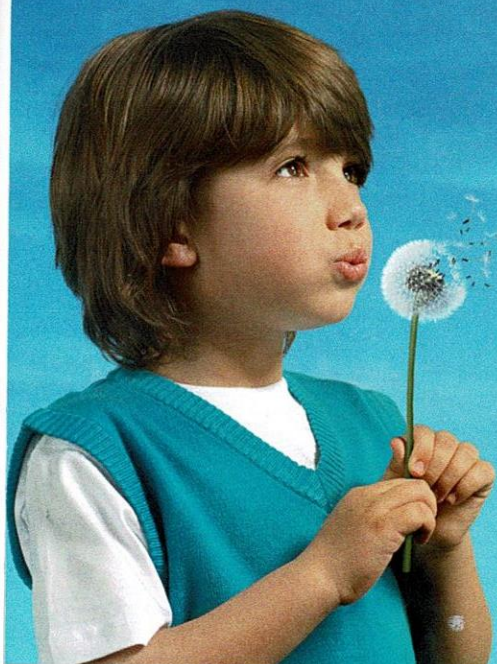


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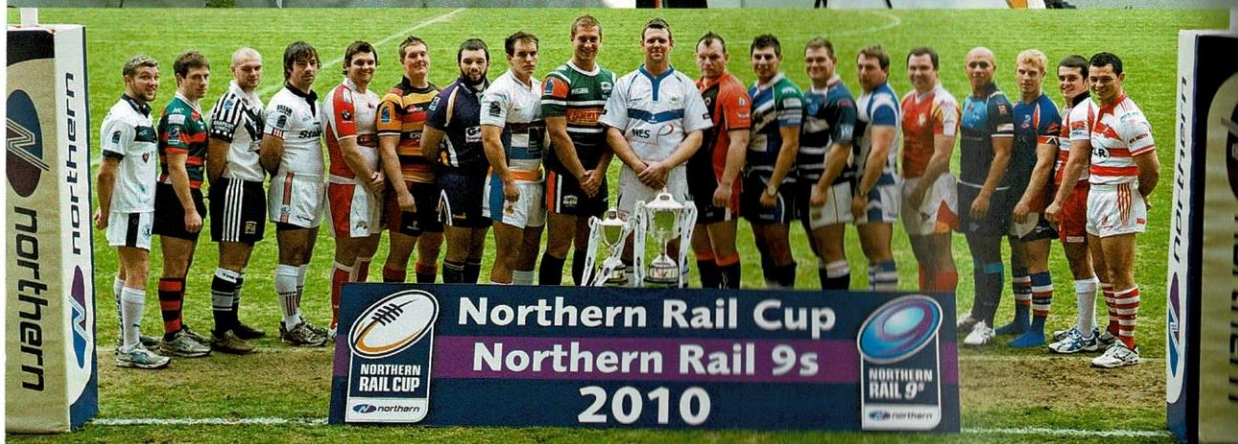
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# A word to the wise, folks

Oscar Wilde once said that "to expect the unexpected shows a thoroughly modern intellect" - on that basis, supporters of Co-operative Championship and Co-operative Championship One clubs must be some of the brightest people involved in 21st century sport.

Few competitions in any game can boast the unpredictability of outcome we have seen in the Championships this year, a season which reached new heights of surprise last weekend when eyebrows were raised in both divisions after some unexpected results.

The biggest shock came at the Keepmoat Stadium where Doncaster, who had gone into the game having suffered three straight defeats, bounced back in some style to top-ple Co-operative Championship One leaders York City Knights 40-24.

In the same division South Wales Scorpions defied most people's expectations to complete an emphatic 48-6 victory over London Skolars, a remarkable achievement by a group of players who came together just a few short weeks ago and who possibly aren't yet on first name terms.

In the Co-operative Championship, Dewsbury Rams may have finished on the losing side but Warren Jowitt's team ran Widnes Vikings close before losing 36-30 to a late try. That win keeps Widnes hot on the heels of early pace-setters Featherstone and Leigh, both of whom completed bumper victories.

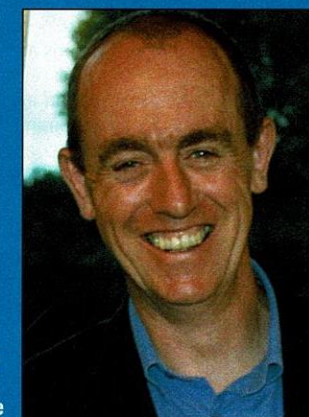
Given that they have been scoring tries for fun this year - and defending like lions - Featherstone's 54-18 win at home to Whitehaven was perhaps not surprising but the same cannot be said of events at The Shay.

Having started out as title favourites, Halifax have endured a month to forget during March and their 48-10 home defeat by Leigh - coming just a week after they were eliminated from the Northern Rail Cup by Hunslet Hawks - was a result few people could have seen coming.

As tough as the unpredictability has been for some, for the majority of people who follow the Co-operative Championships the nature of the competition makes for marvellous entertainment, a situation which looks set to continue over the Easter weekend.

The Bank Holiday programme is a tough time for coaches, whose playing resources are invariably tested to the limit, and all will be hoping their side emerges from the Good Friday action in good health and with people talking about them for the right reasons.

If not, they can always take solace in one of Oscar Wilde's most famous quotations: that there is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about.



John Ledger  
Editor

## RFL - official notes

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# ROVERS HAVE A CUNNING PLAN!

## After a red-hot start to their League campaign Featherstone now wait on major off-field news

Featherstone Rovers grabbed plenty of attention last year as they prepared for the Co-operative Championship season. Iestyn Harris was persuaded to see out his playing career there while ex-Leeds and GB stand-off Daryl Powell took over the coaching reins.

Radio 1 DJ Chris Moyles had also helped put Featherstone on the map by taking over naming rights for Post Office Road. Indeed the old ground continues to have probably the most eye-catching name in rugby league with it now known as the Bigfellas Stadium - not after Moyles and his celebrity mates or a wrestling troupe, but the Bigfellas nightclub in Pontefract!

And chief executive Andy Prout reckons Rovers will soon get tongues wagging again when they announce ambitious stadium plans.

Featherstone own the ground and a surrounding area of 17 acres, and although there was talk last year of a development featuring a supermarket and community sports facilities, Prout is remaining tight-lipped.

"There's some jaw-dropping news coming which we can hopefully go public with in the next few weeks and I think it will get spectators and the rugby league world salivating," he said.

"A General Election is looming so the plans aren't moving as quick as we'd like but there's no doubt - they are going to move."

News of a stadium development would be a big boost to Featherstone's bid for a Super League licence from 2012. Rovers missed out when they applied in 2008 and were told the three areas they most needed to improve were their ground, attendances and finance - all of which go hand-in-hand.

"Once we get those sorted I think we'll be hard to ignore, and I think that's happening already," said Prout. "People are sitting up and taking notice."

"The first bid was a massive learning experience and we're making changes across the club."

"We raise the bar with everything new we do, and come the 2011/2012 application process, we'll be better prepared for a bid."

"That again may be a little too early to expect a Super League licence but when we release the stadium information, it could give us a massive leap forward."

"We're under no illusions, we know it's a massive challenge for us, but we do aspire to be a Super League club at some stage."

After all the hype last season, Featherstone didn't quite deliver in their league campaign, finishing in sixth place, the



**OVERSEEING THINGS: Daryl Powell keeps an eye on the Rovers' progress out on the paddock**

final play-off spot.

Yet they almost reached the Grand Final, pulling off wins at Sheffield (32-8) and Widnes (32-24) before losing at second-placed Halifax (36-30).

"We'd like to have finished a few places higher but the performances we gave in the play-offs were probably our best three of the season," said Prout.

"We were just short at Halifax and if we'd have won there - who knows?"

"It was a good finish but overall, we were disappointed. That was down to consistency. We had the talent, we had the personnel - it was just putting performances together."

"We'd win a couple but then get beat which shot us in the foot because we'd lose some momentum. We were always one game away from getting a 2,000 crowd."

That is the magic number on the Featherstone turnstiles as they aim to stake their claim as being a viable Super League

**Featherstone Rovers chief executive Andy Prout talks about life at the Bigfellas Stadium to BEN COLLINS**

franchise. And with the team having picked up from where they left off in the league, Prout is hoping the club can regularly attract that figure.

"While we had a good attacking side last year, we seemed to concede points too easily," he said.

"We'd get three wins but then come back down to earth with a bang by conceding 30, 40 or even 50 points."

"This year we've won the first three to go top of the league and we won at Barrow, last season's champions. Our defence has been outstanding. We almost nilled a Barrow side that was almost at full strength, so credit to Daryl Powell



and Ryan Sheridan from a coaching perspective.

"Crowds have been a bit disappointing, it's been tough because of the current financial climate. But we've made a great start so we hope people come out again."

While Post Office Road was built in 1904, the club has done its utmost to ensure the facilities are comfortable and up-to-date.

They are not only attracting new interest but making sure those spectators keep coming - and if Powell's side continue their fine start, it would certainly help.

"We've got 12 people in the Community Development team and we're trying all sorts of ticket initiatives, such as targeting non-saturation areas - where there aren't many season-ticket holders," Prout added.

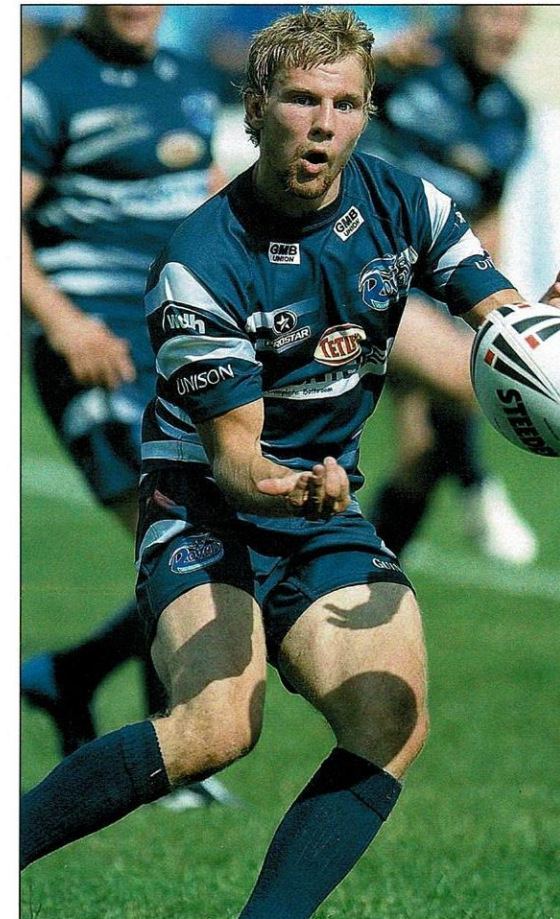
"Besides Widnes and Leigh, who have got new stadiums, I think our corporate hospitality facilities rival anyone in this division."

"Whilst its not brand new, it's got a family feel to it and there's a great atmosphere so I think the matchday experience is pretty good at the moment."

"We'll be judged on the performances on the field but it's what we do off the field that counts as much towards the club as a business."

"The crowds that we're getting at the moment wouldn't keep the business afloat so we've got to generate new revenue streams and identify new opportunities wherever we can."

"We've set our stall out to be in the top two and it's started well but we're keeping our feet on the ground and taking every game as it comes."



**Above - Ryan Sheridan has been key to helping Daryl Powell, while Kyle Briggs (left) has been in tremendous form**

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# JAMIE ROONEY

In this brand new column with 2010 Co-operative ambassador Jamie Rooney we get exclusive access to one of the Co-operative Championships star players including news, views and insight from the Barrow and former Wakefield stand-off

It's obviously my first full season up here in Cumbria with the Barrow Raiders and honestly speaking we have not had the best start. We would have hoped for slightly stronger early form. But as they say in football it's not a sprint it's a marathon and you can't win the league at the beginning but you certainly can lose it!

"We're making good progress and definitely improving. If we keep on playing with a high tempo and improving then we will be in a good position looking over the summer towards the play-offs and the end of the season. It will take hard work from the whole squad but then we are current champions so everyone will have us in their sights.

"The Northern Rail Cup draw has heated things up a bit with us paired against Widnes in a repeat of last year's final, but there is plenty of time between now and June when the next round of ties are to be played where we can raise our game and hopefully get the win and progress in the cup.

"We have just come back from our away trip down to Toulouse and it is a great fixture going down there. You don't spend a huge amount of time there – we went out Friday and came back on Sunday but it's good to get away with the guys. A few of the lads thought it was going to be bright sunshine so they brought their shades – sadly not. It's exactly the same weather as over here, loads of rain and wind!

It's a good trip for team morale and bonding and it was great for a few of the lads to come out of their shells a bit. It was a tough game – Toulouse are a good side and they came out fired up in the first half. We went in after the first half level on points but then Liam Campbell from scrum-half came off the bench, injected a bit of spark and we played the second half the way we had wanted to play in the first half!

"On a personal note I am thrilled to be a Co-operative ambassador this season – a real honour to work with Scully and the guys at The Co-operative. I hear we will be doing a training day later in the year with journalists and I can get the chance to give them a bit back with some fitness drills and tackling practice! It should be a great year and as this is all a bit new to me I am excited to be playing my part equally off the pitch for The Co-operative, who are a great sponsor of Rugby League.

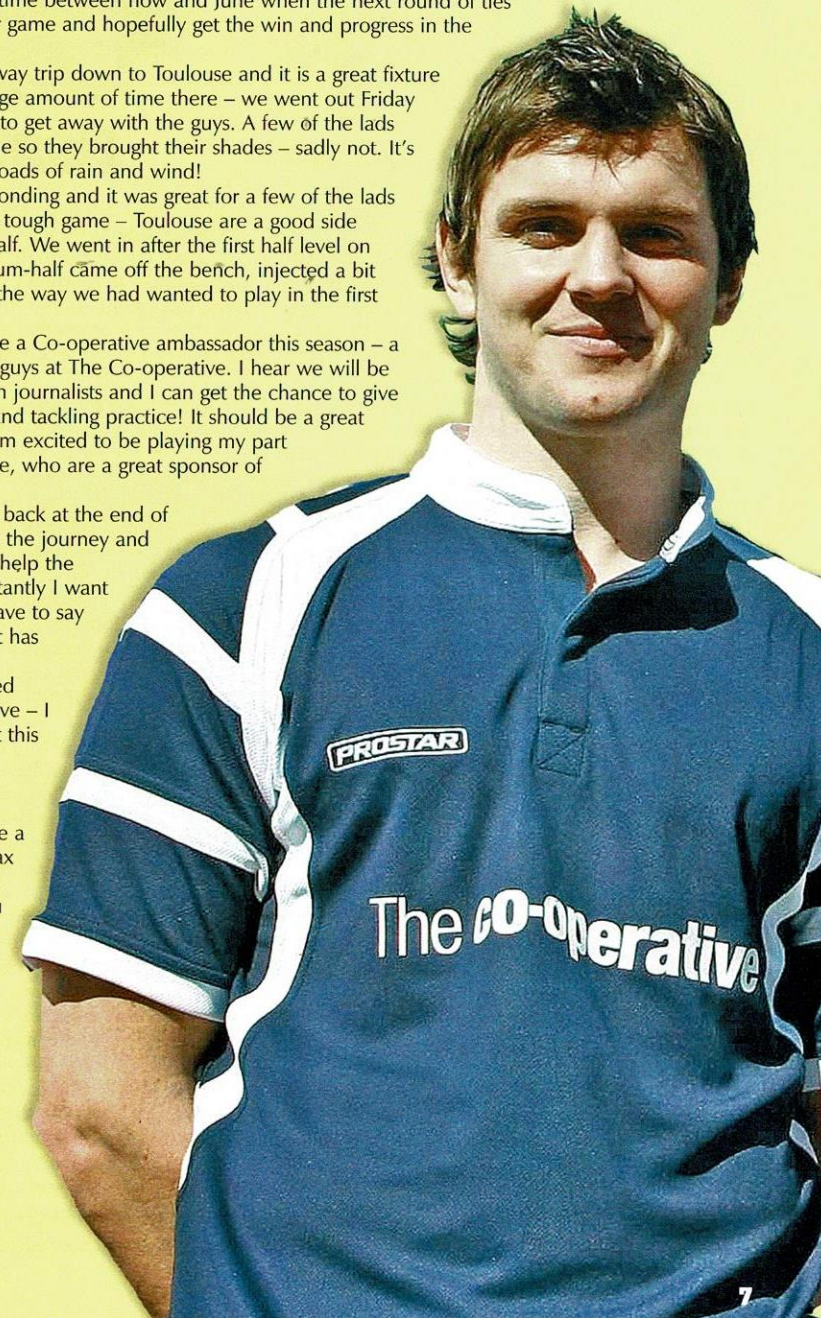
"On the pitch I will be hoping to look back at the end of the season and say confidently I enjoyed the journey and I am enjoying my rugby again. I want to help the team get a few trophies, but most importantly I want to say I am enjoying my rugby again. I have to say that this league is the most competitive it has ever been.

"The standard last year when I dropped down and left Wakefield was so impressive – I was totally blown away and it seems that this year it has stepped up again.

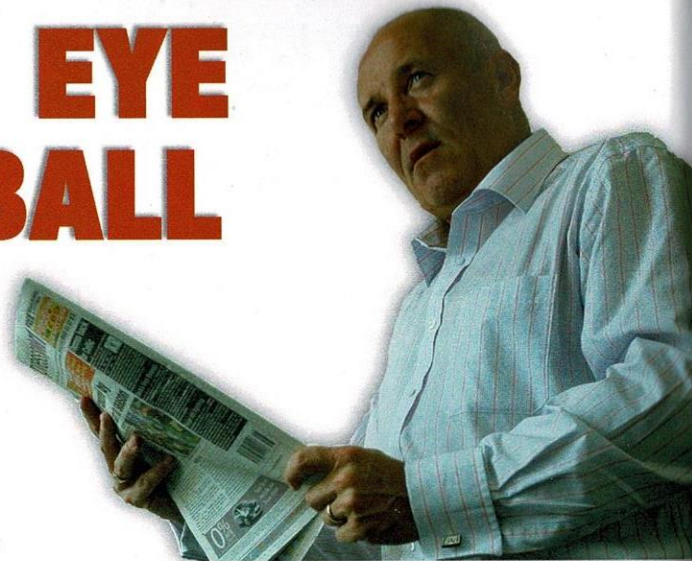
"The form teams in my eyes are Featherstone and Widnes. Featherstone really beat us a few weeks ago, it was like a lesson to us and then Hunslet beat Halifax which was a bit of a shock as well. It just shows the standard of the league – if you drop your own playing levels even for a minute other teams will make you pay.

"We are preparing now for our second Thursday night game of the season this week. I always seem to play pretty well when we're live on TV, but we're away to Whitehaven so we'll have to be in top gear!"

Jamie is a Co-operative 'Good for Everyone Ambassador'  
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# KEEP AN EYE ON THE BALL



**Danny Lockwood**

Life isn't always fair, doesn't always make sense. As Forrest Gump famously remarked: "Momma says that life is like a box of chocolates – you never know what you're gonna get." I doubt that Mrs Gump had the sport of Rugby League and specifically the fixture list when she shared that piece of homespun wisdom, but it would have worked.

Or, as somebody's mum surely once said: "You wait and wait and wait for a match (or it might have been a bus) and then three come along at once."

Of course the vagaries of the British weather throw any attempt at a rational, logical, workable sporting fixture list into the lap of the Gods. For two years running the winter cancellations have meant Northern Rail Cup games being caught up on as much as five weeks after the due completion date. And then you throw in Murphy's Law and you get poor Doncaster having to back up a tough encounter at Swinton with a midweek game against an in-form Blackpool who, ironically, were fully rested after a 'bye' week. And if that wasn't enough, the Dons then have promotion favourites York coming into town ... and just five days later it's the Easter programme with a trip to Hunslet before a 5th game in just 15 days. As if poor old Tony Miller's squad wasn't threadbare enough?

But as Mrs Gump indicated, life is full of surprises – as York found out, congested Dons fixture list or not!

Still, the weather and the Easter period does put a big physical strain on clubs – though not Swinton, who somehow have contrived not to have a game at all this weekend! – but it's difficult to see what the alternatives are.

It's long been a tradition to play Good Friday and Easter Monday games, and I'll certainly be at the Mount for the visit of Dewsbury. But perusing the fixture list I'm sad to see that there aren't more 'derby' fixtures on the schedule this weekend.

I'm not sure if the clubs' names are thrown into the computer equivalent of a hat in working out the list for the season ahead, but I'd have thought that Easter is the one time when it's good to stoke up a bit of local rivalry.

True enough we have Whitehaven-Barrow and Rochdale-Oldham in this round of fixtures, but wouldn't Keighley-Halifax and Featherstone-Sheffield have made a bit more sense than today's actual pairings of Featherstone-Halifax and Keighley-Sheffield? Leigh meeting Widnes would have been tasty, as would Swinton being paired with either Oldham or Rochdale, instead of having all the time in the world to go on an Easter egg hunt.

As it is Leigh visit Toulouse and then host Batley while Widnes have only a home game with Whitehaven – which brings into play the problem not only of having an odd number of clubs in the competition, but also a team that is based in continental Europe.

Will Leigh fans take the opportunity to have a long Bank Holiday weekend down in Toulouse (and maybe even miss the Easter Monday game?) or would it have been an idea to give our French cousins a bye round and concentrate on keeping more fixtures 'local'?

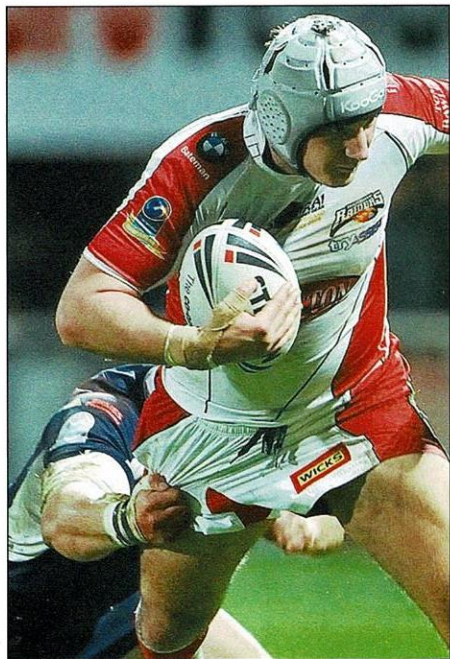
There isn't a right and wrong to it, just permutations on the current formula. Life just cannot be fair under these circumstances.

In the past, and particularly with the advent of the 'Magic' weekend, first at Cardiff and now Edinburgh, the RFL have been very proactive in seeking fans' views on the various options available, and feedback regarding their experiences.

**There's an Easter derby at least for Michael Knowles and Barrow, who travel to Whitehaven**

The game in the Co-operative Championships and Northern Rail Cup has been evolving gradually and I'd have thought it might be a good idea to canvas the opinions of the paying public as to how they see things progressing.

Over to you, guys....!



## NEWSROUND-UP

### Mouthwatering clash of last year's finalists in Northern Rail Cup

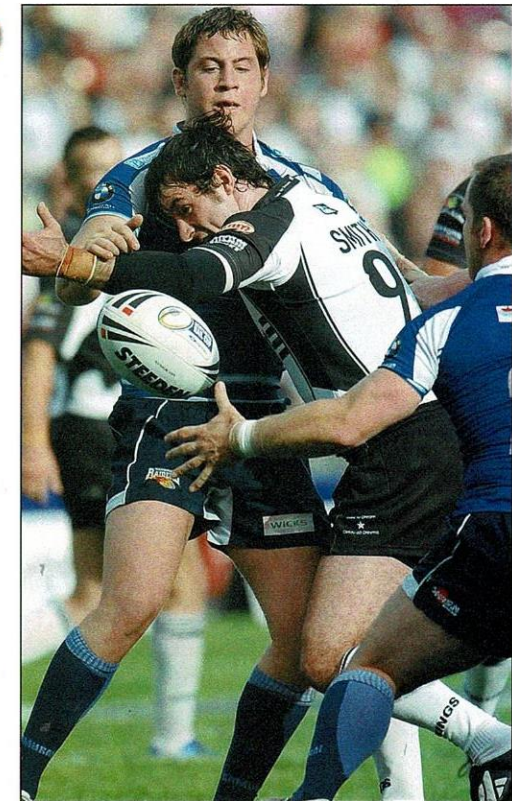
THE stand-out tie in the quarter-finals of the Northern Rail Cup is certainly the pairing of last year's two finalists Widnes and Barrow, with the victors from 2009 enjoying a home advantage which might prove to be critical.

The ties will be played in the first week in June, with Widnes-Barrow hot favourite to be selected for the live televised Sky game, but there's also some intriguing other match-ups.

Co-operative Championship 1 'underdogs' Hunslet have earned themselves home advantage with Leigh Centurions the visitors, while the other lower-league qualifiers York will fancy their chances against a Keighley side that has been struggling to get a win lately.

Full draw:  
**Keighley Cougars v York City Knights**  
**Widnes Vikings v Barrow Raiders**  
**Batley Bulldogs v Sheffield Eagles**  
**Hunslet Hawks v Leigh Centurions**

**Mark Smith and Andy Bracek get up close and personal in last year's final**



### Eagles off to a flyer over new home

SHEFFIELD Eagles have launched a major publicity drive to bring in the fans as the countdown to playing at Bramall Lane starts.

Sports clubs and companies in the city will be blanketed with 20,000 publicity flyers and posters.

Potential fans will be offered cut-price tickets for the first three Championship games to be played at the Sheffield United's ground starting with the visit of Featherstone Rovers on Sunday 11 April.

Meanwhile Eagles forward Alex Rowe is set for a return to the team for the Easter games – four weeks after he was mugged and robbed.

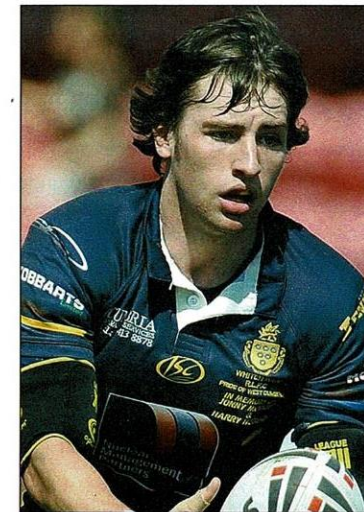
The Eagles have also agreed that hooker or half-back Kyle Kesik can stay on loan at Doncaster on a week to week basis.

Kesik has spent the past month at the Championship 1 club. He scored a try in the Dons 40-24 win over York City Knights – their first win in 25 games.

WHITEHAVEN coach Ged Stokes insists the resigning of Gregg McNally (pictured) is not a backward step for the club.

The 19-year-old has re-joined Haven on a dual registration deal having been unable to break into Huddersfield's first team plans.

The Giants have recently added Danny



Brought to their squad, meaning opportunities will be few and far between for the talented teen at the Galpharm this term.

And instead of playing him in the Under 20s competition, coach Nathan Brown is keen for him to play Championship rugby with the club that developed him.

**BARROW forward Richard Fletcher won't be back in action for around six weeks.**

Scans last week revealed the Raiders second rower has damaged his ankle in the recent defeat to Featherstone.

"He's got bone fragments in his ankle and he's on crutches at the moment," said Raiders boss Steve McCormack.

LEIGH have rewarded in-form prop Chris Hill with a new two-year contract extension.

The 22-year-old has impressed coach Ian Millward so far this season and the Centurions say they have had to fight off competition from Super League sides to keep him at the club until the end of 2012.

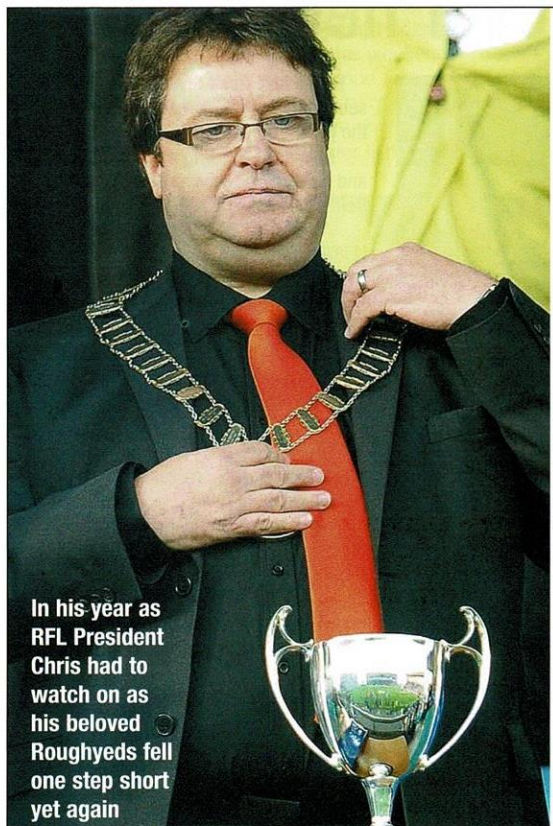
FEATHERSTONE boss Daryl Powell would like to sign Harlequins youngster Ben Kaye on a permanent deal.

Powell last week lost loan hooker Kaye back to the Stoop, with Quins coach Brian McDermott's squad currently depleted by injury. But the Rovers chief was so impressed by the former Leeds youngster that he would jump at the chance to bring him back to the Bigfellas Stadium in future.

"Ben's gone really well for us and it's been a pleasure to have him here," Powell said. "He's a top quality young kid who has added to us in every way possible.

"I'm a little bit disappointed to lose him, but Ben has got an opportunity at Quins so we can have no real grumbles there."

# There really is no place like home for Oldham's nomads...



In his year as RFL President Chris had to watch on as his beloved Roughyeds fell one step short yet again

## **BEN COLLINS talks to Oldham chairman Chris Hamilton about the club's hopes – finally – for a home to call its own**

**Y**ou don't need Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz to tell you "there's no place like home" - just ask Oldham chairman Chris Hamilton.

You could understand if the Roughyeds are beginning to feel like members of the travelling community, such has been the frequency they have had to relocate over the past decade.

The club was forced to sell its old Watersheddings home in 1997 and have since been temporarily based at a variety of venues, mainly Oldham Athletic's Boundary Park.

But they have also used Rochdale's Spotland and spent the 2002 season at Hurst Cross in neighbouring Ashton, and had no choice but to play their opening home games this season at Sedgley Park RU, also home of Swinton Lions.

"In the last 12 years we've actually played home games at eight different locations, of which only Boundary Park's in Oldham, and therein is the club's problem," said Hamilton.

"The old club sold Watersheddings to pay off debt, and since then Oldham's had a nomadic existence.

"And having no home of our own has made it difficult for the club to lay down roots and bring in extra finance."

Hamilton is the only senior figure at the club to have had an unbroken association with Oldham RLFC (1997) Ltd since its launch.

The original club went bankrupt after being relegated from



Lucas Onyango in action in the 2009 play-off final when heartbreak struck again for Oldham

Super League in 1997, and although a new entity was formed, the Watershedding ground was sold and the Roughyeds moved to Boundary Park.

After being told by the football club at the end of last season they were no longer wanted, Oldham have had to find a short-term solution. Some of their opening home fixtures this year have been put back or switched with the away fixture to give them more time, although Sedgley Park had to be used to host three Cup games.

But the club's travelling days could be over. Easter Monday's game against Workington will be Oldham's first home league game at Sedgley Park - and could also be their last. Negotiations have been ongoing over a move to the White Bank Stadium in Limeside, with current owners Oldham Borough FC set to relocate and share with Chadderton Town FC.

The proposals went before a Cabinet meeting of Oldham council this week, and if approved, Hamilton insists the move to White Bank would be a long-term commitment.

"We would be in a position where the long-term future of the club is much, much brighter," he said. "We've been working hard with the council over these proposals and we're confident of a positive outcome.

"Being involved at board level, it's seven days a week and it does take over your life. But we're here because we're passionate and we care about the club, and we're all committed to leading the club forward."

Hamilton had been a sponsor, a supporter and a shareholder of the old club and did not take up an official capacity until after the bankruptcy, becoming chairman in the new entity.

Oldham narrowly missed out on promotion back into

Super League in 2001, losing to Widnes Vikings in the Grand Final, and the Roughyeds made three successive appearances in the National League 1 play-offs from 2003 to 2005.

But the club has been dogged by financial problems while they have remained homeless and entered a CVA in 2005.

They were relegated to NL2 in 2006 after finishing the season with only one league win, but early in 2007, Bill Quinn became the club's new chairman, with Hamilton and Sean Whitehead remaining as directors.

Oldham have gone on to reach three successive Grand Finals, losing to Featherstone (2007), Doncaster (2008) and Keighley (2009).

But Quinn withdrew his support after that 28-26 defeat by the Cougars last year and Hamilton took over the reins again in November. "The previous owner made it clear that he didn't want to continue and I was the only person prepared to take the club on given it was in debt," he said.

"Just like in 1997, my main concern was making sure that professional rugby league stays in Oldham, given its proud history in the town and what it means to the fans.

"We've had a team capable of getting into the Championship over the last three years and maybe we've under-achieved come the Grand Final.

"But having lost that financial support, there's no pressure to win promotion this year. The standard of both the Championship and Championship One has gone up, there are a lot of players at this level now who just a few years ago were playing regularly in Super League.

"The priority is getting the club back on an even keel and to manage the finances effectively, but having said that, we're still ambitious and we would like to challenge."

# Batley Bulldogs v Dewsbury Rams



Friday April 2, 2010. Kick off 6.30pm. MOUNT PLEASANT

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

COACH: WARREN JOWITT

COACH: KARL HARRISON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLWW  
 LAST SIX HOME: LW-DWWL  
 TRIES: Campbell (14) Preece (6)  
 Greenwood, Moore (5)  
 GOALS: Moore (51)  
 DROP GOALS: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Gareth Moore

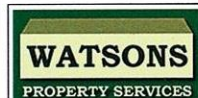
### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: W. Turley  
 Touch: J. Ashton, D. Sharpe  
 Reserve Referee: G. Stokes

### THE INSIDE TRACK

Anything goes in this derby but form is with Batley. Bulldogs by 6

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWLLL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: WW-LWLL  
 TRIES: Turner, Spurr (5) Walker (4)  
 GOALS: P Walker (27)  
 DROP GOALS: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Chris Spurr



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## CLUBCALL

## Batley v Keighley

# Back on dry land!

Today's main sponsors: WESTCLIFFE JOINERS

The players may just about be dried out from last Thursday's televised game at Keighley.

Thanks to all the supporters who witnessed our record breaking trip to Gateshead and our hard fought win last week.

I personally thought it was a tremendous victory against a Keighley side in very difficult conditions. At the time of writing we do not know how serious the injury to Gareth Moore is but we can only hope he is back on the field sooner rather than later and that his shin problem is minor.

It was good to see Josh Griffin on our coach to watch the game and hopefully he will play a part in our season in the not to distant future.

I suspect there will be few points difference between the 4th placed club and the 8th placed club this year as we are obviously in a very competitive league so if we can end the Easter programme in the top 6 we will be delighted and we will have something to build on as we look for success this year.

That will mean at least one win and a bonus point from our next two games, although two wins would be nice to really kick start our progress.

It is great to be playing the old enemy with league points at stake in the Championship and after their narrow defeat to Widnes it promises to be a cracker of a game and hopefully a decent crowd.

Good weather and firm ground to encourage fast open rugby would be a pleasant bonus.

We have Bruce Thewliss, one of our shareholders, here today from Columbia having already attended last week's game and the shareholders meeting on Thursday. I hope he has enjoyed his trip back home.

I think all the hits on our website from Columbia must be him so he does manage to keep up with the team from afar when he is not over here.

We are now taking bookings for the Lunch 'n Crunch at the Widnes game on Sunday 25th April in the Brian Cooney Suite at a cost of £20 or £30 with ground admission so let's see if we can have a sell out of supporters enjoying a roast lunch and everything else before a big game when we hope to improve our draw in the National Rail Cup.

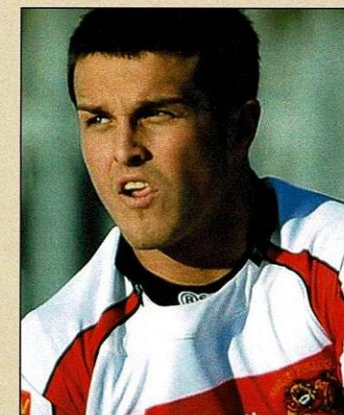
Batley Boys opened their newly refurbished changing rooms under the Challenge Family Stand last week thanks to financial help from Kirklees Council And the Rugby League Foundation - so well done to all concerned as the develop into a quality community club that the town can be proud of.

We are also working with them as they stage Easter holiday activities at the club for

children again thanks to funding from Kirklees Council so book your kids on the activity now it's FREE, and let it be a resounding success. We are very positive at the club at the moment so long may this continue we just need your support as the town is certainly getting support from Kirklees Council in the sporting field at the moment.

Enjoy the game  
Kevin

Kevin Nicholas  
Chairman



Gareth Moore - a worry

# Easter Fun

at  
**Batley Bulldogs RLFC**  
 As part of the  
**'Young Peoples Club' Trust**

Tuesday 6th - Friday 9th April 2010  
 Monday 12th - Friday 16th April 2010

We are holding two weeks of Easter activities at the rugby club during the Easter holidays for children aged 8 to 12.

Come along and join in the activities which will include outdoor rugby skills with the players and indoor activities in our Study Centre.

Children can be dropped off at 9am and collected at 1pm. Breakfast will be provided on arrival. This Easter programme is **FREE OF CHARGE** (25 places on first come/first served basis).

Book by contacting Paul Harrison on 07870 851555

# Featherstone Rovers



## v Halifax RLFC

Friday April 2, 2010. Kick off 7.30pm. BIGFELLAS STADIUM

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

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

### SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWW  
 LAST SIX HOME: L-DWWWW  
 TRIES: Parker (10) Welham (8) Steel (7)  
 GOALS: Briggs (33) Dobek (11) Finn (10)  
 DROP GOALS: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Jesse Joe Parker

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G.Hewer  
 Touch: G. Hodgson, C. Dean  
 Reserve Referee: R. Dolan

### THE INSIDE TRACK

Hurting Halifax are up against it  
 - Rovers by 6

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Miles Greenwood	Fax Supporters Trust
2	Lee Paterson	Windsor Yarns
3	Jon Goddard	Vision Express
4	Shad Royston	Chadwick Lawrence
5	James Haley	Chadwick Lawrence
6	Luke Branighan	Chadwick Lawrence
7	Ben Black	Harvey's Department Store
8	Makali Aizue	Also Wines
9	Sean Penkywicz	Riley & Co Accountants
10	Neil Cherryholme	AA Moving Solutions
11	Dave Larder	Windsor Yarns
12	Stanley Gene	Howard Posner
13	Bob Beswick	Complete Building Material
14	Mark Gleeson	David/Terry Kendall
15	Mark Roberts	Steve Shurety - EMB Ltd
16	Said Tamghart	Liz Smith (Matthew Walker)
17	Frank Watene	Complete Building Materials
18	Dylan Nash	The Kielty 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: WWWLL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: L-WLWWW  
 TRIES: Royston (10) Worrincy (8) Branighan (7)  
 GOALS: Paterson (42)  
 DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Luke Branighan



## CLUBCALL

## Featherstone v Halifax

# Dickens is a true Captain Courageous for Rovers

Rugby league is one of those sports that is played by people with a whole host of qualities, honesty, courage and durability are just a few of them.

Last week the bloke who captains this great club showed what a true giant of a player and person he is in dealing with the most difficult of games in his long career. His Mum sadly passed away on Friday night which meant what Stuart Dickens did on Sunday was very special indeed, but that is exactly what he has been since I arrived at the club.

It was fitting he scored the first try and I know all in rugby league will join me in a message of support to Stuart and all his family at this very difficult time.

Consistency is a word very often used in sport and one that relates directly to what we are all looking for in our team at the moment.

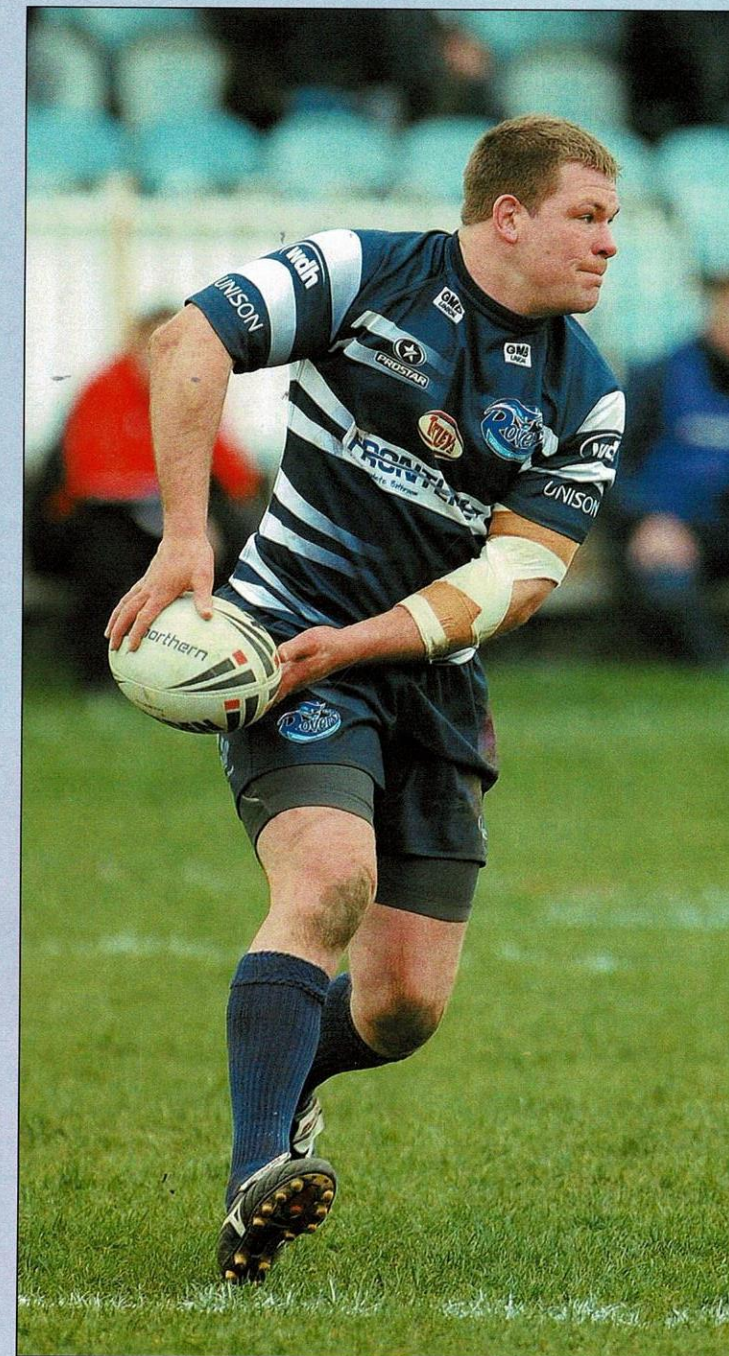
I keep banging on about players working hard to improve and to take their individual games to the next level and I know they sometimes get sick of my voice saying the same things.

There is no doubt though this element of performance is crucial in all teams if they want to be happy with themselves come the end of the season, our consistency as a team will be severely challenged tonight.

As a team we were patchy last week across the 80 minutes but there was some real quality in our individual and collective team efforts and some of the sequences of play we put together would challenge most teams. Our support play at the start of the season has been a stand-out for me as well as our defensive solidity. Tonight though we must focus on our execution in the final part of the field as we won't get as many opportunities. They must count when we do.

We all know the quality of personnel that our opponents Halifax bring with them tonight and we must bring our best game to the playing field in order to continue our positive start to the season.

I am hoping the way our Easter program has panned out that there will be a big crowd at the Bigfella's stadium to witness what should be an outstanding game of Rugby League. Have a great Easter and enjoy the game



Daryl Powell  
Head Coach

Captain Stuart Dickens has had to deal with personal tragedy





# Keighley Cougars v Sheffield Eagles



Friday April 2, 2010. Kick off 7.30pm. 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.....	Ollly Pursglove	12
Mr & Mrs Rothera.....	Carl Hughes	13
The Clarksons.....	Jamaine Wray	14
M Croft & T Pycroft.....	Greg Nicholson	15
Cougar Pride Centre.....	Brendon Rawlins	16
Owens Barbers.....	Ryan Benjafield	17
	James Haythornthwaite	18
Go Colour.....	Sam Crowther	19
Phoenix Trophies.....	Dan Belcher	20
The Bayliss Family.....	Richard Jones	21
Skipton Body Repair Centre.....	Ben Sagar	22
Phil Lund Ltd.....	Chris Baines	23
	Tom Hall	24

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

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

SCORERS	
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COACH: BARRY EATON

COACH: MARK ASTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL  
 LAST SIX HOME: W-WWLLL  
 TRIES: Presley (5) Belcher, Duffy, Raynor, Jones (3)  
 GOALS: Jones (25)  
 DROP GOALS: Jones (1)  
 MAN TO WATCH: Jonny Presley

**MATCH OFFICIALS**

Referee: M. Thomason  
 Touch: A. Sweet, S. Kilpatrick  
 Reserve Referee: J. Callaghan

**THE INSIDE TRACK**

*Cougars are competitive but not there yet. Eagles by 8*

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWLW  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLW-DWL  
 TRIES: Cook, Stringer (7), Ropati (6) Yere (4)  
 GOALS: Stringer (14) Woodcock (9)  
 DROP GOALS: Cook (1)  
 MAN TO WATCH: Mitch Stringer



We're backing the Cougars...



**CLUBCALL**

**Keighley v Sheffield**

## Proud of my Cougars in the televised mudbath

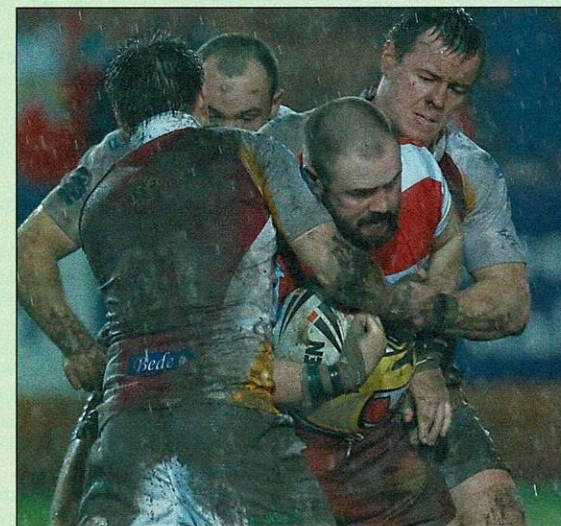
Well it certainly didn't seem like summer rugby last week in our Sky game versus Batley.

However, I thought some of the rugby we played in the conditions was fantastic and we broke Batley's line on many occasions only to be thwarted by fine last-ditch tackles - or not quite taking the final pass cleanly.

We had a period of pressure in the second half where we looked like scoring several times which would have put us two scores in front but just didn't manage to get that all important score.

But I was totally proud of the players who wore a Keighley shirt last week and if we continue in that vein then I will not have any complaints win or lose.

The only slight disappointment in the game was that all Batley's scores came from kicks or as a result of not dealing with kicks - which is



Andy Shickell is surrounded by a pack of Batley tacklers

understandable under the circumstances - with the conditions - but it shows that our defence was pretty solid throughout and if we can keep our defensive line as

good for the remainder of the season and improve in the dealing with attacking kicks we are going to be challenging every team we come up against.

As I've already said we created lots of opportunities on the night and when we start taking more of a percentage of those chances we are creating we may well score heavily against someone soon.

Sheffield are a tough proposition today after finishing 3rd last year and by the looks of their squad have strengthened again this year.

I wish Mark Aston well for the season as Sheffield are not the most fashionable team and probably are not mentioned as much as the likes of Barrow, Halifax, Widnes, and Leigh but they will definitely be in the mix at the end of the season so I wish everyone at Sheffield all the best for the season - apart from today for obvious reasons.

Enjoy the game, Baz

**Barry Eaton**  
Head Coach

## Teaming up with Union's juniors

Good afternoon and welcome to Cougar Park for tonight's Good Friday clash against Sheffield Eagles.

I would like to welcome the Sheffield directors, players and fans, I hope you enjoy your evening with us and have a safe journey home.

I would also like to welcome tonight's match sponsors who are High Technology Lighting. Graham Kemp, the joint managing director of High Technology Lighting, is also the club's community director and is committed to the development of rugby league within our junior community.

Today we have junior teams from both Keighley Albion and West Craven Warriors at U8s and U10s plus something never seen before at Cougar Park - Keighley Albion U9s playing against the U9s from

**Helen Carter, General Manager**

Keighley Rugby Union. This is fantastic for our young players to know they have the opportunity to play and watch rugby all year long whether it is League or Union.

The Foundation has established a group called Rugby Keighley which is designed to expand, build and improve the opportunities for our young community to play rugby. The group is made up of members from Keighley Cougars, Keighley Albion Juniors, Keighley Cougar Cubs, West Craven Warriors and Keighley Rugby Union Club. It will see all barriers lifted and enable us to work within both codes of rugby.

Last week we hosted the Sky cameras for the Batley game and despite

the horrendous weather it was a great atmosphere. The dancers were great and it was fantastic to see so many children with flags and faces painted. I must say a massive thanks to Mark our groundsman who had worked really hard to get the pitch looking ok - just to see it all go to waste with the torrential rain. There is not much you can do about the weather but I know that due to Silsden FC re-locating back to Silsden they will no longer be playing here at the end of this season so hopefully with the work we have planned for the pitch in April and May our boys will have a decent surface to play on again.

Matthew Sheldon was the first fan to have a go at the Crossbar Challenge but missed so the pot rolls forward with the jackpot at £130.



# Toulouse Olympique XIII

## v Leigh Centurions



Friday April 2, 2010. Kick off 7.00pm. Stade Arnauné/Minimes

PLAYER	No.
Copy Sud.....Rory Bromley	1
Bugbusters.....Sebastien Payan	2
André Raynal - Déménagements.....Sebastien Planas	3
Groupe Cailleau.....Vincent Duport	4
Gallego.....Carlos Mendes Varela	5
Prosegur.....Constant Villegas	6
ICA Patrimoine.....Nathan Wynn	7
Transports Sarrazain.....Brendan Worth	8
Renault Etats-Unis.....Martin Mitchell	9
Ermes Prestations.....Matthieu Griffi	10
Océanis.....Timothy Wynn	11
Siemex.....Simon Worrall	12
Inovans.....Eric Anselme	13
Compass Group.....Antoni Maria	14
Leroy Merlin.....Jerome Gout	15
Aux Docks du Bureau.....Sylvain Houles	16
Force Distribution.....Cedric Gay	17
La Mutuelle du rempart.....Yvan Tisseyre	18
IPS Publicité.....Romain Mencarini	19
La Dépêche du Midi.....Bruno Ormeno	20
bonsplans31.com.....Nicolas Faure	21
Bourdarios.....Clement Bienes	22
Errea.....Kevin Larroyer	23
Cimpa.....Andrei Olari	24
Hôtel Latitudes Golf de Seilh.....Teli Pelo	25
Clear Channel.....Yohann Gigord	
IFB.....Mourad Kriouache	
Sporting Finances.....Cyril Moliner	
Paru vendu.....Antoine Reveillon	
Citroën Etats-Unis.....Jocelyne Vauvelle	
Equalliance.....Geoffrey Zava	

COACH: GILLES DUMAS

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-WWLWL

LAST SIX HOME: WWW-WWL

TRIES: Bromley, Planas (5)

GOALS: N. Wynn (15)

DROP GOALS: N. Wynn

MAN TO WATCH: Cedric Gay

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

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### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C. Halloran

Touch: TBC

Reserve Referee: TBC

### THE INSIDE TRACK

TOXIII suddenly vulnerable at home

- Leigh by 10

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Stuart Donlan.....	L.I.S.A
2	Steve Maden.....	Corlett Electrical Engineers
3	Dave Alstead.....	Prof & Mrs Dale
4	Mick Nanyin.....	C&S Tyrres UK Ltd
5	Nicky Stanton.....	Hamilton Fabrications
6	Tim Hartley.....	Ken Bates Associates
7	Robbie Paul.....	Corporate Club
8	Chris Hill.....	Civil Solutions Ltd
9	John Duffy.....	Hattons Solicitors
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

COACH: IAN MILLWARD

LAST SIX RESULTS: DWWWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: LL-LWWW

TRIES: Alstead, Nanyin (8) Donlan, Maden, Maden (4)

GOALS: Nanyin (33)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Martin Ridyard



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## CLUBCALL

## Toulouse v Leigh

# Que ce début de saison est rude...

### L'édito du Président - Carlos Zalduendo

Que ce début de saison est rude... Après l'expulsion de Vincent Duport pour carton rouge en Angleterre, contre Whitehaven, c'est au tour de Brendan Worth, victime de provocations à répétitions non sanctionnées par l'arbitre principal et même pas signalées par les arbitres assistants, de devoir affronter les foudres de la commission de la discipline de la RFL!

Heureusement dans le premier cas, la RFL a blanchi notre joueur. Souhaitons qu'elle soit clémente pour le second qui a quand même employé des arguments percutants...

Dans cet environnement peu favorable, nos joueurs ont fait preuve d'une solidarité exemplaire pour résister.

A la sortie, le bilan est plutôt encourageant (NDLR : 3 victoires en 5 matchs). Certains grands blessés comme Jérôme Gout font des retours fracassants et les jeunes du centre de formation Bienes, Gigord, Larroyer, Mencarini et Tisseyre tiennent leur rang, faisant honneur au club.

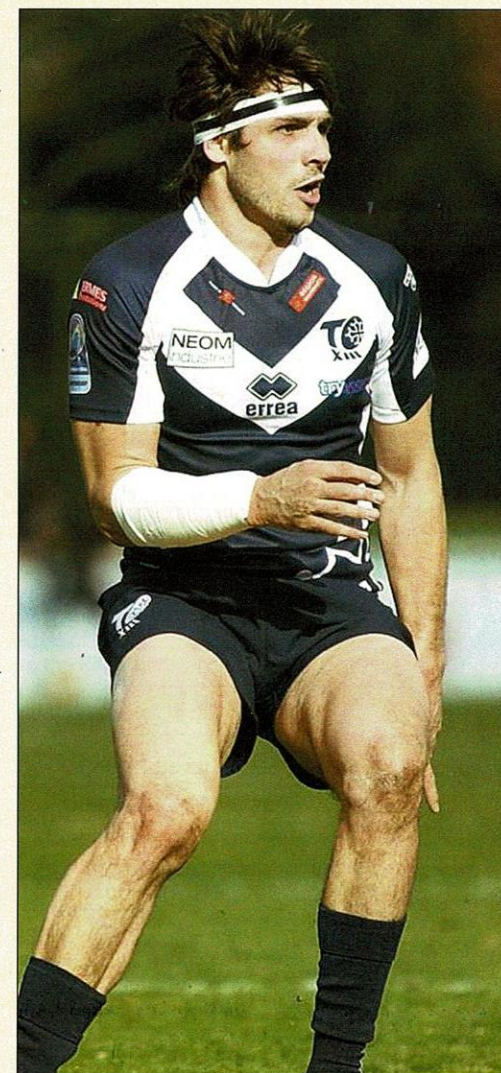
La venue de Leigh, après la réception de Barrow, est encore une occasion d'étalonner notre potentiel. Espérons que les sanctions injustes à répétition et les nombreux blessés de début de saison n'entameront pas trop vite le capital physique et confiance accumulés lors de la préparation et que le recours aux jeunes de Centre de Formation continuera de porter ses fruits.

Ceci étant, vivement un match lors duquel Gilles Dumas et son staff pourront composer avec un effectif complet. D'ailleurs en termes de spectacle, ce serait du bonheur pour tous.

En attendant ces jours meilleurs, solidarité, vaillance et discipline seront encore au menu.

Et avec une dose d'audace, on l'a déjà vu contre Keighley il y a quinze jours, le TO a les moyens d'enflammer le public des Minimes...

A toutes et à tous bon match !



Sylvain Houles ...  
a leader on the  
pitch  
Picture by  
Hervé Lebrun

### CHAIRMAN'S WORDS CARLOS ZALDUENDO

The start of this season is tough... After Vincent DUPORT, in Whitehaven, Brendan WORTH got sent off against Keighley after reacting to several aggressions from the Cougars players, and has had to face the RFL disciplinary commission.

Fortunately, Vincent didn't get any game of suspension; it hasn't been the same for Brendan.

In this difficult period, our players have reacted well and the team spirit has proved crucial.

Three wins in 5 games, it's not that bad. Some players that had been injured for a long period, like Jérôme GOUT, came back in a stunning way, and the youngsters from the Academy (BIENES, GIGORD, LARROYER, MENCARINI and TISSEYRE) have shown really good things.

After the reception of Barrow, Leigh is coming to Toulouse and it's another big test for our side.

We hope that the injured players will come back soon and that the players from the Academy will go on with their good performances.

However, everybody wishes to see Gilles DUMAS and its staff, being able to pick the best possible side. It would be great, especially for Toulouse fans.

For the moment it's not the case, so team spirit, courage and discipline will be the key words.

Added to that a bit of French Flair and the Toulouse Olympique can still light up the crowd of the Minimes Stadium...

We wish you all a very pleasant game !

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# Whitehaven RLFC v Barrow Raiders



Thursday April 1, 2010. Kick off 7.30pm. 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
Studs vik 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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### SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

COACH: GED STOKES

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWLL  
 LAST SIX HOME: WWW-LWW  
 TRIES: Eilbeck, Fox (5) Calvert, Sice (4)  
 GOALS: Rudd (24) Skee (6)  
 DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Derry Eilbeck

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R. Hicks  
 Touch: S. Barrie, C. Waywell  
 Reserve Referee: P. Wharton

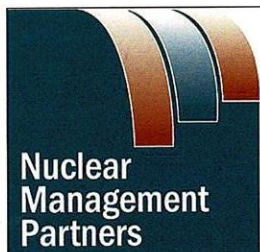
### THE INSIDE TRACK

Form out of the window for this.  
 Home boys to edge it by 4

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Gary Broadbent.....	Ged McDermott
2	Andy Ballard.....	Nuffield Health
3	Anthony Blackwood	
4	Liam Harrison.....	BAE Global Combat Systems
5	James Nixon.....	Furness Heating Components
6	Jamie Rooney.....	Johnston Recruitment
7	James Coyle	
8	Andy Bracek.....	RF Miller Accountants
9	Andy Henderson.....	Carefree Travel
10	Chris Young.....	Advance Roofing
11	Michael Knowles.....	Estuary Electrical
12	Martin Ostler.....	Neil Martin Group
13	Zeb Luisi.....	Premium Solutions
14	Ned Catic.....	Optech Fibres
15	Rob Roberts.....	Trelleborg Engineering
16	Brett McDermott.....	Saunders Transport
17	Paul Noone.....	Ross Estate Agents
18	Liam Campbell.....	Infield Hotel
19	Nathan Mossop.....	Darren Wilson
20	Danny Halliwell.....	Plastic Man
21	Chris Larkin.....	Kev Hodgson
22	Ruairi McGoff.....	Plastic Man
23	Jamie Butler	
24	Richard Fletcher.....	Tony Bayliff Carpets
31	Matt James	
	Jermaine McGilvary	

COACH: STEVE McCORMACK

LAST SIX RESULTS: WDWLW  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LW-LWDW  
 TRIES: Catic, Campbell (6) Ballard (5) Mossop (4)  
 GOALS: Rooney (36) Knowles (7)  
 DROP GOALS: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Liam Campbell



We're with Whitehaven



## CLUBCALL

## Whitehaven v Barrow

# We need thriller like last season - for fans

It is already Easter and the young season is off to a roaring start.

Unfortunately our team is not, and this will prove to be an important match against Barrow.

It will take a win similar to last year's thriller to convince our fans that the changes to our side were the right ones.

The disappointing display against a motivated Featherstone squad - now top of the table - left a lot to be sorted for the rest of the year.

We are slowly getting the right play-

ers on the side, but the right mix has yet to be found.

I hope you will stay with us as the team gels.

The weather forecast for Thursday is not the most promising, but I expect there will be plenty of 'heat' on the pitch and in the stands.

We wish to thank our Platinum Match Sponsor Assysteme, Executive Sponsors SEL and Jordan Nuclear and our Match Ball Sponsor Tony Ansell for supporting today's outing.

And, of course, we always appreci-

ate the continuing support of our main club sponsors - Nuclear Management Partners and Britain's Energy Coast.

We are continuing to make upgrades to the grounds and McKeown's bar to improve the quality of your time at the Recreation Grounds - thank you for being with us.

Enjoy the match and we hope you have a joyous Easter Holiday,

Dick Raaz  
Chairman

# Crucial 'Haven raise game against Barrow

One win and two defeats was not the start to the season we were all looking for.

There has been a succession of injuries but that is no excuse for the display, last Sunday, at Featherstone. In an after-match interview I described our performance as "indefensible." The tackling was weak and ineffectual and fans are entitled to expect better from a Whitehaven side.

This is a crucial game tonight against the champions and the players know what is expected of them.

We must ensure that all visitors to the Recreation Ground have an uncomfortable time.

Home wins are vital with so many strong teams in this division. The heavy defeat at Leigh was unwelcome but some perspective was gained when Leigh went to Halifax, last Sunday, and hammered them.

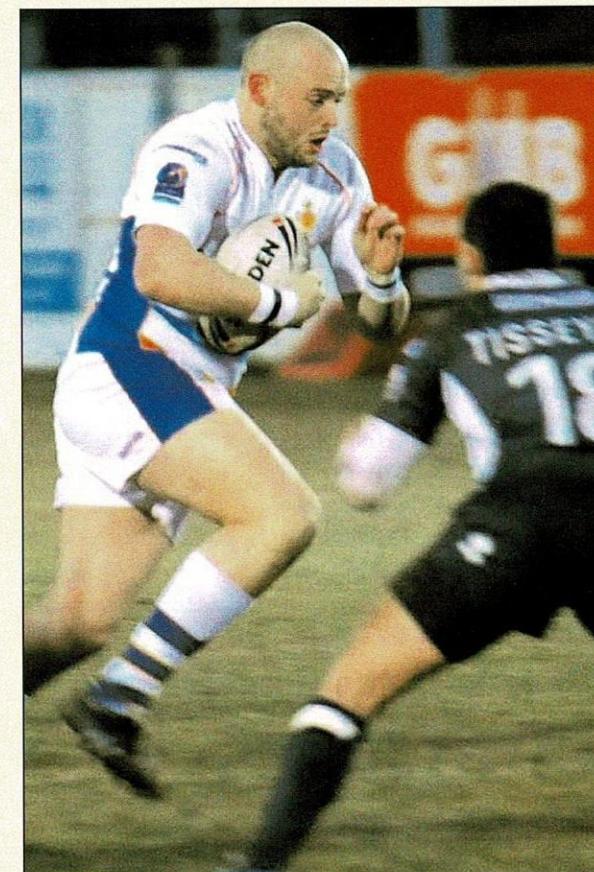
The cry will be to bring in new players, but there are three things to consider. One - the finances, two - the availability of quality players and three - Whitehaven's geographical isolation. If these conditions can be satisfied then the club will move quickly to bolster the playing staff.

A word about Stephen and Reece Fox. Two young lads thrown in at the deep end and both have performed very well in difficult circumstances. The return of Greg McNally is also a timely boost and we all know the effect television cameras seem to have on Greg! Let's hope the magic is there tonight.

Finally a heartfelt thank you to all our loyal fans. I know it must be difficult at the moment when criticism is flying around but your support - home and away - is greatly appreciated.

The team and I hope we can repay you tonight against Barrow.

Ged Stokes  
Head Coach



Whitehaven's Richard Farrell on the charge against Toulouse



# Hornets RL v

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# Oldham RLFC

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Lion Springs	Dean Gorton	3
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Brian & Irene Edwards	Dale Bloomfield	6
Dave & Sue Butterworth	Steven Roper	7
Mr & Mrs Jordan	Gareth Hayes	8
The Loyalists	Phil Wood	9
Steve Goodall	Paul Raftery	10
Grant & Dougie McEndoo	Mark Hobson	11
	Danny Smith	12
Heywood Magic Market	Craig Ashall	13
	Liam Bostock	14
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Stephen Holt	Danny Samuel	16
	Michael Ostick	17
	John Cookson	18
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	Semisi Cocker	20
	Jay Duffy	21
	Damien Reid	22
	Wayne Corcoran	23
	Paul Crook	24
	Andy Hore	25
	Andy Taylor	26
	Craig Tunstead	27
	Chris Hough	28
	Ryan Powell	29
	Dean Hatton	30
	Adam Wayne	31
John & Julie Clarke	Wayne English	32

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### SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

COACH: JOHN STANKEVITCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLWL

LAST SIX HOME: W-LLWLW

TRIES: Johnson, Gorton, Donoghue

(4) Samuel, Saywell, Fagborun (3)

GOALS: Roper (10)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Damien Reid

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: D. Merrick

Touch: D. Butler, S. Moss

Reserve Referee: S. Johnson

### THE INSIDE TRACK

Local pride at stake but Roughyeds on a roll - Oldham by 8

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
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 Boults	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	Levers Fish & Chip Restaurant
25	Scott Mansfield	

COACH: TONY BENSON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: WL-LLWW

TRIES: Onyango (6) Chandler (5)

Fogerty, O'Connor, Brocklehurst (4)

GOALS: Ashe (25)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Matty Ashe

## CLUBCALL

## Hornets RL v Oldham

# Never gave ourselves a chance to compete

Welcome to everybody associated with Oldham Rugby League Club for what we expect to be a traditional derby match.

As a player, I was lucky enough to play in some ferocious tussles for Saints against rivals Wigan, and I don't expect today's clash to be any less ferocious. Emotions will be running high, and the winning team is likely to be the team which is able to control possession and field position. Oldham have some talented players and they have a very astute Head Coach in Tony Benson who I have a lot of respect for.

We certainly won't be underestimating them in any way.

I'm not a coach who minces his words and I tend to tell it as I see it. The players in the squad prefer it that way as I believe that there are no places to hide on a rugby field, and if you can highlight areas of deficiencies with individuals, then they can begin to solve the problems immediately. On that note, last weekend's defeat to Hunslet was embarrassing.

I don't believe that any team in this division is 36 points better than us, and my comments are not meant to detract in any way from

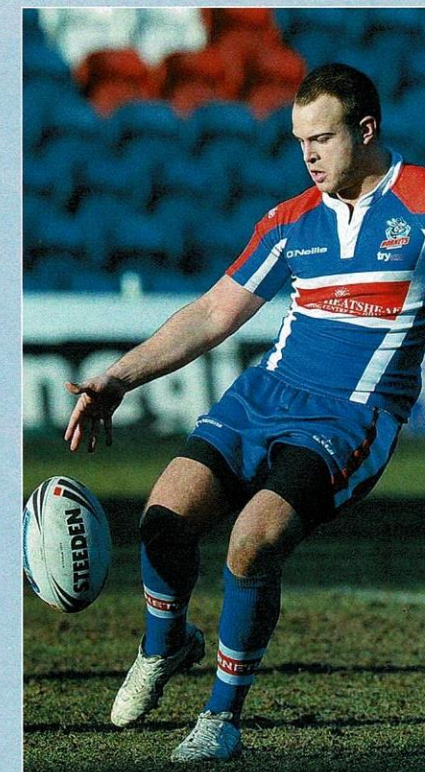
Hunslet's performance which I thought was excellent on the day, but we performed well below par and I won't accept too many performances like that.

We were 12 points down inside 7 minutes. Our first two touches of the ball resulted in errors from two individuals, which led to tries by a ruthless Hawks team. With a completion rate of 20% in the first half, we never gave ourselves a chance of getting into the game and we were chasing shadows at times.

I've said it time and time again that we as a team must prepare to turn over the ball on our 'own terms'. We simply aren't doing this at present and the pressure is on.

Over 40 points conceded against Hunslet would suggest that we are poor defensively, as would 24 conceded against Doncaster, 38 conceded against Blackpool, and 24 conceded against Workington, but this couldn't be further from the truth. Our attack and completion rate is making the opposition's job so much easier when we turn the ball over inside our own 30m.

**John Stankevitch**  
Head Coach



Steve Roper kicks for Hornets

## Bragging rights at stake in the derby

The Long Good Friday is here!

Hello and welcome to all the visitors from Oldham today.

As ever our derby games always have that little bit more resting on them, bragging rights, local pride, whatever people want to call it.

Our form has been a little bit hit and miss but we know the team is going in the right direction and in John Stankevitch we have the man to take this club forward. Results within the Co-operative Championship 1 have been really unpredictable.

We had a healthy victory over Doncaster, who last week beat York by a big margin. York in turn had beaten us earlier in the season.

In our last home game we took the points off Workington, but Workington sit high up the table thanks to two wins and the bonus point system. There are also the dark horses in South Wales who were many people's bet for "easy beats" - but not now.

Off the field things are coming together, and as ever making sure that we have a healthy cash flow is our priority. To this end we are arranging a series of fundraising activities.

These start in April with the return of Wendy's popular Quiz Nights. The first of which is on Thursday 8th at the Tanners Arms (8.30pm). £2 per person (max 4 per team).

Our next event is our Hornets Race

Night - to raise much-needed funds - at the Radcliffe Arms on Friday the 16th of April with an 8pm start. It promises to be a great night with all the usual activities of a Race Night plus a few Hornets additions to make for a fun and hopefully profitable night for the club.

Supporters can sign up as Owners (£5), Trainers (£3) and Jockeys (£2) or Race Sponsors (£50) today! Race sheets are available today.

This Race Night can, with your support make a sizeable amount of money for Hornets, so please support this, and our other events.

**Mike Wynn**  
Chairman

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# Hunslet Hawks vs Doncaster RLFC



Friday April 2, 2010. Kick off 3pm. SOUTH LEEDS STADIUM

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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
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John & Carol Hawkshaw.....	Stuart Young	17
Eric Simon.....	Charlie Wabo	18
	Darren Robinson	19
Kath Ogg.....	Joe Helme	20
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Morley Market.....	Ryan Lilywhite	
	Tommy Haughey, Joey Walkin, Gareth Hynes, Russ Dale, Nigel Scott, Michael Kelly, Luke Haigh	

**COACH: PAUL MARCH**

**LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLWW**

**LAST SIX HOME: W-WLLW**

**TRIES: McHugh (7) Clayton (6) Mark (5)**

**GOALS: McHugh (23) Knight (9)**

**DROP GOALS: -**

**MAN TO WATCH: David Clayton**

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### SCORERS

**TRIES**

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**Pens**

**DGs**

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

**COACH: TONY MILLER**

**LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLW**

**LAST SIX AWAY: L-LLLL**

**TRIES: Gomersall (4) Ely, Wilson, Edwards (3)**

**GOALS: S. Brown (8)**

**DROP GOALS: -**

**MAN TO WATCH: Kyle Kesik**

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C. Leatherbarrow  
Touch: S. Daniel, A. Fossett  
Reserve Referee: S. Bennison

### THE INSIDE TRACK

*Dons off the mark, but back to earth here.  
Hawks by 14*

## CLUBCALL

## Hunslet v Doncaster

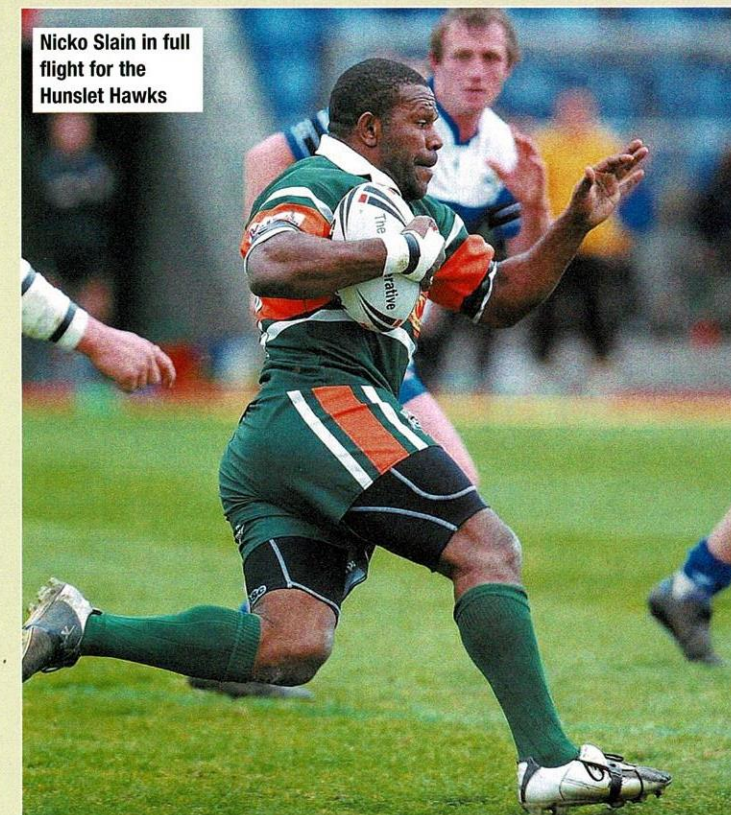
# Hunslet need those stayaways to return

Our squad strength will be tested to the full this weekend as we host Doncaster today, and then travel down to South Wales on Sunday for the visit to the Scorpions on Monday.

Both fixtures appear to be much harder than expected before the season started, with Doncaster beating York convincingly and the Scorpions also off to a flier with just one narrow defeat and sitting on top of the Championship 1 table. If we can take maximum points from these games it will send a chilling message out to all our title challengers.

It was good to see some old familiar faces back in the bar for the Rochdale game. Let's all hope that slowly but surely more of our stay-away fans return to the fold over the season. It is imperative that we get back up to around the 750-800 mark if we are to remain competitive and viable as a club. The club has done all in its power to provide a team which will entertain and challenge for honours, and it's now down to the fans to return and support the club. If you know anyone who is a stayaway, get into their ribs and gerr'em back into the fold.

**Alan Stephenson**  
Chief Executive



**Nicko Slain in full flight for the Hunslet Hawks**

## Easter signals rebirth of Hawks

Sunday's victory was well appreciated after the win against Halifax.

Far too often Hunslet have failed to respond with back-to-back performances. The Easter period will now determine whether we are serious challengers to win the league.

Today's match against Doncaster has been made more intriguing after Doncaster's magnificent result against high-riding York City Knights.

South Wales Scorpions' result against London Skolars ensures that the Championship One will have many contenders for the coveted number one position. Many of our

supporters missed our match against Halifax, though every cloud has a silver lining as we have now sold over 50 DVD copies of the game.

The next round of the Northern Rail Cup, where we have been drawn at home to Leigh, will be played on the weekend of June 5th and 6th. At the time of writing, there is some doubt about the availability of the stadium for that weekend, however fans can be assured that we will not be forgoing home advantage.

Much credit has to be given to the advisory panel steering the administration of Doncaster. They must have

faced an ominous task. Such stalwarts of the game have our upmost respect and we do not underestimate the challenge of Doncaster as they seek to build on their morale-boosting victory over York. This Good Friday fixture should be our biggest attendance of the season and as a club we hope to build on growing attendances in order to provide the correct financial footing for us to succeed in the future. Easter is seen as the rebirth of new life - let's hope that applies to Hunslet's season!

**Charlotte Ball**  
Promotions Officer

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# London Skolars v Blackpool Panthers



Friday April 2, 2010. Kick off 3pm. NEW RIVER STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
	Joshua Welsh	1
	Dave Arnot	2
	Matt Thomas	3
Code XIII Sports Media	Jason Cook	4
Alan Greenwood	Austen Aggrey	5
	Jermaine Coleman	6
	Paul Thorman	7
Lanes Coaches	Liam Roach	8
	Gareth Honor	9
	Tony Williams	10
	Oliver Purslow	11
	Matthew Carter	12
	Stephen Ball	13
Code XIII Sports Media	Luke May	14
	Oliver Fountain	15
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	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
Woodlands PH	Ben Jones	28
Ann & Steven Morgan	Ade Adebisi	

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### SCORERS

Tries

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Pens

DGs

COACH: JAMES MASSARA

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL

LAST SIX HOME: LLLLLL

TRIES: Thomas (3) Cunningham (2)

GOALS: Thorman (8)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Matt Thomas

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G. Dolan

Touch: J. Greenwood, S. Matthews

Reserve Referee: S. Orton

### THE INSIDE TRACK

No respite for Skolars against on-song

Panthers. Blackpool by 16

COACH: MARTIN CROMPTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: LWW-LWW

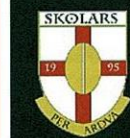
TRIES: Munro (10) Mayberry, Keavney (6)

GOALS: Hemingway (30)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Damien Munro

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



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## CLUBCALL

## Skolars v Blackpool

# We'll break our duck soon...

Whilst our opponents make the one trip into London during the season we have ten long journeys and no local derbies.

We meet two teams over Easter who both recorded impressive wins last weekend but James Massara and the squad are confident that first win of the season isn't too far away.

Off the field the club is getting busier as our Junior teams have now started their seasons and our 2nd team, Skolars Premier, are now in full training in preparation for their new season, which kicks off next month. Our coaching team is working flat out to ensure all of our teams will be competitive this year.

It's been a busy month commercially, with two new sponsors and three new advertisers coming on board to support our efforts on the field and in the community.

We, like many clubs, have been actively promoting the RFL produced Community family ticket through local schools and colleges and we are mak-

ing a considerable effort to promote what is a non-traditional sport in North London to the local community. All in all a very busy, but exciting time.

We wish our supporters a very happy Easter break and here's to that first Skolars win of the season!

**Howard Kramer**  
General Manager

# Can Skolars become first team to stop Panthers?

Since our last home game we've lost two games away from home with two very different performances.

As regarded Gateshead, initially my feelings were one of being very frustrated to have lost a game that we should have won, especially away from home.

However, on reflection, I'm positive about the performance that we put up in what was a very tight game. Thunder were very determined and we probably suffered the backlash as they turned around their performance from their midweek game against Batley.

Against South Wales Scorpions, we didn't start well against a very good physical team and we need to prepare better mentally for games like that.

We only really started to compete in the second half and that's just not acceptable. There are no magic bullets, we've just got to work harder.

We have two more tough games over the Easter period.

Blackpool put up a tremendous performance at home against Swinton and are the only side with a 100% record in the division, so we know that they will be keen to keep that record up.

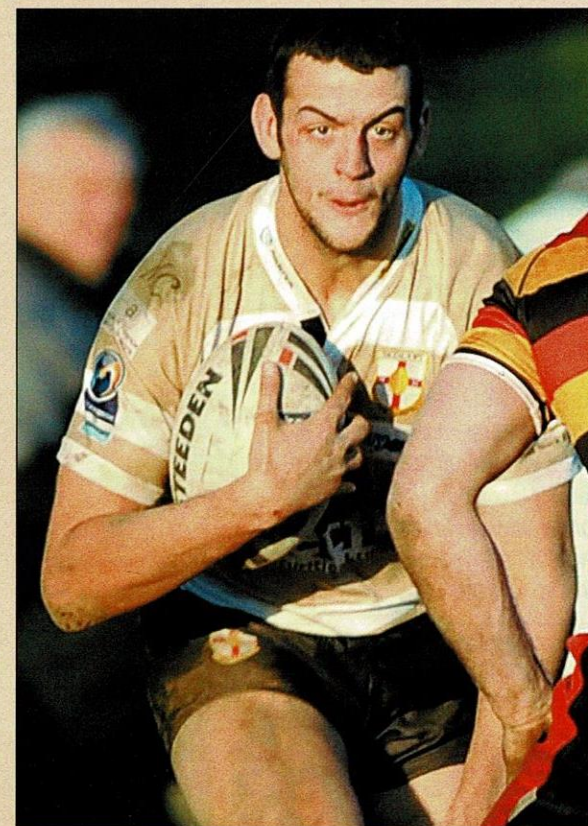
A warm welcome to Martin Crompton and the players, officials and supporters of the Panthers.

Then on Monday, we travel to Doncaster. They turned round a long losing run last weekend through a lot of hard work.

That should actually give us some confidence for today, because it does show that a team on a losing run can turn things round against a side that looks to be stronger on paper.

Enjoy the game

**James Massara**  
Head Coach



Big Dave Williams could come off the bench for the Skolars



# York City Knights v Gateshead Thunder



Friday April 2, 2010. Kick off 3pm. HUNTINGTON STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
The Raylor Centre.....	Danny Ratcliffe	1
Smith Wilson.....	Wayne Reittie	2
Marica Watson.....	Mike Mitchell	3
Ken Walker & Co Accounting.....	Lee Waterman	4
	Tom Lineham	5
R U Sure Referee R U Sure.....	Chris Thorman	6
Brian Watson.....	Jonathan Schofield	7
Millers Famous Fish & Chips.....	Mark Applegarth	8
The Insurance Partnership.....	Joe McLocklan	9
	Alex Benson	10
ASL Specialist Garage Equipment.....	Jordan Ross	11
Michaela Harper & Daniel Peace.....	Chris Clough	12
Chris Hearld.....	Richard Blakeway	13
	Ian Bell	14
	Luke Hardbottle	15
	Carl Barrow	16
Monk Bar Model Shop.....	Nathan Freer	17
	Matthew Duckworth	18
	Kris Peacock	19
Clare & Steve Harbron.....	Chris Williams	20
	Aidie Hampshire	21
	Tom Stancliffe	22
	Luke Helliwell	23
	Dan Walton	24
Hull Resin Floors.....	Brett Waller	25
	Not allocated numbers	
Balls'n All.....	Casey Bromilow	
Pam & Martin Calvert.....	Jon Fallon	
John Barron Plastering.....	Joe Dey	
Novotel York Centre.....	Danny Wilson	
Simon Gil.....	Eddie Smith	
Stabler International.....	Paul Stamp	
The Security Group.....	Jymel Coleman	
	Danny Hill, Danny Bell,	
	Chris Clarke, Steve Lewis, Mark Falkingham	

**ACTING COACH: CHRIS THORMAN**

**LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWL**

**LAST SIX HOME: LL-WWWW**

**TRIES: Waterman (12) Ratcliffe,**

**Waller, McLocklan (4)**

**GOALS: Waterman (33)**

**DROP GOALS: Thorman (2)**

**MAN TO WATCH: Lee Waterman**

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

**TRIES**

**Conv**

**Pens**

**DGs**

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

**COACH: CHRIS HOOD**

**MATCH OFFICIALS**

Referee: M. Kidd

Touch: M. Beadle, J. Downham

Reserve Referee: J. Lowery

**THE INSIDE TRACK**

*Can Knights slip-up again? Not likely - York by 18 here*

**LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLWL**

**LAST SIX AWAY: WWW-LLL**

**TRIES: Atkinson (4) Wilson (3)**

**Peers, Neighbour (2)**

**GOALS: Clarke (3)**

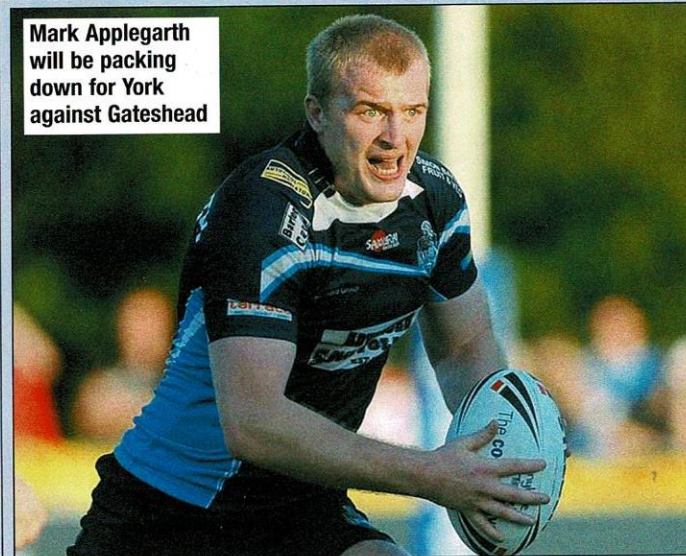
**DROP GOALS: -**

**MAN TO WATCH: Tom Wilson**

**CLUBCALL**

**York v Gateshead**

Mark Applegarth will be packing down for York against Gateshead



## Plenty to do

**Hello and welcome to everyone from Gateshead today for what I believe will be a test of character as much as anything for our team.**

**It's fair to say we have not been playing well and the result at Doncaster highlighted how much work there is to be done.**

**However, I will stick by what I said at the the beginning of the season and say that we have a great bunch of hardworking players here this year and I don't think that has changed.**

**The players are a little low on confidence but hopefully we can correct that over the Easter period and try put some zip back.**

**James Ratcliffe  
Head Coach**

**We cannot dwell too much on last week's inept display. Once you start looking backwards you will start going backwards.**

**There is a lot of hard work over Easter with the players training 3 nights during the week, an Academy game, two first team games and training on Sunday as well, so its fair to say they are putting in the effort.**

**Stick with us and keep cheering and hopefully we can all come through together in the next few weeks.**

A very warm welcome to all sponsors and supporters to what should be a hugely entertaining fixture this afternoon, with an especially warm welcome to today's match sponsors York Lokomotive RLFC.

The Loko's are entering their third year in the RFL Summer Conference, and enjoy a strong relationship with the Knights with former players Tom Dunmore, Andy Gargan, Liam Watling, amongst others having represented both clubs/ They are coached by former York favourite Paul McDermott, who is backed by another sponsor of the Knights in Loko's Chairman Alistair Cole, who through his company ASL have backed Knights star forward Jordan Ross and also enjoy match day Hospitality Packages. We wish York Lokomotive every success and hope they enjoy a feast of rugby this afternoon.

At the time of going to press we have one Hospitality Box available for our Challenge Cup tie against Crusaders, this should be a memorable day, so why not mark the occasion by taking the remaining Box, your day will consist of a pre-match meal for ten people, your own private Hospitality Box, 24 complimentary drinks for you to enjoy, to book the package or to enquire about further opportunities at the Knights simply call me at the Knights office, 01904 641724, and I'll be happy to assist.

Once again, enjoy the afternoon's entertainment.

**Simon Moat, Commercial Manager**

## Gateshead will prove to be tough opposition

Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's Good Friday clash against the Gateshead Thunder and on behalf of everyone at the Knights I would like to welcome their directors, coaching staff, players and supporters to York.

We hope that you enjoy the afternoon. Having met in the Carnegie Challenge Cup this is the second time the two teams have met, and I'm sure that Gateshead will prove to be a tough opposition.

After last week's disappointing performance against Doncaster I'm sure that the players will be keen to put things right, both today and in Monday's trip to Blackpool. A successful Easter period would put us back towards the top of Championship One and I know that everyone is fully focused towards achieving this.

I would also like to remind supporters to pay a visit to a new website that has been set up to promote Bar 13 as the perfect venue for any function or business event. Bar13 provides the club with important income so please recommend it to your family and friends and help support the club.

Our next home game is our eagerly anticipated Carnegie Challenge Cup fourth round tie against Brian Noble's Crusaders. This is the first time that the Knights will play Super League opposition on home soil in a competitive game and we urge the people of York to come along and get behind the players.

Remember Knights junior season ticket holders can get into the match with their season ticket, using voucher B.

Finally the Knights U16s scholarship will soon be starting a six-match series against the cream of Rugby League talent from across the country.

The young Knights have home matches against Castleford, Hull KR and Sheffield in addition to trips to the Bradford Bulls, Huddersfield and Featherstone.

Keep an eye on the Knights' website and Facebook groups for more details. Enjoy the match!

**Ian Wilson  
General Manager**



**We're with  
the Knights!**



# Barrow Raiders v Sheffield Eagles



Monday April 5, 2010. Kick off 3pm. FURNESS HEATING COMPONENTS STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Ged McDermott	Gary Broadbent	1
Nuffield Health	Andy Ballard	2
	Anthony Blackwood	3
BAE Global Combat Systems	Liam Harrison	4
Furness Heating Components	James Nixon	5
Johnston Recruitment	Jamie Rooney	6
	James Coyle	7
RF Miller Accountants	Andy Bracek	8
Carefree Travel	Andy Henderson	9
Advance Roofing	Chris Young	10
Estuary Electrical	Michael Knowles	11
Neil Martin Group	Martin Ostler	12
Premium Solutions	Zeb Luisi	13
Optech Fibres	Ned Catic	14
Trelleborg Engineering	Rob Roberts	15
Saunders Transport	Brett McDermott	16
Ross Estate Agents	Paul Noone	17
Infield Hotel	Liam Campbell	18
Darren Wilson	Nathan Mossop	19
Plastic Man	Danny Halliwell	20
Kev Hodgson	Chris Larkin	21
Plastic Man	Ruairi McGoff	22
	Jamie Butler	23
Tony Bayliff Carpets	Richard Fletcher	24
	Matt James	31
	Jermaine McGilvary	

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### SCORERS

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Pens

DGs

COACH: STEVE McCORMACK

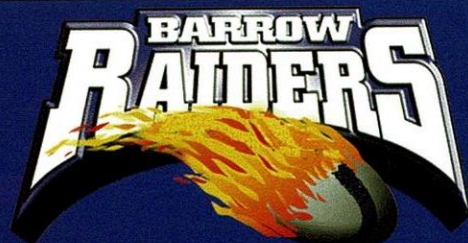
LAST SIX RESULTS: WDWLW  
 LAST SIX HOME: LW-WWL  
 TRIES: Catic, Campbell (6) Ballard  
 (5) Mossop (4)  
 GOALS: Rooney (36) Knowles (7)  
 DROP GOALS: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Liam Campbell

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R. Laughton  
 Touch: T. Crashley, L. Fellows  
 Reserve Referee: L. Todd

### THE INSIDE TRACK

A cracker in store, but a trip too far for Eagles. Raiders by 6



### EXECUTIVE BOXES

- 1: CITY ELECTRICAL FACTORS
- 2: TRELLEBORG ELECTRICAL
- 3: BAe SYSTEMS
- 4: ME SAUNDERS
- 5: NUFFIELD HEALTH
- 6: TONY BAYLIFF
- 7: CAREFREE TRAVEL

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

COACH: MARK ASTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLW-DWL  
 TRIES: Cook, Stringer (7), Ropati (6)  
 Yere (4)  
 GOALS: Stringer (14) Woodcock (9)  
 DROP GOALS: Cook (1)  
 MAN TO WATCH: Mitch Stringer

## CLUBCALL

## Barrow v Sheffield

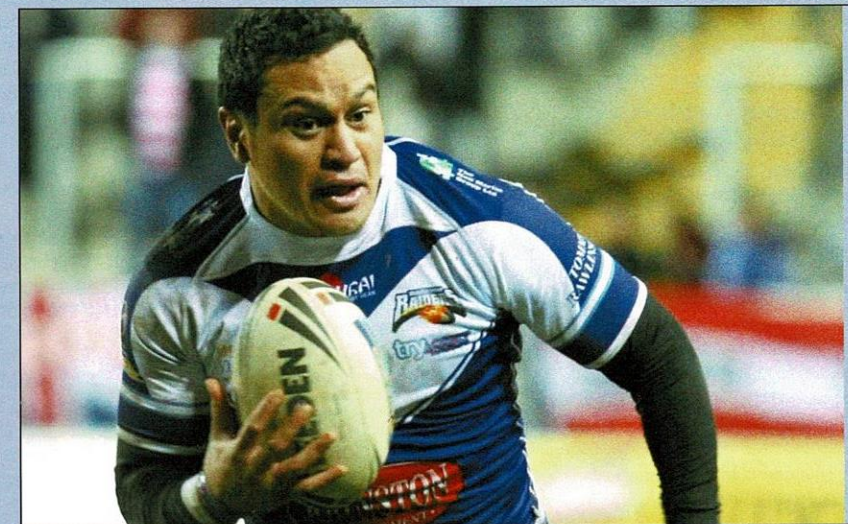
# We need to improve if we want to clip Eagles' wings

Welcome to the Furness Heating Component's Stadium for our last game over Easter.

This weekend is always a difficult time for the players after many games in a short period. However it is always an exciting time and generally throws up some tremendous fixtures. Last Saturday we came away from Toulouse with a well-earned victory. After a pretty even first half I felt the players really upped their effort, desire, composure and skill levels in the second half. Going to Toulouse is always a difficult fixture and to come away with 3 points and a good solid performance was excellent.

I would also like to thank the fans for travelling over to France last week. Your support was magnificent and very much appreciated.

The Easter period starts with a game against Whitehaven. It is a game that we are really looking forward to.



Going to the Recreation Ground is always difficult. To get the 3 points we have to improve on all aspects of play. Our resilience and character will be tested up the coast at Whitehaven.

I would like to welcome Mark Aston, the players, directors and supporters to

Barrow for Monday's game. This will again prove to be a very difficult game for us. Sheffield have added some quality players to the squad over the last few years and have established a strong and capable team. Our squad has been weakened by the injuries to Richard

### Zeb Luisi: lightning fast!

Fletcher (6 weeks) and Chris Young (3 weeks), however the return of Liam Campbell and the 3 new recent additions have meant that we are still in a strong position with regards to selection.

Steve Mack

# That's how to win in Toulouse

Last week saw us travel to Toulouse to try and erase the defeat by a far superior Featherstone Rovers side here in our own back yard.

After the initial exchanges both teams settled and capitalised on each other's mistakes and level pegging at half-time was a correct representation of the encounter.

The golden moment of that first half was Zeb Luisi stepping up to the plate and scoring a try at blistering pace and he got to the line by virtue of selling more dummies than Mothercare did that day.

The second half was a different story. With the introduction of Liam Campbell to the side the Toulouse defence were soon feeling the strain as his pace was starting to have the desired

effect. His partnership with Blackwood was especially good.

As a contrast to the lightning strike by Zeb, Bob Roberts did his own version of a big screen slow-motion break from the 30 metre line.

It only lacked the Chariots of Fire music and it would have been a perfect opening scene for the film.

I have never seen him happier to see that Liam Harrison was on hand to put him out of his misery.

So the win was a timely boost and fully deserved.

I would like to thank the people from Toulouse for a friendly environment and a fantastic weekend.

Prior to the game we found out that a friend of ours who had initially planned on joining us was detained owing to the

passing away of his mother. We were quick to offer our condolences and promised to dedicate the win to her memory.

Well we did win and the dedication was passed on.

Also on the same theme it was very sad to hear of one of my ex-directors, Mr Ken 'Curley' Holmes passing away last week.

Ken was a fervent supporter of the Raiders and was one of the few who have been forced to resign his position due to his age. Today our thoughts are with both families.

Hope you all enjoy the game and see you in the bar afterwards.

Jon Livesey  
 Vice Chairman





# Dewsbury Rams v Keighley Cougars



Monday April 5, 2010. Kick off 3pm. TETLEY'S STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
John & Gwen Sawyer	Lee Lingard	1
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 Stenchion	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
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: LLWLLL  
 LAST SIX HOME: W-LWLLL  
 TRIES: Turner, Spurr (5) Walker (4)  
 Four players on 3  
 GOALS: P Walker (27)  
 DROP GOALS: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Chris Spurr

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	Full back	
	Right Wing	
	Right Centre	
	Left Centre	
	Left Wing	
	Stand off	
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### SCORERS

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

COACH: BARRY EATON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: WW-WLLL  
 TRIES: Presley (5) Belcher, Duffy, Raynor, Jones (3)  
 GOALS: Jones (25)  
 DROP GOALS: Jones (1)  
 MAN TO WATCH: Jonny Presley

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C. Halloran  
 Touch: A. Fossett, M. Leach  
 Reserve Referee: P. Huck

### THE INSIDE TRACK

Eaton will target this as a possible win, but Rams by 6

# ERIC FRANCE

SCRAP METAL MERCHANTS

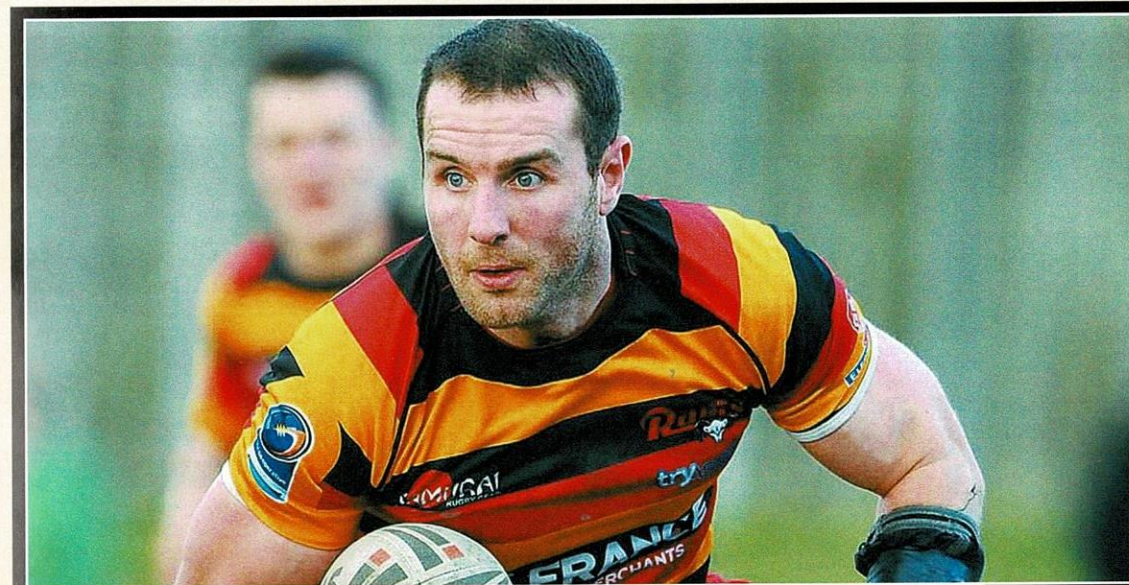
# DEWSBURY RAMS

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## CLUBCALL

## Dewsbury v Keighley

# Clash of promoted rivals



Dewsbury Rams three-quarter Chris Spurr scored a hat-trick of tries against Widnes: no mean feat

For a professional rugby player of any standard I guess Easter isn't one of their favourite times of the year with two games in just four days.

I don't think anyone can over-estimate the effect on the body, especially with many players also having to work at some time as well. I know that Warren will have our players fully focussed today after that superb performance last Sunday so nearly brought us three points against a Widnes side who have formally said that they are now confident of a Super League licence come 2012.

We put together two excellent performances against Keighley last season and both games showed up well on Sky TV. However I'm sure that our former favourite Barry Eaton (a warm welcome to Barry and the team) will be up for revenge this afternoon.

They've already shown that in spite of being deducted points at the beginning of the season they

are a very competitive Championship side and I think it would be a great advert for the work that goes on in Championship 1 if we could both retain our Championship status this season and avoid the 'yo-yo' suffered by so many teams in recent seasons.

Our record of three bonus points in the opening four games may not have included an opening league win of the campaign but it does say that one isn't far away and that our players are - to their credit - now finding their feet in what is without doubt a big leap in



Kane Epati: Rams will miss him on and off the field

playing standards.

Another big leap will of course come in the cup-tie against the Bradford Bulls and I'm pleased to say that this is now looking odds-on to be a sell-out crowd which would be a first for the club before but to have a sell-out attendance would be something special for both the team and our fans (and also our finances!).

Rams fans without a ticket need to get their skates on. With warmer weather hopefully on the horizon we expect our Sunday car boot

sale to go from strength to strength. The place is usually buzzing on a Sunday morning.

We're also looking to develop one or two alternative non rugby events to open up the use of the stadium and hopefully we'll be able to announce details soon. The Easter Try Time Camp is running during the school holiday and there will be similar events at other holiday periods. The Easter event has been a little bit different in that the RFL have also promoted it through their electronic mailing lists and we appreciate the support they have given us.

On the subject of coaching camps it was disappointing not to secure the return of Kane Epati. Kane did a lot of good work around the club and we felt he would have had a good season in the Championship. We wish him well for the future.

Mark Sawyer  
Chairman

# Halifax RLFC v

# Toulouse Olympique



Monday April 5, 2010. Kick off 6pm. THE SHAY

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

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<b>Pens</b>
<b>DGs</b>

COACH: MATT CALLAND

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLL  
 LAST SIX HOME: WW-WWLL  
 TRIES: Royston (9) Worrincy (8)  
 Branighan (7)  
 GOALS: Paterson (41)  
 DROP GOALS: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Shad Royston

**MATCH OFFICIALS**

Referee: P. Brooke  
 Touch: P. Ward, R. Webb  
 Reserve Referee: D. McNeice

**THE INSIDE TRACK**

Quick turnaround for Toulouse - Fax with a win by 10

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Rory Bromley	Copy Sud
2	Sebastien Payan	Bugbusters
3	Sebastien Planas	André Raynal - Déménagements
4	Vincent Duport	Groupe Cailleau
5	Carlos Mendes Varela	Gallego
6	Constant Villegas	Prosegur
7	Nathan Wynn	ICA Patrimoine
8	Brendan Worth	Transports Sarrazain
9	Martin Mitchell	Renault Etats-Unis
10	Matthieu Griffi	Ermes Prestations
11	Timothy Wynn	Océanis
12	Simon Worrall	Siemex
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	Yoan Tisseyre	La Mutuelle du rempart
19	Romain Mencarini	IPS Publicité
20	Bruno Ormeno	La Dépêche du Midi
21	Nicolas Faure	bonsplan31.com
22	Clement Bienes	Bourdarios
23	Kevin Larroyer	Errea
24	Andrei Olari	Cimpa
25	Teli Pelo	Hôtel Latitudes Golf de Seilh
	Yohann Gigord	Clear Channel
	Mourad Kriouache	IFB
	Cyril Moliner	Sporting Finances
	Antoine Reveillon	Paru vendu
	Jocelyn Vauvelle	Citroën Etats-Unis
	Geoffrey Zava	Equalliance

COACH: GILLES DUMAS

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-WWLLW  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LWLL-WL  
 TRIES: Bromley, Planas (5)  
 GOALS: N. Wynn (15)  
 DROP GOALS: N. Wynn (1)  
 MAN TO WATCH: Cedric Gay

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## CLUBCALL

## Halifax RLFC v Toulouse

# Fax launch new era and hit banana skin



The Leigh defence close in on Dominic Maloney during the reversal last week at The Shay

## Confidence needs to be restored

There was a certain irony in Leigh's comprehensive victory here at The Shay last weekend.

As I wrote then, for Halifax RLFC, this was the start of a new era. All the fuss, publicity and downright hard work behind the scenes invited a banana skin on the field, and it arrived. In just the same way 10 days previously Halifax had taken the gloss off Widnes' Super League launch.

No-one can deny that

there is, suddenly, a lack of confidence within the team, and that is reflected by nervousness amongst the supporters.

That nervousness will be amplified threefold with three matches in the Easter period.

This piece will be read in Halifax after the first of those, against the form team of the moment, Featherstone Rovers.

I'm not speculating on the result of that match!

Last season we welcomed Toulouse in Round 22 with our league position assured, and something of a party atmosphere.

Regardless of what has happened at Post Office Road, Easter Monday will be different. Toulouse of 2010 appear more competitive than last season, and the league itself has plainly stepped up a gear.

Here at Halifax we believe we have the players to challenge throughout the

season. You wouldn't have thought so, last week, and the onus is on the team to re-establish their tattered reputations.

We extend a warm welcome to Toulouse Olympique, their directors, supporters, players and staff. I hope they enjoy their day, but not too much!

Enjoy the match.

**Michael Steele**  
 Chairman

# Leigh Centurions v Batley Bulldogs



Monday April 5, 2010. Kick off 7pm. LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE

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

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

COACH: IAN MILLWARD

COACH: KARL HARRISON

LAST SIX RESULTS: DWWWWW  
 LAST SIX HOME: W-WWDWW  
 TRIES: Alstead, Nany (8) Donlan, Maden, Maden (4)  
 GOALS: Nany (33)  
 DROP GOALS: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Robbie Paul

**MATCH OFFICIALS**  
 Referee: G. Hewer  
 Touch: S. Mikalauskas, P. Wharton  
 Reserve Referee: T. Mahar

**THE INSIDE TRACK**  
 Will French trip have tired Leigh? Not enough  
 - Basil's boys by 6

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLWW  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LW-WLWW  
 TRIES: Campbell (14) Preece (6)  
 Greenwood, Moore (5)  
 GOALS: Moore (51)  
 DROP GOALS: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Gareth Moore

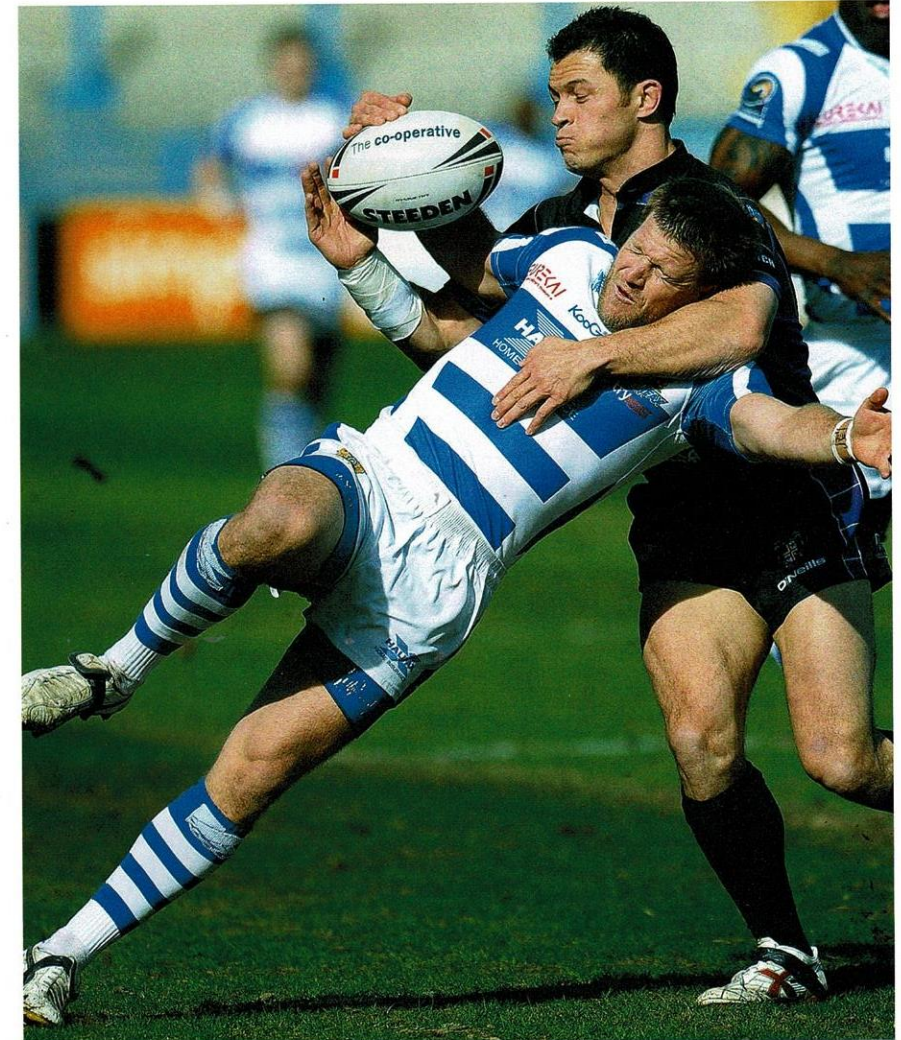
Supporting the Centurions...



## CLUBCALL

## Leigh v Batley

**BIG RESULT:** Leigh's Robbie Paul got the best of this particular battle with Halifax's Ben Black as the Centurions ran out convincing winners



## Everyone's a winner here

Good evening and welcome to our Co-operative Championship Bank Holiday Monday fixture against Batley Bulldogs or "The Gallant Youths."

I am writing this programme piece before the Halifax and Toulouse games, because of time restraints, due to the Bank Holiday weekend.

Over the years there has been a lot of history between the Batley club and us: Leythers Terry Gorman, Tommy Martyn Snr and Stan Gittens were all class acts at Mount Pleasant. Terry was the player coach and it was the first pro club for Tommy and Stan. Stan enjoyed Great Britain under 24 honours whilst at Batley and, had a serious shoulder injury not ended his career early, he was destined for bigger and better things.

Tommy's career is well documented with us, as he was a firm favourite at Hilton Park, after moving from Batley to Leigh, and then later at Warrington, where he achieved Great Britain status. He is now in Leigh past players' Hall of Fame.

We fully expect a committed Batley today, because their coach Karl Harrison demands nothing else. Karl played alongside Paul at Halifax and I can tell you, if I was a diminutive number nine, I couldn't wish for anyone better to look after me! Karl himself was a Great Britain prop forward and, as a player he was uncompromising and never took a backward step, and therefore expects no less from his players. Ian Millward on the other hand, is as technically astute a coach as there is, and his attention to detail for his video sessions with the lads, is spot on.

He too can be just as uncompromising as Karl, when it comes to sticking to the game plan.

Basically we should be in for a cracker and Rugby League is the winner.

Enjoy the game,

**Allan Rowley**  
 Chief Executive

# Widnes Vikings v



# Whitehaven RLFC



Monday April 5, 2010. Kick off 3pm. STOBART STADIUM, HALTON

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

COACH: PAUL CULLEN

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLW  
 LAST SIX HOME: L-WWWWL  
 TRIES: Thackeray (8) Grady (7)  
 Gardner, Coyle (5)  
 GOALS: Grady (48)  
 DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Anthony Thackeray

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### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J. Leahy  
 Touch: J. Cross, R. Dolan  
 Reserve Referee: T. Owen

### THE INSIDE TRACK

Rested Widnes will have too much energy - Vikings by 10

No.	PLAYER
1	Craig Benson
2	Craig Calvert
3	Rob Jackson
4	Scott McAvoy
5	Derry Eilbeck
6	Carl Rudd
7	Leroy Joe
8	Marc Jackson
9	Graeme Mattinson
10	David Ford
11	Howard Hill
12	Spencer Miller
13	Mick Govin
14	Dylan Skee
15	Reece Fox
16	Andy Gorski
17	Andy Thornley
18	John Patrick
19	Dexter Miller
20	Soni Radovanovic
21	Chris Smith
22	Richard Farrer
23	Stephen Fox
24	Ryan MacDonald

COACH: GED STOKES

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWLL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LL-LWLL  
 TRIES: Eilbeck, Fox (5) Calvert, Sice (4)  
 GOALS: Rudd (24) Skee (6)  
 DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Derry Eilbeck



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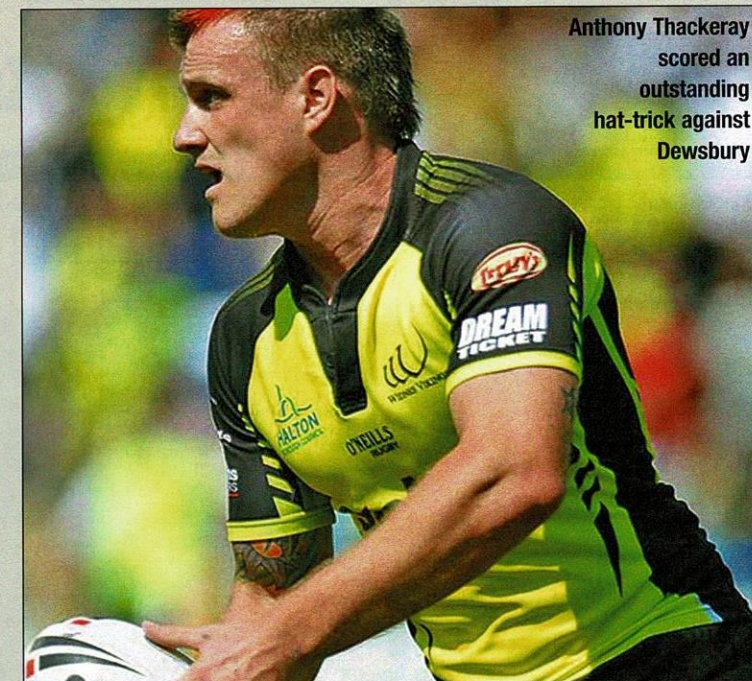
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## CLUBCALL

## Widnes v Whitehaven

# Injuries testify to tough matches



Anthony Thackeray scored an outstanding hat-trick against Dewsbury

Good afternoon and welcome to everyone for today's clash with Whitehaven.

We played a very tough and competitive game against Halifax, nowhere near full strength and unfortunately picked up a whole host of serious injuries, getting knocked about a fair bit in the process too, so it turned out to be a very expensive night for us overall.

The bonus point we achieved under the circumstances was remarkable.

This meant it was a tough week in the build-up to the Dewsbury game and we found ourselves in a situation where we had to circle the wagons and look after ourselves as a club, given the fact we were so thin on the ground when it came to playing personnel, so actually fielding a seven-teen-man team for the game itself was quite an achievement.

On the back of a very successful 2009, Dewsbury Rams haven't had the easiest of transitions into the Co-operative Championship thus far and we knew only too well that they'd be looking for blood, so we were doubly determined that it wouldn't be our

Welcome to the players, staff and fans of Whitehaven for what promises to be yet another hard fought encounter between our teams. Last year's televised play-off match was one of the most exciting games of the season - especially for the Vikings, as they managed to overhaul a 14 point deficit and progress.

My abiding memory of that evening was the good grace shown by the visiting directors and their coach, despite their obvious disappointment at their season coming to an end.

We have lost too many games for our liking over the past couple of seasons, but this has given us the opportunity to practice those sincere handshakes, smile and lose with a bit of dignity. Anyone can be a good winner, being a good loser is much harder.

When Paul recently congratulated Halifax on their narrow victory here, even I believed him! Inside he may have been cursing his luck that one thing or another didn't go in his favour - but as

scalp they claimed last weekend.

I have to admit that I didn't know too much about Dewsbury's pack of forwards before the game, but I certainly know a lot more about them now.

They attempted to smash us up the middle of the field and they put a lot of honest effort into the game and looked to exploit some weaknesses in our ranks throughout the entire eighty minutes which obviously made it a tough afternoon's work.

The bumps and bruises we collected bear witness to that, so I'm delighted that we came away with the three points.

Going into the game, we had seven senior players unavailable for selection: Ford, Gaskell, Dean, Pickersgill, Haggerty, Farrell and Allen, so to lose James Webster after fifteen minutes

was a blow and to then lose his replacement, Thomas Coyle, moments later was very difficult to overcome, but we are satisfied that the players coped with such adversity.

Let's not kid ourselves here, life in the Championship is tough and you've just got to deal with this type of thing.

By the same token, with so many injuries, it's important that you also make the most of your recovery time between games, so we've certainly welcomed this eight day period leading up to today's game against Whitehaven.

In this division, every single week brings with it another tough challenge and we're under no illusion that today will be prove to be any different.

**Paul Cullen**  
Head Coach

they say, things will average out over a season and we got 3 points at Dewsbury, which could have gone either way.

Sadly, the pressure from fans to win every game sometimes causes momentary lapses in the etiquette of graceful losing. The cries of "get 'em on side" and "forward" whenever the opposition have the ball - and even worse the implication that an adverse penalty count is somehow evidence that the referee is biased, are more commonly being heard as we lurch from one high scoring thriller to the next. The referees operate in good faith - fans and coaches alike should learn to let go and move on.

My hope is that the Whitehaven directors are ready with those losing handshakes and kind sentiments again! If the unthinkable happens, rest assured we will do the right thing.

ALEX BONNEY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

# Blackpool Panthers v York City Knights



Monday April 5, 2010. Kick off 3pm. WOODLANDS MEMORIAL GROUND

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Sue Walford	Jonny Leather	1
Derek Way Roofing	Damien Munro	2
TLC UPVC Double Glazing	Casey Mayberry	3
John Barlow - Timekeeper	Mark McCully	4
Norris & Oxley	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
Morris's Quality Bakers	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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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 Heard
14	Ian Bell	Stabler International
15	Luke Hardbottle	North Yorkshire Motors
16	Carl Barrow	
17	Nathan Freer	Monk Bar Model Shop
18	Matthew Duckworth	
19	Kris Peacock	
20	Chris Williams	Clare & Steve Harbron
21	Aidie Hampshire	
22	Tom Stancliffe	
23	Luke Helliwell	
24	Dan Walton	
25	Brett Waller	Hull Resin Floors
	Casey Bromilow	Balls'n All
	Jon Fallon	Pam & Martin Calvert
	Joe Dey	John Barron Plastering
	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	

COACH: JAMES RATCLIFFE

COACH: MARTIN CROMPTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWWW

LAST SIX HOME: LL-LWWW

TRIES: Munro (10) Mayberry, Keavney (6)

GOALS: Hemingway (30)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Damien Munro

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C. Sharrad

Touch: S. Johnson, C. Waywell

Reserve Referee: B. Logan

### THE INSIDE TRACK

Two teams fancying promotion but Knights not travelling well. Panthers by 6

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWL

LAST SIX AWAY: L-LWWWL

TRIES: Waterman (12) Ratcliffe, Waller, McLocklan (4)

GOALS: Waterman (33)

DROP GOALS: Thorman (2)

MAN TO WATCH: Lee Waterman

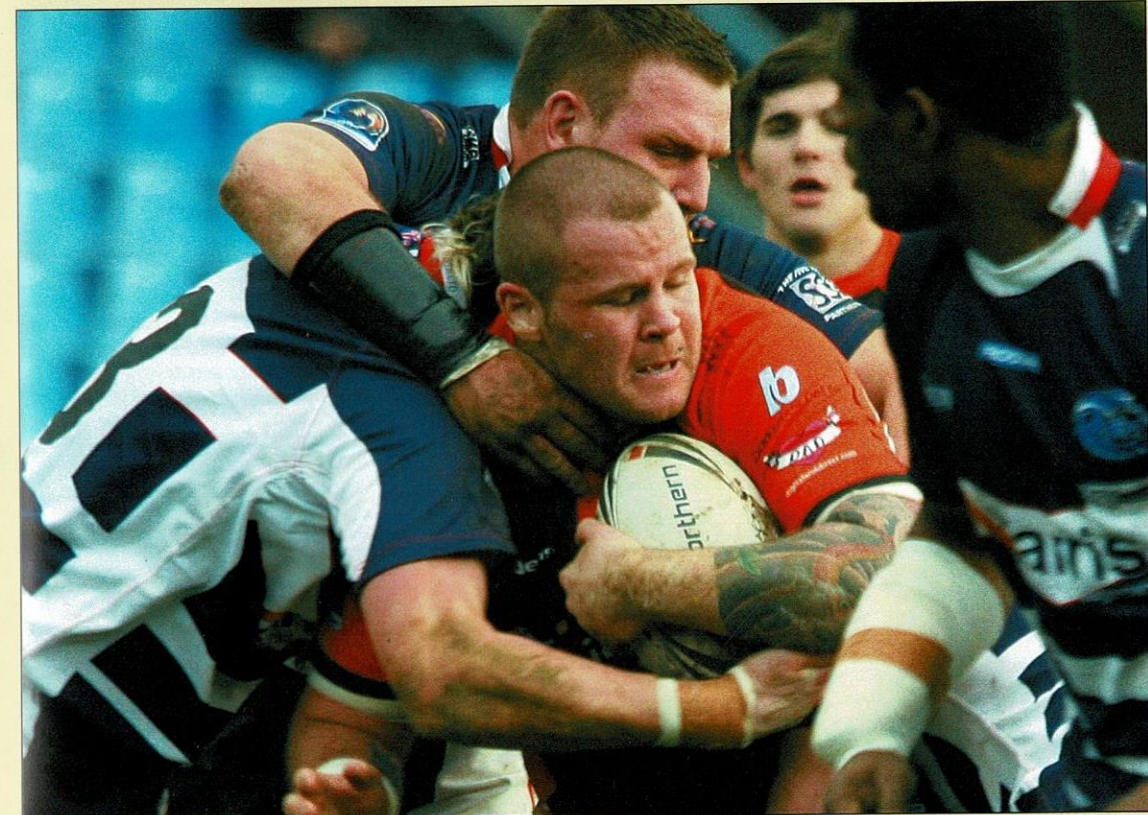
## Northern Rail 9s Winners 2009



## CLUBCALL

## Blackpool v York

# Best display yet from the Panthers



Panthers prop Dave Best - in the centre of the action - will take some stopping in today's tussle with York City Knights

Hello and Happy Easter to all our supporters and the players, staff, board members and supporters associated with York.

Well what a fantastic performance and result for the boys against Swinton last week.

I can honestly say that's the best performance that I've been involved in whilst I've been in charge at Blackpool.

All the 17 involved were on top of their game and it was a delight to watch against a very experienced Swinton team. Some of the tries we scored and the style of rugby we played were breathtaking at times and that's the level we want to pro-

duce on a regular basis.

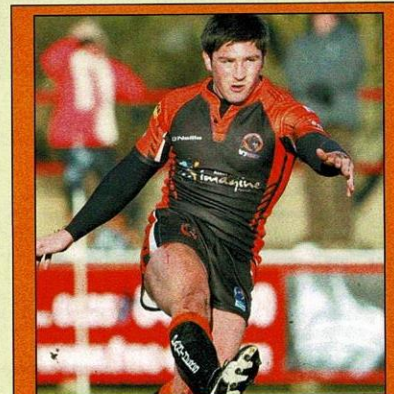
Going on to today's game against York gives us another big test.

Chris Thorman is a big player for York and we'll certainly have to be on our guard today.

I'm sure Chris could and should be playing in Super League and I'm sure the York players will benefit over the season with him in the team.

Once again thank you for your continued support during the season and also today's match sponsors, Barksdale Bell LLP. Hope you all have a great afternoon!

**Martin Crompton**  
Head Coach



Martin Keavney will hope for a run out



# Doncaster RLFC v London Skolars



Monday April 5, 2010. Kick off 3pm. THE KEEPMOAT STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
	Tommy Griffiths	1
	Aaron Henry	2
Sue Walford.....	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	
	Danny Allan	
	Nick Cooper	

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No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Joshua Welsh	
2	Dave Amot	
3	Matt Thomas	
4	Jason Cook.....	Code XIII Sports Media
5	Austen Aggrey.....	Alan Greenwood
6	Jermaine Coleman	
7	Paul Thorman	
8	Liam Roach.....	Lanes Coaches
9	Gareth Honor	
10	Tony Williams	
11	Oliver Purslow	
12	Matthew Carter	
13	Stephen Ball	
14	Luke May.....	Code XIII Sports Media
15	Oliver Fountain	
16		
17	Chad Isles.....	One Personal Training
18	James Simon	
19	Liam Prescott	
20	David Williams.....	Woodlands PH
21	Jamie O'Callaghan	
22	Curtis Cunningham.....	Canavan Builders
23	Olu Iwenofu	
24	Lamont Bryan.....	Stag Sports
25	Smokie Junor.....	Optimal Life Fitness
28	Ben Jones.....	Woodlands PH
	Ade Adebisi.....	Ann & Steven Morgan

COACH: JAMES MASSARA

COACH: TONY MILLER

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL  
 LAST SIX HOME: LL-LLLW  
 TRIES: Gomersall (4) Ely, Wilson, Edwards (3)  
 GOALS: S. Brown (8)  
 DROP GOALS: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Simon Brown

**MATCH OFFICIALS**  
 Referee: D. Merrick  
 Touch: B. Leze, J. Lowery  
 Reserve Referee: C. Dean

**THE INSIDE TRACK**  
*Dons to double their points tally - Miller's men by a dozen*

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLLLLL  
 TRIES: Thomas (3) Cunningham (2)  
 GOALS: Thorman (8)  
 DROP GOALS: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Matt Thomas

## CLUBCALL

## Doncaster v Skolars

# We finally got the monkey off our backs

Carl Hall  
Chief Executive Officer

I WOULD like to welcome James Massara and the London Skolars to the Keepmoat today. I hope you all have a safe journey back down to London after the game.

We'll we have finally got the monkey off our backs with the win against York which was well deserved.

I'm really made up for the lads as they have been working real hard, so I must give Tony and his backroom staff a big pat on the back for this. We all knew it was coming, after the game against Blackpool where Andy Hobson roughed a few of the young boys about. I think he brought a bit of the man out of the boy so we thank him for this, which I spoke to my mate Martin Crompton about.

One thing we have said all along here at Doncaster is we are going to, and are prepared to, do it tough. But when we win we all win together.

We are not getting carried away as we will have some more pain, I'm sure, as the season goes along.

So we all enjoyed Sunday after York - then it was back to reality on Monday morning.

I would like to thank Mark Aston for agreeing to let us keep Kyle Kesik on as he has started to settle in nicely. Mark has said we can keep Kyle with us and won't call him back unless he needs him for their first team, which we are fine with. As he said Kyle needs to be playing regular rugby. It's much appreciated Tubbs and won't be forgotten.

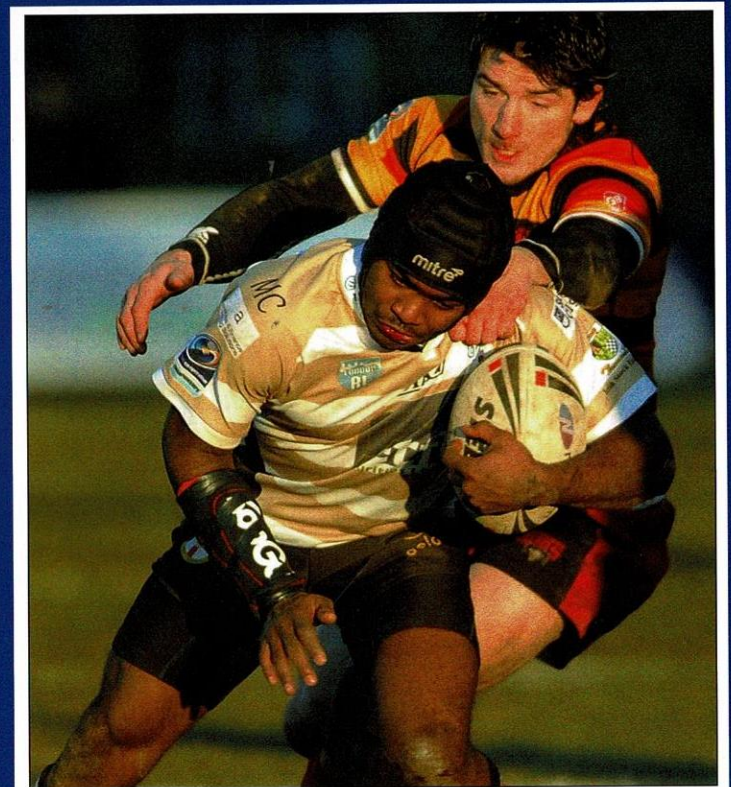
To the fans, thanks for being so vocal against York. The boys really need this from you as they have all told me it does make a difference and spurs them on so keep the noise up. Please also drag your neighbours, friends, family members, to the next game as we are starting to play some entertaining stuff.

I think the performance against York is one I would be proud of.

Quote: "If You Sacrifice Early, You'll Win Late"

"COME ON U DONS."

Carl



Skolars' Lamont Bryan is one of their danger men

A warm welcome to London players and officials for today's encounter.

I would first like to thank all the players, coaches and backroom staff at the club who have all been working really hard to change our fortunes.

I am a great believer in the attitude of 'the harder you work the more luck you receive'.

We have all been working hard and hopefully will start to have a bit more luck than we started the season with.

We are getting the numbers back from injury and have competition for places which we didn't have previously. Against Blackpool I had the opportunity to make changes from the Swinton game and have a look at

some of the players in the squad who have not had much game time and players coming back from injury as well as a couple of trialists.

I thought there was some good performances, Danny Stanley and Aaron Henry in particular caught the eye.

Against York I thought all 17 players were magnificent. We outplayed them from 1 to 17 and should gain a lot of confidence from this. The York game has now gone. We must carry on improving each week. If we do this then we are capable of beating anyone in our league. Enjoy the game.

Tony Miller  
Head Coach



# Oldham RLFC v Workington Town



Monday April 5, 2010. Kick off 3pm. Sedgley Park

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

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

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**COACH: TONY BENSON**

**LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLWWW**

**LAST SIX HOME: LWW-WLW**

**TRIES: Onyango (6) Chandler (5)**

**Fogerty, O'Connor, Brocklehurst (4)**

**GOALS: Ashe (25)**

**DROP GOALS: -**

**MAN TO WATCH: Matty Ashe**

### SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: T. Roby

Touch: N. Aspey, M. Hague

Reserve Referee: W. Johnstone

### THE INSIDE TRACK

Homeless or not, Oldham look tough. Roughyeds by 12

**COACHES: GARY CHARLTON & MARTIN OGLANBY**

**LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWL--**

**LAST SIX AWAY: L-WLLL**

**TRIES: Backhouse (5) Kaighan, Beattie, Low (4)**

**GOALS: Kaighan (32)**

**DROP GOALS: -**

**MAN TO WATCH: Mike Backhouse**

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## CLUBCALL

## Oldham v Workington

# Benefits from our break...

Welcome to what almost seems like a second start to the season after the two week-ends off playing.

The forced break can be good and bad for a team, on one side we had worked hard in the off season and got ourselves to the point of being quite useful as a team and were improving week on week.

The worry is always that you may lose a bit of match fitness and cohesion.

But the time can be very valuable. Over the last two weeks we have been able to heal most of the niggly injuries the players would otherwise carry.

We have increased our fitness work and we have also been able to take a step back in some weaker areas of our game, break them down and build again.

We are very fortunate to have a very strong reserve grade squad who we work closely with in realistic

opposed sessions...sometimes too realistic.

John Hough has done a fantastic job with our reserve squad.

The obvious results are our leading lights in Ben Heaton, Chris Clarke and most recently Scotty Mansfield making the step up.

I take my hat off to John also for lifting the bar even higher this season with a pre-season fitness program to rival any first team in the

championship.

Our squad are very well prepared and I expect a big season from them and plenty more worthy First grade debuts.

Finally may I offer a warm Roughyed welcome to our guests from Workington.

Based on their results to date I'm sure we are in for a real thriller.

**Tony Benson**  
Head Coach

# No team will dominate the championship this season

Welcome to Sedgley Park for this Bank Holiday fixture against Workington Town.

I hope that by the time you reading this there will have been positive news about our plans for the future in relation to a home for the club.

In the meantime we get back to playing today for the second game in four days after having had nearly three weeks with no game due to our ongoing ground problems and our turn for a blank weekend.

Regardless of what happened at Rochdale on Good Friday the Championship One results to date have already thrown up several surprises from what the so-called experts predicted before the start of the season and it's clear already that no one team will run away with the division.

After we had won our first two games - albeit against teams who were more fancied than us to be challenging for honours this season there was an immediate "this is our year" feeling amongst fans and journalists.

We have to be careful, however, that we don't let our emotions run away with us and nobody within the club has made any statements that this season we want promotion or anything approaching something like that.

We have to remember that as recently as November last year it was by no means certain that we would even have a club and the main focus has therefore been to rebuild the club and stabilise it.

That has entailed an unbelievable amount of work and a very loyal and dedicated group of staff and volunteers and it is an ongoing



Workington's Andrew Beattie will be one of their danger men today

job. The building of a team is one part of that process and nobody can deny that we have a group of players committed to the cause and who have already shown that they are prepared to roll up their sleeves and work hard.

We have stated well and will continue to progress both on and off the field throughout the next few months. And if we achieve any kind of success it will be thoroughly deserved. But there is no pressure whatsoever on the coach or players in that respect.

Our opponents today, Workington, have also been through the mill over the past few seasons and are themselves

doing it tough. They too have a group of people led by chairman Dave Bowden who are prepared to cop some flak in order to make sure they get things right and good luck to them.

Their results demonstrate that they will be no mugs and as usual they have some giants in their squad.

Good luck and once again thank you to our fans for their support, please get behind your team.

**Chris Hamilton**  
Chairman



# South Wales Scorpions v Hunslet Hawks



Monday April 5, 2010. Kick off 2pm. THE GNOLL

PLAYER	No.
Craig Richards	1
David James	2
Lee Williams	3
Stephen Ireland	4
Ashley Bateman	5
Loz Wildbore	6
Steve Parry	7
Lewis Mills	8
Shaun Owens	9
Gil Dudson	10
Christian Roets	11
Neil Dallimore	12
Aled James	13
Jamie Murphy	14
Andrew Gay	15
Joe Burke	16
Barrie Phillips	17
Matt Hutchings	18
Lewis Reece	19
Sam Studley	21
Ben Flower (loan)	22
Alan Pope	23
Paul Boden	24
Jamie Tibbs	26
Dalton Grant	27
Loren Quick	28
Harri Greville	29
Garrick Legge	30
(loan) Anthony Blackwood	32
Lloyd White	33

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### SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

COACH: ANTHONY SEIBOLD

LAST SIX RESULTS: -WWL-

LAST SIX HOME: -W

TRIES: Parry (4) Williams, Dudson, White, Roets (2)

GOALS: White (14) A. James (3)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Lloyd White

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M. Kidd

Touch: I. Curzon, D. Tindall

Reserve Referee: J. Downham

### THE INSIDE TRACK

A tester for Scorpions - March's men to steal points by 4

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

COACH: PAUL MARCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLWW

LAST SIX AWAY: LWL-WWW

TRIES: McHugh (7) Clayton (6) Mark (5)

GOALS: McHugh (23) Knight (9)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: David Clayton



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## CLUBCALL

## Scorpions v Hunslet

# Scorpions facing an 'in-form' side

As a group and as a club we have come a long way in a very short time and we have steadily improved as a team in recent weeks.

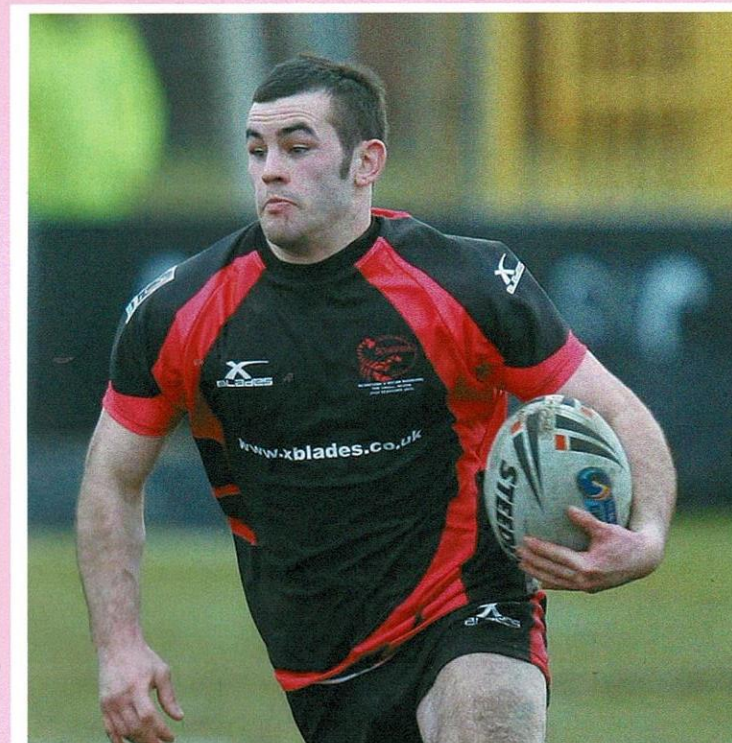
We are certainly not getting ahead of ourselves and know that in the upcoming three games against Hunslet and Oldham at home and Swinton away that we will get a far more real indication of where we need to improve as a group of players and coaching staff and where we are situated going forward in this competition.

Due to a number of teams such as Oldham, Blackpool and Hunslet having played less matches than ourselves and other teams, the league table is very much false at the minute and in no way have we or will we respond to how the current table reads. It is not a real indication of where we are as a team and only after 20 rounds can anything be read into league tables etc. Our goal has not and will not change from the first day I walked into this job and stated my aims to Phil Davies and Mark Rowley.

Our team goal is to win five competition games in 2010 and we have not achieved this as it stands. We welcome the in-form Hunslet Hawks to the Gnoll, in Neath and we know what challenge awaits. This really is going to be a game where we can benchmark ourselves against the in-form team of the competition. This will be by far our biggest challenge in 2010 to date as Hunslet have been in 'red hot' form recently and their win away in the Northern Rail Cup game over Championship high fliers Halifax to qualify for the quarter-finals shows why they are considered so rightly as one of the favourites for the Championship One competition.

They have much Super League and international experience in their ranks led by the March brothers in David and Paul, Tommy Haughey and Waine Pryce and current internationals in Scottish rep, Neil Lowe and PNG Kumuls in Michael Mark and Nicko Slain.

Richard Chapman has been the leading hooker in the lower divisions for much of the past decade and play-



Scorpions half-back Steve Parry has six Championship tries to his credit

ers like Darren Robinson, Adam Sullivan, Steve Dooler, Stuart Kain and James Houston have ample experience of the higher levels of the game.

This game will give us a very real indication of where we are at in our development as a brand new team and we hope that we can be competitive and give Hunslet a game worthy of the long distance they have had to travel to South Wales.

We need all the support that you can muster to give our guys a lift against a very experienced and competent Championship One team.

One of the benefits of being at a new club with a very supportive chairman and board is that we are able to implement some competent and strong structures and systems off the field from day one. What we do away from the pitch is far more important in 2010

than what we do on the pitch and the support systems we put in place for the staff and players to develop at their own pace is most important.

There can be no quick fix or short cuts to success or long term survival. Things such as training venues, physical development of players, travel plans for the many long away trips, development of younger players and the sustainability of these things will give this club the greatest chance to succeed long term.

We have had a sound start on and off the pitch thus far, but our focus and endeavour to work hard needs to remain if we are going to be competitive this year and in the years to come.

Anthony Seibold  
Head Coach



# XIII



Do you know your stuff?

# QUESTIONS

- 1) Which two teams played in the inaugural Challenge Cup final in 1897?
- 2) Who won that match – and who did they beat the following year to retain the Cup?
- 3) Which two teams played in the first Wembley Challenge Cup Final in 1929?
- 4) Keighley stand-off Jonny Presley has played for which two Championship clubs previously?
- 5) Who was the top try scorer in the former National Leagues in 2008?
- 6) In which decade was Workington Town formed?
- 7) Which two grounds did Hunslet play at between their old Parkside home and the South Leeds Stadium?
- 8) What was Swinton Lions' original name?
- 9) In which year were the London Skolars founded?
- 10) Which former Halifax coach also coached Wigan and Leeds?
- 11) Which rugby union team do the South Wales Scorpions groundshare with?
- 12) In between Bobbie Goulding's two spells as Rochdale coach, who were the two men to take charge?
- 13) The Law Cup, played for by Oldham and Rochdale, was originally known as what?



q12

1) Batley and St Helens. 2) Batley, 10-3, then Bradford 7-0. 3) Wigan 13 Dewsbury 2. 4) Featherstone and Sheffield. 5) Barrow's James Nixon with 35 in all competitions. 6) 1944. 7) Elland Road - Leeds and the Elland Road Greyhound Stadium. 8) Swinton. 9) Pendlebury FC. 9) 1995. 10) Maurice Bamford. 11) Neath. 12) Darren Abram and Shaun garland. 13) The Infirmaries Cup.

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## NEWSROUND-UP



**Matt King (left) and Dave O'Connor - both helped by the RLBF**



### You can 'Try Assist' Rugby League's heroes

FANS at games over the Easter weekend are being given leaflets to sign up for a fantastic cause – the RFL's very own 'Try Assist' charity which aids seriously injured players.

Costing just £18 a year – the average price of admission to an Engage Super League game – the scheme will support a charity which continues to offer invaluable assistance, both financial and practical, to players who have suffered serious injury. Donors signing up in the first year will receive a Try Assist T-shirt.

Tim Adams, Chairman of the Benevolent Fund, explained: "We hope to attract enough members to secure the ongoing sustainability of the Fund for years to come.

"We are reliant on the family of Rugby League to support the scheme, either individually or as a club.

"The RFL Benevolent Fund, often behind the scenes, provides seriously injured players with a host of essential services including educational retraining, lifestyle guidance and social

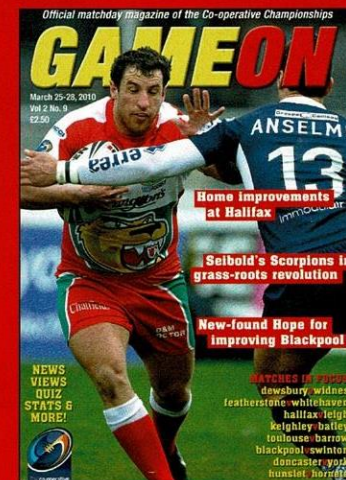
networking." Co-operative Championship clubs recently pledged their marketing and PR support for the Benevolent Fund by featuring the Try Assist logo on all first team playing jerseys.

Rugby League supporters who would like to enrol as a "Friend of the RFL Benevolent Fund" should contact RFL Benevolent Fund General Manager Steve Ball via steve.ball@rflbenevolentfund.co.uk or through their local professional club.

The fund helps players in different ways – Matt King got a first class honours degree in law from the University of Hertfordshire after the Benevolent Fund paid Matt's tuition fees. He was seriously injured playing for London Broncos Academy in 2005. Dave O'Connor meanwhile got an adapted vehicle which the RLBF paid for. Dave, twice the BARLA Player of the Year, was seriously injured while playing for BARLA on international duty.

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# Fax left stunned by rampaging Leigh

LEIGH fans will be looking forward to a happy Easter after the Centurions produced a big result at Championship rivals Halifax.

The 48-10 defeat at the Shay sent the Fax down into fourth place in the league with Ian Millward's team replacing them in second spot.

Is there a Millward effect at Leigh? Well the Centurions coach did say: "The majority of the guys out there were part of the squad that finished the second half of last season so it's pleasing to see them develop into better players."

Halifax boss Matt Calland didn't mince his words about the team's performance as they conceded eight tries. "We were a long way from where we want to be."

Featherstone Rovers made it four out of four in the com-



petition with a comprehensive 54-18 home win over Whitehaven.

Kyle Briggs continued his great form with three tries and seven goals. Rovers got off to a flyer with a try from Stuart Dickens – his 50th for the club – in the second minute and made the game safe as they punished poor Haven defending to lead 32-12 at the break.

Coach Daryl Powell was happy – well sort of – saying his team looked "very good" at times but let their standards fall, adding "we need to improve".

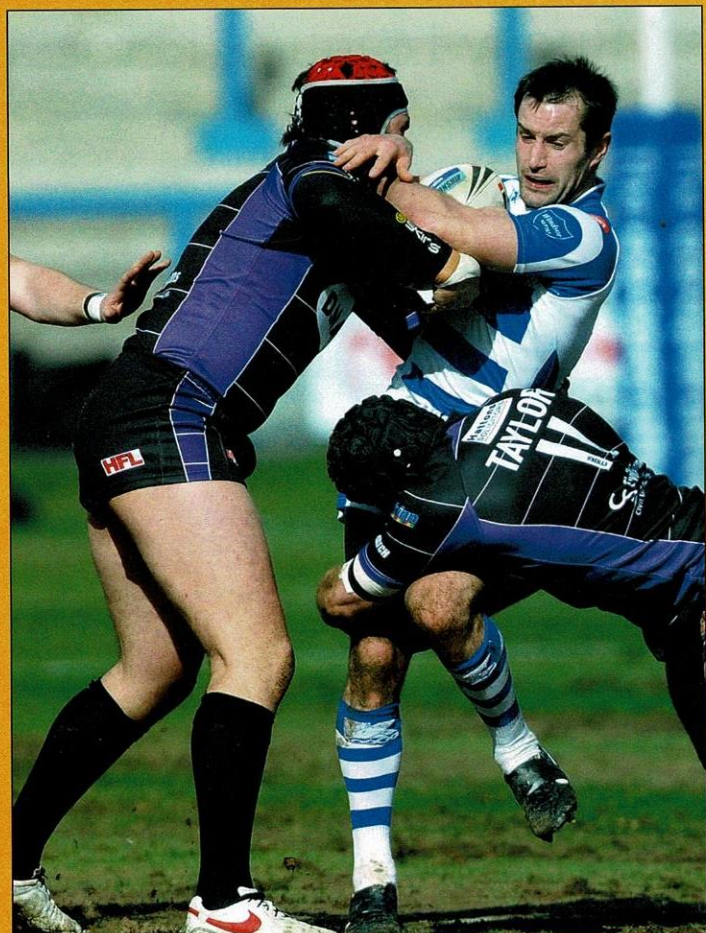
Big results for Leigh and Rovers but if your taste is for cliffhangers then the Tetley Stadium was the place to be. The Rams seemed to be heading for their first win until the final seven minutes when Widnes's Anthony Thackeray scored two tries to complete his hat-trick and a 36-30 win for the Vikings.

Rams' near neighbours Batley Bulldogs took the honours in Thursday night's Sky Sports game with a 22-12 win at Keighley Cougars.

Some people pay for mud treatments – but maybe not the mud they have at Cougar Park. The kit man will have earned his money this week. Paul Handforth rose above the conditions with some precision kicking as the Dogs scored four tries to Keighley's two.

Barrow Raiders have made a stuttering start to the season but it seems a trip to France is what you need.

The Raiders went to Toulouse Olympique



Nowhere to go for Fax's Bob Beswick in the shock defeat by Leigh

## COMING UP...

...Cumbrian pride and vital points are on the line when Whitehaven entertain Barrow Raiders in front of the Sky cameras on Thursday evening.

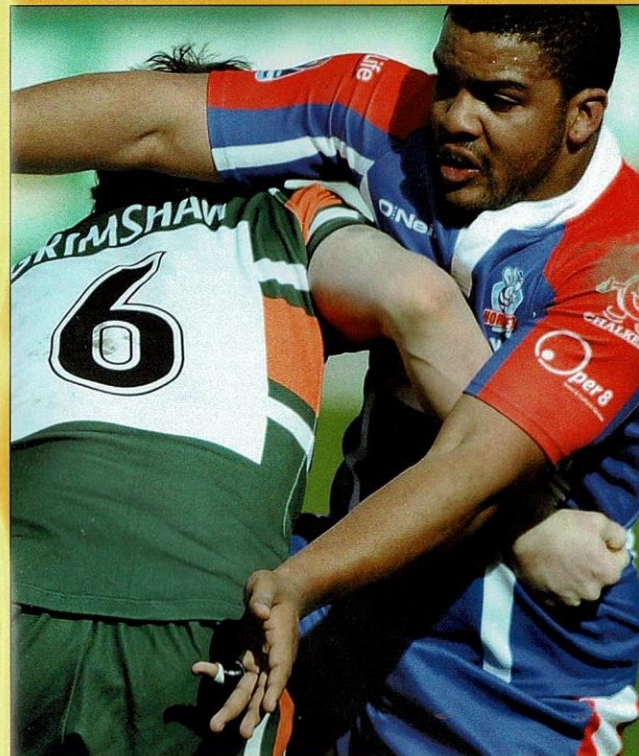
Good Friday sees Featherstone Rovers face Halifax at the Bigfellas Stadium. Rovers have been impressive at home but Halifax have a point to prove.

In Championship 1 York will be wanting to bounce back with a big showing against struggling Gateshead – but Doncaster were 'real' strugglers until last weekend.

The Dons hope to keep their run going at Hunslet.

Easter Monday sees Leigh at home to Batley and Halifax at home to Toulouse as Featherstone have a bye.

In Championship 1 South Wales Scorpions face a test with the visit of Hunslet Hawks and there's a trip to the seaside for York as they face Blackpool.



Who says stand-offs can't tackle? Danny Grimshaw puts in the hit as Hunslet saw off Hornets at the South Leeds Stadium

and turned in a show that hinted at last season's success with a 48-16 victory. Liam Campbell came off the bench to claim a hat-trick as Barrow claimed their first three pointer of the season.

Barrow had to wait three games for that win – but think how the supporters of Doncaster must feel – and spare a thought for the fans of York.



After 25 games without a win Doncaster finally got all three points with a 40-24 home win over York City Knights.

The game was played as a memorial for the late St John Ellis, the former Dons coach.

For Ellis' former assistant and now coach Tony Miller it was "a monkey off the back" after some difficult days – including the Challenge Cup defeat by amateurs Siddal.

"I am delighted for the players who came in for a lot of stick following the Siddal defeat. They have put in a lot of hard work

and endeavour and it's a pleasure to work with them."

The defeat knocked York out of top place in Championship 1 with new boys South Wales Scorpions taking over following a 48-6 pounding of London Skolars.

The Scorpions have found their league feet quickly and didn't waste time in this game with the first of their eight tries from Steve Parry in the second minute.

Workington Town moved up to second place with a comprehensive 44-0 win over Gateshead Thunder.

Gateshead were late arriving and by half-time it was game over with Town 26-0 ahead.

Blackpool Panthers were a fancied team before the competition started and are bubbling along.

The Panthers have only played two games but have kept a 100 per cent record with an impressive 54-6 win over Swinton Lions.

Hunslet Hawks perhaps boosted by the Rail Cup win at Halifax seemed to have no problems in a 44-8 win over Rochdale Hornets who have now won two and lost two in the league.

Featherstone (32) 54  
T: J Parker 3, L Welham 2, K Briggs 3, L Finn 1, S Dickens 1.  
G: K Briggs 7  
Whitehaven (12) 18  
T: D Ellbeck 1, R Fox 1, C Sice 1. G: C Rudd 3. Att: 1,551

Dewsbury (14) 30  
T: B Powell 1, C Spurr 3, P Walker 1. G: P Walker 5  
Widnes (16) 36  
T: S Grady 1, A Thackeray 3, J Webster 1, C Gerrard 1. G: S Grady 6.  
Att: 1,499

Halifax (4) 10  
T: S Royston 1, B Beswick 1. G: L Paterson 1.  
Leigh (20) 48  
T: S Donlan 1, M Blythe 1, M Nanyin 1, M Ridyard 1, R Paul 1, I Mitchell 2, J Emmett 1. G: M Nanyin 6, M Ridyard 2. Att: 3,071

Toulouse (16) 16  
T: G Gay 1, A Maria 1, K Larroyer 1. G: N Wynn 2  
Barrow (16) 48  
T: A Ballard 1, A Blackwood 1, L Harrison 1, A Henderson 1, M James 1, Z Luisi 1, L Campbell 3. G: J Rooney 6. Att: 1,500

Keighley (12) 12  
T: T Burton 1, D Jones 1. G: D Jones 2.  
Batley (10) 22  
T: M Barlow 1, D Maun 1, S Hesketh 1, C Buttery 1, G: P Handforth 1, G Moore 2. Att: 1,336

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	B	PTS
Featherstone	4	4	0	0	150	44	106	0	12
Leigh	4	3	1	0	146	54	92	0	11
Widnes	4	3	0	1	180	100	80	1	10
Halifax	4	3	0	1	106	126	-20	0	9
Toulouse	4	2	0	2	96	130	-34	0	6
Barrow	3	1	1	1	74	56	18	0	5
Sheffield	3	1	0	2	78	86	-8	1	4
Batley	3	1	0	2	56	82	-26	1	4
Dewsbury	4	0	0	4	72	124	-52	3	3
Whitehaven	3	1	0	2	64	118	-54	0	3
Keighley	4	0	0	4	60	162	-102	2	-7

\*Keighley deducted 9 points for going into administration

South Wales (24) 48  
T: L Wildbore 1, C Dudson 1, S Parry 1, L White 2, C Roets 1, B Flower 1, B Phillips 1. G: L Wildbore 1, L White 7.  
London Skolars (0) 6  
T: M Carter 1. G: P Thorman 1. Att: 625

Hunslet (22) 44  
T: S Kain 1, D Clayton 4, R Knight 2, T Haughey 1. G: R Knight 6.  
Hornets RL (4) 8  
T: C Johnson 1, D Reid 1. Att: 514

Doncaster (14) 40  
T: T Griffiths 1, B Collins 1, S Leaf 1, G King 1, D Allen 2, K Kesik 1, J Ely 1. G: S Brown 4  
York (18) 24  
T: D Ratcliffe 1, L Waterman 1, D Wilson 2, J McLocklan 1.  
G: L Waterman 2. Att: 531

Blackpool (28) 54  
T: J Leather 1, D Munro 2, C Maybury 2, M Ainscough 1, A Hobson 1, D Halliwell 2, M Keavney 1. G: T Hemingway 7.  
Swinton (0) 6  
T: D Wilson 1. G: G Dodd 1. Att: 385

Workington (26) 44  
T: B Carter 1, M Backhouse 1, A Low 2, J Marshall 1, K Coward 1, J Slack 1, R Campbell 1. G: S Kaighan 6. Att: 413  
Gateshead (0) 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	B	Pts
South Wales	4	3	0	1	112	59	53	1	10
Workington	4	2	0	2	120	76	44	2	8
York	4	2	0	2	107	104	3	1	7
Blackpool	2	2	0	0	90	20	70	0	6
Hunslet	3	2	0	1	100	49	51	0	6
Oldham	2	2	0	0	67	36	31	0	6
Rochdale	4	2	0	2	110	128	-18	0	6
Swinton	4	2	0	2	114	138	-24	0	6
Doncaster	4	1	0	3	102	134	-32	2	5
London Skols	4	0	0	4	48	160	-112	1	1
Gateshead	3	1	0	2	36	102	-66	0	-3

\*Gateshead deducted 6pts for going into administration

