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# Beeb will miss the plum ties

IT'S not difficult to understand their thinking, but wouldn't it have been good had the BBC not opted to televised two all-Engage Super League matches from this weekend's Carnegie Challenge Cup fifth round?

I appreciate that the Beeb were always likely to plump for the plum tie between Huddersfield Giants and Warrington Wolves, the re-run of last year's Wembley final which will be shown on BBC1 on Saturday afternoon.

And I can see why Sunday's serving of live Carnegie Challenge Cup action on BBC2 is Crusaders RL v Catalans Dragons, the first time two non-English clubs have met in the last 16 of Rugby League's oldest and most prestigious knockout competition.

But at the same time, I have a sneaking suspicion that the tie of the round could feature two teams who weren't involved in the Magic Weekend in Edinburgh.

There is something intriguing about the events that will unfold at Craven Park on Sunday when Barrow Raiders, fresh from their exhilarating fourth round victory over Castleford Tigers, take on Hunslet Hawks.

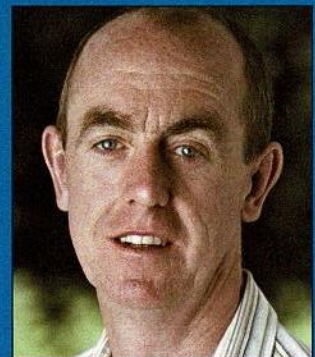
On paper at least, there seems little between two teams who are separated by a division and who have already made their own indelible mark on the Carnegie Challenge Cup in 2010.

Barrow, the Co-operative Championship champions, have hit top form in recent weeks, putting behind them a faltering start to their title defence with that famous win at Castleford and, more recently, a thumping victory at Cougar Park on Bank Holiday Monday.

That form - and pedigree - suggests the Raiders should find themselves in the bag for the quarter-final draw live on BBC2 on Sunday afternoon but no-one should discount Hunslet's prospects.

The high-flying Hawks are soaring under coach Paul March and have been scoring points for fun - only Featherstone, who have amassed 319 points to the South Leeds club's 318, have scored more - while March has shored up a defence which has been alarmingly fragile over the last few years.

It all makes for a fascinating Cup battle. It's only a shame the cameras won't be there to showcase to a terrestrial TV audience the high quality of Rugby League in the Co-operative Championships.



John Ledger, RFL Media Manager

## RFL - official notes

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# Mick only has eyes for future

## One of Wigan's greats – but he's 100% Viking now

Report by BEN COLLINS

Mick Cassidy insists there will be no conflict of interest at the Stobart Stadium this Saturday. The former second rower was named in Wigan's team of the decade for the 90's after 14 years with the cherry-and-whites up to 2004.

But the 36-year-old, who finished his career at Barrow in 2008, is now a conditioner at Widnes, for whom he played from 2005 to 2007.

And he feels a Challenge Cup derby between the old rivals could be a taste of things to come for the Super League hopefuls.

"There'll be no divided loyalties, trust me," he said. "I'm with Widnes now. Everybody likes a good Cup upset and that's what we'll be going for.

"If it happened then I'd feel slightly sorry for Wigan - but elated for Widnes.

"There'll be a big gate, plenty of Wiganers will be coming to Widnes, and hopefully it's a sign of what it'll be like if we do get into Super League.

"I think the town has been missing Wigan-St Helens is the big rivalry, it's another local derby."

Cassidy played in many of the Wigan-Widnes derbies when the two clubs dominated the game in the 90's.

But the Vikings are still trying to get back into the big time after relegation in 2005, when Cassidy was named their player of the year.

"At the old Naughton Park, it was much closer in and the crowd was really deafening," he said.

"You just knew every time you went to Widnes you were in for a barrage of abuse from the crowd and a tough game.

"It adds a bit of spice and there's nothing better than seeing a top division one team take on a top Super League team.

"We're vying for a Super League spot and this is one of our biggest tests to see how far we are off competing in Super League."

Widnes have made a positive start to the season and overcame Wigan St Judes and Lezignan to reach the Challenge Cup fifth round. The Vikings also won five of their first seven Championship games before going down to a 9-8 defeat by unbeaten league leaders Featherstone last Friday.

"Our second-half performance was much better than it's been the last few weeks, especially considering Featherstone



Mick Cassidy in action for Ireland – the boots are still ready to put on if needed!

have got the best attacking record in the competition," said Cassidy.

"We've shown we can attack in recent weeks and last week we showed we can defend - our defence was awesome."

However, Widnes' hopes of causing an upset against Wigan have been hit by a spate of absentees.

"There were 17 injuries on the board last week and we've got another four cup-tied this week," said Cassidy.

"The injury list is longer than our playing list sometimes!



The versatile Shane Grady is also a prolific goalkicker

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But that's the nature of the beast at part-time.

"You expect the players to play and train at full-time intensity, but some of them have worked from 6.30am and come to us from 6 till 9. The demand on the body does take its toll."

Cassidy hung his boots up after representing Ireland at the 2008 World Cup and despite Widnes' injury problems, he is in no rush to get them back out.

"They're still there, ready and waiting, but the game seems to have got a lot tougher in two years so I'm happy to keep sticking these young kids in front of me!" he said.

"There's going to be a few youngsters in there. It'll certainly be a test for them but they've been picked because we've got confidence in them to play so it's a chance for them to show what they can do.

"Shane Grady has come through the ranks, he can play centre and in the back row, as he did last week.

"And David Houghton is another. He's a young kid playing in the front row, which is a tough position, so he's been doing well."

Saturday's game will be dropping some of Widnes' youngsters in at the deep end but Cassidy believes the experience will only stand them and the club in good stead.

"We've got some good youth development at the club and I think the club prides itself on picking up local talent and bringing them through instead of going to other areas," he said.

"It's certainly shown this year because we've had two lads out of the Under-18s make their debut this year - Tom Kelly and Jack Smith.

"If you can produce lads who get a chance at 17,18, what are they going to be like at 20?"

After joining Widnes last June, Cassidy has begun to play a

bigger role in coaching the youngsters himself.

He began taking conditioning courses towards the end of his playing days and is hoping to add another string to his bow this season.

"I'm involved with the UK Strength & Conditioning Association, and hopefully I'll be an accredited member come the end of this season, which I believe the RFL want for all conditioners," he said.

"This year I'm trying to do more coaching as well, and I'm really enjoying it. I see my role as getting an apprenticeship in sports coaching. I've been helping out with the Under-21s and when young lads come through I will give them some tips and advice that they might miss out on because it's a big squad.

"I like the challenge of getting players fit and ready for competition, but I also know that's the first stage of preparing to play rugby because coaching comes on the back of that.

"I know how to get somebody fit - then it's about trying to make them a better player - and I think having done conditioning first will serve me well."

And Cassidy has set his sights on committing his future to Widnes as they ready themselves for that all-important Super League application.

"I can certainly see myself staying," he said. "I've spoken to the club about extending my contract because we do want to tie people in for the Super League bid.

"They're getting things right at Widnes, they've started from the bottom up, which every business or sporting foundation needs to do.

"And if we can finish in a healthy position this year then that's another tick in the box. If our injuries clear up by the back end of the season then I'm sure we'll be in the top four and in the running for a Grand Final, and we'd be quite happy with that."

**'Shane Grady has come through the ranks – he can play centre and back row'**

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# KEEP AN EYE ON THE BALL



**Danny Lockwood**

**A**T LEAST two of our very own Co-operative Championship clubs will be included in the draw for the quarter-finals of the Carnegie Challenge Cup.

If everything goes to form then it will be the two high-riding Co-operative Championship sides Barrow and Halifax at the expense of travelling West Yorkshiremen Batley and Hunslet. No disrespect meant there to the troops of Karl Harrison and Paul March, but they will both have their work cut out, especially considering what's at stake.

A last eight tie away at Headingley or the DW Stadium anyone? It would be a club chairman utterly detached from reality who wasn't smacking his lips at the prospects of that kind of payday.

Again, and not to denigrate either the achievements or the qualities of Blackpool and Widnes, but the idea of them topping the mighty Wigan and Leeds engage Super Leeds outfits is rather stretching the bounds of possibility somewhat.

The very nature of Rugby League – its physicality, reliance on size, strength, raw power, and of course the full-time environment, means that upsets like, for instance that of Leeds Utd knocking Manchester Utd out of football's FA Cup, becomes less and less likely by the passing year.

Not that that will, or should, detract from the wholehearted and admirable achievements of our clubs from the second and third tiers of the professional game. They fly our flag with pride and all of them carry our best wishes with them this weekend, particularly Martin Crompton's men at Headingley, who continue to do great things over on the Fylde coast.

It's always interesting to hear Aussies speak of the magic of the Cup – and more on that word 'magic' in a moment. In the pre-satellite days the one thing about British Rugby League that the Australians saw on their televisions was the Pommies' big day out at Wembley. And for all that the Grand Final is the pinnacle of our season (at least in theory!) there is something altogether different about walking out at Wembley. All that history and nostalgia, all those greats who have gone

before. So it's not surprising that it is the one thing our antipodean cousins strive to achieve in their stays here above all others. The fact is however that it is destined always to be beyond our Co-op clubs.

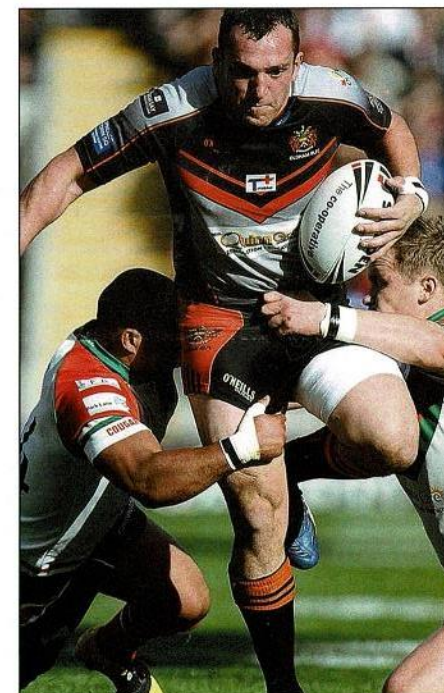
Back to 'Magic' and the question marks hanging over the future of the event, be that where it takes place, the format of the fixtures themselves, when it is staged and even what competition it adorns. Ian Millward, the Leigh Centurions coach and League Weekly columnist, wrote last Monday morning about his idea for the festival to either move to the start of the season, or even to be turned over to the Cup quarter-finals.

Provocative views, but creative ones too – and that really would be something for Co-operative Championship and even Championship 1 clubs, to share such a massive stage with the real big boys of Rugby League.

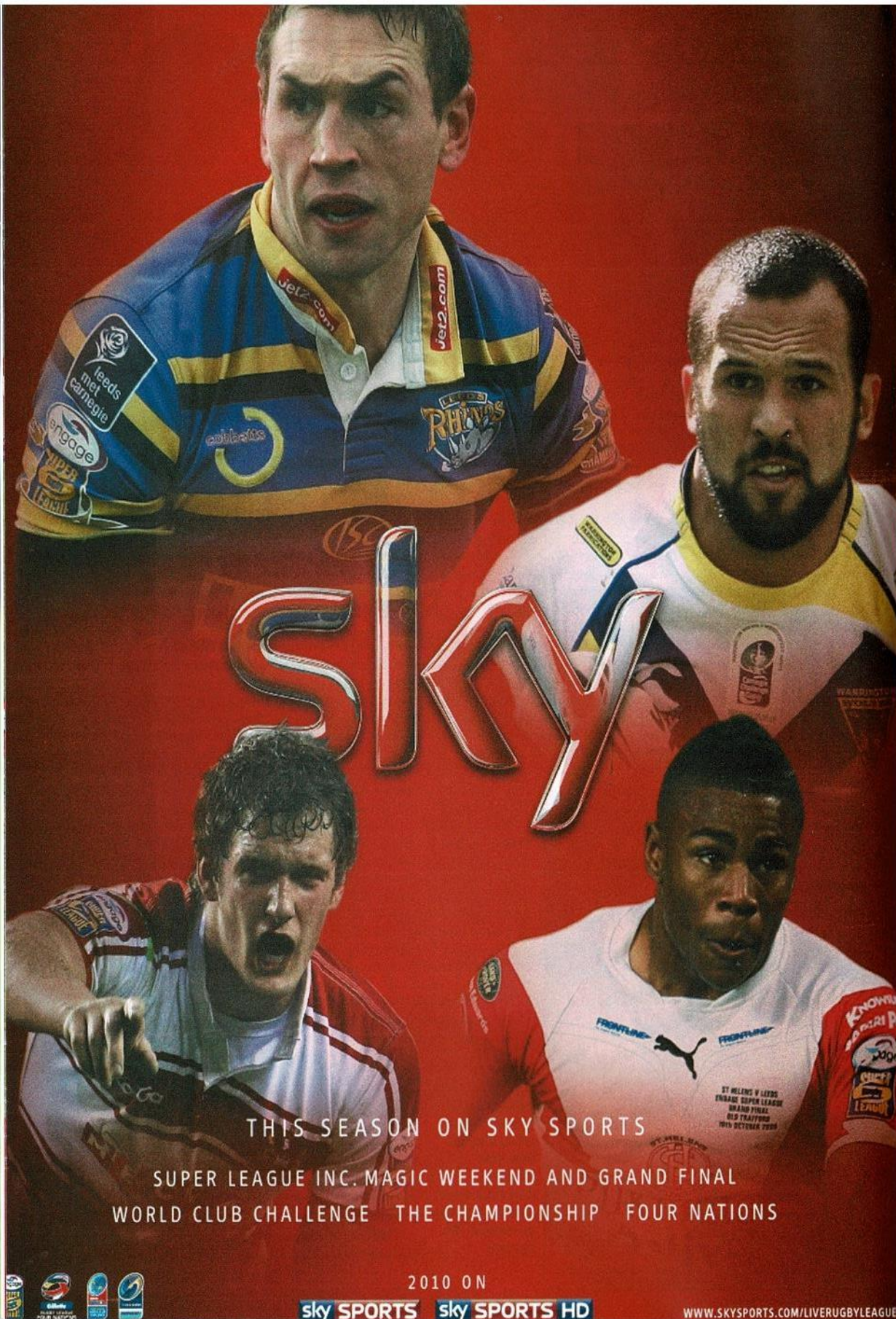
The RFL will consider all of their options over coming weeks and months, although a return to Edinburgh is by no means off the cards, as the aggregate crowd of about 51,000 although down on last year was by no means a disaster in these tough economic times.

In conclusion, and with our thinking hats on, I would also like the powers-that-be to take another look at the Northern Rail Cup and certainly how it is formatted in the early stages. It is growing in status as a competition, but is still far from fair – in my opinion – in giving every club a chance of progressing to one of our only two legitimate showcase stages. In fact the champions of the Co-op 1 league don't even get a chance to play on Grand Finals day!

Promotion without the big-day-out glory. Somehow it doesn't seem quite right.



**Tommy Goulden in action for Oldham in last year's play-off final with Keighley ... Dewsbury were already promoted so 'missed' the big day!**



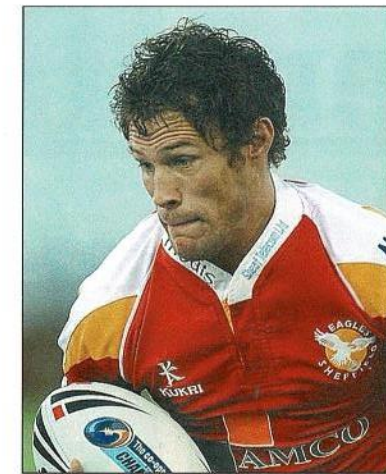
# Halifax chief executive Clay departs club



HALIFAX RLFC are looking for a new Chief Executive after Graham Clay stepped down from the role last week. Clay, who owns his own sports marketing company and is heavily involved with the Gillette sponsorship support for Rugby League, has recently seen the demands on that side of his interests increase. "I simply couldn't give both of the roles the amount of time that was required," he said. "We've come a long way at Halifax and finally got the East Stand open so that was quite an achievement." Former Halifax chairman and still a shareholder Howard Posner has also stood down from the board, a decision not related to Clay's resignation. The club were hoping to make a public statement during the past few days.



AFTER getting their season back on track with a drubbing of Whitehaven, Sheffield Eagles are likely to be without full back Jonny Woodcock and prop forward Jack Howieson for the rest of the season. Woodcock is to have surgery on a knee injury and club captain Howieson saw a specialist last week and fears he will need an operation on a bicep injury. "It's not good for Jack and Jonny and you don't want to lose big players midway through the season but I'm not going to moan, in this game we accept injuries," said coach Mark Aston. "People will come in and it's up to them to take their chance and do a job for the team." Woodcock, 29, is facing his longest injury lay-off since he started playing rugby as an



**Jonny Woodcock - massive blow**

eight-year-old. He had hoped to be back in six weeks. "I can't believe it, my rehab seemed to be going all right but there was something not quite right," he said. "I went to see a knee specialist - and he's pretty sure it's my cruciate ligament. I go for an operation next Tuesday (11 May). The best-case scenario is three to four months the worst is six months."



WORKINGTON have snapped up Whitehaven prop Ryan MacDonald for the rest of the season. Town director Malcolm Allison hailed the signing as a major boost for the club. "He is a true pro which will rub off onto a young squad here at Derwent Park," he said.



## CHALLENGE CUP STATS

THE odds of history are stacked against Hunslet today as they try to turn over Barrow. The pair have met five times previously in the Cup with the Yorkshiremen prevailing just once - some 102 years ago!

- 1908 (3) Barrow 0 Hunslet 8
- 1955 (SF) Barrow 9 Hunslet 6 At Wigan
- 1972 (1) Barrow 24 Hunslet 6
- 1991 (1) Barrow 13 Hunslet 8
- 2008 (4) Barrow 48 Hunslet 16

SIMILARLY Batley face a daunting task if the record books are anything to go by, with just one win in seven meetings - back in 1963/64.

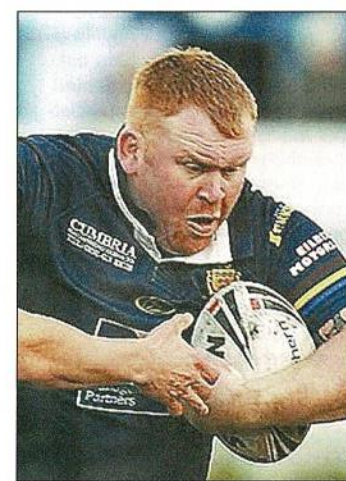
- 1913-14 (2) Halifax 11 Batley 0
- 1920-21 (1) Halifax 5 Batley 0
- 1923-24 (2) Halifax 9 Batley 3
- 1933-34 (1) Batley 11 Halifax 12
- 1943-44 (2)\* Halifax 13 Batley 4
- Second leg Batley 8 Halifax 8
- 1963-64 (1) Halifax 0 Batley 3
- 1992-93 (2) Halifax 50 Batley 20

WIDNES meanwhile have won 4 of their 12 Cup clashes with deadly rivals Wigan with a Final and a semi-final win apiece.

- 1935-36 (1) Wigan 26 Widnes 9
- 1936-37 (SF) Widnes 13 Wigan 9
- 1945-46 (SF) Wigan 12 Widnes 5
- 1975-76 (2) Widnes 7 Wigan 5
- 1978-79 (2) Widnes 21 Wigan 5
- 1981-82 (2) Wigan 7 Widnes 9
- 1983-84 (F) Widnes 19 Wigan 6
- 1987-88 (3) Wigan 10 Widnes 1
- 1992-93 (F) Wigan 20 Widnes 14
- 1994-95 (6) Widnes 12 Wigan 26
- 2004 (4) Wigan 38 Widnes 12
- 2007 (4) Widnes 24 Wigan 34

## KNOW YOUR STUFF...

- 1 Which British man with a Rugby League past is rated No.1 in the Sunday Times Sports Rich List?
- 2 How many Australians have won the Lance Todd Trophy?
- 3 Paul Wellens and Leon Pryce shared the award - but which two players achieved that feat first?
- 4 Which of today's clubs did Paris St Germain beat in their Challenge Cup debut in 1997?
- 5 And who knocked them out in the next round?
- 6 Which player has the longest scoring streak in the Co-operative Championships?
- 7 Ryan MacDonald has just joined Workington, his eighth club. Which was his first?
- 8 Where did York play before the Huntington Stadium?
- 9 Who were their opponents in the last match there?
- 10 Which team won all their league matches last season and have lost them all so far this year?



**Q7 - Ryan MacDonald**

- 1 Dave Whelan
- 2 Three: Graham Eadie, Brett Kenny, Mick Monaghan, 3 Ray Ashby (Wigan) and Brian Gabbas (Hunslet) 1965, 4 Batley 38-4, 5 Salford 8-4, 6 Danny Jones, Keighley - 41 games, 7 Bramley
- 8 Clarence Street
- 9 Hunslet
- 10 Dewsbury Rams

# Highs or lows, job remains the same for Steve

To give a Super League side a start on their own ground and still beat them is some achievement. But then Barrow Raiders and their coach Steve McCormack are full of surprises. BEN COLLINS caught up with him

Steve McCormack is fast becoming the man for all seasons in the Co-operative Championship. A tilt at the Grand Final, a good Cup run, a relegation battle - whatever the coaching assignment, it seems McCormack is your man.

The former Whitehaven and Widnes coach has now been tasked with leading Barrow's bid to reach Super League and the Challenge Cup quarter-finals.

McCormack masterminded a 34-28 win at Super League Castleford last month and they host Hunslet on Sunday for a place in the last eight.

"I think the Castleford win was as big for the Championship as it was for Barrow," said McCormack.

"There's not many shocks now in the Cup, especially Championship clubs against Super League, so it puts some magic back into the Cup.

"To go to a Super League ground and put in that kind of performance, it was great to be a part of. I was just pleased for the players and the fans more than anything. The fans were fantastic, as they have been all year.

"With about 20 minutes to go they really got behind the team, and to be fair, even the Castleford fans stayed behind and clapped the team off. It was good to see they appreciated the effort the team had put in.

"But I try to keep my feet on the ground, I'm getting a bit too old to be jumping around!"

Barrow may be riding high in the Championship but so too are Hunslet in Championship 1, and McCormack is wary of the role reversal from the previous round.

"We're not taking anything for granted," he said. "Hunslet have had a fantastic season so far and upset Halifax to get through to the Northern Rail Cup quarter-finals.

"We caused a shock at Castleford and they'll be looking to repeat that, so we're well aware of how they'll approach the game.

"It'd be great to reach the quarter-finals but we know Hunslet will come here with no fear."

And with Halifax playing Batley in another of the fifth-



Steve Mack - feet on the ground

round ties, it means there will be at least two teams from outside Super League in the quarter-final draw.

"I think the Championship and Championship 1 are fantastic products," said McCormack.

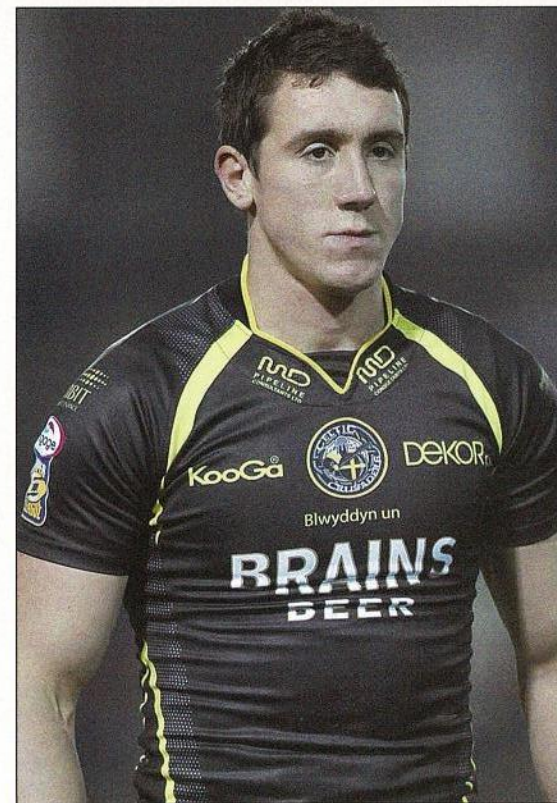
"I think the standard of both competitions have risen dramatically over the last few years.

"There's some outstanding British coaches, senior professionals and some very good younger players as well, and with two teams guaranteed to get through then I think people might start to take notice."

McCormack famously lost four straight Grand Finals with Whitehaven (2004, 2005) and Widnes (2006, 2007), but led Widnes to Northern Rail Cup glory in 2007.

After leaving the Vikings early last year, he took on the job of trying to steer Gateshead to safety and managed to lead Thunder to a 'great escape'.

Gateshead dropped down to Championship 1 anyway as they entered administration but, against all odds,



McCormack had ensured they earned the points they needed to avoid automatic relegation.

Reluctantly, McCormack had to leave Gateshead and was offered the chance to take charge of Barrow after they topped the Championship table and won the Grand Final last year.

There are high expectations at Craven Park again this year but McCormack is relishing the opportunity.

"I don't think my role here is any different to that at Gateshead," he said.

"You're a professional coach and the pressure is always there to win - whether you're at the top or the bottom.

"There was a different sort of pressure at Gateshead because we had to stay up. And keeping Gateshead up ranks as one of my best achievements, I'll always maintain that.

"But now I'm looking to build on what Dave Clark and the players have done over the last few years - two years ago they were in the third tier.

"I think what the club has achieved over the last two years is unbelievable so it's a hard act to follow but it's something I'm really enjoying trying to do.

"The chairman (Des Johnston) is really backing the club and I'm working with a very motivated bunch of board members, players and supporters."

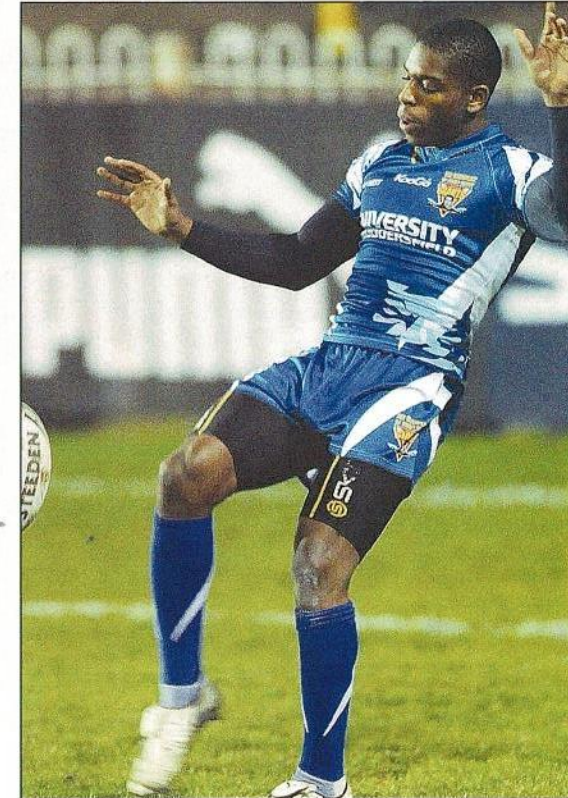
McCormack knew sweeping changes weren't necessary when he took charge at Craven Park.

But he has brought in the likes of Anthony Blackwood, Andrew Henderson and Jermaine McGilvary and is gradually moulding the Barrow squad into an even more competitive outfit as they aim to repeat last season's success.

"It was a bit of a slow start but we qualified for the Northern Rail Cup quarter-final and we're near the top of the table, but it's a long season," he said.

"It's that famous word 'gelling', and we've had different pivots, with Jamie Rooney, Liam Campbell and Zeb Luisi playing at six.

Anthony Blackwood (left) and Jermaine McGilvary are young talents brought to Craven Park by Steve Mack who add real potency to the Barrow attack



"We're still trying to find the best combination there and seeing if we can improve. Sometimes it's important what you don't change as much as what you do change because obviously they must have been doing a lot of things right before I came. It was fine-tuning more than anything. I assessed the squad with Des at the start of the year. We didn't panic and try to bring a load of new players in, we've just made changes as the season's gone on.

"We'll see what needs improving, and if players become available, such as Blackwood and McGilvary did, we'll make changes, but only if we need to, we won't do it just for the sake of it.

"We're bringing younger lads through too. Nathan Mossop didn't really get a chance last year but this year he's come through and done exceptionally well.

"That's really important too, finding youth players from the Barrow area, and that's something we'll continue to develop."

And bringing local talent through is equally important this year for the Raiders as they prepare to apply for a coveted Super League licence.

"We're just looking to improve on last year but we've also got to think about fulfilling criteria for Super League," McCormack added.

"We've ticked the boxes on the field, now we need to keep working on the stadium, youth development and other off-field structures to help us put a strong Super League bid in."

# Barrow Raiders v



# Hunslet Hawks



Sunday May 9, 2010. Kick off 3.30pm. 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	

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>	
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	<b>Prop</b>	
	<b>Hooker</b>	
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	<b>2nd row</b>	
	<b>Loose forward</b>	
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	<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b>	
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### SCORERS

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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 Hawksworth
18	Charlie Wabo	Eric Simon
19	Darren Robinson	Jim Irons
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

COACH: STEVE McCORMACK

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWW  
 LAST SIX HOME: WWLWWW  
 TRIES: Ballard (10) Catic, Campbell (9) Rooney (8)  
 GOALS: Rooney (68) Knowles (7)  
 DROP GOALS: Rooney (1)  
 MAN TO WATCH: Jamie Rooney

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: TBC  
 Touch: TBC  
 Reserve Referee: TBC

### THE INSIDE TRACK

Gulf in class will tell in the end - Barrow with a dozen to spare

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: WL-WWWW

TRIES: McHugh (13) Mark (11), Chapman, Clayton (7)

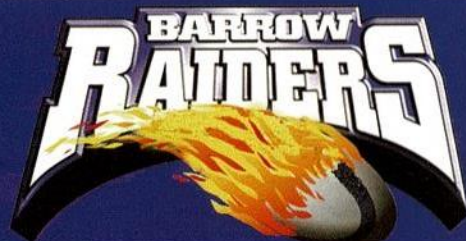
GOALS: Knight (31) McHugh (25)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: David March

### EXECUTIVE BOXES

2: SUPERIOR WINDOWS  
 4: ME SAUNDERS  
 5: JOHNSTON RECRUITMENT



## CLUBCALL

## Barrow v Hunslet

# Delighted with work ethic as we face tough cup test

Welcome to Barrow for our Carnegie Challenge Cup game against Hunslet.

Today's opponents will provide a massive test for us and we welcome the directors, coaching staff and supporters of Hunslet.

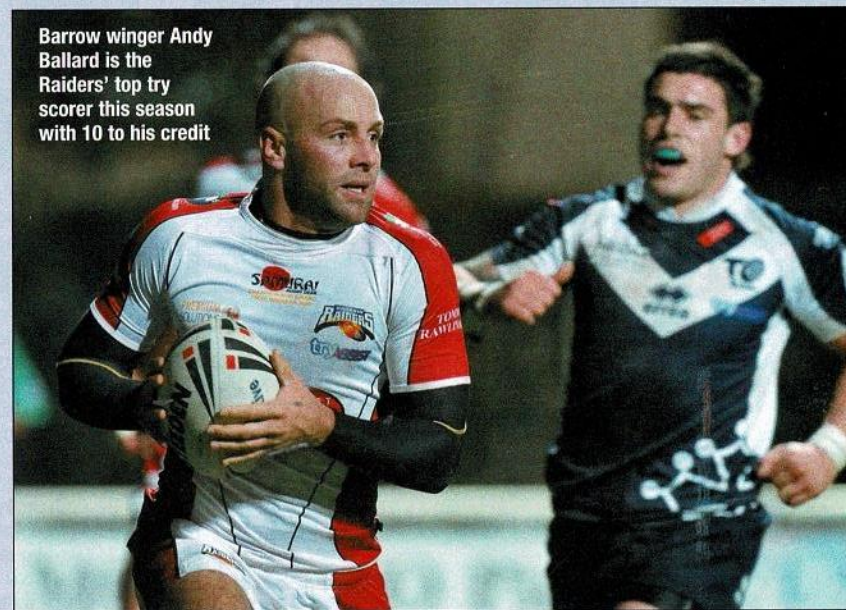
Challenge Cup ties are always exciting and intense occasions and today will be no different.

Our form coming into today's game has been very consistent. Our last home game against Dewsbury was a very difficult game and just shows how competitive the Co-operative Championship is.

Dewsbury provided us with a stern test and our players came through the game with a very important win.

Last Monday saw us visit Keighley in what was again a very important game for us.

I was really pleased with our offensive structure during the game and with a lit-



Barrow winger Andy Ballard is the Raiders' top try scorer this season with 10 to his credit

tle more composure we would have scored a few more tries. The build-up play and organisation from our pivots was excellent.

However, building pressure and finishing off

chances created must be improved.

I have been delighted with the work ethic and attitude of the players over the last couple of months and we are all aware that

improvements have to be made in all areas.

Enjoy the game,

**Steve McCormack**  
Head Coach

# How we blew six certain tries

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the Furness Heating Components Stadium for this Carnegie Challenge Cup tie.

The game promises to be an absolute belter and we will show Hunslet the same respect we showed when performing at Castleford.

Last week saw us win away at Keighley in a somewhat languid fashion and absolutely blew six certain tries by virtue of a lacklustre attitude. Most were by overrunning the player making the break and forcing the forward pass and others were due to throwing ignorant passes to would-be recipients.

The game was marred for the club with the potentially bad injury to Matt James. We wish him a speedy recovery.

It was interesting to note the state of the pitch last week. If we were in

January and the pitch was in that state the game would not be allowed to proceed due to hardness of the playing surface. Yet here we are in May, a pitch that is equally as hard, yet the game is considered fit to play.

I know the Keighley field took a good battering during one of their TV appearances versus Batley and has remained devoid of grass since, but when players are constantly becoming injured maybe it is time to look at the overall state of the pitch prior to deciding whether to play. This observation covers our pitch also.

Last weekend I was completely Rugby Leaguéd out. I watched every game transmitted from the Magic Weekend, two NRL games on the Saturday and our game on the Monday. But I have to say the Super League encounters did not

have me glued to the screen and the crowd levels were for me disappointing.

We suggested a few years ago to line up the Northern Rail Cup Final for inclusion into this weekend of Rugby League so the whole of the Rugby League Family is embraced and the weekend is made blank for the Championships, allowing supporters time to plan to attend.

As yet no reply has been received from the corridors of power to the suggestion but it is obvious that something needs to be done because the event must be a loss leader in the calendar.

Well, it's time for everyone to enjoy the game and please join us in the bar afterwards for a couple of sociable ones.

**Jon Livesey**  
Vice Chairman

# Halifax RLFC v



# Batley Bulldogs



Sunday May 9, 2010. Kick off 3pm. 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 Kiely 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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### SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

COACH: MATT CALLAND

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWWWW  
 LAST SIX HOME: WWLLWW  
 TRIES: Royston (17) Worrincy (10)  
 Branighan (9)  
 GOALS: Paterson (67)  
 DROP GOALS: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Shad Royston

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: TBC  
 Touch: TBC  
 Reserve Referee: TBC

### THE INSIDE TRACK

*Bulldogs are hanging tough but this might be too big an 'ask'. Fax by 8pts*

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
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
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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	
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	Waterboy	Peter's Foods
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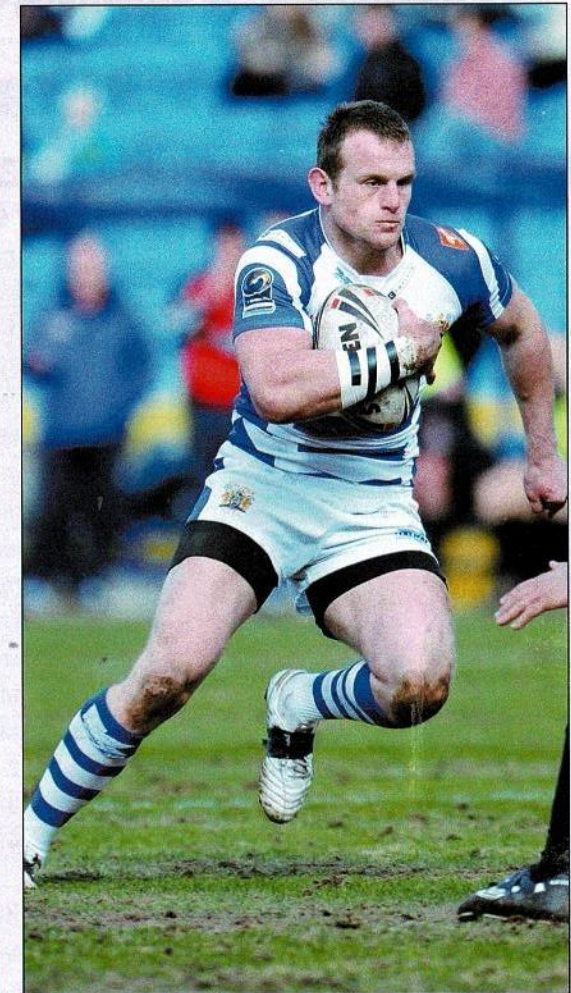
COACH: KARL HARRISON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLWLL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: WWLLWL  
 TRIES: Campbell (14) Preece (8)  
 Walton (7) Greenwood, Moore (6)  
 GOALS: Moore (56) Handforth (9)  
 DROP GOALS: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Paul Handforth

## CLUBCALL

## Halifax RLFC v Batley

# Maloney loss is a chance for rest



Dominic Maloney will be out for at least six weeks

Good afternoon everyone. I'd like to welcome the players, staff and supporters of Batley Bulldogs to the Shay for today's fifth round Carnegie Challenge Cup tie. It is a competition that means a lot to me after appearing at Wembley as a player and it means a lot to all the players at this club too. After going so close to knocking over a Super League club at Castleford last year it would be great to get another chance to take on top flight opposition in this year's quarter finals. Having said that, Batley and their coach Karl Harrison will be looking at

this game in exactly the same way. I said in the Press after the draw was made that it was a great opportunity for both clubs and that remains the case. It really does have all the makings of a great game of knock-out rugby league. On the field, our form has certainly improved over the last few weeks and we took another step forward when we won at Whitehaven last time out. Unfortunately, that win came at a cost, as we have lost Dominic Maloney for at least six weeks with a broken hand. It's disappointing for

Dom, but it will create opportunities for other players. It's up to those players to take their chance now.

Enjoy the game,  
**Matt Calland**  
 Head Coach

## The Shay again...cup deja vu for Batley

I've never been a betting man. But I guess the odds against Batley Bulldogs playing successive cup ties at The Shay would have been very long indeed. The 'home' side last round, Siddal, had done wonderfully well to reach the 4th round, but I'm sure Batley arrived with the 5th round draw in the back of their minds. And now, with a 5th

round tie against opposition from the same league, both sets of players can be forgiven for dreaming! Certainly the supporters begin to dream. One of these sides will be in the last eight, and Wembley's Arch comes tantalisingly close. It is no secret that a good cup run can galvanise a team to success in the league, and I hope to see a professional approach, with

the team looking to secure the win and take the next round when it comes. However, the league meeting between the teams earlier this season was on a knife-edge and I don't expect anything different in the Carnegie Challenge Cup. This is the first occasion Halifax RLFC has had to welcome Leeds Metropolitan University to a venue which, had things

worked out differently, may have been one of their teaching centres. We remain grateful for their sponsorship of this great competition, and hope they enjoy the day. The same applies to our friends from Batley, with the hope that they leave disappointed on this occasion! Enjoy the match.  
**Michael Steele**  
 Chairman

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# Widnes Vikings v



# Wigan Warriors



Saturday May 8, 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 Pheyse Swavesey 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	

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### SCORERS

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Pens

DGs

No.	PLAYER
1	Cameron Phelps
2	Amos Roberts
3	Martin Gleeson
4	George Carmont
5	Pat Richards
6	Sam Tomkins
7	Thomas Leuluai
8	Stuart Fielden
9	Mark Riddell
10	Andy Coley
11	Harrison Hansen
12	Joel Tomkins
13	Sean O'Loughlin
14	Paul Prescott
15	Michael McIlorum
16	Phil Bailey
17	Iafeta Paleaasina
18	'Warriors Fans'
19	Paul Deacon
20	Karl Pryce
21	Eamon O'Carroll
22	Shaun Ainscough
23	Lee Mossop
24	Darrell Goulding
25	Liam Farrell
26	Ben Davies
27	Stefan Marsh
28	Joe Mellor
29	Chris Tuson
30	Josh Veivers
31	Josh Charnley
32	Jonny Walker
33	Iain Thornley
34	Neil Holland

COACH: PAUL CULLEN

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWW

LAST SIX HOME: WWLWWL

TRIES: Thackeray (13) Grady (9)

Gardner, Coyle (7) Ford (6)

GOALS: Grady (70)

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Anthony Thackeray

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: TBC

Touch: TBC

Reserve Referee: TBC

### THE INSIDE TRACK

Stobart Stadium will be buzzing, but no upsets today. Wigan by 24

COACH: MICHAEL MAGUIRE

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWW

LAST SIX AWAY: WLWWWW

TRIES: Richards (15) Roberts (12)

Darrell Goulding (12)

GOALS: Richards (60)

DGs:

MAN TO WATCH: Sam Tomkins

## CLUBCALL

## Widnes v Wigan

# Vikings will need to pull off giant-killing act of season

Good evening and welcome to everyone for tonight's clash with Wigan Warriors.

Before concentrating on the 80 minutes ahead of us, I'd like to reflect on last Friday's game against Featherstone.

First and foremost, you have to applaud the effort of each and every one of the Widnes players who took to the pitch.

To back-up for the third time in just eight days with so many changes to the team and to our shape and structure was always going to be a massive ask, but for them to do this and play as well as we did in the second half is very pleasing.

We were faced with a lot of difficulties in the game and trying to work out some of the referee's decisions was just one of them. There were definitely some errors made and overall, I thought that the players deserved a little bit more patience and appreciation of what they go through at times.

Don't get me wrong, there were also plenty of things that happened in the game that also frustrated me from our perspective too, such as the impromptu kicks that we put in or the way we surrendered the ball and field position to Featherstone at times, but if I'm completely honest with you, I still believe that we deserved an awful lot more from the contest and we're all bitterly disappointed that we didn't come away with the win.

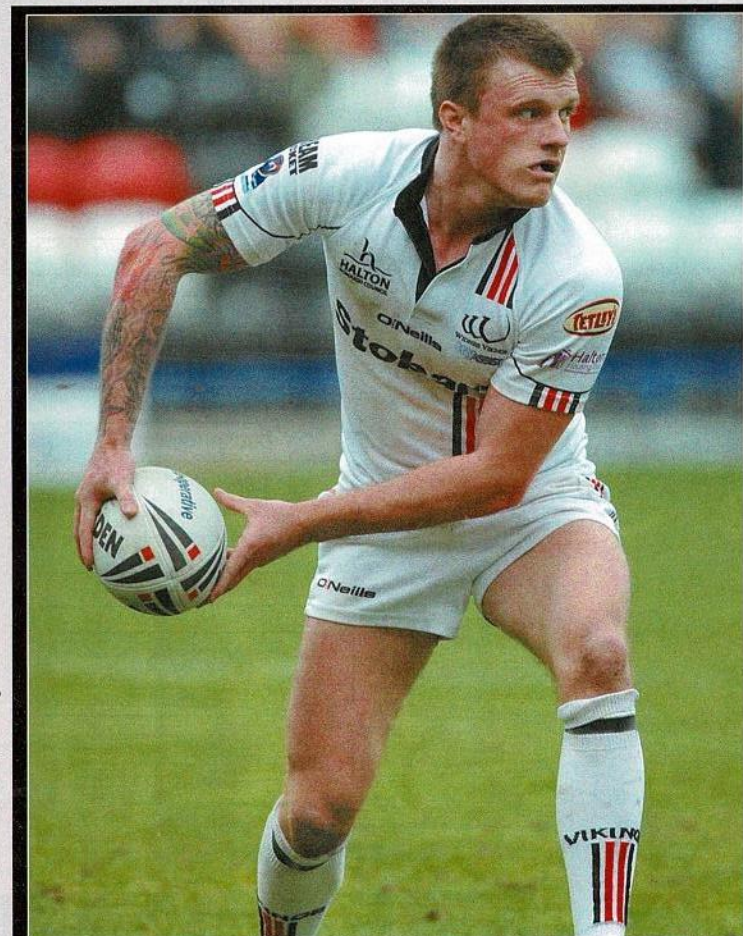
Last Tuesday, The Widnes Supporters Club staged their latest Player of the Month awards evening and when it came to choosing my Top 3 it was quite a difficult job, I have to admit.

We had eight players who played in all five games in April against Whitehaven, Toulouse, Lezignan, Batley and Featherstone and they were: Paddy Flynn, Matt Gardner, Shane Grady, Anthony Thackeray, Jim Gannon, Lee Doran, Ben Kavanagh and Chris Gerrard.

So, taking this into consideration alongside many other contributing factors, the three players I chose were: 1 - Thackeray, 2 - Flynn and 3 - Doran.

All three played virtually every minute of every game, trained every minute of every session and they typified the club spirit in a very difficult month.

However, although these three were chosen for individual honours I must acknowledge all of our players. Many if not most of them played through injury during these four games and without a doubt, April could've been a disaster with such a crippling casualty list but the play-



Anthony Thackeray...player of the month for Widnes coach Paul Cullen

ers didn't buckle once and must be applauded for their outstanding effort and contribution to the cause.

Looking ahead to this evening's game, I'm delighted to welcome Wigan to the Stobart Stadium to face Widnes in the Carnegie Challenge Cup competition. It's going to be a fantastic day and it will be a game which I want the players and the fans to fully enjoy.

The Warriors are a formidable side and their track record speaks for itself in this competition.

They are currently the best side in Super League and it's possibly the draw that nobody else wanted, but we've got it

and we're going to make sure we enjoy it. Wigan in the Challenge Cup is a game you dream to play in, so whether you're a top-end Super League club or a Championship club struggling with injuries, it's almost irrelevant: you go to bed dreaming about playing against Wigan in the Challenge Cup.

It's a massive game and one this club thoroughly deserves and one we're going to do everything we can to make sure we're a part of!

Enjoy the game...

**Paul Cullen,  
Head Coach**



Backing the Vikings!

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**Stobart**



# Featherstone Rovers v Toulouse Olympique



Thursday May 6, 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 Divorby	19
Tommy Lynch	20
Michael Coady	21
Jack Lee	22
Jodie Sheriffe	23
Larsen Marabe	24
Gareth Swift	25
Zak Hardaker	26
Aaron Dobek	27
Thomas Carr	28
Gareth Williamson	29

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### SCORERS

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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	Prosecur
7	Nathan Wynn	ICA Patrimoine
8	Brendan Worth	Transports Sarrazain
9	Martin Mitchell	Renault Etats-Unis
10	Matthieu Griffi	Ernes 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
	Remi Vigneau	Elffage
	Geoffrey Zava	Equalliance

COACH: GILLES DUMAS

COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWL  
 LAST SIX HOME: DWWWWW  
 TRIES: Parker (14) Welham, Finn (9)  
 Steel, Briggs (8) Hardman (7)  
 GOALS: Briggs (60) Finn (13)  
 DROP GOALS: Finn (1)  
 MAN TO WATCH: Liam Finn

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: W. Turley  
 Touch: S. Barrie, C. Waywell  
 Reserve Referee: S. Johnson

### THE INSIDE TRACK

Rovers look unstoppable right now.  
 Featherstone by 14.

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLWLW  
 LAST SIX AWAY: L-WLLWL  
 TRIES: Bromley (6) Planas,  
 Duport (5)  
 GOALS: N. Wynn (32)  
 DROP GOALS: N. Wynn (1)  
 MAN TO WATCH: Nathan Wynn

## CLUBCALL

## Featherstone v Toulouse

# Heart-broken club is set to applaud young Gareth

It's been a very tough period for us all at the club over the past couple of weeks; as everyone knows two of our young players were involved in an accident that broke the hearts of everyone at the club. We lost a young person with so much heart and character – he made you smile every time you saw him. Gareth was a tough young player with a leadership quality I have rarely seen at such a young age. Gareth's mum Tracy has asked for us all to remember him with a minute's applause this evening; I think this is the best way to celebrate such a bright young individual. We are all praying for Charlie Tosh at this difficult time in his life.

We are receiving updates all the time and hope that he recovers as quickly as possible and can resume his playing career with the Rovers in the future. He is another character who brought a smile to your face when he walked through the door. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of both players.

I thought both players and supporters of our club were magnificent last week in our tough win at Widnes. We knew that the game would be a difficult one with the week we had endured.

I thought we were a way off our best with the ball but the effort and determination to defend our line and come away with the points was never in question.

I have said a number of times that a team has to be able to win games and play in different ways. Last week was one of those different ways. We had been pegged back after Matty Dale was sin-binned and they had scored two tries to level the scores.

Some teams would have caved in under the pressure but we were solid enough to build a position to drop a goal and win the game which showed a great deal of composure, and no little skill from Liam Finn.

Speaking of Liam Finn I thought they way Widnes went about taking him out of the game went past the acceptable boundaries in our game. He was consistently taken out after the ball had gone and after he had kicked the ball.

I hope our key players can receive fair protection from the officials or as Nathan Brown commented this week we are asking for trouble in regard to players taking things into their own hands (something we don't need to see happen).

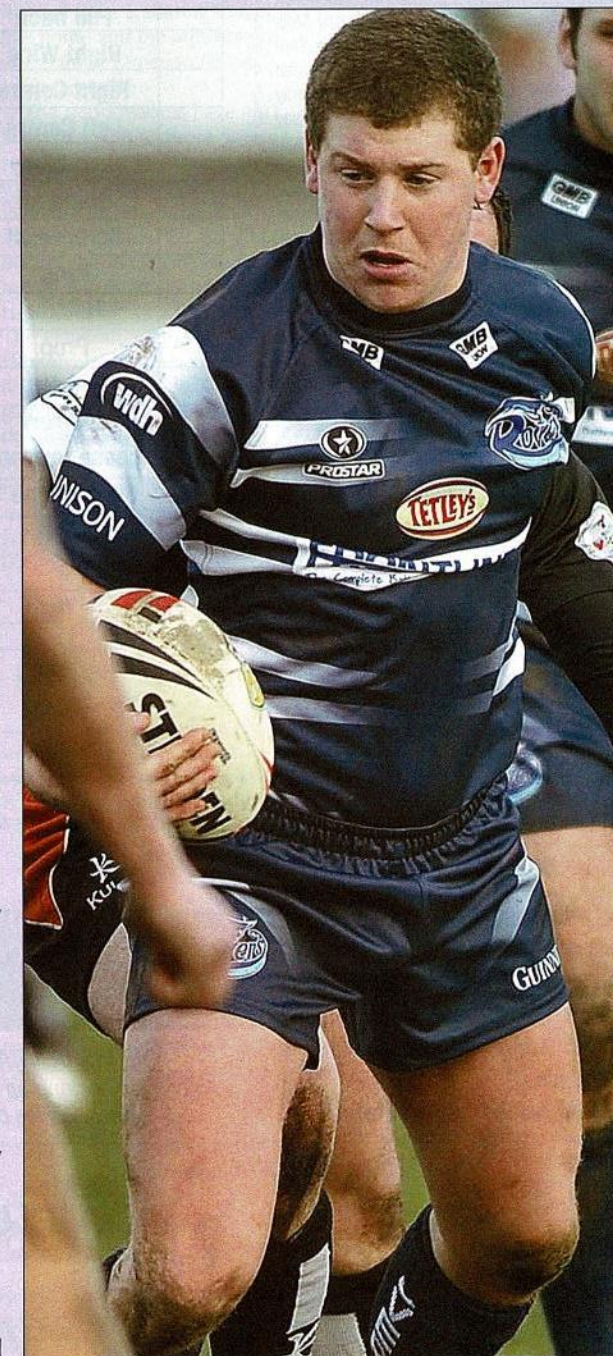
Toulouse tonight will be a big challenge for us. They have been steadily improving as they did last season and had a huge win a couple of weeks ago away to Widnes.

At half-back Wynn is a key player for them and controls their game as well as any half in our competition.

They have a combative pack led by Brendon Worth and a quality hooker in Mitchell so we are well aware that only our best will do.

Enjoy the game,

Daryl Powell  
Head Coach



Gareth Swift: a tragic loss



# Sheffield Eagles v Batley Bulldogs



**MATCH SPONSOR**  
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Wednesday May 12, 2010. Kick off 7.30pm. BRAMALL LANE

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

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### SCORERS

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**COACH: MARK ASTON**

**LAST SIX RESULTS: DLLLLL**

**LAST SIX HOME: WLWLLW**

**TRIES: Cook (11) Ropati (9) Stringer (8) Yere (6)**

**GOALS: Stringer (23) Woodcock (9)**

**DGs: Cook (1)**

**MAN TO WATCH: Mitch Stringer**

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: TBC

Touch: TBC

Reserve Referee: TBC

### THE INSIDE TRACK

*Bulldogs are backing up after tough Cup tie ... Eagles by 10*

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4	Danny Maun	Stephen & Mandy Fletcher
5	Johnny Campbell	Gary Tingle & Lorraine Richardson
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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	
27	Jason Walton	Paul Hinchcliffe
	Waterboy	Peter's Foods
	Physio	Revive

**COACH: KARL HARRISON**

**LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLL**

**LAST SIX AWAY: LLWLL**

**TRIES: Campbell (14) Preece (8)**

**Walton (7) Greenwood, Moore (6)**

**GOALS: Moore (56) Handforth (9)**

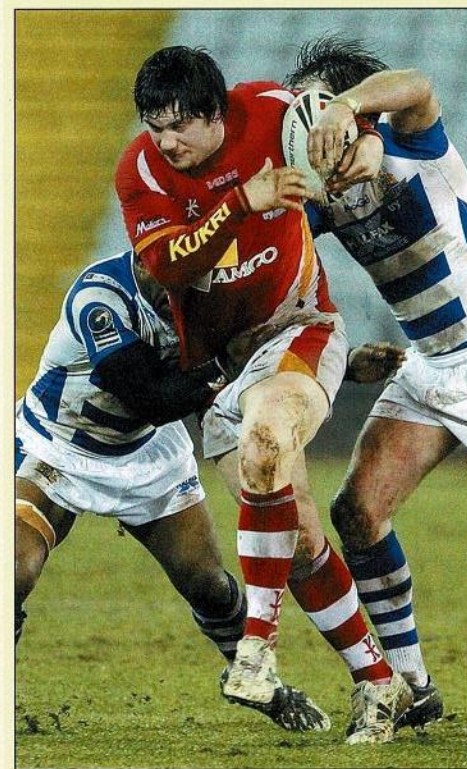
**DROP GOALS: -**

**MAN TO WATCH: Paul Handforth**

## CLUBCALL

## Sheffield v Batley

# Beginning to feel like home



Prop Jack Howieson could be out for the season

Bramall Lane is starting to feel like home and the atmosphere at the three games so far has been fantastic.

The performances have also improved with all those points scored against Wigan and then the last 35 minutes against Whitehaven when the team scored 50 points. We have nothing but praise for everyone involved at Bramall Lane who have all made us so welcome. The Platinum Suite after the Whitehaven game was packed and hopefully fans will congregate in there again to mix with the players, something that apparently never happens after football games. It is now up to us all to build up our support base up to the levels required to do justice to the stadium.

Batley Bulldogs have made a similar start to the season to ourselves. In fact each team topped their Northern Rail group and as a "reward" were drawn against each other in next month's quarter final!

As well as similar playing records this season, both clubs have similar philosophies off the field and, along with the Eagles, Batley are one of the very few teams in the Championships not to have undergone financial restructuring in the last ten years. They are a community orientated club like ourselves have not followed the "boom and bust" strategy undertaken by far too many clubs.

**Ian Swire**  
Chairman

# Big win was tonic

WE got what we wanted - what we needed - out of the game against Whitehaven.

To win and score 64 points is great but it was more than just that.

We needed a big performance because coming into the game we lacked a bit of confidence.

But I've never doubted the ability in the squad - we just needed to play to that ability.

Some of the tries were outstanding - the kicking was good and the lads played smart - just what we have been asking them to do.

Defensively we were great. We conceded 24 points but Whitehaven caught us with a couple of kicks.

The first try was two yards in front of the kicker and

the second was on the eighth tackle so take them out of it and it's only two tries conceded. The lads completed the last 15 sets and when you do that you give yourself a chance.

We only gave two penalties away and that's something I wanted to see.

Dumb penalties at dumb times have been killing us. Against Whitehaven we were squeaky clean and the lads have to take credit from that.

It wasn't the best week coming into the Whitehaven game.

We have faced a bit of adversity and came through.

It looks like Jack Howieson and Jonny Woodcock need surgery and will be out for the season.

Then Sam Barlow and Mitchell Stringer were suspended - but the players

who came in to the team were very strong.

Trevor Exton was outstanding, as was Ryan Hepworth in his first game for quite a time, and three tries came from Alex Rowe.

Peter Green was back to his best and Aaron Groom did 60 minutes.

Special congratulations go to Matty Brooks whose misus gave birth to a baby girl recently - that can be a worrying time but he came in and did well. I could go through all the 17 - they were outstanding.

I told them before the game: 'Look we're a good team, believe it'. Now they know they should listen to me!

It's not been an easy few weeks.

People forget we have played the best teams in this competition in recent weeks

and every game we could have won.

But we didn't and in those games we dropped away a couple of times.

A lot of teams will see the 64-24 win over Whitehaven and take notice they will see that Sheffield are starting to hit their straps now.

We have won our second game in the league - we have to build on that.

Tonight we have Batley Bulldogs and then Toulouse Olympique.

Both games are at Bramall Lane and both are against teams just above us in the league.

That's an added incentive to climb into the play-off places. Enjoy the game

**Mark Aston**  
Head Coach

*Mark Aston is sponsored by Nick Firth Tiles and was talking to Jim Collins*

**We're with the Eagles....**





# Whitehaven RLFC v Keighley Cougars



Sunday May 9, 2010. Kick off 3pm. THE RECREATION GROUND

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

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	<b>Full back</b>	
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	<b>Right Centre</b>	
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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.....	Phoenix Trophies
21	Richard Jones.....	The Bayliss Family
22	Ben Sagar.....	Skipton Body Repair Centre
23	Chris Baines.....	Phil Lund Ltd Tom Hall
	Jamie Shepherd.....	Collett International Transport

COACH: BARRY EATON

COACH: GED STOKES

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWLLL  
 LAST SIX HOME: W-LWWLL  
 TRIES: Eilbeck, Fox (5) Calvert, Rudd, Sice (4)  
 GOALS: Rudd (33) Skee (6)  
 DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Carl Rudd

**MATCH OFFICIALS**

Referee: J. Leahy  
 Touch: A. Fossett, S. Mikalauskas  
 Reserve Referee: J. Lowery

**THE INSIDE TRACK**

Neither hitting their straps, but Recre always a fortress. Haven by 6

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLDWLL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLLWLL  
 TRIES: Presley, Duffy (6) Jones (5) Raynor, Shickell (4)  
 GOALS: Jones (41)  
 DROP GOALS: Jones (1)  
 MAN TO WATCH: Danny Jones

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**CLUBCALL**

**Whitehaven v Keighley**

Challenging times at struggling Haven

WELCOME to the Recreation Ground and another important match.

Our side continues to struggle and has yet to find the keys to a truly successful effort.

Despite taking the lead just after half-time at Sheffield, things came apart and we watched an avalanche of scores pile up against the lads.

The only good news from that day was that Danny Barker was not as seriously injured as first feared.

Much remains to be done to get things ironed out, and the clock and season are moving on. There is time to 'right the ship', but not much excess. Everyone will have to pull together to get past these challenges or things will get rough indeed.

We are looking for the right set of players and continue to do everything possible, both on and off the pitch. Your coming out to cheer the lads on is truly appreciated.

As always we are grateful to our sponsors for their continued support. Today's match sponsor is LLWR Limited, Tony Ansel is the Associate Sponsor and the Match Ball goes to Brian's Taxis. And, as always we appreciate the Main Club Sponsorship of Nuclear Management Partners. Enjoy the day.

Dick Raaz  
Chairman

# No excuses for what happened in Sheffield

I've made no excuses at all for Monday's defeat at Sheffield. It was extremely disheartening, especially after leading early in the second-half, and I feel sorry for our fans who made the trip to Bramall Lane to support us.

Every game is huge for us and we've re-grouped this week and today host Keighley.

We've been unable, this season, to get the team we want on the paddock. For instance, at Sheffield, we were forced into making three changes from the team we had planned to field.

But, as I say, none of that is an excuse for our performance. On the plus side, two of our sidelined props who have been out of action for some time are looking healthier.

David Ford is on the mend after illness and Richard Farrer, who suffered a leg injury at Widnes on April 5, has started light training.

Centre Stefan Marsh, who is with us on dual registration, made his engage Super League debut for Wigan last weekend in the win over Huddersfield.

He did not look out of place and it augurs well for us when he returns for us.

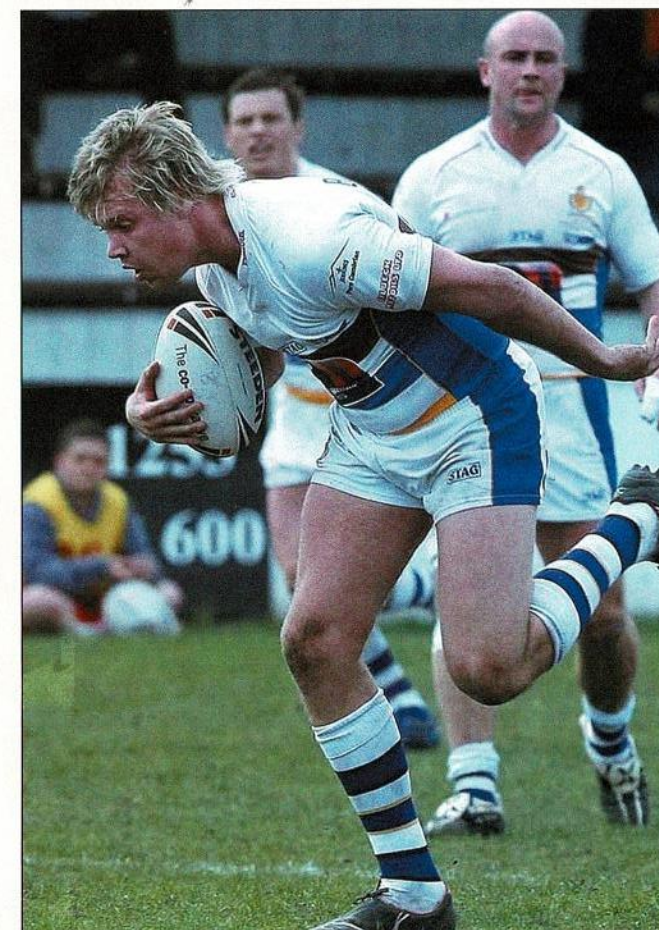
He made his first appearance for us in our win at Dewsbury and looked a very good prospect, a player who could beat a man on the outside.

There's no doubt he's got a future in the game, though obviously he still needs to gain experience at our level.

The Co-operative Championship is a tough, physical competition against guys who have been around and is a totally different game to the Under-20s.

Enjoy the match.

Ged Stokes  
Head Coach



Danny Barker sustained a neck injury in the big Sheffield defeat

# Gateshead Thunder v



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# South Wales Scorpions

Saturday May 8, 2010. Kick off 7pm. GATESHEAD INTERNATIONAL STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Querido & Davidson Opticians.....	Kevin Neighbour	1
Lorne Campbell/MoreThan Mortgages.....	Robin Peers	2
Dean Taxis.....	Tom Wilson	3
The Schooner.....	Michael Brown	4
O'Briens (Team Valley).....	Joe Brown	5
Rob Gardener (Matthew Wells).....	Liam Duffy	6
The Schooner.....	Rod Attard	7
Brack Office Solutions.....	Jason Payne	8
The Wheatsheaf.....	Ryan Clarke	9
Rob Gardener (James Wells).....	Tabua Cakacaka Foe	10
Neil & Christine Hutchinson.....	Johnny Scott	11
CLA Risk Solutions.....	Rhys Clarke	12
Accent Magazine/North East Times.....	Matt Barron	13
GMC Transport.....	Will Bate	14
Sampson Hall Ltd.....	Dan O'Sullivan	15
Monitor Coatings.....	Mark Dack	16
John Bloomfield IFA.....	Chris Parker	17
Peters Pies.....	Stephen Welton	18
La Gabbia Restaurant.....	Crawford Matthews	19
ERW Joinery.....	Phil Wall	20
Gateshead Fit for a City.....	James Hall	21
Gateshead College.....	Rob Harvey	22
Hilton Newcastle Gateshead.....	Karl Brandt	23
IT Guide.....	Mark Walker	24
Back Group.....	Garth Barron	25
St Wilfrid's School.....	David Cash	26
Go Beyond Training/Peterlee Pumas.....	Luke Watson	27
NHS.....	Jason Elliott	28
North-East Rugby League.....	Jimmy Atkinson	29
Jordan Engineering.....	Richie Humphries	30
Caledonian Hotel 0191 2817881.....	Matt Garside	31
Newcastle Gateshead Initiative.....	Ade Aderiyeye	32

COACH: CHRIS HOOD

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLLLL  
LAST SIX HOME: W-L-L-L-W  
TRIES: Wilson (5), Atkinson (4)  
Neighbour (3)  
GOALS: Neighbour (10)  
DROP GOALS: -  
MAN TO WATCH: Tom Wilson

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>	
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No.	PLAYER
1	Craig Richards
2	David James
3	Lee Williams
4	Stephen Ireland
5	Ashley Bateman
6	Loz Wildbore
7	Steve Parry
8	Lewis Mills
9	Shaun Owens
10	Gil Dudson
11	Christian Roets
12	Neil Dallimore
13	Aled James
14	Jamie Murphy
15	Andrew Gay
16	Joe Burke
17	Barrie Phillips
18	Matt Hutchings
19	Lewis Reece
20	Geraint Davies
21	Sam Studley
22	Curtis Cunningham
23	Alan Pope
26	Jamie Tibbs
27	Dalton Grant
28	Loren Quick
29	Harri Greville
31	Elliot Kear
33	Lloyd White
34	Ben Flower

COACH: ANTHONY SEIBOLD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLLL  
LAST SIX AWAY: -WLL  
TRIES: Parry (7), Roets, Richards (4)  
Dudson (3)  
GOALS: White (20)  
DGs: -  
MAN TO WATCH: Steve Parry

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C. Halloran  
Touch: R. Dolan, L. Todd  
Reserve Referee: G. Evans

### THE INSIDE TRACK

Scorpions have had a tough run but should get back on track here. Welsh by 6



## CLUBCALL

## Gateshead v South Wales

# Good to welcome a Welsh team

It is with genuine pleasure that we welcome South Wales to Gateshead.

The last time Thunder hosted a Welsh team was when the then Celtic Crusaders were promoted to the Championship.

I was the RFL's representative that day and hosted the sponsor, Co-operative, who presented Crusaders with the Championship One trophy.

Of course, Crusaders have gone on to Super

League - and have Thunder's former fullback Nick Youngquest in their ranks - and left the Championships without Welsh representation. Although it was very late in the day, we were extremely supportive of South Wales' inclusion for 2010 and it is good to see them holding their own in the competition.

If Rugby League is to become a truly national sport and capture the whole

country's imagination with the Rugby League World Cup 2013, then maintaining strong clubs out of the heartlands is vital.

London, South Wales, Toulouse and Gateshead all offer something different but we each take rugby league to a new audience and can open up new talent pools.

Talking of which I am extremely grateful to the players for the effort they have put in this season.

Last Monday, Thunder

had its first-ever reserve team fixture in its 11-year history. Despite the difficult off-season the Under 18s kept plugging away and a number have now stepped up to the 1st team.

And we have introduced an Under 16 training squad.

It is a medium-term project and the future looks good. Enjoy the rugby league.

**Rod Findlay**  
Chairman

# Injuries spoiled decent start against Rochdale

Hello and welcome to South Wales Scorpions on their first visit to Gateshead.

When it was first announced that South Wales were going to be entering the league, we at Gateshead Thunder were great advocates of their inclusion and the importance of a Welsh presence in the Co-operative Championships.

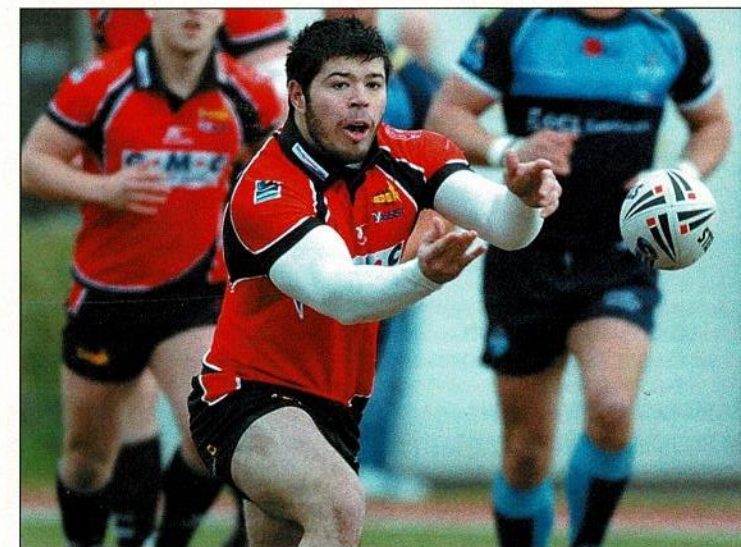
Their participation is one of the great strengths of our games, and more importantly for Welsh and Great British Rugby League.

Monday was a disappointment for us all after what was such a promising start. We again picked up early injuries to David Cash and Liam Duffy that kept them sidelined and left us with only 15 players for the majority of the game.

We started very brightly, took the lead and looked in control, but we gave away too much cheap ball and penalties, which, if given to any team, will put you in pressure situations. Our second-half effort was much improved, and the players played with a better spirit, although we were all very frustrated that we had let a big opportunity slip by us.

On a club front, we have been putting together our plans for the club's first Extended Scholarship which will start at the end of the year.

This is the first time we as a club



**Chris Hood**  
Director of Rugby

Gateshead were robbed of the services of Liam Duffy at Spotland

have had a regular detailed training programme, twinned with all the appropriate support mechanisms, for our promising youth performers.

The programme will be targeted at players who have just come out of the fantastic RFL Regional Talent Programme and is catering for the

North East's best 24 players between the ages of 16-18.

Training will take place up to August 2011, and will culminate in the players competing against four other Championship scholarship sides at the end of the season.

# Oldham RLFC v York City Knights



Sunday May 9, 2010. Kick off 3pm. Whitebank Stadium or Sedgley Park

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Mack Video Services	Paul O'Connor	1
Rob the Gardener	Lucas Onyango	2
	Craig Littler	3
Jack Fogerty & Family	Mick Fogerty	4
Nigel Marland	John Gillam	5
Xpress Solutions	Neil Roden	6
Peter & Maureen Woodhead	Matty Ashe	7
Clayton Green Brewers Fayre	Jason Boultis	8
Cagney & Lacey	Martin Roden	9
ikreative	Dave Ellison	10
	Saqib Murta	11
John & Lynda McAndrew	Kashley Watkins	12
Mick Harrop	Joe Chandler	13
	Gary Sykes	14
Sue & Spanish Rougheds	Craig Robinson	15
Mark Bates & Sons	Wayne Kerr	16
A & P Wire	Danny Whitmore	17
Paul Whalley & Kyle Cook	Chris Clarke	18
Willscaff	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
	Ian Hodson	26
Howarth Flooring Contractors	Jamie l'Anson	27
	Luke Sutton	28
AMP Wire	Goal Kicker	

**COACH: TONY BENSON**

Sponsor: G&G Carpets and Bed Centre

**LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWW**

**LAST SIX HOME: W-WLWWW**

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

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

**GOALS: Ashe (25)**

**DROP GOALS: -**

**MAN TO WATCH: Matty Ashe**

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

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**DGs**

No.	PLAYER
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.....KFD Consultancy Services
6	Chris Thorman....R U Sure Referee R U Sure
7	Jonathan Schofield.....Brian Watson
8	Mark Applegarth...Millers Famous Fish & Chips
9	Joe McLocklan....The Insurance Partnership
10	Alex Benson.....Cueball Snooker Club
11	Jordan Ross...ASL Specialist Garage Equipment
12	Chris Clough...Michaela Harper & Daniel Peace
13	Richard Blakeway.....Chris Hearld
14	Ian Bell
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	Aidle 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.....Boss Hogg Roast
	Chris Clarke, Steve Lewis, Mark Falkingham, Danny Hill (Spon: York RL Refs), Danny Bell

**COACH: JAMES RATCLIFFE**

**LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWL**

**LAST SIX AWAY: LWLWL**

**TRIES: Waterman (12) Ratcliffe (8)**

**Schofield (7) McLocklan (6)**

**GOALS: Waterman (59)**

**DROP GOALS: Thorman (2)**

**MAN TO WATCH: Joe McLocklan**

**MATCH OFFICIALS**

Referee: P. Brooke

Touch: T. Mahar, T. Owen

Reserve Referee: S. Kilpatrick

**THE INSIDE TRACK**

*York can't find consistency. Oldham to keep up with pacesetters by 10*



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TONY Benson has some new fans who are backing the New Zealander to spearhead a promotion push this summer. They are the management team at G and G Carpet Warehouse and Bed Centre of Lees, who have been so impressed with what the Kiwi has achieved so far that they are to sponsor him in a partnership with the club which also includes advertising and promotional events at the Roughyeds' new home at Whitebank Stadium. "It isn't every day a club gets its coach sponsored, but G and G are putting their faith in Tony and the Roughyeds and we are thrilled to welcome on board another local company," said the club's commercial manager Rachael Marsters, a fellow Kiwi. Said Benson: "I'm proud to have the backing of G and G and proud to know that a local family-owned firm with its roots in the community is prepared to get behind the club in this way." Tony is pictured with G&G proprietor Gary Smith and General Manager Bob Marsden

## Hard work is all paying off

Hello and a very big welcome to what we hope will be Whitebank Stadium's first rugby league match for the Roughyeds.

There has been an enormous amount of work gone in over the last few weeks from all manner of people to get the ground something like for this game.

What you see today is far from the finished article and this project will be ongoing for a number of years to come but today is the first day in a new dawn for the club and one that will totally transform the way in which the club operates.

9th May will go down in the history of the club as nobody - not even me - dared to think that last November when we were told we had to find a new venue, yet again, that we would be looking at having our own ground.

To have achieved this can never be understated and it is nothing more than everybody involved with the

**Chris Hamilton**  
Chief Executive

club deserves.

To us it is like a lottery win and we have to make sure we use it to its best advantage now.

I would personally like to thank everybody who has helped the club so far in any way at all including those companies who have bought into our dream!

There is not enough space here to do it justice but you can rest assured we will go from strength to strength.

The team made it seven wins out of seven last week at Doncaster and we would like nothing more than to keep that run going today.

We are hoping for a big turn out and let's hope we get that together with fantastic support for the team.

Enjoy the game.  
Chris

**Oldham v York**

## Games aren't won on paper

**Tony Benson**  
Head Coach

A BIG Roughyeds welcome today to the officials, players and supporters of York City Knights.

A glance at the league table would indicate that, on paper at least, Hunslet Hawks, Blackpool Panthers and ourselves are drawing away from the rest, but rugby league matches are not played on paper and are not won or lost according to statistics.

The fact is that this year's division is a hugely competitive one which is going to see lots of twists and turns as the summer unfolds.

We know that the Knights will today be absolutely determined and fully switched-on to give it their best shot in their efforts to inflict on us our first league defeat of the season.

Anything less than our best and anything less than 100 per cent commitment will not be good enough and we will need to be in the sort of form that carried us through at Doncaster last week if we are to extend our winning run today against a club that always demands the highest respect.

As far as the Doncaster game went I was pleased that we kept on fighting when we went 14-12 down at half-time. I was confident that if we maintained what we had been doing, but improved on our ball control, we would take the game away in the last 20 and that's pretty much what happened.

Early in the first half we had a big territorial advantage but the game turned when we conceded two penalties in a row. We went to Doncaster expecting a tough arm-wrestle and we knew we would have to tough-it out. They are a good side and they are going to hurt a lot of teams from here on in.

There were things from that performance for us to work on but we generally had a good plan and stuck to it.

The injuries caused some disruption to plans but everyone played well. In the past we might have had a panic attack when we went behind and when we found it tough to get over their line. I was pleased that we didn't panic but instead kept our composure; kept trying things; kept our patience; and saw it all pay off in the end.

Today's game against the Knights is going to be just as tough... but aren't they all in a division where, on the day, any team can beat any other if they aren't quite up to speed in terms of preparation or attitude? Enjoy the game.



# London Skolars v Workington Town



Sunday May 9, 2010. Kick off 2pm. 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
One Personal Training.....	Chad Isles	17
	James Simon	18
	Liam Prescott	19
Woodlands PH.....	David Williams	20
	Jamie O'Callaghan	21
Canavan Builders.....	Curtis Cunningham	22
	Olu Iwenofu	23
Stag Sports.....	Lamont Bryan	24
Optimal Life Fitness.....	Smokie Junor	25
Woodlands PH.....	Ben Jones	28
Ann & Steven Morgan.....	Ade Adebisi	

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>	
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	<b>Hooker</b>	
	<b>Prop</b>	
	<b>2nd row</b>	
	<b>2nd row</b>	
	<b>Loose forward</b>	
	<b>Interchange 1</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
	Ryan McDonald

### SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

COACH: JAMES MASSARA

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL

LAST SIX HOME: LLLLLL

TRIES: Adebisi (4) Thomas (3)

Cunningham (2)

GOALS: Thorman (16)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Ade Adebisi

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M. Kidd

Touch: P. Ward, B. Leze

Reserve Referee: S. Matthews

### THE INSIDE TRACK

Skolars due to break their duck. Maybe an upset here - home side by 4

COACHES: GARY CHARLTON & MARTIN OGLANBY

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLL

LAST SIX AWAY: WLLLLL

TRIES: Low (7) Kaighan (6)

Backhouse (5)

GOALS: Kaighan (37)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Mike Backhouse

## CLUBCALL

## Skolars v Workington

# Another win is long overdue

A warm welcome to the fans, players and officials from Workington.

We know very well how long a trip it is down to the capital (especially as our transport broke down on the way back from Cumbria last year, which made for a very long trip indeed!)

That weekend was also memorable as it was the last game that we won. It's now 11 months since that victory, another one is long overdue, but I'm sure that Workington will be determined not to bookend our losing run.

Although we worked hard in our

last game, ultimately we struggled against Hunslet. Not having any specialist prop forwards in the 17 did little to help that.

Without that power and ability to go forward, our opportunities for attack become limited, quite apart from the additional pressure put on defence.

We are working with James to address this weakness and put it right both for this season and for 2011. However, there are no short-term solutions.

From a financing point of view, the salary cap limits the amount we

can pay players both in absolute terms and in terms of percentage of income.

No club can just throw money at a problem.

That's a good thing for the future of the clubs and for the game at this and any professional level, but it is always a constraint.

The recent scandal in Australia with Melbourne Storm should be a warning to anyone that is tempted to transgress the rules.

Terry Browne  
Chairman

# No-one to prop us up against Hunslet

As Terry says, our game against Hunslet was a tough one.

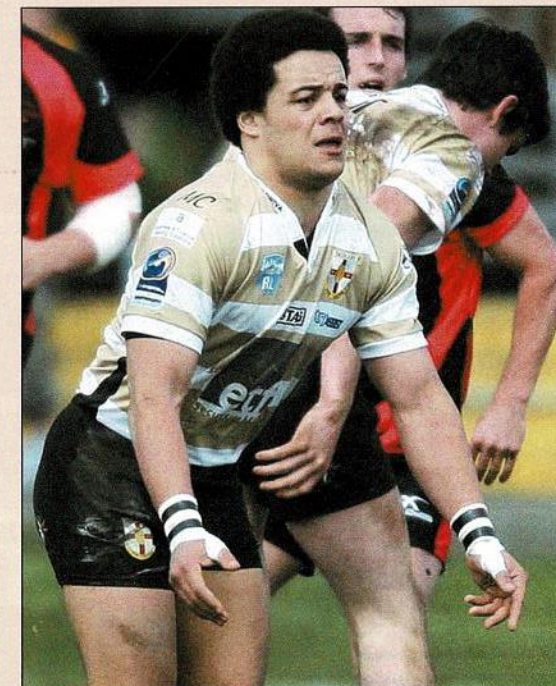
The guys acquitted themselves well for large periods of the game against a side that, at this stage of the season, looks set for promotion. However, with no recognised prop forwards, the pressure was always going to tell. Those players operating out of position will have learnt a lot from the experience and they played with a lot of heart, workrate and application.

Every club has injury issues, so I'm not going to focus on that. However, losing two players of the quality of Curtis Cunningham and Liam Roach has been a big setback. Curtis especially showed what he was capable of in the games that he played.

Sadly if a player isn't settled it's difficult to get the best out of them. If someone's heart isn't in the game, their performance will reflect that. I'm sure many of our supporters who have come to the capital from elsewhere will know that sometimes it can be hard to adjust to life in 'the Smoke'. I'm sure our visitors today will have similar stories of players that haven't settled after a move from the M62 to the Lakes.

It's vital that we have the right players in the right positions. Our links with the student game are helping us identify a couple of players that will join us soon along with a name that may be more familiar to our supporters. That mixture of youth and experience is vital to help us strengthen the squad for the second half of the season.

James Massara  
Head Coach



James Massara says the absence of quality players like Curtis Cunningham, above, is proving a major setback for the Skolars



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# Swinton Lions v Hornets RL



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Ray Bowdler	Tony Stewart	27
	Ian Sinfield	28
	Wayne Corcoran	
	Neil Cherryholme	
	Mick Govin	

COACH: PAUL SMITH

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLWW  
 LAST SIX HOME: WLLWLW  
 TRIES: Dodd, Foxen, Reay, Smith, Isherwood, Wilson (all 5)  
 GOALS: Dodd (24)  
 DROP GOALS: Holroyd (1)  
 MAN TO WATCH: Mick Govin

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	
	Interchange 1	
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### SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Craig Johnson	Aztek Safety
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31	Aqam Wayne	
32	Wayne English	John & Julie Clarke
	Damien Reid	
	Liam McGovern	

COACH: JOHN STANKEVITCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWLWW  
 LAST SIX AWAY: L-LLLLL  
 TRIES: English (9), Johnson (7)  
 Gorton (6)  
 GOALS: Roper, Crook, Hough (10)  
 DROP GOALS: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Craig Johnson

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G. Dolan  
 Touch: K. Povah, M. Beadle  
 Reserve Referee: S. Moss

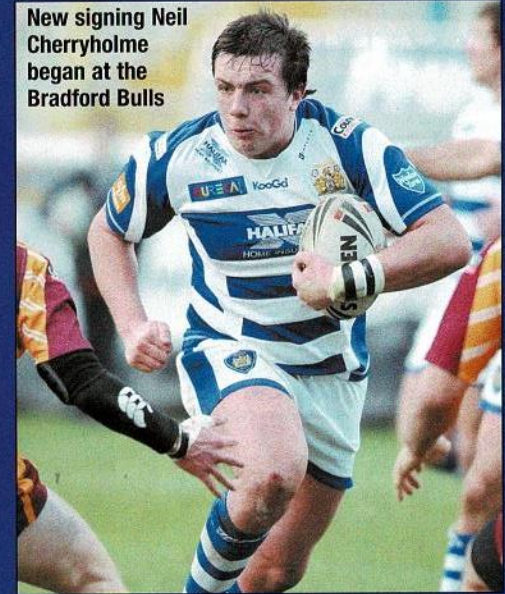
### THE INSIDE TRACK

A local cracker in prospect - Lions' experience to edge it by 4

## CLUBCALL

## Swinton v Hornets RL

# Tasty game in prospect with the old boys and old foes...



New signing Neil Cherryholme began at the Bradford Bulls

Good afternoon and welcome to Sedgley Park for a local derby against the Hornets from Rochdale!

Today's match has extra special significance because of all the ex-Swinton players currently in the Rochdale squad!

This promises to be a match with an electric atmosphere! Both sets of players will be determined not to lose this match but something will have to give as there can be only one winner.

With the recent departures from our squad previously announced. It was excellent to see the club fulfil its promises of adding to the squad with three recent signings in the form of Neil Cherryholme, Wayne Corcoran and Mick Govin.

All three players had an impact in last week's away victory at York City Knights with playmaker Govin showing some excellent handling skill at halfback.

The club were very quick to swoop for Govin's signature once Whitehaven had released the player. Govin brings a lot of quality and experience to the club. He featured

in last season's Championship Grand final of course.

Cherryholme is a product of the Bradford Bulls academy who has played for Halifax. Today's opponents will know a bit about Wayne Corcoran who was with them.

We would like to wish all three the very best as they forge out new playing careers here at Swinton.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome and give special thanks to all our many sponsors for today's game. Salford City Council are today's executive match sponsor, whilst Thomson Jones LLP, Royal Bank of Scotland and GTEQ Communications are today's Associate Match Sponsors. A&A Compensation claims are Man of the Match sponsors, Premier Building Services are sponsoring the Champagne Moment and Hollands Pies are the match ball sponsors. With over 110 dining in our restaurant I am sure that the pre-match hospitality will be good and after the match the club will be hosting Corporate entertainment back in the restaurant in the form

of a Las Vegas style Casino night! All of our Lunch & Crunch guests have already been invited to return for this and will be joined by the Swinton Lions players.

There is also the opportunity for the supporters who have come through the turnstiles to join in and enjoy the fun! For just £5 you can take your chances on the roulette wheel or the black jack tables etc with your £10,000 of fun money. Hollands Pies will also be launching their peppered steak pie with the opportunity to try a free tasting. Do feel free to come up to the restaurant after today's game.

It was really pleasing to see the players celebrating last week's amazing comeback win away at York. It was also equally good to see the Swinton supporters celebrating and clapping the players off the field. Everyone involved at the club has always believed that we would turn the corner and reach our playing potential.

**Andy Wilkinson**  
General Manager



Michael (Braddy) Bradshaw

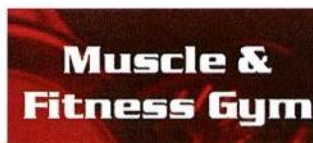
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# RFL looks to recruit two major signings

The RFL is looking to significantly strengthen its senior management team with the appointment of two key posts, a Director of Marketing and Communications and a Chief Operating Officer.

The RFL is targeting individuals of the highest calibre who can help deliver the strategic objectives of Engage Super League and the 2013 Rugby League World Cup.

The Director of Marketing and Communications will be based in Leeds and Manchester and will take ultimate responsibility for building the sport's profile and maximising commercial performance, both for the governing body and its member clubs.

Supported by the RFL's Commercial Director, the Director of Marketing and Communications will develop a successful external marketing and communications strategy which will further raise awareness of Rugby League.

Based in Leeds, the Chief Operating Officer will have vital input in strategic planning, business development and the overall management of the sport.

The role will also take responsibility for providing increased support to the RFL's member clubs and developing and executing strategic initiatives that will deliver efficient and effective operational performance across the whole game.



RFL chief exec Nigel Wood

Nigel Wood, the RFL's Chief Executive, said: "Rugby League has made significant strides in the last few years and the time is now right to take the sport to the next level.

"These two appointments are crucial to achieving our aims of delivering improved services and revenues to, and on behalf of every member club, and running the most successful Rugby League World Cup."

Details of the two new roles can be found by visiting the 'Careers at the RFL' section of the RFL site [www.therfl.co.uk](http://www.therfl.co.uk)



## DID YOU KNOW .... INTER-DIVISION CUP CLASHES

THERE have been 161 RL Challenge Cup meetings between Super League and lower division clubs. Super League clubs have won 152 and of the nine lower division wins only three were achieved away. The only victory by a team from the third level was Hunslet Hawks' 18-14 4th round home defeat of promoted Huddersfield Giants in 2003.

Barrow Raiders' 34-28 win at Castleford Tigers in this year's 4th round was the latest victory by a lower division club. Before then, the last two lower division triumphs were in 2006, Widnes Vikings beating Castleford 14-4 in the fourth round and Hull KR defeating Warrington Wolves 40-36 in round six. Both were home victories.

Three of the other wins came in the first year of Super League (1996) with Dewsbury beating London Broncos 12-10 at home and Widnes winning 17-10 at Workington Town in the 4th round, while Salford Reds had a 26-16 5th round home win over Wigan.

Later, Keighley Cougars had a 21-8 5th round win at Halifax Blue Sox in 1997, Leigh Centurions a 16-12 4th round home defeat of Salford City Reds in 2001 and Hunslet's defeat of Huddersfield in 2003.

Leeds Rhinos registered the biggest Super League win over lower division opposition when they won 106-10 at Swinton Lions in the 2001 4th round.

## Consultation on amateur switch to summer

THE AMATEUR code could follow the professionals to summer rugby league after a formal period of consultation on a possible change to the community game playing season was announced.

There has already been a groundswell of support from a number of Community game leagues and competitions, but now the RFL wants to focus on players playing at amateur level and the process will take place over a six-week period.

It will end with a recom-

mendation that will go forward to the clubs and leagues with the decision ultimately resting with these groups.

The different options which are being discussed are to switch the season for junior and open age teams to March-November; to keep the season structure as it is at present; and to introduce a split season which would include a break for the winter months.

David Gent, the RFL's Director of Participation and

Strategic Partnerships, said: "It is essential that we get the views of the players about when they would like to play.

"We are therefore planning to use an external organisation to conduct a survey amongst a cross section of community game players."

Mr Gent added: "There has been through the process so far a belief by some that this is a 'done deal' in moving to a summer based game. This consultation is a genuine,

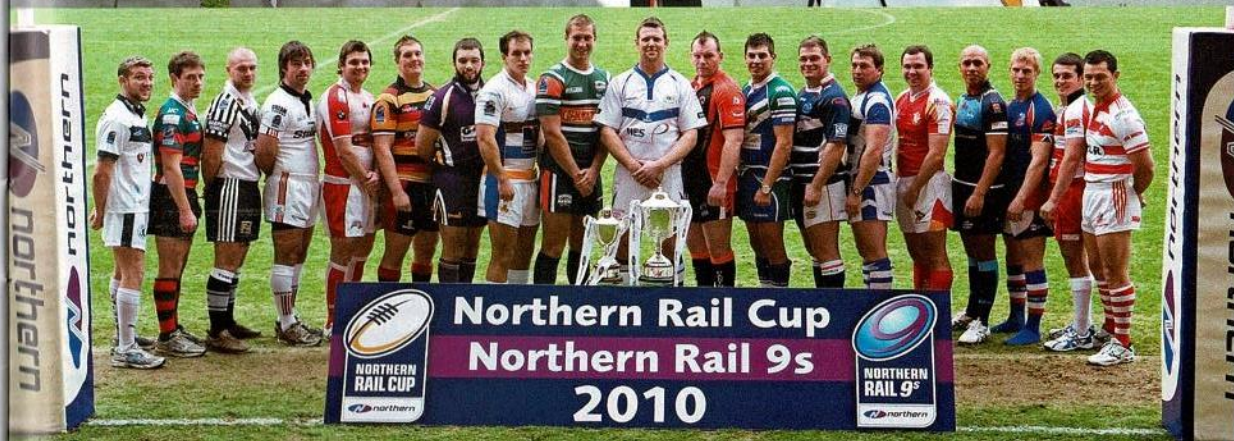
sincere and open consultation process to give players, coaches, administrators and volunteers an opportunity to comment on what they believe to be the best time of the year to play rugby league."

The RFL is keen to hear views from all parts of the sport and if you wish to know more or wish to make a comment please e-mail Andy Harland, the RFL's National Development Manager, via [andy.harland@rfl.uk.com](mailto:andy.harland@rfl.uk.com)

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# Finn's a deadly find for Featherstone

L IAM FINN is looking like an inspired signing by Featherstone Rovers. The former Dewsbury half-back put over a last-gasp drop goal that gave Rovers a 9-8 win at Widnes Vikings.

The kick two minutes from time makes it eight wins out of eight Championship games and keeps Rovers at the top of the table.

A bumper crowd of 3,448 were provided with a thrilling contest at the Stobart Stadium. Rovers took the lead with two tries in the first half but it was a nail-biting time for coach Daryl Powell in the second 40 as the Vikings came back to level the scores.

Powell was pleased to take the three points although he



didn't feel his team had played well adding "the spirit and togetherness in defence was outstanding".

Dewsbury Rams are still searching for their first Championship win after a closely contested clash with Leigh Centurions in the live Sky Sports game.

Leigh didn't have it all their own way as the Rams led at one point in the first half but the home team were outscored by five tries to two. Mick Nanyn continues in great goal kicking form with five from five.

The final score of 30-14 to Leigh denied the Rams a losing bonus point. Ian Millward's team have stretched their winning run in all competitions to ten games and stay in second place in the table just one point behind Rovers.

Rams coach Warren Jowitt praised his team's effort. He said: "We're getting better ... I'm certain our first win is coming."

Toulouse Olympique dusted themselves off after the Icelandic ash cloud lifted with a 20-12 win over Batley Bulldogs. It was the first game Gilles Dumas' team had played since the Challenge Cup game at St Helens.

Batley trailed 14-4 at half-time but closed the gap to two points before a late try from Mathieu Griffi converted by Nathan Wynn edged the win for Toulouse.

Barrow Raiders moved up to third place in the table with



Batley's Johnny Campbell tries to find a way through

## COMING UP...

IT'S a mix of Carnegie Challenge Cup fifth round and Championship games ahead this weekend.

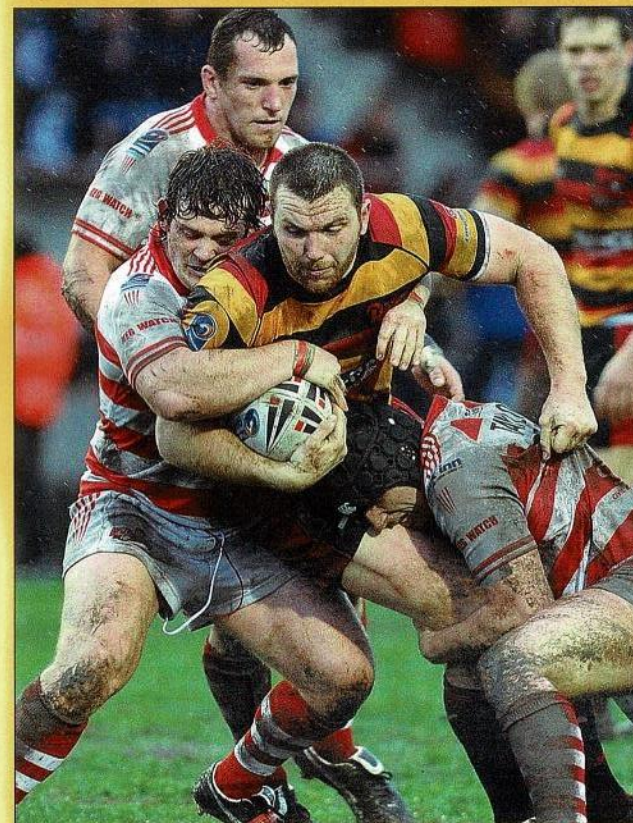
Seven Championship clubs are involved in Cup games and four drawn together Barrow Raiders v Hunslet Hawks and Halifax v Batley - guaranteeing at least two of the competition's clubs will make the quarter finals.

Widnes Vikings face Super League leaders Wigan Warriors at the Stobart Stadium. Leigh Centurions' good winning run faces a stern test when they go to Bradford Bulls and Blackpool Panthers travel to Leeds Rhinos.

In the Championship, leaders Featherstone Rovers are at home to Toulouse Olympique in the live Sky Sports game. Two Saturday ties in Championship 1 see South Wales Scorpions make the long trip to Gateshead Thunder and there's a derby with Rochdale Hornets at Swinton Lions.

The weekend ends with Whitehaven seeking to bounce back at home to Keighley Cougars and in Championship 1 London Skolars at home to Workington Town and Oldham entertaining York City Knights.

Batley Bulldogs have busy week with a trip to Sheffield Eagles on Wednesday for the game that was postponed by the weekend Cup clash at Halifax.



Rams prop Keegan Hirst is wrapped up by the Leigh defence

a 40-10 win at Keighley Cougars. Jamie Rooney claimed two tries and kicked six goals.

Cougars remain anchored in bottom place.

Sheffield Eagles claimed their second win of the season with a 64-24 romp over Whitehaven - a performance coach Mark Aston described as the "confidence booster" they needed.

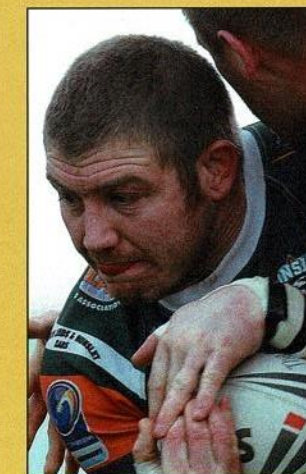


In Championship 1 it was a busy Bank Holiday Monday with five games - but no change for the three leaders locked on 21 points at the top of the table.

David March claimed a try and five goals as Hunslet Hawks made sure of staying in top spot with a 30-16 win at Workington Town.

It was no change below them with Blackpool Panthers staging a second half comeback to keep their 100 per cent record with a 28-24 win at South Wales Scorpions. Eight players scored tries as third placed Oldham won 46-26 at Doncaster.

Rochdale Hornets moved up to



David March - top form for Hunslet

Sheffield (14) 64  
T: A Thackeray 1, T Ropati 2, M Yere 1, A Groom 1, C Cook 2, A Szostak 1, A Rowe 3, M Brooks 1. G: T Ropati 4, B Lindsay 4.  
Whitehaven (12) 24  
T: R Jackson 1, C Calvert 2, M Jackson 1. G: C Rudd 4.  
Att: 1,301

Keighley (6) 10  
T: G Duffy 1, D Williams 1. G: D Jones 1, 1,047,  
Barrow (30) 40  
T: A Ballard 1, J Rooney 2, L Campbell 2, A Bracek 1, N Mossop 1. G: J Rooney 6.  
Att: 1,047

Toulouse (14) 20  
T: C Varela Mendes 2, M Griffi 1. G: N Wynn 4.  
Batley (4) 12  
T: M Toohey 1, K Lythe 1. G: P Handforth 2. Att: 2,500

Widnes (0) 8  
T: M Gardner 1, P Flynn 1.  
Featherstone (8) 9  
T: J Parker 1, A Kain 1. DG: L Finn 1.  
Att: 3,448

Dewsbury (8) 14  
T: D Brambani 1, A Bostock 1. G: P Walker 3.  
Leigh (18) 30  
T: M Ridyard 1, T Goulden 1, D Armitstead 1, J Emmitt 2.  
G: M Nanyn 5.  
Att: 1,151

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	B	PTS
Featherstone	8	8	0	0	319	84	235	0	24
Leigh	8	7	1	0	274	98	176	0	23
Barrow	8	6	1	1	273	112	161	0	20
Widnes	8	5	0	3	304	193	111	3	18
Halifax	8	6	0	2	228	206	22	0	18
Toulouse	8	4	0	4	170	264	-94	0	12
Sheffield	8	2	1	5	198	252	-54	1	9
Batley	8	2	0	6	128	224	-96	3	9
Whitehaven	8	2	0	6	144	289	-145	1	7
Dewsbury	9	0	0	9	140	272	-132	5	5
Keighley	9	1	1	7	160	344	-184	2	-2

\* Keighley deducted 9pts for going into administration

Workington (12) 16  
T: A Low 2, S Kaighan 1. G: S Kaighan 2.  
Hunslet (18) 30  
T: N Larvin 1, P March 1, R Chapman 1, J Houston 1, D March 1.  
G: D March 5. Att: 578

South Wales (12) 24  
T: J Murphy 1, C Richards 2, S Parry 1. G: L Wildbore 1, L White 3.  
Blackpool (10) 28  
T: D Munro 1, D Llewelyn 1, J Charnley 1, T Hemingway 1, M McCully 1. G: J Charnley 4. Att: 623

York (18) 30  
T: D Ratcliffe 1, D Wilson 1, J Stearman 1, B Waller 1. G: L Waterman 7.  
Swinton (10) 36  
T: R Hawkyard 1, A Stewart 1, S Reay 1, A Isherwood 1, P Smith 2, W Corcoran 1. G: G Holroyd 4. Att: 670

Rochdale (22) 50  
T: C Johnson 1, W English 3, D Gorton 1, D Reid 1, S Roper 1, P Wood 1, D Smith 1, C Ashall 1. G: P Crook 5.  
Gateshead (6) 12  
T: M Barron 1, R Young 1. G: K Neighbour 2. Att: 604

Doncaster (14) 26  
T: T Griffiths 1, D Colton 1, S Wilson 1, J Ely 1. G: S Brown 5.  
Oldham (12) 46  
T: M Fogarty 1, J Gillam 1, M Ashe 1, J Boult 1, J Chandler 1, C Clarke 1, D Ellison 1, B Heaton 1. G: M Ashe 6, J Boult 1.  
Att: 730

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	B	Pts
Hunslet	8	7	0	1	318	109	209	0	21
Blackpool	7	7	0	0	267	100	167	0	21
Oldham	7	7	0	0	237	118	119	0	21
Rochdale	8	4	0	4	278	208	70	2	14
York	8	4	0	4	259	215	44	2	14
South Wales	8	3	0	5	178	171	7	4	13
Swinton	7	4	0	3	182	228	-46	0	12
Doncaster	9	3	0	6	222	338	-116	2	11
Workington	7	2	0	5	162	154	8	3	9
London Skos	8	0	0	8	112	354	-242	2	2
Gateshead	7	1	0	6	100	320	-220	1	-2

\* Gateshead deducted 9pts for going into administration

# DIARY 2010

## KEY TO DIARY: NORTHERN RAIL CUP CHAMPIONSHIP CHAMPIONSHIP 1 CHALLENGE CUP

### NORTHERN RAIL CUP

#### SUNDAY JANUARY 31 - ROUND 1

Dewsbury Rams 80, London Skolars 4  
Leigh Centurions 24, Oldham 12  
Blackpool Panthers 22, Keighley Cougars 24

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - ROUND 1

Widnes Vikings 50, Gateshead Thunder 6

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - ROUND 2

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

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 - ROUND 2

Oldham 22, Hornets RL 14

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - ROUND 1

Whitehaven 26, Batley Bulldogs 34

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - ROUND 3

Batley Bulldogs 46, Swinton Lions 10  
Keighley Cougars 38, Workington Town 10  
Leigh Centurions 36, Featherstone Rovers 6  
Sheffield Eagles 40, York City Knights 10  
Whitehaven 54, Doncaster RLFC 10  
Widnes Vikings 22, Barrow Raiders 20  
Blackpool Panthers 74, Gateshead Thunder 8  
Hunslet Hawks 28, Oldham 14  
London Skolars 0, Halifax RLFC 68  
Rochdale Hornets 12, Dewsbury Rams 48

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Swinton Lions 12, Widnes Vikings 36  
Workington Town 18, Whitehaven 14

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Oldham 22, Sheffield Eagles 24

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Featherstone Rovers 68, Hornets RL 10

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Dewsbury Rams 22, Leigh Centurions 44

#### THURSDAY MARCH 4

Hunslet Hawks 0, Featherstone Rovers 68

#### WEDNESDAY MARCH 10

York City Knights 34, London Skolars 10

Barrow Raiders 62, Keighley 18

#### WEDNESDAY MARCH 17

Gateshead Thunder 4, Batley Bulldogs 100

#### SUNDAY MARCH 21

Halifax RLFC 36, Hunslet Hawks 42

#### WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH

Doncaster 20, Blackpool 40

### CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY

Leigh Centurions 20, Barrow Raiders 20

#### SUNDAY, 28 FEBRUARY

Toulouse Olympique 26, Dewsbury Rams 22  
Featherstone Rovers 36, Batley Bulldogs 10  
Halifax RLFC 32, Sheffield Eagles 26

Widnes Vikings 72, Keighley Cougars 10  
Hunslet Hawks 40, Gateshead Thunder 12  
Hornets RL 56, Doncaster RLFC 24  
Swinton Lions 20, Oldham 38  
South Wales Scorpions 22, Workington Town 20  
York City Knights 36, London Skolars 8

#### THURSDAY, 11 MARCH

Batley Bulldogs 24, Halifax RLFC 34

#### FRIDAY MARCH 12

Blackpool Panthers 36, Hornets RL 14

Hunslet Hawks 16, Oldham RLFC 29

#### SATURDAY, 13 MARCH

Whitehaven 34, Toulouse Olympique 20

#### SUNDAY, 14 MARCH

Dewsbury Rams 10, Featherstone Rovers 40

Keighley Cougars 12, Leigh Centurions 34

Sheffield Eagles 30, Widnes Vikings 44

Doncaster RLFC 8, South Wales Scorpions 18

London Skolars 16, Swinton Lions 52

Workington Town 32, York City Knights 22

#### THURSDAY, 18 MARCH

Widnes Vikings 28, Halifax RLFC 30

#### FRIDAY, 19 MARCH

Sheffield Eagles 22, Dewsbury Rams 10

#### SATURDAY, 20 MARCH

Toulouse Olympique 34, Keighley Cougars 26

Barrow Raiders 6, Featherstone Rovers 20

#### SUNDAY, 21 MARCH

Leigh Centurions 44, Whitehaven 12

Gateshead Thunder 24, London Skolars 18

Rochdale Hornets 32, Workington Town 24

Swinton Lions 36, Doncaster RLFC 30

York City Knights 25, South Wales Scorpions 24

#### THURSDAY, 25 MARCH

Keighley Cougars 12, Batley Bulldogs 22

#### SATURDAY, 27 MARCH

Toulouse Olympique 16, Barrow Raiders 48

#### SUNDAY, 28 MARCH

Dewsbury Rams 30, Widnes Vikings 36

Featherstone Rovers 54, Whitehaven 18

Halifax RLFC 10, Leigh Centurions 48

Blackpool Panthers 54, Swinton Lions 6

Doncaster RLFC 40, York City Knights 24

Hunslet Hawks 44, Rochdale Hornets 8

South Wales Scorpions 48, London Skolars 6

Workington Town 44, Gateshead Thunder 0

#### THURSDAY, 1 APRIL

Whitehaven 8, Barrow Raiders 19

#### FRIDAY, 2 APRIL

Featherstone Rovers 44, Halifax 4

Keighley Cougars 16, Sheffield Eagles 16

Toulouse Olympique 6, Leigh Centurions 36

Batley Bulldogs 22, Dewsbury Rams 8

Hunslet Hawks 54, Doncaster RLFC 12

London Skolars 18, Blackpool Panthers 42

Rochdale Hornets 16, Oldham 22

York City Knights 72, Gateshead Thunder 14

#### MONDAY, 5 APRIL

Barrow Raiders 50, Sheffield Eagles 4

Dewsbury Rams 10, Keighley Cougars 42

Halifax RLFC 50, Toulouse Olympique 6

Leigh Centurions 26, Batley Bulldogs 4

Widnes Vikings 48, Whitehaven 18

Blackpool Panthers 27, York City Knights 14

Doncaster RLFC 38, London Skolars 28

South Wales Scorpions 12, Hunslet Hawks 52

Oldham 16, Workington Town 14

#### THURSDAY, 8 APRIL

Halifax RLFC 40, Keighley Cougars 20

#### SATURDAY, 10 APRIL

Widnes Vikings 38, Toulouse Olympique 42

Barrow Raiders 56, Batley Bulldogs 10

#### SUNDAY, 11 APRIL

Dewsbury Rams 12, Whitehaven 20

Sheffield Eagles 16, Featherstone Rovers 40

Gateshead Thunder 28, Doncaster RLFC 32

Halifax RLFC 46, Swinton Lions 12

South Wales Scorpions 16, Oldham 22  
Rochdale Hornets 68, London Skolars 10  
Workington Town 12, Blackpool Panthers 32

#### FRIDAY APRIL 16

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP 4th ROUND

Swinton 4, Halifax 56

#### SATURDAY 17 APRIL

Limoux 20, Leigh Centurions 32

Sheffield Eagles 34, Wigan 50

St Helens 56, Toulouse Olympique 16

#### SUNDAY 18 APRIL

Blackpool 24, Whitehaven 18

Castleford 28, Barrow Raiders 34

Dewsbury 0, Bradford Bulls 50

Hunslet 42, Oldham 12

Siddal 2, Batley Bulldogs 34

Warrington 48, Featherstone 24

York City Knights 8, Crusaders RL 58

#### THURSDAY, 22 APRIL

Widnes Vikings 44, Lezignan-Corbieres 24

Featherstone 76, Keighley Cougars 12

#### SATURDAY, 24 APRIL

Barrow Raiders 34, Dewsbury Rams 240

Oldham 64, Gateshead Thunder 10

#### SUNDAY, 25 APRIL

Leigh Centurions 36, Sheffield Eagles 20

Whitehaven 10, Halifax RLFC 28

Batley Bulldogs 24, Widnes Vikings 32

Blackpool Panthers 48, Doncaster RLFC 12

London Skolars 8, Hunslet Hawks 46

Swinton Lions 20, South Wales Scorpions 14

York City Knights 36, Rochdale Hornets 34

#### THURSDAY, 29 APRIL

Dewsbury Rams 14, Leigh Centurions 30

#### FRIDAY, 30 APRIL

Widnes Vikings 6, Featherstone Rovers 9

#### SATURDAY, 1 MAY

Toulouse Olympique 20, Batley Bulldogs 12

#### MONDAY, 3 MAY

Keighley Cougars 10, Barrow Raiders 40

Sheffield Eagles 64, Whitehaven 24

Doncaster RLFC 26, Oldham 46

Rochdale Hornets 50, Gateshead Thunder 12

South Wales Scorpions 24, Blackpool Panthers 28

Workington Town 16, Hunslet Hawks 30

York City Knights 30, Swinton Lions 36

#### THURSDAY, 6 MAY

Featherstone v Toulouse SKY 7.30

#### FRIDAY, 7 MAY

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP 5th ROUND

Bradford Bulls v Leigh Centurions 8.00

Leeds Rhinos v Blackpool Panthers 8.00

#### SATURDAY, 8 MAY

Widnes Vikings v Wigan 3.00

Gateshead Thunder v South Wales Scorpions 7.00

Swinton Lions v Rochdale Hornets 3.00

#### SUNDAY, 9 MAY

Barrow Raiders v Hunslet Hawks 3.30

Halifax v Batley Bulldogs 3.00

Whitehaven v Keighley Cougars 3.00

London Skolars v Workington Town 2.00

Oldham v York City Knights 3.00

#### WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY

Sheffield Eagles v Batley Bulldogs 7.30

#### THURSDAY, 13 MAY

Leigh Centurions v Widnes Vikings 7.30 SKY

#### SATURDAY, 15 MAY

Sheffield Eagles v Toulouse Olympique 6.00

Blackpool Panthers v Gateshead Thunder 3.00

#### SUNDAY, 16 MAY

Featherstone Rovers v Keighley Cougars 3.00

Halifax RLFC v Barrow Raiders 3.00

Batley Bulldogs v Whitehaven 3.00

Oldham v London Skolars 3.00

South Wales Scorpions v Rochdale Hornets 2.00

Workington Town v Doncaster RLFC 3.00

York City Knights v Hunslet Hawks 3.00



The Rams defence struggles to contain Chris Hill in Leigh's victory

#### THURSDAY, 20 MAY

Dewsbury Rams v Sheffield Eagles 7.30 SKY

#### SATURDAY, 22 MAY

Leigh Centurions v Keighley Cougars 7.00

Toulouse Olympique v Featherstone Rovers 7.00

#### SUNDAY, 23 MAY

Keighley Cougars v Halifax RLF 3.00

Whitehaven v Leigh Centurions 3.00

Widnes Vikings v Batley Bulldogs 3.00

Doncaster RLFC v Swinton Lions 3.00

Gateshead Thunder v Workington Town 3.00

Hunslet Hawks v Oldham 3.00

London Skolars v South Wales Scorpions 3.00

Rochdale Hornets v York City Knights 3.00

#### SATURDAY-SUNDAY 29-30 MAY

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER FINALS

THURSDAY, 27 MAY (SUBJECT TO CC CUP)

Sheffield Eagles v Keighley Cougars 7.30 SKY

Doncaster RLFC 26, Oldham 46

Rochdale Hornets 50, Gateshead Thunder 12

South Wales Scorpions 24, Blackpool Panthers 28

Workington Town 16, Hunslet Hawks 30

York City Knights 30, Swinton Lions 36

#### THURSDAY-SUNDAY, 6-9 JUNE

NORTHERN RAIL CUP QUARTER-FINALS

SATURDAY, 12 JUNE

London Skolars v York City Knights 2.30 (Stoop)

#### SUNDAY, 13 JUNE

Halifax RLFC v Featherstone Rovers 3.00

Keighley Cougars v Dewsbury Rams 3.00

Whitehaven v Sheffield Eagles 3.00

Widnes Vikings v Barrow Raiders 3.00

Batley Bulldogs v Leigh Centurions 3.00

Oldham v Doncaster RLFC 3.00

Rochdale Hornets v Hunslet Hawks 3.00

South Wales Scorpions v Swinton Lions 2.00

Blackpool Panthers v Workington Town 3.00

#### SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 19-20

NORTHERN RAIL CUP SEMI-FINALS

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Oldham v Blackpool Panthers 3.00

#### SATURDAY, 26 JUNE

Toulouse Olympique v Whitehaven 7.00

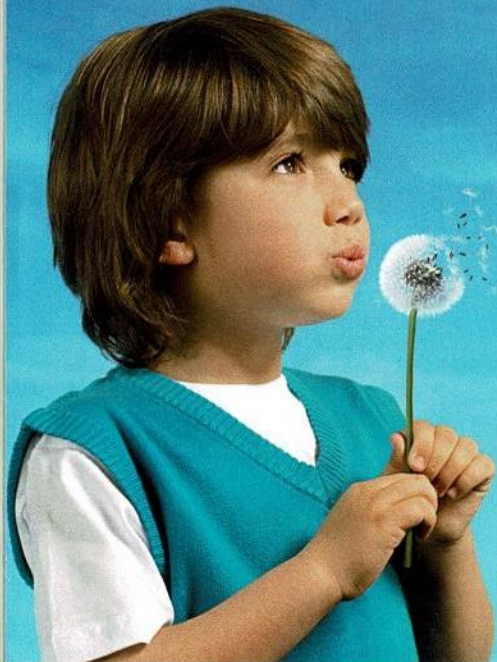
Barrow Raiders v Sheffield Eagles 6.30

Gateshead Thunder v York City Knights 7.00

#### SUNDAY, 27 JUNE

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