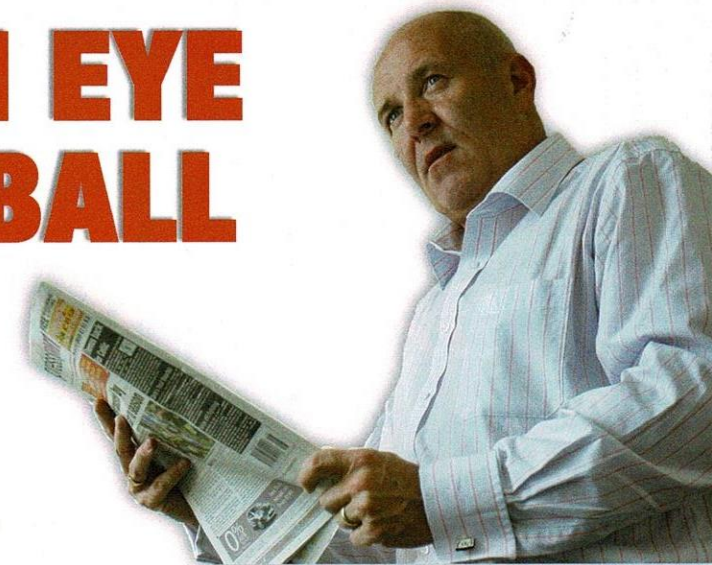
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Danny Lockwood

THESE little doubt, let alone argument, that the era of full-time athletes has widened the gulf between the top of our sport and the rest.

Last weekend's results in the Carnegie Challenge Cup would suggest the gap between the haves and have-nots in the Co-operative Championships is also yawning ever further apart.

There are always matches which would suggest the lie to this, but they are few and far between – Toulouse's 'mugging' of Super League clubs before they were on anyone's radar, Hull KR stunning Warrington while they were still in the old National League 1, and last season Halifax pushing Castleford oh-so close, going down only on a sudden death score.

The sheer physicality of our sport lies at the root of this phenomenon. There might be skill aplenty in Rugby League, but it's the speed and strength at which those skills are applied that separates teams more and more.

In football for instance, the fact that a Premiership player might be a tad quicker or fractionally more accurate with his 40-yard passes than one from the old divisions 2 and 3 – I'm thinking Manchester Utd versus Leeds Utd in the FA Cup recently – isn't necessarily a decisive factor.

Motivation of the group, a ref's decision, a missed chance, team selection even, and suddenly you have a massive upset on the back pages. Noticeably, both teams are full-time professionals so while Man Utd might be used to playing at a higher tempo, they can hardly outmuscle their opponents.

In our sport Super League just gets faster, stronger and more 'professional' in terms of off-field preparation so while teams at the very top of the semi-pro game – where many of the players might have Super League experience – can dream of catching them on an off day, it's less and less of a probability.

Even within the part-time realm the gap continues to widen. Featherstone's 74 point demolition of a Workington team that already had a couple of wins under its belt this term including a notable defeat of arch-rivals Whitehaven, was a real eye-opener.

With Oldham and Halifax both putting 80-plus points on amateur opposition, plus a 70, 60 and three 50 point tallies, it would suggest that the community game is struggling to keep pace.

I recall watching a Dewsbury Celtic team back in the 1970s giving a Hull KR side featuring luminaries such as Roger Millward and Clive Sullivan a heck of a battle before succumbing by 20 points, and virtually the same amateur team holding the mighty Wigan to 15-5.

Indeed in 1985/6 my own Dudley Hill side went to the Boulevard and played a Hull outfit including 12 full internationals – men such as Garry Schofield, Lee Crooks, Steve Norton, Steve Evans, Fred Ah Kuoi, Gary Kemble, James Leuluai, Dane O'Hara, Paul Eastwood, Aussie Geoff Gerard et al – and we were leading until just before the interval. Even after having our skipper sin-binned, losing our loose-forward to a broken arm, and having to pull a 'sub' off the terraces because a player got stuck in the snow back in Bradford, it was only 38-10 at the close.

Can you imagine an amateur side today holding Leeds, Saints – any Super League club come to that – to less than a 30 point margin? It's virtually unthinkable.

In any given season there's usually a stand-out result in the good old 'Cup' and it surprised few that Lee Greenwood's well-drilled Siddal turned over the struggling Dons at the Keepmoat on Sunday.

With the draw giving Siddal a real test at Lee's own club Batley, we will get further evidence of whether the Dons result was a one-off, or yet another sign of the widening gap in the Championships themselves.



Siddal in action at Doncaster on Sunday where they notched a famous win

A gentleman and a Skolar



A Londoner brought up in the Midlands, Skolars coach James Massara is a relative newcomer to RL. But he's a passionate evangelist for the game's potential in the south of England, as reporter TOM COATES discovered

James Massara's first taste of Rugby League came as a University student and the London Skolars coach is quick to admit that the sport was never a major part of his life growing up.

"I used to watch Rugby League on TV and it was always something that interested me," said Massara.

"My family lived in the Midlands though, which meant I played pretty much every sport except Rugby League."

Massara's first job within the sport came eight years ago, when he was appointed Development Officer for the London area.

He spent 2009 as head coach at successful Summer Conference side South London Storm after spending several years working closely with the Broncos' and Harlequins' academy set-ups.

"The changes that have taken place since I first became involved with the sport have been massive," said Massara.

"When I started there were just two full-time people who worked here and about four club sides.

"Most of the players then were just Rugby Union lads playing Rugby League," he continued.

"Now there are blokes who are Rugby League players before they're anything else and that progress has been reflected by their selection for representative sides."

Massara also believes that the type of player being produced locally over the last couple of years speaks volumes about the progress the sport has made in the capital.

"We used to get lots of props and wingers coming through," said Massara.

"The exciting thing now though is that there are lots of half-backs developing too and I think that says a lot about how far the game has come.

"The game needs to be played in the right way to allow these sorts of players to develop.

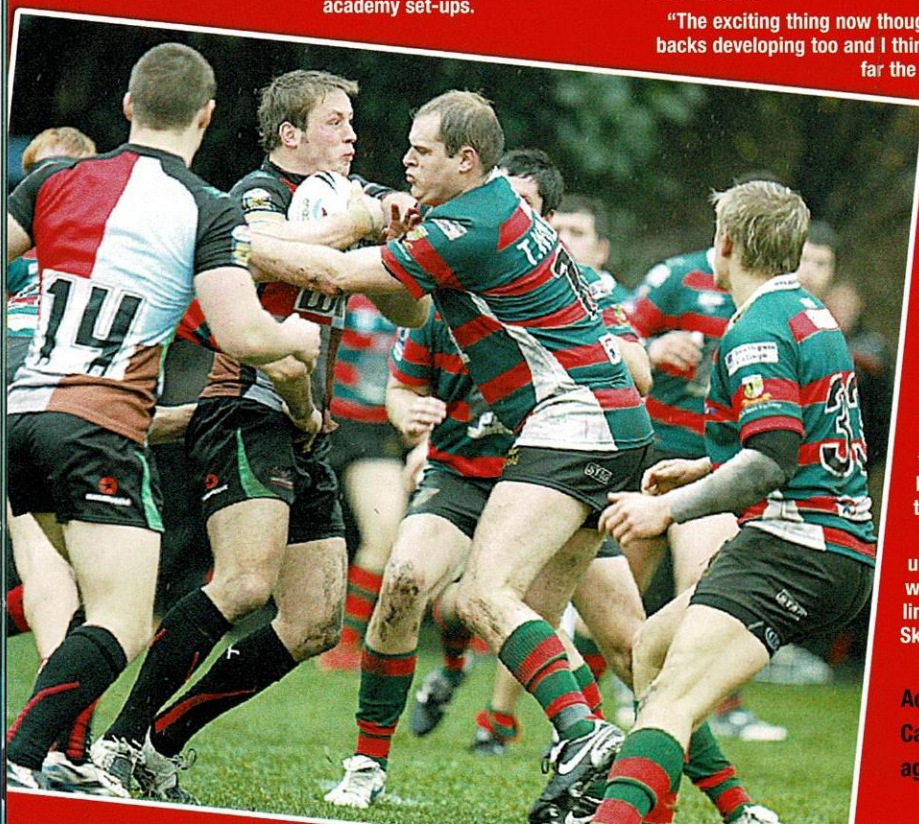
"There are some very talented young half-backs on the books at Harlequins though, and that's encouraging."

London-born Massara has mixed feelings about the 'Quins' link-up with the Union side at the Stoop.

"I can see the benefits as far as facilities are concerned but, on the playing side of things, I'm not so sure.

"The 'Quins situation was unique so it's difficult to say whether or not a similar sort of link-up would work with the Skolars."

Action from the Skolars' Capital Challenge against Harlequins



However, the RFL's new 'dual registration' scheme is something the Skolars head coach believes will aid the development of the sport in London immensely.

"It allows young, high-quality Londoners to stay in a full-time professional environment but also to play at a suitable level," said Massara.

"The benefits coming off the back of linking up with a Super League club are massive and every player that comes over to play for us is 100% committed."

"There's an absolutely thriving amateur scene down here, and many of those players are capable of playing at Championship level, there's no doubt.

"Playing at this level is a massive commitment though and, at the end of the day, it's whether or not the sport fits in for them."

Massara is also full of praise for the work being done by South Wales Scorpions in helping to pave a way into Super League for talented youngsters.

"That's definitely something we'd like to do," he admitted.

"It would be great if some of our players could make it at the Harlequins and we'd love to be in a position where we had Brian McDermott knocking on our door.

"There are players in my squad that have come straight from the amateur game and I think that's fantastic."

One of the major problems faced when developing the game in London though, is the lack of facilities.

"Kids are interested in Rugby League the second they play it, that's what makes it such a great sport," he went on.

"However we've always had too many kids for the amount of facilities and coaching staff at our disposal.

"There isn't a single dedicated facility for Rugby League down here so it's all been a bit 'beg, steal and borrow' so far.

"The RFL are working very hard alongside the clubs to address that though and have put in a lot of work to provide us with places to train and play."

Since their inception, the Skolars have played out of Haringey Council's New River athletics ground.

"At the moment it's fantastic for what we need, but we are working very closely with the council and there are plans in place to develop the site."

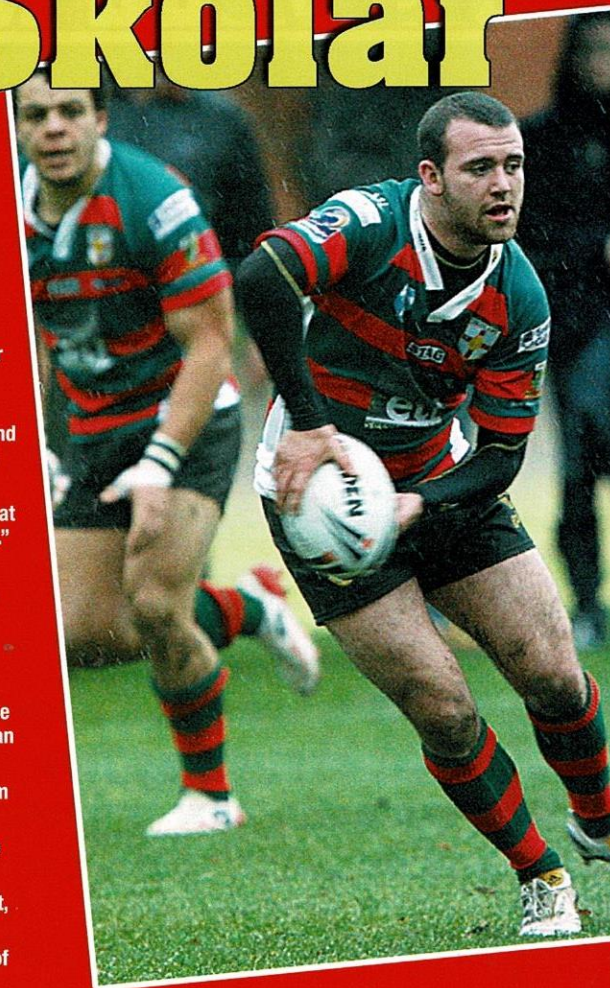
"Our priority at the moment though is to get a competitive side on the field," he admitted.

"We have the best part of a new squad so it was always going to be a learning process initially.

"I am very confident in the players' ability but, with so many of them playing at this level for the first time, it's bound to take a while for them to settle and get used to the style of play.

"We need to be competitive but, after that, the sky's the limit."

A difficult few seasons has not dented the Skolars' ambitions though and coach Massara believes that the club is moving positively towards what it takes to become a



Rugby League force to be reckoned with in the future.

"I know Richard Lewis has spoke in the past about having two London sides in Super League.

"I don't want to put a timescale on it but that is definitely what we'd like to achieve."

Indeed, the success of players like Louie McCarthy-Scarsbrook and Tony Clubb is proof that the area is capable of producing talent with the ability to play at the very highest level.

"It's crazy the type of athlete you get down here," said Massara.

"And it's up to us to provide the right environment for them to develop.

"Do I want to single anybody out? Probably not, but what I will say is that we've got a lot of London-bred players coming through that will go very well in Championship 1"

"There are dozens of 'Clubbs' and 'McCarthy-Scarsbrooks' floating about in the amateur game," he claims.

"It's up to us to find them."

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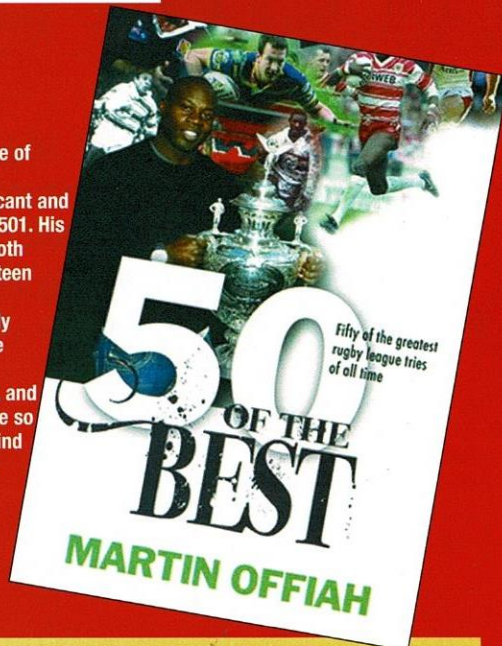
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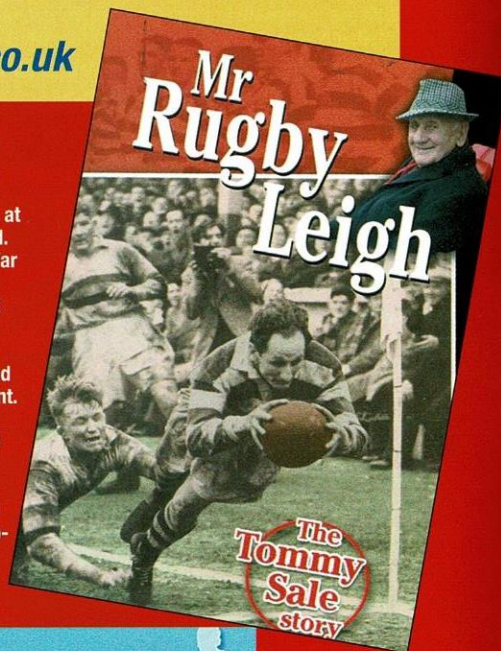
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NEWSROUND-UP



'Cup-tied' Lee faces division of loyalties

BATLEY BULLDOGS wingman Lee Greenwood is certain of featuring in the 5th round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup – but exactly which team he'll be with is a question waiting to be answered.

There are bound to be divided loyalties when Lee steps out for the 4th round tie – because he also doubles up as the coach of the Bulldogs' opponents Siddal who famously 'nilled' professional opponents Doncaster, the day before he grabbed two tries in Batley's demolition of Leeds Met.

But it's a headache he'd rather not have.

"I wanted anything but this," he said after hearing the draw. He and Bulldogs boss Karl Harrison had a laugh about the scenario afterwards, and will discuss the situation later – Batley were preparing for their big tv game against Halifax this week.

"I suppose it's got novelty value but it puts me in a difficult position," he said. "From a selfish point of view I was after anything but this. The club were hoping for a 'glamour' tie having got to this stage, one of the big boys.

"If I play in the game I'm going to feel terrible facing the lads I coach, and if I don't and am with them then I'm going to be in an awful position there as well.

"I think I might look for a flight to Spain for the weekend and switch my phone off."

But one club who did bag a plum tie were Sheffield Eagles who will welcome the mighty Wigan Warriors to either the Don Valley or, hopefully, Bramall Lane.

The fourth round tie is a re-run of the 1998 final when the Eagles created one of the greatest upsets in rugby league history with a 17-8 win at Wembley Stadium.

"Great draw, bring Wigan on, that's what we want big games and a big challenge," said coach Mark Aston.

"Wigan may be top of the Super League but we played Hull KR last season when they were near the top of the league and gave them a big scare."

The Eagles hope that they will be able to stage the home draw at Sheffield United's Bramall Lane ground – where they will play most of their Championship games this season.

The fourth round tie has to be played on the weekend of 17-18 of April and the Blades are away on the Sunday playing in the derby clash with Sheffield Wednesday at



Batley's Lee Greenwood – all tied-up over Cup conundrum

Hillsborough. Aston said: "We will be asking Sheffield United if we can play the game at Bramall Lane – maybe on the Saturday.

"It's the biggest rugby game played in the city for years and it deserves to be played on a big stage.

"Being a re-run of the 1998 Wembley game there will be a lot of interest and we hope lost of Eagles fans who were at the Wembley final will come along and see the new team.

"I'm also sure there will be big crowd with a lot of Wigan fans wanting to make the trip."

Aston, who won the Lance Todd as man of the match in the 1998 Wembley final added: "We will be the underdogs again – but look what happened last time. If it is at Bramall Lane before a big crowd it would boost the team and who knows what could happen?"

The Eagles are due to play their first Championship game at Bramall Lane against Featherstone Rovers on Sunday 11 April. They narrowly lost 34-24 at Hull KR in the fifth round of last season's competition.

Dewsbury, Toulouse, Barrow and Featherstone also bagged plum ties against Super League opposition.

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP 4TH ROUND

York v Crusaders
Hunslet v Oldham
Swinton v Halifax
Limoux v Leigh
Harlequins v Wakefield
St Helens v Toulouse
Widnes v Lezignan
Catalans v Salford

Sheffield Eagles v Wigan
Siddal v Batley
Hull v Leeds
Castleford v Barrow
Warrington v Featherstone
Blackpool v Whitehaven
Huddersfield v Hull KR
Dewsbury v Bradford

Batley Bulldogs v



Halifax RLFC



Thursday March 11th, 2010. Kick off 7.30pm. MOUNT PLEASANT

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Hopkins Family.....	Jan 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
Paul Hinchcliffe.....	Jason Walton	27
Peter's Foods.....	Waterboy	

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COACH: KARL HARRISON

LAST SIX RESULTS: W-DWWLW

LAST SIX HOME: WLW-DWW

TRIES: Campbell (9) Greenwood (5)

GOALS: Moore (29)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Gareth Moore

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R. Laughton
Touch: K. Povah, T. Crashley
Reserve Referee: D. Sharpe

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Halifax to edge a thrilling encounter.
Fax by 4"

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Miles Greenwood.....	Fax Supporters Trust
2	Lee Paterson.....	Windsor Yarns
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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 Kieilty 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: L-WWLWW

LAST SIX AWAY: LWLL-WL

TRIES: Royston (7) Worrincy (6)

GOALS: Paterson (27)

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Shad Royston



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Batley v Halifax RLFC

TV's one to watch

On Sunday I purchased the Mail and the Yorkshire Post both of which have a TV guide, which includes highlighting for each day of the week, the recommended film, drama, sport etc to watch.

On Thursday in both newspapers our game tonight was the sporting event to watch. The reason seemed to be reference to losing at the Shay by 70 points and then turning it around and winning at the Mount at the end of the season.

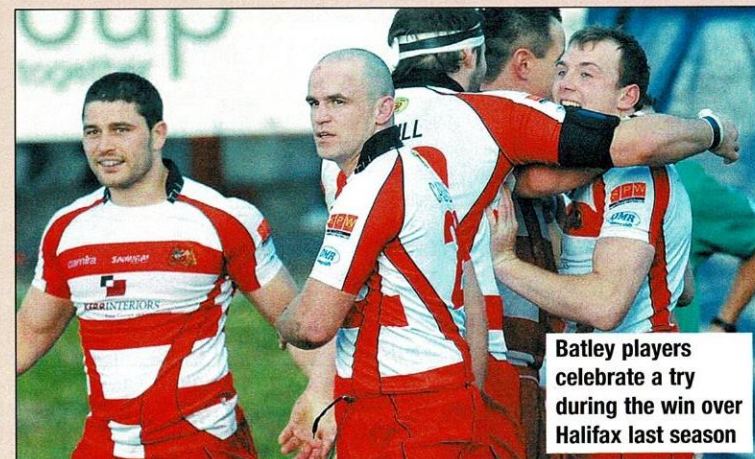
To be referred to in the Yorkshire Post is good but in a national newspaper is even better. Certainly our performance against Halifax at home last year was probably the best performance of the season, bearing in mind the opposition, so let's hope we are again at our best tonight.

I hope word is getting round about our pre-match Lunch n' Crunch in the Brian Cooney suite at the cost of £20 or £30 with ground admission, so that our 32 places are full for every home game. Please look on our website for details or at leaflets about the ground or ring the club to enquire or even better still book.

We are grateful to have gone through to the fourth round of the Challenge Cup without much drama. If I was at Doncaster now after their result the noose would be out. We then get drawn against the self-same Siddal in the next round.

As long as we respect them and don't think we just have to turn up, then we have a good chance of progressing to the next round, but Siddal will be buoyant and with Lee Greenwood as their coach it will not be easy.

I suspect they will approach Halifax to play there as it is their home tie but we should know shortly, to be able to announce more details of the fixture,



Batley players celebrate a try during the win over Halifax last season

which is sometime on the weekend of 17-18 April. We have a lot of serious rugby to play between now and then.

Just to let you know we are now trying for the third time to get a grant from the RFL Facilities Trust to complete under the Glen Tomlinson Stand by creating a further room there which will involve building a separate garage and store for the groundsman's equipment.

If we do get a grant, we will still have to raise some money ourselves, but if things do go to plan we would complete the project this season. I will keep people informed when we know anything one way or another.

We are full with sponsors today which is good especially as it is a night match, but we now need to be full every game, so if you fancy a great day out or know someone who may be interested contact the club now well in advance.

Finally we go to Gateshead next Wednesday (not Tuesday) 17 March and we want to take as much support as we can as we hope to achieve victory to finish top of our group in the Northern Rail although there is no advantage in the quarter final draw by doing so.

The Supporters Club are trying to run a coach, so if you can come, contact them to book a place.

The draw is not likely to take place for a couple of weeks until all games in the group stage have been played, but we just hope for a home tie as the Doncaster game still haunts us.

Anyway, enjoy tonight's game and watch it again on TV when you get home and then it will not be long before we are on again against Keighley - Happy Days.

Kevin Nicholas
Chairman

Local pupils cooking up a tasty treat

IN September of 2009, staff working in the Study Centre started a new and exciting project - Cooking for Success.

The project is being run by Susan Woods who has recently joined us from Extended Learning, part of Kirklees Council.

Pupils are invited to come from local schools to the club kitchen for two hours a week for five weeks.

They learn about basic cookery skills, healthy eating, kitchen hygiene and safety and then get to cook a healthy, nutritious

meal which they all sit down together and enjoy!

Recipes include meatballs with tagliatelle in a tomato sauce and Jamaican chicken with brown rice and peas.

On the fifth week the pupils have fun and get to show off their creative talents when they decorate cookies which they take home to enjoy with their family and friends.

At the end of the programme all the pupils take home a folder full of the recipes they've cooked over the five

weeks, alternative recipe ideas and lots of information on making healthy choices.

They also receive an attendance certificate and a prize in recognition of all their hard work.

So far the project has been a great success with those attending thoroughly enjoying the experience and great feedback from school staff.

Anne-Marie Sceats
Study Centre Admin Office

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Dewsbury Rams v Featherstone Rovers



Sunday March 14th, 2010. Kick off 3pm. TETLEY'S STADIUM

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Sue Walford	James Haynes	2
The West Riding	Stewart Sanderson	3
Mr & Mrs Humphrey	Rob Lunt	4
	Andrew Tillotson	5
	Ryan Smith	6
	Tom Wandless	7
John Calvert	Dominic Brambani	8
Lesley & Lily Whittaker	Mike Emmett	9
Vivien Calvert	Scott Turner	10
Matthew Dudding	Adam Robinson	11
	Scott Watson	12
Mount Tabor Church	Pat Walker	13
Tony & Mary Diskin	Luke Stenclion	14
Sam & Peggy Hill	Bryn Powell	15
Dewsbury Rams Study Centre	Austin Buchanan	16
The Buzz Room	Alex Bretherton	17
Dewsbury Central Station Public House	Chris Spurr	18
Elaine and Peter Holyoake	Adam Hayes	19
Jack Addy & Pat Haywood	Rob Spicer	20
The Grayson Family	Andrew Bostock	21
	Kane Epati	22
Peter Brooke & David Kirby	Keegan Hirst	23
Phil & Rhoda Andruchow	Anthony England	24
Jack Addy & Pay Haywood	James Lockwood	25
The Three G's	Ayden Faal	26
	Allister McMaster	27
	Liam Crawley	28
	Danny Richardson	29
BW Print	Luke Menzies	30
	31 Josh Tonks	32 Martin Woodhead
	33 James Walker	34 Matthew Tebb
	35 Sam Dalby	36 Paul Hughes
		37 Luke Blake

COACH: WARREN JOWITT

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLLW

LAST SIX HOME: WWWW-WL

TRIES: Turner (5) Bostock (3)

GOALS: P Walker (20)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: James Haynes

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

COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: DLWWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: LWLW-LW

TRIES: Nandy, Steel (6)

GOALS: Briggs (15) Dobek (10)

Finn (9)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Jesse Joe Nandy

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G. Hewer

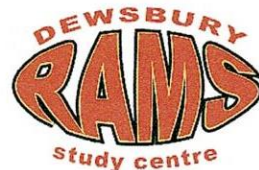
Touch: J.Greenwood, S.Daniel

Reserve Referee: D.McNeice

THE INSIDE TRACK

"In-form Featherstone to hold out gallant Rams. Rovers by 6"

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Dewsbury v Featherstone

Back to normal - a last!

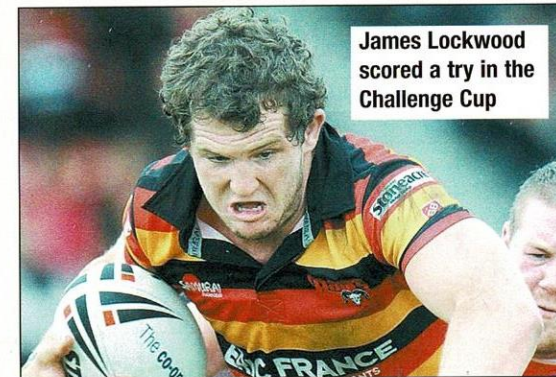
Hello and welcome to the Tetley's Stadium for what proves to be a very tough opening home match of our Championship season.

It has all the makings to be a thrilling game. Featherstone are riding high at the moment.

It was good to get last week out of the way. As you are all aware of our gruelling bus trip to France and then the late night arrival back Monday followed by the Leigh game on Wednesday backed up by the game on Sunday in the Cup.

It's been a tough 11 days for the players as a lot of time and commitment has been given from them and hopefully this will make them stronger as a unit. It's nice to have a week of normal training to prepare for today's match.

We were very unfortunate in Toulouse to come away with the loss as we dominated the game up until seven



James Lockwood scored a try in the Challenge Cup

minutes to go. If we'd have been on an even playing field, taking the travelling out of it, there would have been a big scoreline in our favour.

The last quarter saw our lads really struggling with their energy levels, the effort was there but unfortunately there were a lot of tired legs out there. Although the result was disappointing, the lads effort and commitment cannot be knocked.

The Leigh game on Wednesday night was a

good hit out for us as it gave a lot of our youngsters a chance and players who haven't had much game time. The odds were always stacked against us, especially having to make nine changes, but once again the effort of the players could not be questioned. Had a few decisions gone our way and the two tries that were disallowed been given, then I would think we were more than capable of beating Leigh. I thought James Haynes was absolutely out-

standing, what a prospect he is proving to be.

The game against Drighlington wasn't one of our best and as a team that first half performance was probably the worst we've played in a long time, but in the second half I thought the team put right their wrongs, having a 91 per cent completion rate speaks for itself.

Maybe a lot of the boys were still feeling it from the hectic week, as I know I was, and some of these players had to play three 80 minutes in the space of seven days which is no good for any player.

We've now had a fresh week and there will be no excuses. We know that when we put it together we are a very good team and that is the focus for today, making sure everything in place clicks. Hope you enjoy the game.

Warren Jowitt
Head Coach

Good to be home after Toulouse trauma

AFTER last Sunday's break from league action it will be good to get our Championship campaign under way again and one thing is for sure there will be no repeat of the trauma we faced trying to get to our last league game.

I don't think anyone could have foreseen how the trip to France would unfold. The team and coaching staff emerged from the trip to Toulouse not just with our opening point through a well earned bonus point but also with the respect of all true rugby league fans for travelling the way they did and still putting in such a competitive display.

While Toulouse picked up the points they did apparently drop a huge amount of income with the forecast attendance cut by well over a half following the delay. While the problems we faced were great they could have been much worse had we not had the services of a Co-operative Travel representative who pulled out all the stops to get us to

Toulouse and back as easily and painlessly as possible. I would like to pay tribute to them for their excellent help and support.

I would also like to pay tribute to the small band of supporters who still managed to get to the game under their own steam and it really shows what a dedicated set you are. Thank you, your efforts were appreciated.

Back to today and Featherstone kicked off their league season with a comfortable home win over Batley Bulldogs. They have of course recruited Liam Finn from us in the off season and apparently Liam went well against the Bulldogs but I'm sure Warren will have plans for him today!

We will be keeping a close eye on the attendance this afternoon. I know it is only early season but it is important that clubs keep their finances under control and the poor winter weather has hit many clubs in the pocket including our-

elves with the 888 against Leigh some 400 down on what we might have expected. Rovers traditionally bring a good following with them and with Widnes here in a couple of weeks time hopefully it will give us the chance to get things back on track.

Last Sunday it was good to get through to the fourth round of the Challenge Cup following our hard fought win over Drighlington. Unfortunately these notes were penned before the draw but you can rest assured we had everything crossed for a premium home draw but we haven't had the best of luck with cup draws in recent seasons so I was getting too optimistic!

Finally I'd like to repeat my invitation for all supporters to join us in the Royal Suite after the match for the post match presentations - and of course to spend some money over the bar!Ω

Mark Sawyer, Chairman



Keighley Cougars v Leigh Centurions



Saturday March 14th, 2010. Kick off 3pm. 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.....	Oilly 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
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Phil Lund Ltd.....	Chris Baines	23
	Tom Hall	24
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COACH: BARRY EATON

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

COACHES: IAN MILLWARD

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R.Hicks

Touch: G.Hodgson, G.Evans

Reserve Referee: S.Johnson

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Centurions are starting to find their form, Cougars still finding their feet. Leigh by 18"

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWDWW

LAST SIX AWAY: LLLL-LW

TRIES: Alstead (7) Donlan, Hill, Goulden (3)

GOALS: Nany (17)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Robbie Paul

LAST SIX RESULTS: W-WWWLL

LAST SIX HOME: LW-WWWL

TRIES: Presley (4) Beclher (3)

GOALS: Jones (15)

DROP GOALS: Jones (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Danny Jones



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Keighley v Leigh

Easter fixtures pile-up puts demands on players

Welcome to Ian Millward and everyone from Leigh for today's league game.

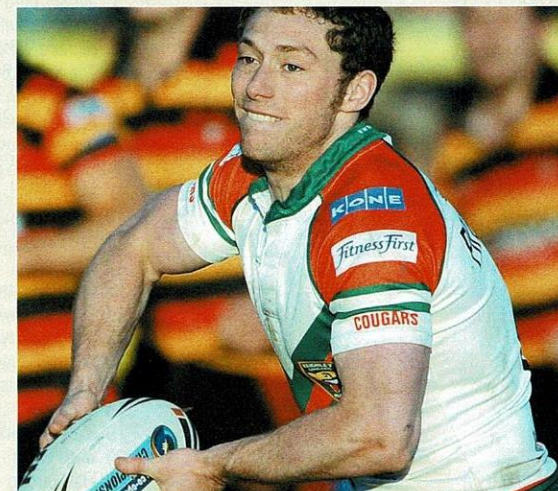
I have some very fond memories of playing against Ian's Leigh teams when I was a player at Dewsbury.

The fondest has to be the Grand Final at Bury's Gigg Lane ground where we just edged them by a single point.

The games back then were always very tough but entertaining games as Ian is well known for his teams playing a great brand of entertaining rugby as we did at Dewsbury at the time and it is something I encourage now I am a coach.

I am sure Ian's philosophy about the game won't have changed over the years so expect a fast, entertaining game this afternoon.

We have entered a period of eight games in just over four weeks which is going to test any squad depth at any level and as all our players have to work it is going to be a tough period.



Half-back Jonny Presley will have key role against Leigh

This period culminates with three games in six days over the Easter period when we play Sheffield on Good Friday followed by Dewsbury on Bank Holiday Monday and then we have to go to Halifax on the Thursday night for the

Sky game on the 8 April.

Then we don't have a game until 3 May against Barrow which seems ludicrous and even though there is the Challenge Cup fourth round scheduled for the 17-18 April, which we are out of, the pres-

sure it is going to be put on the players.

I believe it is far too demanding especially as the players will be all doing a full day's work in between and won't be able to rest or rehabilitate correctly.

Now I don't want to neglect the opportunity of playing on Sky but I do worry about the quality of the product if two teams are going to play their third game in six days as well as what sort of team we will be able to field by that game.

We all love the game and love playing but surely we have to think long and hard about the Easter period with our Championship games being shown on Thursdays and those teams featuring have to be allowed to change their fixture on the Bank holiday Monday in the future.

Enjoy the game,

Barry Eaton
Head Coach

Lots of family fun for you to enjoy

GOOD afternoon and welcome to Cougar Park for this afternoon's first home Co-operative Championship League game against Leigh.

I would like to welcome all the Leigh directors, players and fans to Cougar Park today, I hope you enjoy your day with us and have a safe journey home.

Games like today are what we have been working so hard to get to and we are looking forward to welcoming a good crowd from Leigh today - and also to celebrate Mother's Day.

We are having our first Family Fun Day of the season with lots to do for all the family such as face painting, balloons and your chance to put one of our team or a family member in the stocks! Plus much more so I hope you all enjoy the day.

We have also used the RFL's Five-tastic tickets for the first time for this game so we are hoping that we will be able to give all the Leigh fans a great family day

Helen Carter, General Manager

out at Cougar Park.

Today we are also celebrating junior rugby in Keighley and at half time we will have all the junior rugby league players and coaches parading around the ground from Keighley Cougar Cubs, Keighley Albion and West Craven Warriors.

It is also an opportunity to thank the coaches who give up their free time week in week out to ensure that the future of rugby league in Keighley is safe.

Out of all of our contracted players we have James Feather, Gav Duffy, Ollie Pursglove, James Haythornthwaite, Ben Sagar and Tom Hall who came through the junior ranks with the Cubs.

Plus there are numerous players who have gone on to play in Super League such as Richard Moore, Ollie Wilkes and

Chris Feather and many more so that shows how important it is for us as a community and club to support their work.

Going to press we will have held our first Fundraising Committee meeting with myself and Gary and some members of our fanbase.

It will be used to find different ways to raise funds for things that you the fans want to see happen at the club whether it be buses to away games or a new drum to get the atmosphere going on matchdays.

If any of you would like to be involved in this then please give me a call on the office number.

I think that's it for now but I hope you all enjoy the game and have a safe journey home.

See you soon.

Helen

Sheffield Eagles v Widnes Vikings



Sunday March 14th, 2010. Kick off 3pm. DON VALLEY STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
AMCO	Johnny 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
Premier Kia	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
	Tim Bergin	26
Mark Rendi	Richie Barnett	27
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	SPONSOR
1	James Ford	RJ Lewis
2	Dean Gaskell	Katie Kingsley
3	Richard Varkulis	The Spence Family
4	Toa Kohe Love	Widnes Vikings Supporters Club
5	Paddy Flynn	Reg and Lesley Warner
6	Anthony Thackeray	Applied Acumen
7	James Webster	Widnes Vikings Supporters Club
8	Steve Pickersgill	Alan Bruce
9	Mark Smith	Leann Fox
10	Jim Gannon	Widnes Vikings Supporters Club
11	Lee Doran	Colin Pheysey Swavesey Newsagents
12	Dave Allen	MB Hydrographic Ltd
13	Chris Gerrard	VIQI
14	Thomas Coyle	MWEL Electrical Ltd
15	Shane Grady	ACS Building Maintenance (07725884913)
16	Gareth Haggerty	Ace Film Catering
17	Ben Kavanagh	Ron Rowbottom
18	Scott Yates	Julie Coe - Merry Christmas from Neil xx
19	Matt Gardner	
20	Chris Dean	
21	Matt Strong	
22	Dean Thompson	The Jones Family
23	Dave Houghton	
24	Danny Hulme	
25	Anthony Mullally	Mullally's Butchers
	Liam Farrell	
	Ben Davies	

COACH: PAUL CULLEN

COACH: MARK ASTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: DWWWLW

LAST SIX HOME: WWL-WWW

TRIES: Cook (6) Stringer (5)

GOALS: Woodcock (9) Stringer (8)

DGs: Cook (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Menzie Yere

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: W.Turley

Touch: S.Barrie, W.Owen

Reserve Referee: R.Jones

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Eagles to edge clash of title rivals.
Sheffield by 4"

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-WDWWW

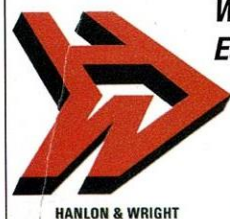
LAST SIX AWAY: WWLL-DW

TRIES: Grady (5) Ainscough, Ford (4)

GOALS: Grady (22)

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Shane Grady



We're with the Eagles....



CLUBCALL

Sheffield v Widnes

Time we got a few points back Widnes

You will hear every coach in the Championship say the same thing: There are no easy games in this competition. We say it because it's true.

Teams have to hit the standard and stay there or they will suffer. Performances have to be consistent.

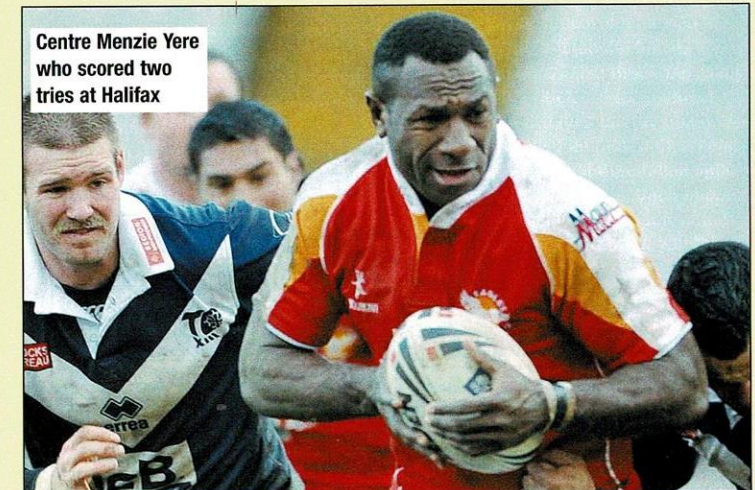
Just take a look at the fixture pages in Game On today, we have Widnes Vikings at Don Valley, next up Dewsbury Rams then a tough trip to Keighley Cougars.

I don't need to tell the lads that they face a tough test today. Widnes are a team that many felt were unlucky to miss out on a place in the Super League when the licences were decided last time around. They will certainly be near the front of the queue for 2012.

Paul Cullen has put together a strong squad and they started the Championship season with a massive 72-10 win over Keighley. But what counts is the 80 minutes coming up.

Last season Widnes were the only top six team to do the double over us so it's time we got a few of those points back. It adds up to a really thrilling game in prospect.

We didn't start the league season the way I would have hoped. The 32-26 defeat at Halifax was a disappointment because we had that game won twice. We started the game like a house on fire and got 12-nil ahead then did a few silly things and went away from the plan. In



Centre Menzie Yere who scored two tries at Halifax

the second half we got 26-12 up and then we threw it away.

We made some poor decisions when we should have been closing down the game. We didn't have a lot of ball in the second half, we only had 16 sets and Halifax had 20-plus and we only completed 11. That is always going to come back and bite you.

But there were a lot of positives including Menzie Yere scoring two tries.

Last Sunday we faced Thatto Heath Crusaders in the Challenge Cup. The lads from St Helens gave it real go but

we came out 54-0 winners. That looks good but our completion rate was poor and we need to be more consistent – those are things we have been looking at in training this week.

On the plus side we have a home draw against Wigan Warriors in the next round – a re-run of Wembley 1998!

Enjoy the game.
Mark Aston
Head Coach

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

Memories but today's result is vital

GOOD afternoon everybody, and welcome to Don Valley Stadium for an eagerly awaited clash between the Eagles and unbeaten Widnes Vikings.

A special welcome to Paul Cullen and his team, officials and all spectators who have made the journey across the Pennines today, including James Ford who had a very successful spell with the Eagles prior to his move to Castleford and onto Widnes.

Any fixture with Widnes is always special for Sheffield Eagles, as it brings back fond memories of October 1989, and our defeat of the then newly crowned World Club Champions by 31-6. I'm sure Tubby and the boys will settle for a similar result this afternoon, and a similar attendance too as 8,636 watched on that special day in Eagles history. Time moves on, and

today's clash is just as important as both teams look to set the early pace in the competition this year.

Widnes have made a great start to their campaign but on our patch it will take a good team, playing well to beat us. Mark and the boys will be looking to improve on last year's return of just two bonus points from our narrow defeats against the Vikings, even though we scored 40 points against them!

This is a massive year for the Eagles and for Widnes as both teams are keen to push their Super League credentials, our forthcoming games at Bramall Lane, beginning against Featherstone Rovers on 11 April are just a part of our own journey to the holy grail of Super League, make sure you are there, and bring a friend or three too.

Our development as a club is really gathering momentum and I have recently become involved with our Gillette Under-18 youth team and I've been impressed with some of the potential being unearthed by our pathway and scholarship schemes – look out for Cory Hansen, Rees Williams, Dan Horsfield and maybe Adam Brook coming through.

The future for the Eagles looks bright, but we must all continue play our part wherever we can by helping to support the events, the teams and the fundraising when you are able. So sit back, buckle up and enjoy the game today, I know I will, see you in the bar for a pint after – Eagles by 10 for me.

Andy Tyers
Director



Whitehaven RLFC v Toulouse Olympique



Saturday March 13th, 2010. Kick off 6pm. THE RECREATION GROUND

PLAYER	No.
Pres Rahe.....	Craig Benson 1
Wayne's World of Pets.....	Craig Calvert 2
Shooz N Sox.....	Rob Jackson 3
Brownriggs.....	Scott McAvo 4
Victoria Hotel Drigg.....	Derry Eilbeck 5
Kwik Collection.....	Carl Rudd 6
Nuclear Filter Technology.....	Leroy Joe 7
Unique Sports.....	Marc Jackson 8
Wellington Bistro.....	Graeme Mattinson 9
Tracy McCann.....	David Ford 10
Studsvik UK.....	Howard Hill 11
Cameron Wood.....	Spencer Miller 12
Gary & Paula Blinco.....	Mick Govin 13
Dick Raaz.....	Dylan Skee 14
Powerhouse Gym.....	Reece Fox 15
Victoria Adams.....	Andy Gorski 16
Danielle O'Hare.....	Andy Thornley 17
Gosforth Taxis.....	John Patrick 18
Gloria Miller.....	Dexter Miller 19
Andrew Burns.....	Soni Radovanovic 20
WISC.....	Chris Smith 21
Alphabet Karaoke Disco.....	Richard Farrer 22
J.D. Raaz.....	Stephen Fox 23
LLWR.....	Ryan MacDonald 24

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1	Rory Bromley.....	Copy Sud
2	Sebastien Payan.....	Bugbusters
3	Sebastien Planas.....	André Raynal - Déménagements
4	Vincent Duport.....	Groupe Cailteau
5	Carlos Mendes Varela.....	Renault Etats-Unis
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
	Telfi Pelo.....	Hôtel Latitudes Golf de Seilh

COACH: GED STOKES

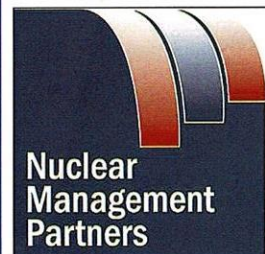
COACH: GILLES DUMAS

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLL-LLWLW
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLL-LLW
 TRIES: Calvert (4) Mattinson,
 Fox (3)
 GOALS: Rudd (14) Skee (6)
 DGs: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Carl Rudd

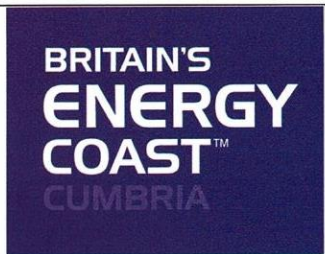
MATCH OFFICIALS
 Referee: J. Leahy
 Touch: P. Wharton, R. Dolan
 Reserve Referee: D. Tindall

THE INSIDE TRACK
"TOXIII to make the long journey home with the three points. Toulouse by 12"

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWL-WW
 LAST SIX AWAY: WLWL-W
 TRIES: Planas, Bromley (3) Tisseyre (2)
 GOALS: N. Wynn (8)
 DROP GOALS: N. Wynn (1)
 MAN TO WATCH: Eric Anselme



We're with Whitehaven



CLUBCALL

Whitehaven v Toulouse

Cheer the lads and let's get into top gear

WELCOME to the Recreation Ground and this very important match against our international Co-operative Championship opponents. As all of our fans know, the team has yet to hit on all cylinders and has struggled against some well-inspired sides in the past weeks.

The very disappointing loss to Workington inspired a lot of talk about the town and across the league and has sparked a lot of energy at our club. The goal, of course, is to fix the problem.

A number of things will be done to address an improved on-the-pitch performance - some will be obvious and some will not. Many have suggested obtaining new talent to the side, and while that is also being worked, it must be done carefully and will not happen overnight. Assembling a bunch of play-

ers is one thing, turning them into a smoothly functioning side is another.

That is the task that Coach Stokes and his staff work on tirelessly. We know they can do this and the board will support them in every way within our power. I ask the fans to continue to cheer the lads on - there is no inspiration like a cheering crowd.

Today's match is our chance to show that the victory over the Leigh Miners was a demonstration of the stick-to-it behaviour that a professional squad must possess.

Matches against the Leigh Centurions (away on Sunday 21 March) Featherstone (away Sunday 28 March) and Barrow (home Thursday 1 April, kick-off 6pm) lie before us and represent our opportunity to show the

Championship and the country that Whitehaven is still to be reckoned with. Join us to see how that drama unfolds.

In the Challenge Cup we have drawn Blackpool away on Saturday 17 April, it will be a tough match but if we can progress it could be another exciting journey for the supporters as well as giving the club a financial boost.

Lastly, we must also thank our main club sponsors Nuclear Management Partners and Britain's Energy Coast West Cumbria, today's Platinum match sponsor Gibbons & Co and match ball sponsor GMB. Their support is much appreciated and alongside the support of our many fans, allow us to bring you these matches.

Dick Raaz
Chairman

At last we kick off in the Championship!

The Championship season finally kicks off for us tonight, and it seems to have been a long time in coming.

We go in to our game against Toulouse on the back of our Challenge Cup win over Leigh Miners Rangers last week.

I liked much of what we did against the amateur side, who played well above themselves.

We are playing pretty broken at the moment, given all our injuries, so to hang in there against the Leigh side was pleasing.

We kept our composure, stuck to the game plan and capitalised on the pressure we created.

Unfortunately we picked up a couple more injuries, to Danny Barker and Ryan MacDonald.

But it was good to give young scrum-half Scott George his first-team debut. He is a skilful player and laid on two very good tries. He has the ability to put pressure

on our standing half-backs.

Tonight's opponents Toulouse are an ambitious club who have targeted a Super League future.

They hit their straps in the middle of last season, though they were less impressive at the start and finish of the year.

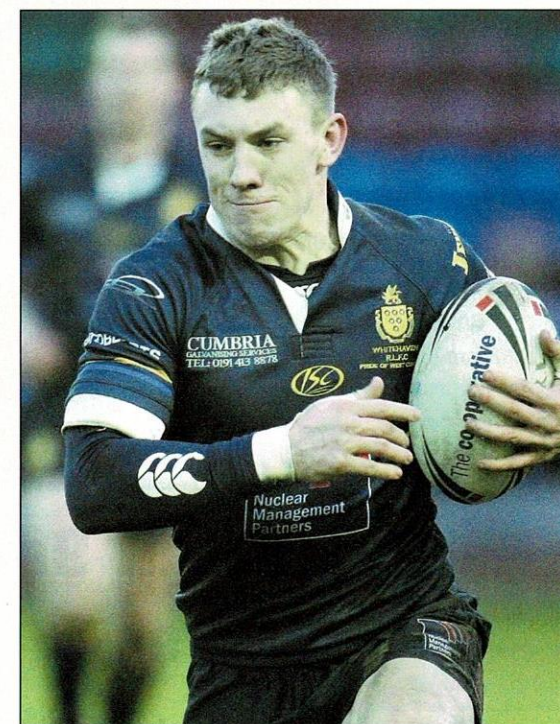
I expect them to improve this year as they will be more familiar with the teams they are facing. But that also works the other way, and rivals will be more aware of their back-ground.

I was a little disappointed initially this week when we got an away draw in the Carnegie Challenge Cup fourth round.

And while a trip to Blackpool is still a potential banana skin, we should have a very good chance of going through to the fifth round.

Enjoy the match,

Ged Stokes
Head Coach



Craig Calvert scored the opening try in Challenge Cup win

Blackpool Panthers



v Hornets RL



Friday March 12th, 2010. Kick off 8pm. WOODLANDS MEMORIAL GROUND

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Sue Townsend	Jonny Leather	1
Derek Way Roofing	Damien Munro	2
TLC UPVC Double Glazing	Casey Mayberry	3
John Barlow - Timekeeper	Mark McCully	4
	Tom Woodcock	5
Blackpool Supporters Club	Carl Forber	6
The Colonial Hotel	Tom Hemingway	7
Brennan & Best Joinery & Const	Dave Best	8
	John Clough	9
Shelf Village Bakery	Andy Hobson	10
	Kurt Haggerty	11
Interbake	Paul Alcock	12
	Lee Marsh	13
	Martin Keavney	14
AGS Mortgage Solutions	Paul Anderson	15
Rema Tip Top	Simon Svabic	16
RR Yates Drafting & Design Services	Kris Ratcliffe	17
Recruitment Solutions	Martin Ainscough	18
	Adam Thomas	19
	Marlon Miller	20
RR Yates Drafting & Design Services	Peter Fairhurst	21
	Dave Llewellyn	22
	John Boland	23
Blackpool Supporters Club	Paul Ballard	24

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COACH: MARTIN CROMPTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LL-LLWW

LAST SIX HOME: WDLL-LW

TRIES: Munro (6) Ainscough, Mayberry, Keavney (3)

GOALS: Hemingway (19)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Tom Hemingway

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: P.Brooke

Touch: P.Meadows, S.Bennison

Reserve Referee: M.Mannifield

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Panthers will be too strong for improving Hornets. Blackpool by 20"

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

COACH: JOHN STANKEVITCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLWL

LAST SIX AWAY: LWLL-LL

TRIES: Gorton, Samuel, Saywell (3)

GOALS: Roper (9)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Phil Wood

Northern Rail 9s

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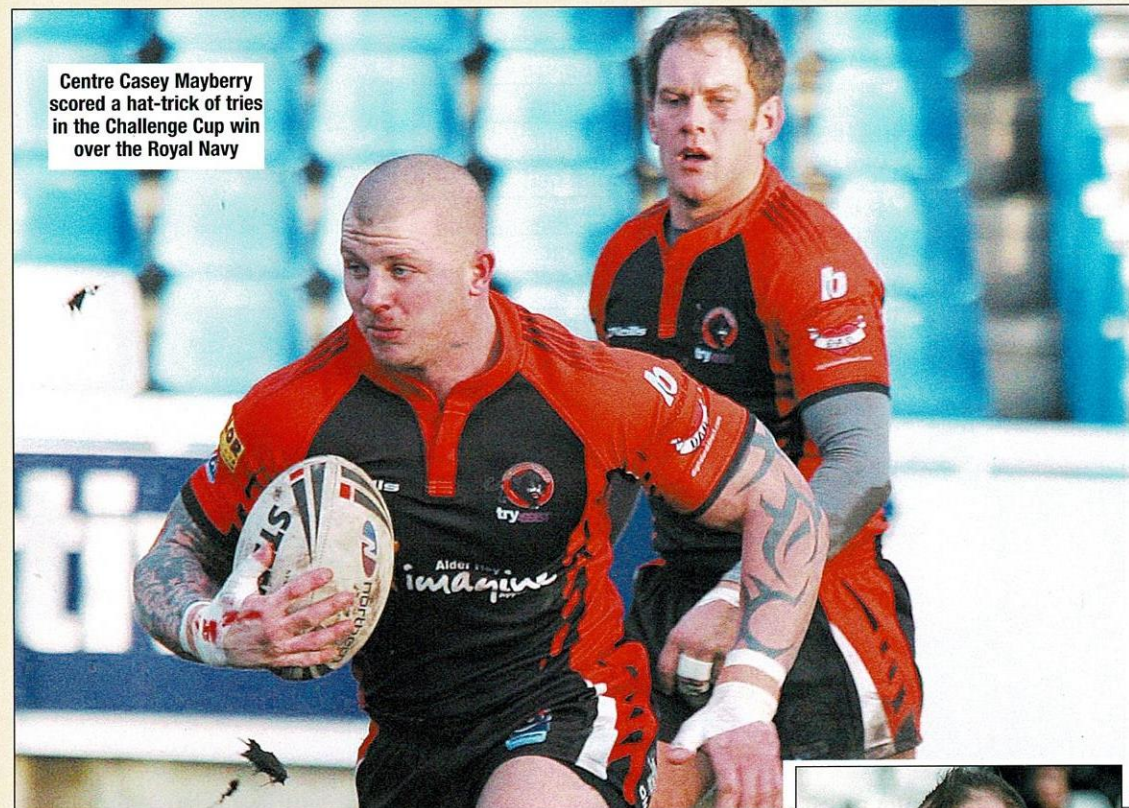
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CLUBCALL

Blackpool v Hornets

First night game target is a win



Centre Casey Mayberry scored a hat-trick of tries in the Challenge Cup win over the Royal Navy

Hello and welcome to all our supporters and everyone associated with Rochdale.

Tonight's game is the first time that Blackpool Panthers have played a Friday night game at home and the club as a whole have tried very hard to promote the game.

We hope we get a big response from supporters old and new as we need all the support we can get.

Going onto tonight's game, well Rochdale have a new look squad and had a great win against Doncaster in the last round of the competition that put them top of the league.

Hornets coach John Stankevitch will have them well drilled and we are expecting a very competitive

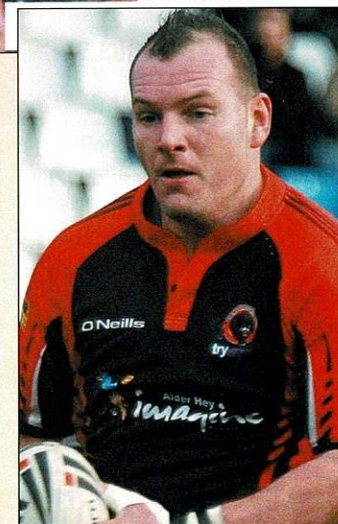
game. We have made progress into the next round of the Challenge Cup for the first time in the club's history with a scrappy win over the Royal Navy last weekend and we have a home game with Whitehaven in the fourth round.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the shirt sponsors for the forthcoming season.

We hope to get some success which will give us more recognition and hopefully some exposure of the sponsors.

Once again thank you all for your support and enjoy the game.

Martin Crompton
Head Coach



Andy Hobson: two tries against the Navy



Doncaster RLFC v South Wales Scorpions



Sunday March 14th, 2010. Kick off 3pm. 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 Sexurity.....	Simon Brown	6
	Craig Fawcett	7
	Scott Johnson	8
	Paul Brown	9
P. Bird, France.....	David Bates	10
	Liam Brown	11
A.Y. Logistics 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
	Nathan Anderson	25
	Kyle Kesik	

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1	Craig Richards
2	David James
3	Lee Williams
4	Stephen Ireland
5	Ashley Bateman
6	Loz Wildbore
7	Steve Parry
8	Lewis Mills
9	Shaun Owens
10	Gil Dudson
11	Christian Roets
12	Neil Dallimore
13	Aled James
14	Jamie Murphy
15	Andrew Gay
16	Joe Burke
17	Barrie Phillips
18	Matt Hutchings
19	Lewis Reece
21	Sam Studley
22	Ben Flower (loan)
23	Alan Pope
24	Paul Boden
26	Jamie Tibbs
27	Dalton Grant
28	Loren Quick
29	Harri Greville
30	Garrick Legge
32	Anthony Blackwood (loan)
33	Lloyd White

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COACH: TONY MILLER

COACH: ANTHONY SEIBOLD

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-L-L-L-L

LAST SIX HOME: L-L-L-L-L

TRIES: Edwards (3) Wilson, Ely (2)

GOALS: Fawcett, Edwards (3)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Shaun Leaf

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: D.Merrick

Touch: C.Hancock, M.Beadle

Reserve Referee: C.Dean

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Scorpions to continue their impressive start.

South Wales by 10"

LAST SIX RESULTS: W

LAST SIX AWAY: -

TRIES: Williams (2)

GOALS: White (3)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Loz Wildbore

CLUBCALL

Doncaster v South Wales

We'll stick at it and come battling back

Carl Hall
Chief Executive Officer

I would like to welcome for the very first time South Wales Scorpions to the Keepmoat and hope you enjoy your day and safe journey back.

Today will be another tough game for us as South Wales have been lucky enough to get a few boys from the Crusaders, myself and Tony have tried real hard to get a few loan players in from other clubs only to be told the same old story – they will have a think about it and get back to us which, the majority of the time, you don't even get a call back.

So the Scorpions can count themselves very lucky they have their big brothers helping them out.

With regards to us at the minute we are doing it tough, but we knew if we picked up a few injuries we would.

People ask the question what has happened to us after our displays in the pre-season games; well it doesn't take a genius to work out we have had a lot of disruptions to the team having seven starting players out of the side. We seem to get three back only to lose four so take the six or seven out of the team and the three coming back after long injuries and things are going to be hard.

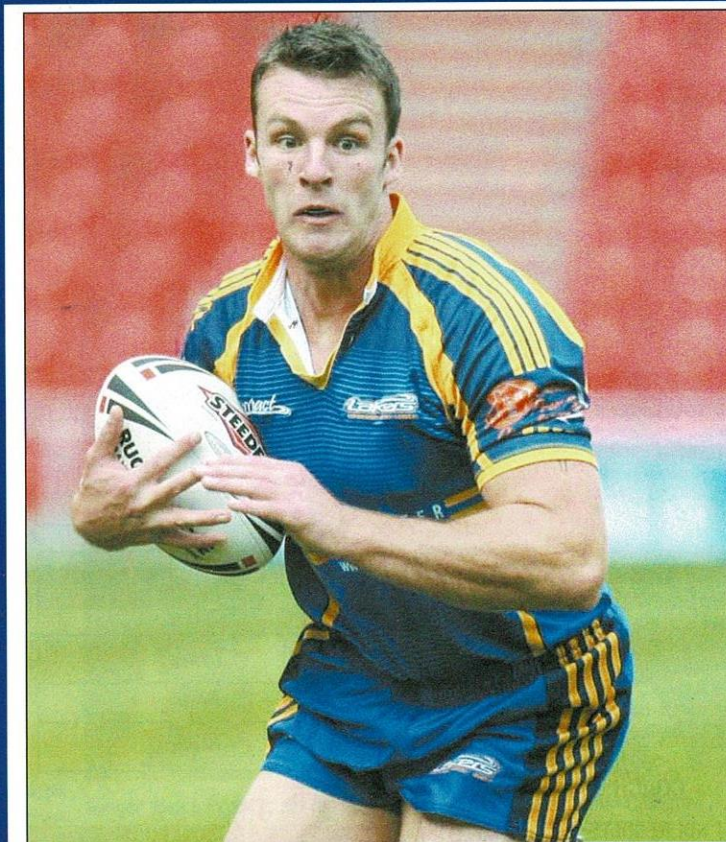
But make no mistake we will all stick at it and we will turn this club around. This I know will happen, we have a business plan and we are into game six of that plan. We knew we would have some hard knocks along the way but trust me we will also have some fun, year one of the plan is to secure the finances of this club, we will not go out spending on players at the risk of the business.

Last of all would like to congratulate Siddal on their performance last week – you played some good stuff, all the best to your club, also the Siddal supporters you were a credit to your club and really got behind your team so well done to you all.

Quote "The lowest ebb is the turn of the Tide" – let's hope so, aye.

"COME ON U DONS."

Carl



Long-serving Craig Lawton will be battling for Doncaster

WELCOME to South Wales for today's encounter

We are all hurting after the Siddal game and are looking forward to a strong performance today against South Wales

We have been really unlucky with injuries and had seven players out against Siddal, along with three players returning from long term injury, this isn't an excuse as we should have done better but it was a major factor in our defeat.

South Wales will be fancying their chances and will be confident of victory after winning their opening game

against Workington, they have since strengthened by signing three players on duel registrations from the Crusaders, one of these Jordan James who is a quality player.

We need to learn from our mistakes and improve week on week, we have a young squad and they need your support more than ever.

We are all working extremely hard to turn things around and give the fans something to cheer.

Tony Miller
Head Coach

Hunslet Hawks vs Oldham Roughyeds



Friday March 12th, 2010. Kick off 8pm. SOUTH LEEDS STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Mark Moore Ceramic Tilers.....	Nathan Larvin	1
Ron and Adie Jinks.....	Michael Mark	2
	James Houston	3
	David Clayton	4
Rodney Gee.....	John Oakes	5
	Danny Grimshaw	6
Delta Training & Consulting.....	Paul March	7
	Scott Woodcock	8
Tates Solicitors, Leeds.....	Richard Chapman	9
Kenny Sykes & Big Al.....	Nicko Slain	10
Wet Dog & The Soggy Cat.....	Rob Kelly	11
Phil Ogg.....	Steve Dooler	12
Delta Training & Consulting.....	David March	13
	Gareth Firm	14
	Adam Sullivan	15
	Neil Lowe	16
	Stuart Young	17
Eric Simon.....	Charlie Wabo	18
	Darren Robinson	19
Kath Ogg.....	Joe Helme	20
Phil & Lynn Robinson.....	Wayne McHugh	21
	Tom Sheldrake	22
	Jake Wilson	23
	Stephen Brook	24
	Danny Cook	25
	John Richardson	26
	Scott Childs	27
	Jason Hart	28
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Samuel Grant of Leeds Ltd.....	Richard Knight	30
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British Gas.....	Corey Challenger	
Morley Market.....	Ryan Lilywhite	
	Tommy Haughey, Waine Pryce, Joey Walkin,	
	Garth Hynes, Russ Dale, Nigel Scott, Michael Kelly,	
	Luke Haigh, James Houston	

COACH: PAUL MARCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-WWWLW

LAST SIX HOME: WWW-WWL

TRIES: McHugh (6) Mark (4)

GOALS: McHugh (21)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Michael Mark

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

COACH: TONY BENSON

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-LWLWW

LAST SIX AWAY: LWL-LLW

TRIES: Onyango (6) Chandler (5)

Fogerty, Brocklehurst (4)

GOALS: Ashe (25)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Matty Ashe

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C.Leatherbarrow

Touch: S.Mikalaukas, J.Cross

Reserve Referee: C.Waywell

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Very little between these two title rivals.

Hunslet by 2"

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Hunslet v Oldham

Food for thought in two Cup encounters

Last week certainly provided food for thought as we stuttered to a heavy defeat at home to Featherstone in the Northern Rail Cup, and then faced amateurs Leigh East in the Challenge Cup.

The amateurs proved a tough nut to crack and they played some entertaining rugby without really threatening a shock. The East can be proud of the way they organised the day from start to finish, and their hospitality and treatment of our officials was on a par with most pro clubs we visit.

The council owned facilities they use were absolutely superb and a real credit to the game and the local council themselves. Several fringe players were included for the Featherstone game but Gary Lord will still be disappointed with the scoreline and will no doubt be working hard during the week to improve the defence.

Today's visitors are still experiencing problems with their home base etc. and we wish them well in their efforts to attain some stability for the club. They are still a force to be reckoned with on the field and we will need to be at our best if we are to continue our winning start to the season.

Congratulations to local amateur sides Hunslet Warriors and Drighlington who both faced daunting tasks in the Challenge Cup with visits to Barrow and Dewsbury respectively. Both sides came away with their pride still intact despite losing, and did their reputations no harm whatsoever. Well done to both clubs. On the same subject congratulations to Siddal for their fine win at Doncaster.



Alan Stephenson
Chief Executive

Winger Waine Pryce is set for his Hunslet Hawks debut against Oldham

Oldham will provide a tough test

THIS weekend's game will be a real test for the Hawks as we take on promotion contenders Oldham.

Oldham asked us to reverse the fixture in order that they can hopefully secure their ground and tenure at a new venue in Oldham. Hence, our new rearranged fixture at Oldham will now be on Sunday 23 May, 3pm kick off.

We played Oldham in the early rounds of the Northern Rail Cup and only managed a 14 point win thanks to a last minute try. Tonight's games looks to be close again with Oldham having secured a great win at Swinton in the

first round of league matches.

The signing of Waine Pryce is a great addition for the Hawks and he makes his debut in tonight's game. Waine is committed to helping the Hawks complete our promotion aspirations and we look forward to seeing some of his Super League finishing.

Our Carnegie Challenge Cup match against Leigh East highlighted the differences between facilities offered by councils. Leigh East look set to flourish with its current facilities and pitches. There was no wind turbine nor a traffic warden in sight.

The result was a fair reflection of the game and credit to Leigh East as they underlined with their performance that they are probably the best amateur team in the country.

The next round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup has now been drawn and yet again we will face Oldham at home. The match is now confirmed to take place on Sunday, 18 April at 3.00pm. We look forward to another compelling tie.

Charlotte Ball
Promotions Officer

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London Skolars v Swinton Lions



Sunday March 14th, 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
		16
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
		26
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Woodlands PH	Ben Jones	28
Ann & Steven Morgan	Ade Adebisi	

COACH: JAMES MASSARA

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-LLLLL

LAST SIX HOME: LLL-LLL

TRIES: Thomas (2)

GOALS: Thorman (4)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Olu Iwenofu

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G.Dolan

Touch: M.Hague, J.Cadogan

Reserve Referee: S.Matthews

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Skolars will have to wait another week for their first victory. Lions by 24"

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Richie Hawkyard	Heatland M27
2	Darren Bamford	Brian Ellam Accountants
3	Sam Reay	Premier Building Services
4	Carl Sneyd	Dave Roberts
5	Dave Hull	Mike Tyldesley
6	Graham Holroyd	Muscle & Fitness
7	Ian Watson	In Memory of Jim and Doris Gettins
8	Paul Southern	Burrow and Humphreys
9	Phil Joseph	Sporting Image/Michael Bradshaw
10	Danny Heaton	O'Rourke Glass/Kevin O' Rourke
11	Tommy Grundy	Lethbridge & Co
12	Paul Smith	Phil Walker (in Memory of Peter Walker)
13	Arron Smith	Geoff Hewitt USA
14	Gary Hulse	Accrington Panthers RLFC
15	Lee Wingfield	Joseph Ryan
16	Dana Wilson	Carousel Entertainment
17	Andy Isherwood	Lethbridge & Co
18	Bruce Johnson	Premier Building Drainage Division
19	Neil Rigby	Chris & Viv Tyldesley
20	Chris Hull	Junior Lions
21	Chris Tyrer	Physio2
22	Alex McClurg	John Spellman
23	Rob Foxen	Billy Ryan
24	Gavin Dodd	Moorside Auto/John Hunt
25	Barry Hamilton	Red Sentinell Studio LLP
26	Dave Newton	Peter Kidd

COACH: PAUL SMITH

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLLW

LAST SIX AWAY: LLL-LWW

TRIES: Foxen (4) Hull, Dodd (3)

GOALS: Dodd (17)

DROP GOALS: Holroyd (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Ian Watson



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Skolars v Swinton

Community game's vital role

A WARM welcome to everyone today for our first home game in this season's Co-operative Championship 1.

I'm writing this before our midweek game up at York, so will be hoping that we finished off our Northern Rail Cup campaign well.

Today sees us celebrate London League day with the emphasis on the community game.

We started off in the London League 15 years ago and with our reserves competing in the Rugby League Conference we are still close to the grassroots of the game. The masters game as the curtain raiser today is an innovation for us and it's great that rugby league is now a game that can be played by all ages.

The Bob Evans Memorial

award will be presented today. That award, named after a former stalwart of the game in London, celebrates the volunteer work that goes on around the capital.

Without that effort that often goes unsung, all clubs would struggle.

Last Sunday's result was disappointing, but I feel we've showed some great improvements over the last

couple of weeks. Hopefully that will continue today.

Today is also our 100th home game (including one game at Finchley RFC) since we joined the professional ranks.

Here's to the next 100 and hope we can celebrate the milestone with a victory!

Enjoy The Game

Terry Browne

Tough as games pile up but we'll keep battling

Last week was frustrating in that it was a game we had in our grasp at one point. We did well to avoid getting too involved when the penalty count was mounting and stuck to playing the game.

However, they had just a bit too much power at the front of the pack and we were left rueing a couple of missed chances.

Limoux are used to winning – that's important to any side. But we also allowed them too much of the ball and you can't afford to do that with a side that plays good football like they do.

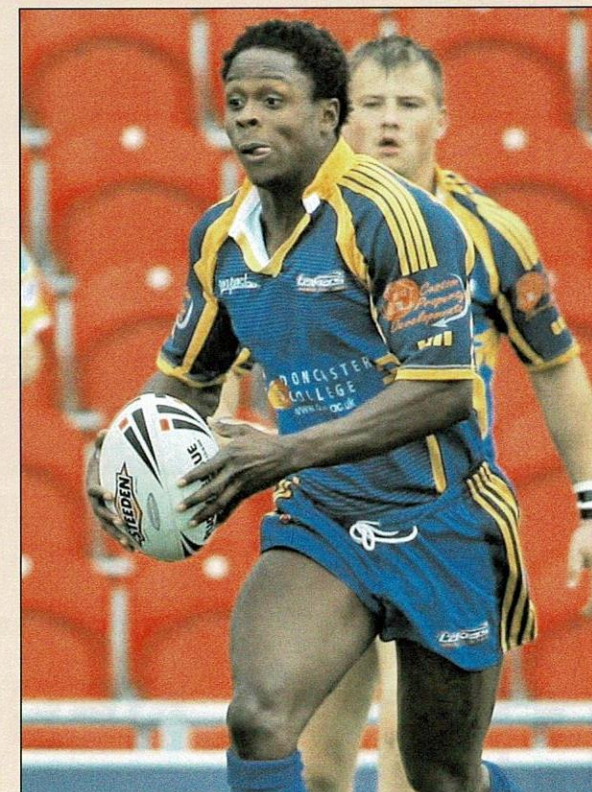
Again I feel we've made some more progress. We've worked hard and a lot of stuff is starting to come right. I was disappointed last week as the mistakes we made are ones we understand. We have to keep on believing as we know we can compete.

Hopefully, Jermaine Coleman will be back on the field this week after damaging his hamstring early in the second half last Sunday.

I'm also hoping that we've come through unscathed after Wednesday night's game at York. It's tough playing three games in a week, especially knowing that we've got two games over the Easter weekend right at the start of next month.

Welcome to Swinton Lions today. Under new coach Paul Smith, they have made some good signings in the close season and, having lost their first league game of the season, they will be keen to start their away campaign with a victory. We'll be equally determined to start our home league campaign with a win.

James Massara
Head Coach



Winger Ade Adebisi has been added to the Skolars squad



Workington Town v York City Knights



Sunday March 14th, 2010. Kick off 3pm. DERWENT PARK

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

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COACHES: GARY CHARLTON & MARTIN OGLANBY

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLWLL

LAST SIX HOME: LLLL-LW

TRIES: Kaighan, Beattie (3)

GOALS: Kaighan (16)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Scott Kaighan

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M.Kidd

Touch: S.Moss, A.Sweet

Reserve Referee: J.Downham

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Knights will eventually overcome plucky Town. York by 14"

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 Hearld
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	
	Brett Waller	Hull Resin Floors
	Casey Bromilow	Balls'n All
	Jon Fallon	Pam & Martin Calvert
	Joe Dey	John Barron Plastering
	Dan Wilson	Novotel York Centre
	Eddie Smith	Simon Gill
	Paul Stamp	Stabler International
	Jymel Coleman	The Security Group
	Chris Clarke, Steve Lewis, Mark Falkingham, Danny Hill, Danny Bell	

ACTING COACH: CHRIS THORMAN

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-WLWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: WWL-LWW

TRIES: Waterman (8) Waller (3)

GOALS: Waterman (19)

DROP GOALS: Thorman (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Lee Waterman

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Workington v York

Dual registrations benefits uneven



Mike Backhouse attempts a break against South Wales Scorpions

We welcome all players, officials and supporters from York this afternoon to what is our first home game of this years Co-operative Championship 1 season.

Our first league game of the season was an exciting one, to come back from 20 points down to level any game away from home shows great character.

Sadly we lost to a penalty in the last few minutes, but if we show that determination in today's game I'm sure we can trouble today's visitors who are sure to be one of the league's front runners this season.

Well done though to the Scorpions - they have a promising set up down there in Neath and we were delighted to present them with an engraved framed shirt to acknowledge their first game.

Dave Bowden Chairman

That game did demonstrate the value of having a relationship with a Super League side in terms of the ability to bring in loan and/or dual registration players.

Although this rule has benefits to the game as a whole in the development of young players it has without doubt added some advantages to our opponents and penalises some clubs outside of the core area and without development status.

The point has been made to the powers-that-be but it looks as though, as always, we will have to battle on and overcome these issues ourselves.

The least said about last Saturday's Challenge Cup game

the better. I don't think I've ever seen a Town team dominated so much in a game, there is no doubt that Featherstone have put together a more than useful Championship side, but we will all expect to see more from the team today. I'm sure we will!

Today's game will I believe give us some perspective on the effect of the bridges being out of action on our attendances. There is no doubt they will be adversely affected so we have never needed the support from our loyal fans and sponsors more than now.

I'm sure if you can all get behind the team today, and as the season progresses, we are capable of turning in some great performances.

Enjoy the game.

Dave

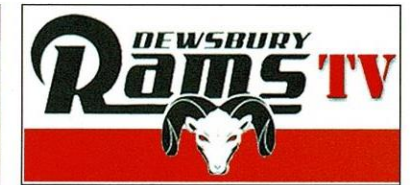
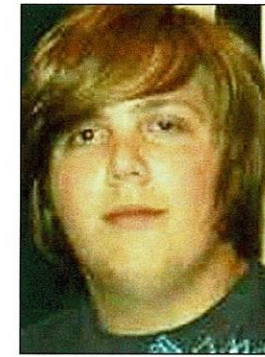
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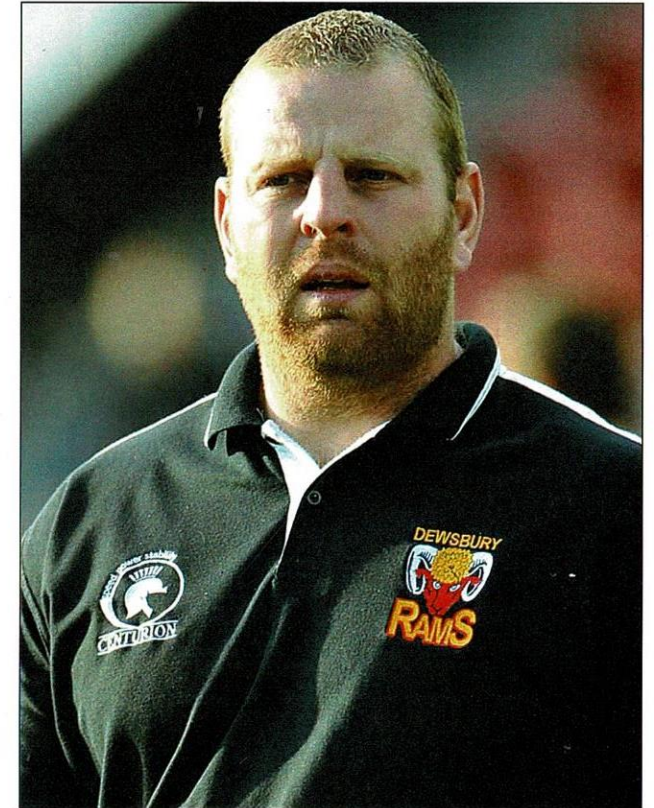


Dewsbury Rams are the latest club to join Rugby League's internet tv age – thanks to the efforts of a supporter!

Smile – you're on Rams fan James's candid camera!



Rams fan James Brown, left, plans to carry interviews with such as coach Warren Jowitt as he expands the Rams' tv presence.



Rugby League has never been a sport to shy away from innovation and, whilst the RFL are keen to extol the virtues of technological advancement at every opportunity, for many clubs the cost of turning these ideas into a reality is often prohibitive.

However, where clubs sometimes lack the resources or time to develop these initiatives, the passion of supporters shines through – and it's fans like 19-year-old James Brown that exemplify that spirit.

James, a lifelong Dewsbury Rams supporter, recently launched 'Dewsbury Rams TV' – a dedicated highlights service covering every Rams game.

James built the site from scratch and uploaded his first video following Dewsbury's Boxing Day derby defeat to Batley Bulldogs.

"I got the idea from LUTV," said James. "It's run by Leeds United Football Club and I thought if it works for them then why not Dewsbury?"

A student of journalism, this website represents James' first foray into the world of web-authoring, but it's a challenge he's taken in his stride.

"I don't really have any experience - I just dived into it and taught myself," he continued.

"It takes about three hours to edit the footage down to highlights but I hope to upgrade the software in the future to make the job easier.

"Sheffield pay a company to provide theirs but I could definitely see a lot more clubs using the idea."

'Rams TV' is the latest on a growing list of channels showcasing Championship clubs, with Halifax, Widnes, Toulouse and Featherstone also harnessing the potential of the internet to reach a wider audience.

As well as providing a valuable service for supporters, James believes the clubs themselves can benefit from the technology. "It's exposure and publicity that they wouldn't get otherwise," he said. "The Rams are on TV twice this year but sites like mine mean that footage of the matches is seen by more people, more often."

With plans to expand coverage to include interviews, previews and round-ups, 'Dewsbury Rams TV' looks set to go from strength to strength. What began as a modest, single page site has now developed into a database of videos from every Rams friendly, cup and league match. To have a look go to <http://www.dewsburyramstv.co.uk>

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The action kicks off on the weekend of May 1 and 2 when all 14 Engage Super League clubs head to Edinburgh for a full round of matches over two memorable days at Murrayfield, which hosts Magic Weekend for the second successive season.

Then, on Saturday 28 August, Rugby League's oldest and most prestigious knockout competition culminates with the Carnegie Challenge Cup Final at Wembley Stadium, a match which has stirred passion, joy and pride in the hearts of fans for 113 years.

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"At these prices we're expecting strong demand for the



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Super Saver Passport so I would urge people to move quickly to take up this great offer."

The Super Saver Passport is available in two price brackets, £49 for value seats (£29 concessions) and £145 for best seats (£95 concessions).

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Knights take Gas pair as Dons borrow Kesik

YORK have taken two top Castleford youngsters on dual registration contracts.

Jordan Thompson and John Davies have both agreed to play for the Knights when not selected for the Tigers' first team.

Full back or centre Thompson, 18, played for the Tigers as a sub in their recent televised defeat to Hull KR. Second rower Davies, 19, has also come close to featuring according to Tigers coach Terry Matterson.

OLDHAM have released Londoner Jack Graves from his contract by mutual consent.

The 21-year-old back rower, who signed from Harlequins over the winter, has failed to settle in the north and has had trouble finding a job away from rugby league.

DONCASTER are down to the bare bones with Grant Edwards out of action for "a couple of months" after injuring his knee whilst Craig Fawcett will be out for around six weeks with a hand injury. Prop Nathan Anderson will also miss "four to six weeks" with a torn hamstring and full back Aaron Henry's poor run of luck continues with a fractured cheekbone.

In better news the Dons have signed hooker Kyle Kesik on loan from Sheffield Eagles.

The 20-year-old is in his second spell at the Keepmoat having spent seven games on loan there last season. Kesik played in Doncaster's third round Carnegie Challenge Cup defeat by amateurs Siddal. He is a product of the Eagles reserves and Academy and was promoted to the first team squad at the start of the season.

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Tom Hemingway
Blackpool Panthers
No. 7

PERSONAL

DATE OF BIRTH: 06.12.86

POSITION: Scrum-half

HEIGHT: 5' 8"

WEIGHT: 83 kg (13st)

MARITAL STATUS: Single

HOMETOWN: Dewsbury

AMATEUR CLUBS: Dewsbury Moor

SIGNED PRO: Huddersfield Giants in 2001

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Huddersfield Giants, Batley Bulldogs (loan) and Halifax (loan)

FAVOURITES

CLUB SUPPORTED AS A KID: Leeds Rhinos.

SOCCER TEAM: Manchester United.

OTHER SPORT: Squash.

HOBBIES: Playing squash.

FOOD: Chilli con carne.

DRINK: Tea... at least 10 cups a day!

HOLIDAY: Mexico.

MUSIC: Anything indie.

FILM: Comedies. My favourite is Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy.

TV: Lost, Heroes, Smallville.

SUPERSTITIONS: None.

CAREER

BIGGEST INFLUENCE: Ian Hemingway, Mark Burgess.

BEST COACH YOU'VE PLAYED UNDER: Nathan Brown.

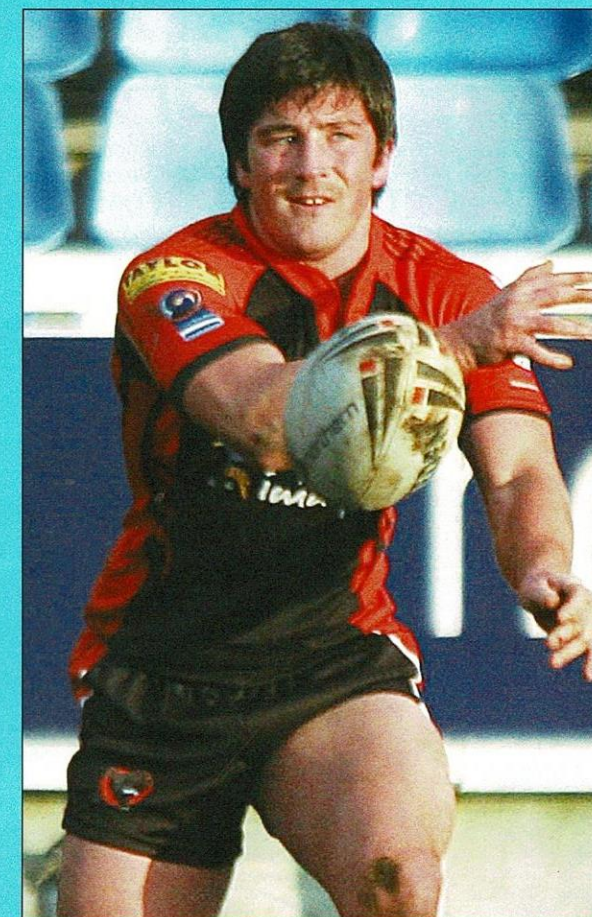
COACH YOU'D MOST LIKE TO PLAY FOR: Wayne Bennett.

HONOURS AS A JUNIOR: England schoolboys and combined youth.

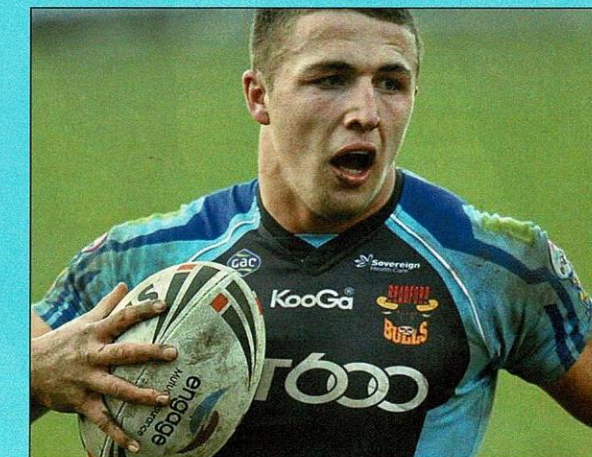
AMBITIONS WITHIN THE GAME: To have a good injury free year and play consistently well for Blackpool.

BEST PLAYER YOU'VE EVER PLAYED AGAINST: Sean Long.

PLANS AFTER RUGBY: None as yet. Still looking to fill that gap... Might go travelling.



Tom Hemingway came through the Huddersfield system and cites the late Mark Burgess, dad of superstar Sam (below) as a major influence on his playing career



Anyone recognise THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE?



Fans often bemoan the lack of playing experiences our referees have – not a criticism that can be levelled at this ‘new’ recruit to the officials’ union. TOM COATES spoke to Jamie Bloem

“I’ve been there, I’ve done it and I know what I’m looking for,” says Halifax legend Jamie Bloem who, as well as player-coaching local Rugby Union side Old Rishworthians, running his own landscaping business and working as a summariser for Radio Leeds, has taken up the whistle and is now a fully-fledged Rugby League referee.

“As a player you get to know the game inside out so it wasn’t a massive adjustment for me to make,” said Bloem who, having enjoyed a distinguished playing career, is well-equipped to handle unruly players.

“Although, having said that, refereeing a match is a different prospect altogether from playing.

“As a player, you’re given a position on the field as part of a team,” he continued.

“When you’re a referee, apart from your

“...some of the recently retired players would make great referees and it’s up to the RFL to do what they can to get them on board...”

touch judges, you’re all by yourself and it’s a very difficult task considering there are about 150,000 things to look out for at once!”

As well as his spell with Halifax, Bloem spent time with Huddersfield, Doncaster and Castelford, earning a reputation as a no-nonsense player who never took a backwards step.

His position of choice was full-back but the South African-born player also found himself on the wing and even in the second row.

“With all due respect, there are a lot of referees about that have never actually played the game to a high level,” said Bloem.

“I’ve always been interested in that side of the sport and I felt as though it’d be something I’d like to have a go at.

“I don’t think being a former player makes the job any easier but you definitely have a good idea of what to expect.

“I do think, having played the sport for so long gives me a slight edge over somebody who never has.”

Bloem represented his native South Africa at the 2000 World Cup and was also able to play for Scotland due to his mother’s nationality.

“I recognise a lot of players and they recognise me,” said Bloem.

“They also recognise the fact that I’ve played and that I know what sort of tricks they get up to. I haven’t had any problems so far, put it that way!

The dual-code star, who was born in Cape Town in South Africa in 1971 and played for the Cape Town Coasters, believes that there are plenty of retired players out there that could do a great job with the whistle in hand.

“No disrespect to the guys we have now, who are fantastic, but I think you’d find that players would respond better to referees who have played the game themselves,” he believes.

“We do need to make the job more attractive to players though as, at the moment, many of them don’t see refereeing as a glamorous job.

“I’ve had a few of asked me what it’s like but then also a couple who’ve come up to me and said ‘Why the hell are you doing this?’,” laughed Bloem.

“Some of the recently retired players would make great referees and it’s up to the RFL to do what they can to get them on board.”

As a player, Bloem often found himself on the wrong side of referees but, having been given the chance to see

things from their perspective, he feels as though generally our match officials aren’t given the respect and the admiration they deserve.

“Your job as a referee is to ensure the match goes ahead and to help the players enjoy the game.

“You’re constantly using your eyes and ears and you’ve got to be switched on for the whole match,” said Bloem.

“You have to keep an eye on everything that’s going on as well as try to hear what players are shouting at you, it’s a very difficult job.

“I think if people actually took the refereeing course and sat the exam, you’d find that most of them would fail.

“Players and supporters are very quick to criticise but I don’t think many of them would consider taking the job on themselves.”

Jamie began his refereeing career officiating junior games, before quickly rising through the ranks to Academy and Summer Conference level.

He is now qualified to take charge of Championship matches so errant players be warned - this is one referee you don’t want to mess with!

Rugby League fans may be noticing a few different accents on the sidelines this year. With officials based everywhere from Chesterfield to Norfolk and from Leicestershire to Surrey, the championship touchlines have a truly national feel. Following this season’s announcements of the touch judge grading by the RFL’s match officials department no fewer than 10 of the new grade two touch judges live South of the traditional Rugby League regions.

The grade two list which qualifies touch judges to officiate on Co-operative Championship touch lines and Engage Super League in-goals is produced on an annual basis and promotion to this level is based on performance in academy fixtures. West London based touch judge John Cadogan said: “I have had great support from the Southern referee’s society since I started three seasons ago and it’s great to see recognition for all the hard work that a number of people are doing to promote the importance of Match Officials in Southern Rugby League.”

Anyone interested in getting involved in officiating in Rugby League should contact the Southern match officials development officer Danny McNeice on 07775 022800

If you are interested in taking up the whistle there are plenty of opportunities to get involved with match officials courses running constantly across the country, simply contact RFL Match Officials Development Officer Peter Brooke on email at: peter.brooke@rfl.uk.com

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who will be the 2010 IRONMAN

THE first votes are in for the 2010 Game On Co-operative Championships' 'Ironman' prize, an award dedicated purely to the boiler-room men of the Rugby League world – the forwards.

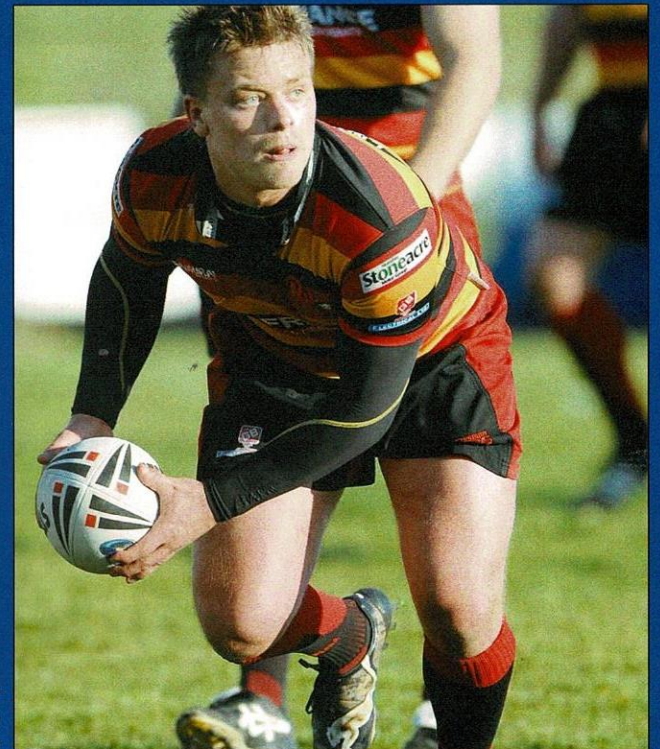
Each week independent match reporters will award a 3-2-1 rating to packmen from League fixtures, based on their contribution to their overall team effort – whether it be a valiant effort in a losing cause, a great scoring feat, or maybe an 80-minute stint or some 'king' hits!

The points will accumulate over the season, from Championship and Championship 1 matches only, so that all players and clubs have an equal opportunity to rack up the points. Neither will play-off games count towards the final total.

In the first round of matches a fortnight ago – with last week's break for the Challenge Cup – some of the three-point ratings went to Featherstone's Jamie Field and York's Brett Waller, with Widnes workhorse Jim Gannon similarly topping the rankings in their game and South Wales Scorpions new boy Aled James getting the nod in their dramatic win over Workington Town.

Over in Toulouse, Dewsbury Rams hooker Mike Emmett's performance earned him a point in their opening day defeat to the Frenchmen.

We'll give Game On readers regular updates on the points list as we seek to find out who has what it takes to be called the Ironman of 2010!



*Rams rake Mike Emmett
– earned a point in the
defeat at Toulouse*

Eagles' Jack the lad career souvenir brochure

SHEFFIELD Eagles forward Jack Howieson has produced a brochure to mark his testimonial for ten seasons at the club.

The Scottish international prop forward's career, which started at amateurs Hemel Stags before he joined Sheffield as a student, is covered in the A4 publication.

Articles detail his early playing days at Hemel, student life and the rising fortunes of the Eagles as Jack became captain and the club established itself in the Championship.

Copies of the brochure can be obtained for £5 (including post and packing) by sending a cheque payable to the 'Jack Howieson Testimonial Fund' to testimonial committee secre-

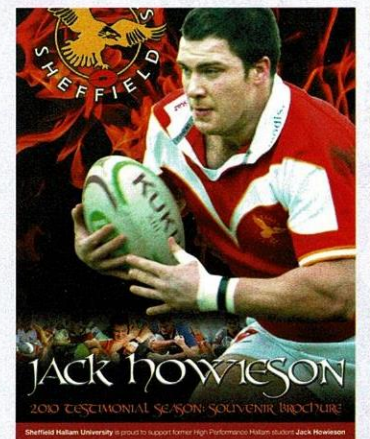
tary James Collins c/o 41 Hallam Grange Crescent, Fulwood, Sheffield S10 4BB.

Meanwhile Jack is holding a race night for supporters at Sheffield United's ground Bramall Lane on Thursday 25 March starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets need to be bought by Thursday 18 March at £4 including a pie and pies supper.

Jockeys and owners sponsorship are available at £3 and a race can be sponsored for £20.

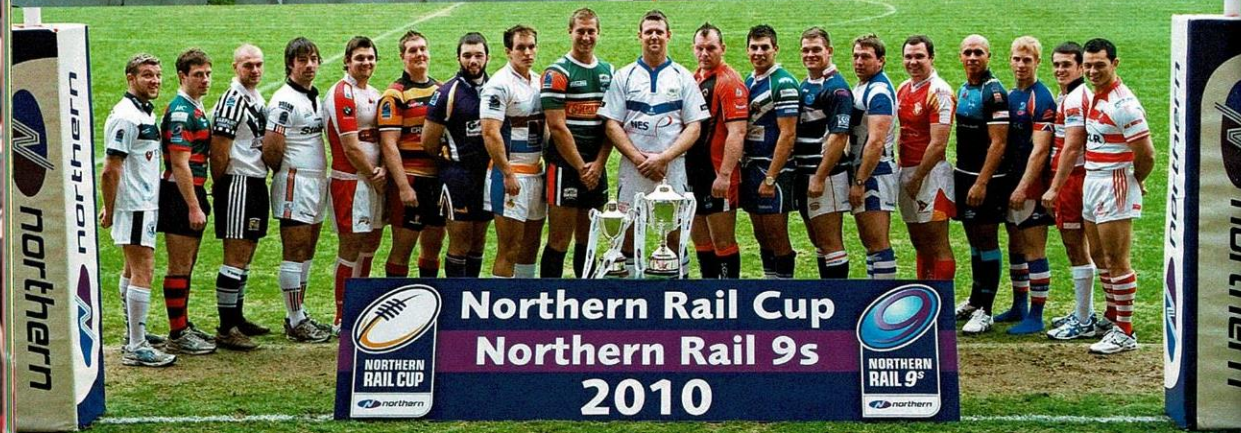
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NEWSROUND-UP



Oldham just can't make Cup big time

ROUGHYEDS chief Chris Hamilton has bemoaned Oldham's awful luck in Challenge Cup draws following the pairings for the 2010 Carnegie competition which send Tony Benson's men to Hunslet Hawks in round four.

Of the 11 occasions that Oldham have been in the hat since the third-round of 2007 it will be the eighth time they have been drawn away – and they have had to travel to poorly-attended ties at places like Aldershot, Gateshead and Humberside.

Despite advancing to round five of the sport's best-known knock-out competition in 2007 and 2009 and going one better to hit the last eight in 2008, they have drawn Super League opposition only twice – Harlequins at home (Sedgley Park) in 2007 and Wakefield at Belle Vue in the quarter-final a year later.

Seven of their last ten ties over the same period have been watched by crowds of fewer than 1,000, and even the best of them at Wakefield attracted a disappointing 2,966.

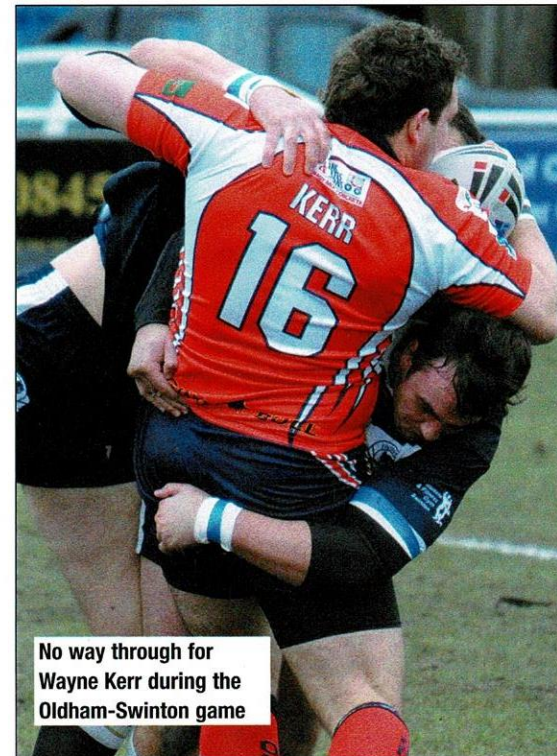
If Oldham are to benefit financially from this year's competition they must win at Hunslet and hope for a lucrative tie in round five, or face another Challenge Cup loss.

"There won't be much in it for the side that loses at Hunslet, that's for sure," commented Chris.

"It will be the third time we will have played them this season so Tony (coach Benson) won't be able to say he knows nothing about them.

"I've stopped even thinking about who I would like in the draw because we rarely get one we would have chosen.

"We often seem to draw teams in the Challenge Cup who we have also played in the Northern Rail. Over the last few seasons



No way through for Wayne Kerr during the Oldham-Swinton game

it's happened with Rochdale, Swinton and now Hunslet." Roughyeds suffered a 28-14 Northern Rail defeat at Hunslet last month but they make a return visit to the South Leeds Stadium on Friday night (8.00pm) for a Championship 1 encounter encouraged by a superb 38-20 league win at Swinton and then a record-breaking 80-6 Challenge Cup win against Welsh amateurs Blackwood Bulldogs.

It smashed two all-time Oldham Rugby records – the highest-ever score and the best-ever winning margin.

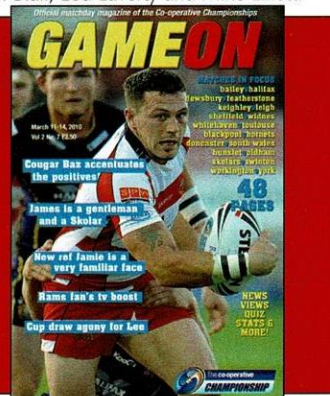
And it was the first time for 111 years that any Oldham side scored as many as 15 tries in a single game.

"It was a great day all round for us," said Tony Benson. "The weather was good and our vocal support was fantastic again.

"In the boardroom after the game there were players, sponsors, past players, board members and club staff all together and the vibes were really positive."

Among those representing the past Players' Association were Adrian Alexander, John Blair, Lou Lavery and Mike Elliott.

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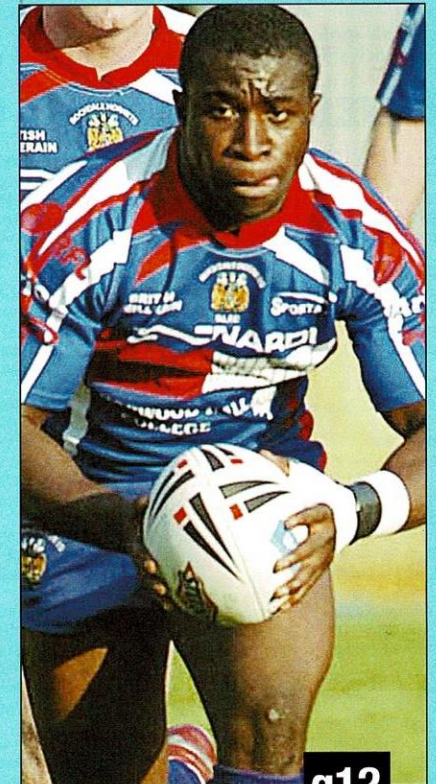
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Do you know your stuff?

QUESTIONS

1. Tim Spears signed for Featherstone Rovers from which club?
2. Which current Barrow Raiders player is a product of Hull FC's academy?
3. In which year did Batley Bulldogs win the Trans-Pennine Cup?
4. Dewsbury Rams exited the 2009 Northern Rail Cup at the quarter-final stage after losing to which club?
5. Halifax second rower Said Tamghart's family hails from which African country?
6. Keighley Cougars coach Barry Eaton spent time in Super League with which two clubs?
7. Which Sheffield Eagles player has been appointed the club's general manager?
8. What nationality is Whitehaven chairman Dick Raaz?
9. Widnes Vikings full-back James Ford played for which Championship club before joining Castleford in 2009?
10. Who did Doncaster beat in 2008 National League Two play-off final?
11. Gateshead Thunder prop Tabua Cakacaka Foe had a spell with which club before returning to the North East?
12. Hornets winger Bolu Fagborun is a product of which Super League club's academy?
13. In which year did Oldham finish as NFP Grand Final runners up?



q12

(1) Batley Bulldogs, (2) Martin Ostler, (3) 1998, (4) Barrow Raiders, (5) Algeria, Castleford Tigers (on loan) and Widnes Vikings, (7) Brendon Lindsay, (8) American, (9) Sheffield Eagles, (10) Oldham, York City Knights, (12) Huddersfield Giants, (13) 2001.

French invaders set record



A record number of French teams will take their place in the fourth round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup after Toulouse, Limoux and Lezignan all secured victories over their English counterparts to join Catalans Dragons in the last 32.

Limoux comfortably overcame a London Skolars side still searching for their first win of the season.

Aaron Wood was the star of the show for the Grizzlies, producing a fine performance and crossing for a try, with Matthieu Mayans and Sam Key notching up doubles. Arty Shead, Casal Joris and Philip Ramage completed the victory for the French side with Gareth Honor, Curtis Cunningham

and Matt Thomas responding for the Londoners.

Lezignan, forced to make the trip to the UK without Tony Duggan and Damien Quinn, due to their much-publicised visa problems at Celtic Crusaders last season, overturned an 18-12 half-time deficit to see off Hornets RL.

Jye Mullane had got the Frenchmen off to the best possible start with a try in the first minute with Olivier Janzac also crossing for the visitors in the opening forty. Hornets responded with a first-half hat-trick to Andy Saywell and a try to Wayne English.

The two sides exchanged scores in the opening exchanges of the second period, before a second try to Mullane and further efforts Pierre Negre and Janzac sealed victory for 'le Sangliers'.

Toulouse Olympique, fresh from their opening day victory over Dewsbury, travelled to West Yorkshire to take on a Keighley Cougars side still reeling from their heavy defeat at Widnes a week earlier.

Sebastien Planas (2), Clement Bienes, Yohan Tsseyre, Nathan Wynn and Rory Bromley helped Toulouse to victory over a Keighley side that competed well for most of the match. Tries from Ryan Benjafield, Tom Burton, Jon Presley, George Rayner and Andy Shickell for the home side weren't enough to secure progression however.

The shock of the round came at the Keepmoat Stadium, where high-flying amateurs Siddal, fielding a team littered with ex-pros, took on a Doncaster side low on confidence and suffering badly with injuries.

Two tries apiece from Scott Caley and Brad Atwood, along with Gareth Blackburn's effort just after half-time, condemned the Dons to defeat and a premature exit from the Cup.

Leigh Miners Rangers had Whitehaven reeling in the opening quarter of their encounter at the Leigh Sports Village, racing into a 14 point lead, before the



Championship side got into their stride and notched up 22 unanswered points before half-time to undo the gallant amateur effort. The second half was one-way traffic as fitness levels began to tell, but Rangers can feel proud of their efforts.

Leigh East refused to wave the white flag in their game against Championship 1 favourites Hunslet Hawks and were in the contest right up until the hour mark before two quick-fire Michael Mark tries settled the game as a contest.

Workington Town faced a daunting trip to in-form Featherstone Rovers and predictably made the journey back to Cumbria well beaten. Jesse Joe Nandy and Tommy Saxton posted hat-tricks as the hosts thundered over for 13 unanswered tries.

Mark Aston was left less than pleased by his team's performance despite his Sheffield Eagles side comfortably disposing of Thatch Heath Crusaders 54-0. Craig Cook and Misi Tualapapa scored two apiece in what Aston described as a "poor" performance.

Dewsbury Rams were made to work hard for victory over a Drighlington outfit that refused to lie down. The Rams never looked in danger of losing the tie but credit must go to the Pennine League side, who did their supporters proud with an heroic performance.

Leigh Centurions trailed early on to notorious giant-killers Wath Brow Hornets but had enough in the tank to notch-up ten tries and dispose of the Cumbrian amateurs, who have seen off London Skolars and Dewsbury Rams at the

third round stage in recent years.

Gareth Moore equalled the Batley Bulldogs club record as his side saw off a Leeds Metropolitan University side that played some enterprising rugby when afforded the room. Moore scored two tries and kicked 11 goals in a 30-point haul that sees him match the Batley record for most points scored by an individual in a game.

Ovenden's big day at the Shay against professional neighbours Halifax was never likely to produce a shock. But the amateurs can take consolation from the fact that Matt Calland's men would have probably notched up a similar scoreline against several Championship clubs with the performance they produced.

Oldham smashed a club record with their 80-6 victory over a plucky, but ultimately outclassed Blackpool Bulldogs side. Joe Chandler and Andy Brocklehurst registered hat-tricks but Bulldogs coach Alessio Borghese insisted he is proud of the display put in by his side.

Swinton Lions were forced to play most of their third round tie against Warrington Wizards with 12 men, after Chris Hull was dismissed for a dangerous tackle in the 33rd minute. Smith's side had enough experience in the side to see off the men from Wilderspool though, scoring three tries in the opening 15 minutes of the second half to break the Wizards' spell.

Acting coach Chris Thorman masterminded York City Knights' victory over an improving Gateshead Thunder side. The Knights held a comfortable lead by the time the half-time hooter sounded and showed enough composure to prevent a Thunder

fightback.

Barrow Raiders, who famously ran Wigan close in 2009, produced a ruthless performance to see off a Hunslet Warriors side that gave a very good account of themselves. Gary McLelland had given the visitors an unlikely early lead and they battled valiantly for the full 80 minutes.

Finally, Blackpool Panthers made the long journey to Portsmouth to take on a Royal Navy side that were in contention right up until half-time.

Two tries in the opening ten minutes of the second period broke the Naval resistance though on a landmark day for the home side.

FRANK ROVIRA of Lezignan manages to offload under pressure against Hornets

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP 3RD ROUND

OLDHAM 80

T: P O'Connor 2, L Onyango 1, M Fogerty 1, M Brocklehurst 3, M Ashe 2, J Chandler 3, D Ellison 1, S Murtza 2. G: M Ashe 10, BLACKWOOD BULLDOGS 6
T: D James 1. G: G Price 1,

GATESHEAD THUNDER 12

T: J Atkinson 1, K Neighbour 1, R Peers 1, YORK CITY KNIGHTS 44
T: W Reittie 1, L Waterman 2, C Bromilow 2, D Hill 1, R Blakeway 1, J McLocklan 1. G: L Waterman 5, B Waller 1

LONDON SKOLARS 16

T: C Cunningham 1, G Honor 1, M Thomas 1. G: P Thorman 1, R Montgomery 1, LIMOUXIN XIII 42
T: M Moyars 1, S Key 2, P Ramage 1, M Murcas 1, A Shead 1, A Wood 1, C Joris 1. G: P Ramage 5.

DRIGHLINGTON 10

T: R Jackson 1, L Mulhern 1. G: R Jackson 1, DEWSBURY RAMS 42
T: J Haynes 1, A Faals 1, C Spurr 1, K Hirst 1, J Lockwood 1, A Robinson 1, L Stenclion 1. G: P Walker 7,

BATLEY BULLDOGS 70

T: J Campbell 2, M Barlow 1, E Kilroy 1, G Moore 2, C Buttery 1, J Gallagher 1, M Toohey 1, D Toottill 1, L Greenwood 2. G: G Moore 11.

LEEDS METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY 6

T: K Hodgson 1. G: N Scott 1,

SHEFFIELD EAGLES 54

T: M Yere 1, M Taulapapa 2, M Brooks 1, B Lindsay 1, C Cook 2, M Stringer 1, P Green 1, J Hirst 1. G: T Ropati 2, M Stringer 5. THATCH HEATH 0

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS 74

T: I Hardman 1, J Steel 1, J Parker 3, L Welham 1, T Saxton 3, L Finn 1, J Grayson 2, A Kain 1. G: K Briggs 2, L Finn 9. WORKINGTON TOWN 0

HORNETS RL 22

T: W English 1, A Saywell 3, C Ashall 1. G: C Ashall 1, FC LEZIGNAN-CORBIERES 32
T: J Mullane 2, O Janzac 2, M Tribillac 1, P Negre 1. G: J Wynne 4

LEIGH CENTURIONS 52

T: N Stanton 1, M Nanyin 2, D Alstead 4, T Goulden 2, C Hill 1. G: M Nanyin 6, WATH BROW HORNETS 4
T: P Caddy 1

OVENDEN 10

T: K Sutcliffe 1, M Short 1. G: N Holden 1, HALIFAX RLFC 88
T: S Royston 2, P White 2, R Worrincy 1, L Branighan 4, S Penkywicz 1, M Roberts 3, A Bowman 1, J Goddard 1, F Watene 1. G: L Patterson 12.

ROYAL NAVY 16

T: J Humphries 1, T Boyce 1, A Hanson 1. G: K Botwood 2, BLACKPOOL PANTHERS 50
T: J Leather 1, D Munro 1, C Maybury 3, A Hobson 2, M McCully 1, S Spathick 1. G: T Hemingway 7,

BARROW RAIDERS 62

T: C Larkin 1, N Catic 2, A Ballard 2, L Campbell 1, A Henderson 1, M Ostler 1, B McDermott 1, N Mossop 2, G: J Rooney 6, R Fletcher 1, M Knowles 2. HUNSLET WARRIORS 10
T: D McLaren 1, K Fullerstone 1. G: D McLaren 1,

DONCASTER 0

SIDDAL 26
T: B Attwood 2, G Blackburn 1, S Caley 2. G: B Attwood 3,

KEIGHLEY COUGARS 26

T: G Rayner 1, T Burton 1, J Presley 1, A Shickell 1, R Benjafield 1. G: D Jones 3, TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE 35
T: R Bromley 1, C Bienes 1, S Planas 2, N Wynn 1, J Tisseyre 1. G: N Wynn 5. DG: N Wynn 1.

LEIGH EAST 14

T: R Fieldhouse 1, A Groves 2. G: R Peters 1, HUNSLET HAWKS 30
T: M Mark 2, P March 1, D Robinson 1, S Dooler 1. G: W McHugh 5.

WARRINGTON WIZARDS 22

T: D Shaw 2, S Pirrie 1, J Smith 1. G: W Ayres 3.

SWINTON LIONS 34

T: G Dodd 1, R Foxen 2, C Hull 1, D Wilson 1, G Hulse 1. G: G Dodd 5

LEIGH MINERS RANGERS 20

T: S O'Brien 1, R Smith 2. G: T Bradbury 4, WHITEHAVEN 40
T: C Sice 1, R Fox 1, C Calvert 1, G Mattinson 1, D Miller 1, M Jackson 1, R Farrer 1. G: C Rudd 6,

WIDNES VIKINGS P

WIGAN ST JUDES P
Played Tuesday night

LEAGUE TABLES

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

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
London Skolars	1	0	0	1	8	36	-28	0	0

DIARY 2010

KEY TO DIARY:

NORTHERN RAIL CUP CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE 1 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 6

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 80
Swinton Lions 30, Doncaster RLFC 20
York City Knights 13, Leigh Centurions 12

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - 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 30, 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 38
Workington 16, 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 56, Hornets RL 10

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 - ROUND 4

Dewsbury Rams 22, Leigh Centurions 44

THURSDAY MARCH 4 - ROUND 1

Hunslet Hawks 0, Featherstone Rovers 68

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
Batley Bulldogs 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 3.00
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
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

SATURDAY-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

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

SUNDAY, 30 MAY

Batley Bulldogs v Toulouse Olympique 6.00

SUNDAY, 30 MAY

Featherstone Rovers v Dewsbury Rams 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
Leigh	4	3	0	1	116	53	63	10
Featherstone	4	2	1	1	148	64	84	8
Halifax	3	2	0	1	98	13	85	7
Dewsbury	4	2	0	2	120	84	36	6
York	3	2	0	1	59	64	-5	6
Hunslet	3	2	0	1	88	94	-6	6
Oldham	4	1	0	3	70	90	-20	5
Rochdale	4	0	0	4	48	162	-114	1
London Skolars	3	0	0	3	16	178	-162	0

Leigh Centurions v Halifax RLFC	3.00	Gateshead Thunder v Oldham	3.00
Doncaster RLFC v Hunslet Hawks	3.00	London Skolars v Rochdale Hornets	3.00
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Swinton Lions v London Skolars	3.00	York City Knights v Doncaster RLFC	3.00
Workington Town v Oldham	3.00		
York City Knights v Blackpool Panthers	3.00		

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, 8-9 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

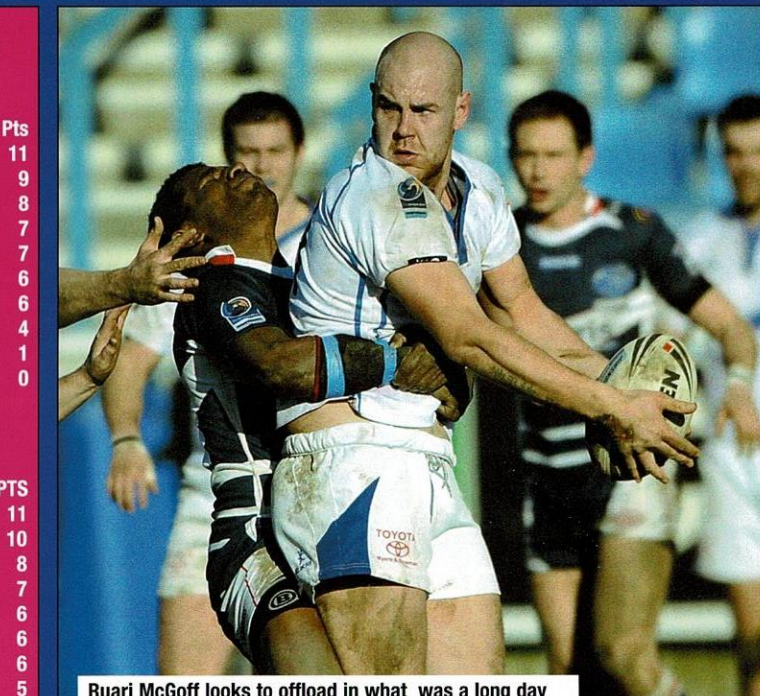
SATURDAY, 26 JUNE			
Toulouse Olympique v Whitehaven	7.00		
Barrow Raiders v Sheffield Eagles	6.30		
Gateshead Thunder v York City Knights	7.00		
SUNDAY, 27 JUNE			
Dewsbury Rams v Halifax RLFC	3.00		
Featherstone Rovers v Widnes Vikings	3.00		
Leigh Centurions v Keighley Cougars	3.00		
Doncaster RLFC v Rochdale Hornets	3.00		
Hunslet Hawks v London Skolars	3.00		
Swinton Lions v Blackpool Panthers	3.00		
Workington Town v South Wales Scorpions	3.00		

SATURDAY, 3 JULY

Barrow Raiders v Leigh Centurions 6.30
Blackpool Panthers v South Wales Scorpions 3.00

SUNDAY, 4 JULY

Dewsbury Rams v Toulouse Olympique TBC
Keighley Cougars v Featherstone Rovers 3.00
Whitehaven v Widnes Vikings 3.00
Batley Bulldogs v Sheffield Eagles 3.00



Ruari McGoff looks to offload in what was a long day for Workington at Featherstone

SATURDAY, 10 JULY			
Toulouse Olympique v Sheffield Eagles	7.00		
SUNDAY, 11 JULY			
Featherstone Rovers v Leigh Centurions	3.00		
Halifax RLFC v Whitehaven	3.00		
Widnes Vikings v Dewsbury Rams	3.00		
Batley Bulldogs v Barrow Raiders	3.00		
Doncaster RLFC v Blackpool Panthers	3.00		
South Wales Scorpions v Gateshead Thunder	2.00		
Hunslet Hawks v York City Knights	3.00		
Oldham v Swinton Lions	3.00		
Workington Town v London Skolars	3.00		

SATURDAY, 14 AUGUST

Leigh Centurions v Toulouse Olympique 6.00

SUNDAY, 15 AUGUST

Blackpool Panthers v Hunslet Hawks 3.00

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Dewsbury Rams v Barrow Raiders 3.00
Halifax RLFC v Batley Bulldogs 3.00
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SATURDAY, 14 AUGUST

Leigh Centurions v Toulouse Olympique 6.00

SUNDAY, 15 AUGUST

Blackpool Panthers v Hunslet Hawks 3.00
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Halifax RLFC v Batley Bulldogs 3.00
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Oldham v Rochdale Hornets 3.00
Workington Town v Swinton Lions 3.00
South Wales Scorpions v York City Knights 2.00

SATURDAY, 21 AUGUST

Toulouse Olympique v Halifax RLFC 7.00

SUNDAY, 22 AUGUST

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