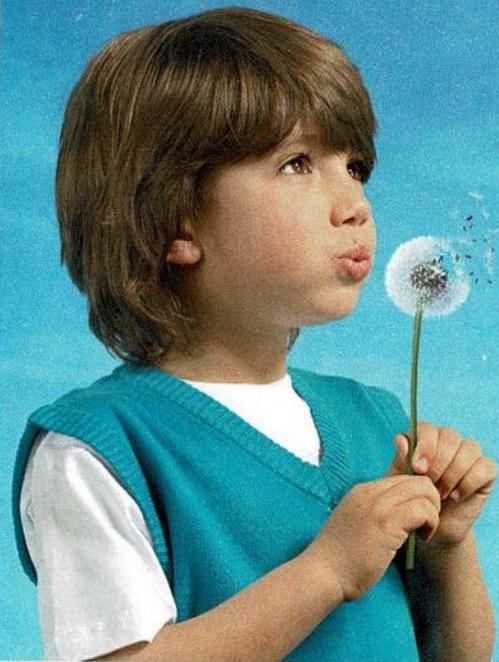


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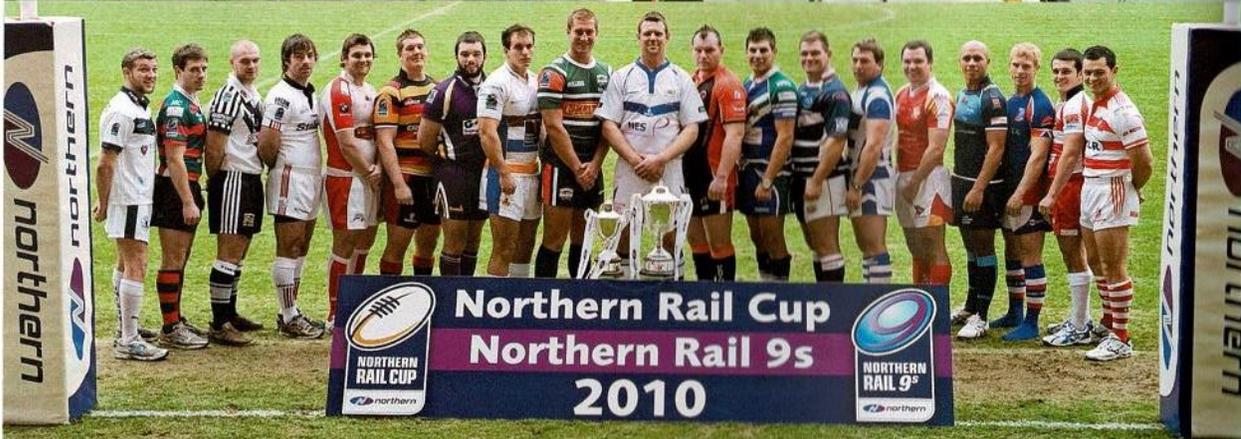


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Catching up with a legend

LAST YEAR I had the pleasure of spending an afternoon in the company of Joe Egan, the former Wigan and Great Britain hooker who emerged as the oldest surviving player to have featured in a Challenge Cup final.

Joe, who is now 91, captained Wigan against Bradford at Wembley in 1948 and has clear memories of his experiences that day, an incredible 62 years ago. His knees may not be what they were, the punishment of almost two decades spent in the cut and thrust of the scrum in the days when scrums were scrums has clearly taken its toll, but his mind is still sharp.

His hands aren't bad either, even if his reaction times aren't what they were, as a quick game of pass with one of the sport's all-time greats proved.

The most surprising thing for Joe was the feel of the modern Rugby League ball, an object which has few similarities with the ball used throughout much of the sport's first century.

The Steeden ball is lighter and more aerodynamic than its heavy leather predecessor and a twinkle appeared in Joe's eyes when he was asked how he would have liked to have played with the modern version.

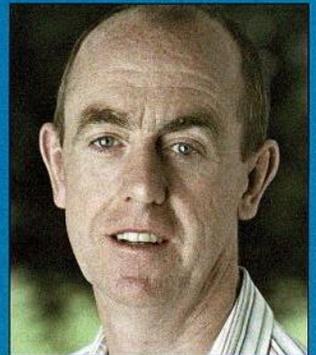
"We certainly wouldn't have dropped it as often. You can't drop it, it sticks to your hand," said Joe, who in an era when completion rates related to factory shifts rather than sets of tackles was one of the most accomplished handlers in the game.

The theory that it's nigh on impossible to drop the ball nowadays held little water at Bigfellas Stadium last Thursday when Steeden balls were squirting in every direction from the slippery hands of Featherstone and Toulouse players.

It may only have been a light drizzle but the precipitation had a positively precarious impact on proceedings at Post Office Road where the home side's winning start to the Co-operative Championship season was brought to an abrupt end.

Error-strewn games can often be frustrating affairs but not last week in front of the Sky Sports cameras which managed to capture a compelling contest rich in drama and excitement.

It made for perfect television in front of a crowd of 2,223, whose presence in the two stands at Bigfellas Stadium framed the action superbly to enhance the burgeoning appeal of Thursday night Co-operative Championship action.



John Ledger, RFL Media Manager

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Rovers are in like Finn during April

PLAYER OF THE MONTH - APRIL **LIAM FINN, FEATHERSTONE ROVERS**

TWO Featherstone Rovers players make the League Weekly/Game On team of the month for the second month running after an outstanding period for the club.

Jonny Grayshon is again selected in the back row, but scrum half Liam Finn also picks up the Player of the Month award after the ex-Dewsbury scrum half dropped a late, late match-winning drop goal at Widnes on the last day of the month, to seal a 9-8 win and keep his team unbeaten at the top of the Co-operative Championship.

There is a third Fev player in the selection too, with Kyle Briggs producing a series of consistently high-quality performances to earn the stand-off berth.

It was a month when the top five opened up a gap over the chasing pack with six points between Halifax in 5th and Toulouse in 6th.

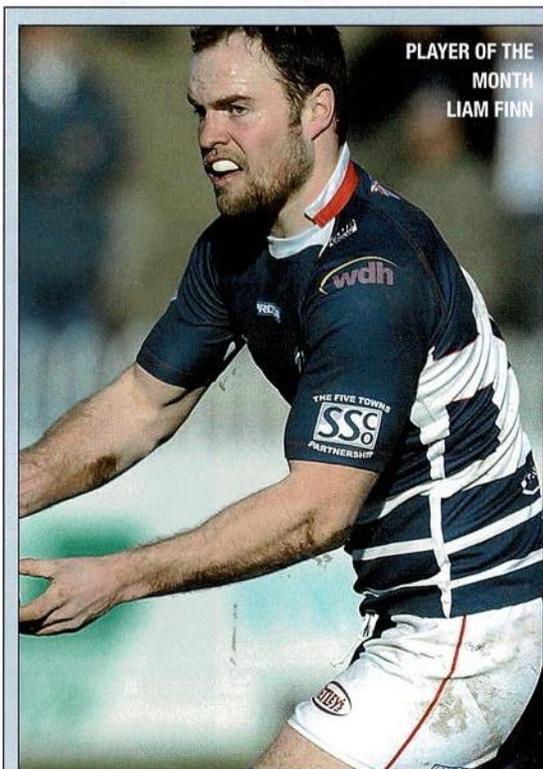
But at the top Leigh and Barrow are keeping the pressure on Daryl Powell's side, and the make-up of the side reflects the league form.

Besides three Rovers players, there are three from Barrow, two from Leigh and one each from Widnes and Toulouse.

Halifax full-back Shad Royston can't stop scoring tries and led the Championships scoring list at the end of the month with 17 in all competitions.

Barrow meanwhile went through the month unbeaten and twice put 50-plus points past opponents, and they provide both wingmen for the April team, in Andy Ballard and Jermaine McGilvary, who

GRAEME MATTINSON - MR CONSISTENT

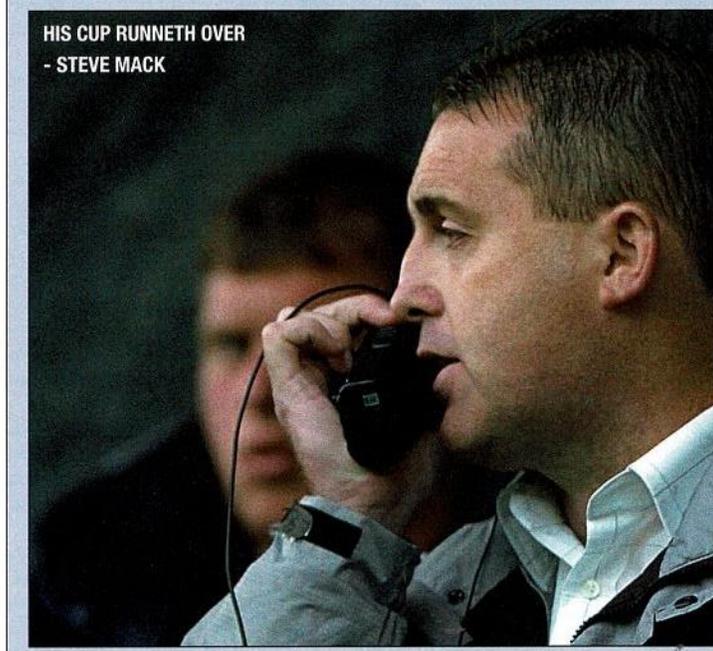


PLAYER OF THE MONTH
LIAM FINN

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM OF THE MONTH

- 1 Shad Royston (Halifax)**
- 2 Andy Ballard (Barrow)**
- 3 Matty Blythe (Leigh)**
- 4 Lee Paterson (Halifax)**
- 5 Jermaine McGilvary (Barrow)**
- 6 Kyle Briggs (Featherstone)**
- 7 Liam Finn (Featherstone)**
- 8 Chris Hill (Leigh)**
- 9 Graeme Pattinson (Whitehaven)**
- 10 Brendan Worth (Toulouse)**
- 11 Jonny Grayshon (Featherstone)**
- 12 Shane Grady (Widnes)**
- 13 Ned Catic (Barrow)**

HIS CUP RUNNETH OVER
- STEVE MACK



COACH OF THE MONTH - APRIL **STEVE McCORMACK, BARROW RAIDERS**

BARROW RAIDERS boss Steve McCormack is the Coach of the Month for April, not only for leading his team through the period unbeaten in the league, but also courtesy of the magnificent comeback win at Castleford Tigers in the 4th round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup.

Although Daryl Powell and Ian Millward both also masterminded 100% performances in league action, the profile that Barrow's stunning win gave to the entire competition swayed the judges.

McCormack's men fly our league's flag

notched a stunning hat-trick against his old teammates from Batley.

Although Finn and Briggs the pivots for the side, they were both very tough calls to make - in Finn's case decided literally by the drop of a goal. Nathan Wynn masterminded TOXIII's great win at Widnes while Ben Black was in great form for Halifax, Robbie Paul at Leigh and also Danny Jones at Keighley.

For the 6 shirt Anthony Thackeray at the Stobart Stadium and Whitehaven's Carl Rudd were both in top form.

There is a new look front row from the March selection.

Chris Hill was rock solid for Leigh throughout the month as they too went unbeaten and takes one of the prop shirts alongside Toulouse Olympique's Brendan Worth. Sean Hesketh of Batley, Mitch Stronger of Sheffield and Hill's teammate Ricky Bibey were also in the running.

Despite it being a tough month for Whitehaven, Graeme Mattinson was a stand-out performer for the men from the Recre, including a man of the match performer in a home defeat to Cumbrian rivals Barrow. He takes the hooker's role.

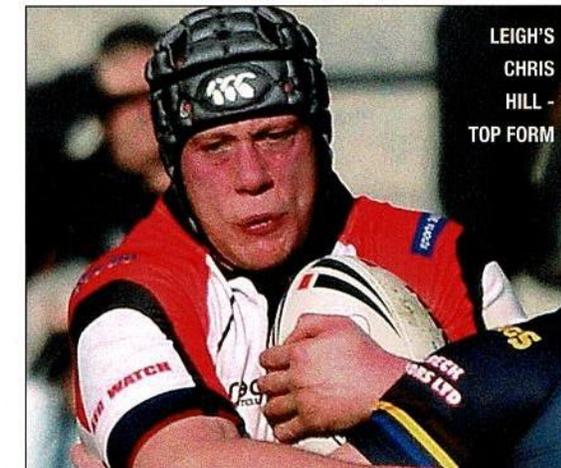
In the back-row Widnes centre Shane Grady gets an honorary forward berth, after coming to Paul Cullen's rescue in emergency second-row service and doing an estimable job, besides keeping up his scoring contribution - leading the way at month end in goal-scoring with 70 from all competitions.

Heavy Woollen pair Adam Robinson (Dewsbury) and Jason

Walton (Batley) also got honourable mentions.

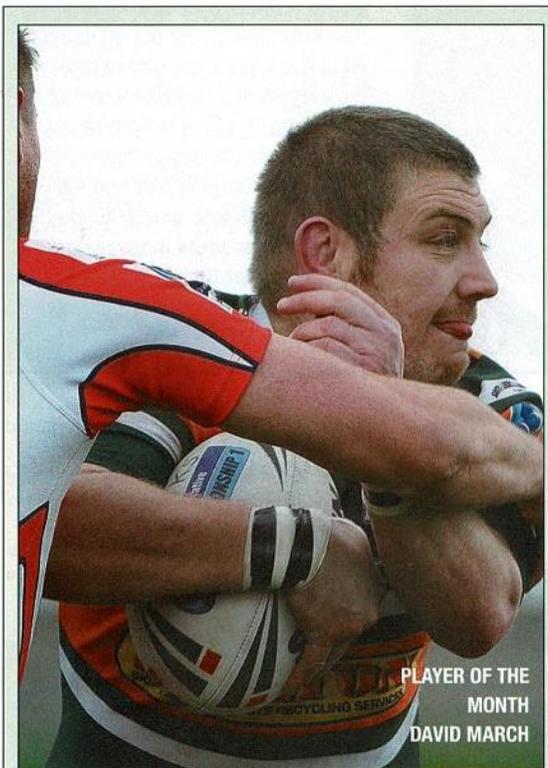
Locking the scrum is Barrow's Aussie Ned Catic who just edged out Leigh's Dave Armitstead for the position.

Although the April Team of the Month only consider league matches, Catic's overall efforts including the stunning Challenge Cup win at Super Leaguers Castleford, got him the nod.



LEIGH'S
**CHRIS
HILL -
TOP FORM**

Hunslet just keep Marching on...



PLAYER OF THE MONTH
DAVID MARCH

PLAYER OF THE MONTH - APRIL DAVID MARCH HUNSLET HAWKS

IT'S ALL change – almost – in the Co-operative Championship 1 Team of the Month for April, with just Blackpool and Scorpion props Andy Hobson and Gil Dudson retaining their position from the March all-star side.

But it's those pesky brothers dominating the headlines yet again, with terrible twins Paul and David March in tandem once more, nailing down the scrum half and loose forward berths in an unbeaten month for Hunslet, who continued to set the pace at the top of the division along with Blackpool and Oldham.

David March picks up the Player of the Month award for April for a series of dominating performances anchoring the



GIL DUDSON ... TWICE IN TEAM OF THE MONTH

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP 1 TEAM OF THE MONTH

- 1 Jonny Leather (Blackpool)
- 2 Michael Mark (Hunslet)
- 3 Mick Fogerty (Oldham)
- 4 Wayne McHugh (Hunslet)
- 5 Craig Richards (Scorpions)
- 6 Neil Roden (Oldham)
- 7 Paul March (Hunslet)
- 8 Andy Hobson (Blackpool)
- 9 John Clough (Blackpool)
- 10 Gil Dudson (Scorpions)
- 11 Craig Ashall (Hornets)
- 12 Kris Ratcliffe (Blackpool)
- 13 David March (Hunslet)

Hawks pack and taking over the goalkicking duties, edging out another form versatile man in Hornets' Craig Ashall, who the judges have decided to promote to one of the back-row slots in recognition of his outstanding utility work both there and in the centre.

The Panthers' scoring machine Jonny Leather takes the full-back slot in a high scoring month which included a stunning hat-trick against York, despite some strong performances from Wayne English, Stuart Kain and Wayne English.

On the flanks Hunslet's Michael Mark and South Wales Craig Richards get the nod under pressure from Blackpool's Paul Ballard and Oldham's John Gillam.

Mick Fogerty notched two tries in Oldham's battling 16-14 win over Workington Town and lines up in the centre alongside another potent force throughout the month, Hunslet's Wayne McHugh.

Partnering Hunslet player-coach Paul March in the halves is the man who makes Oldham tick, Neil Roden, who got the vote ahead of Hawks' Danny Grimshaw, Swinton's evergreen Graham Holroyd and Carl Forber at Blackpool.

John Clough edged out another veteran in Hawks hooker Richard Chapman for the hooking role, while partnering Ashall and David March in the back row is Blackpool's Kris Ratcliffe, just ahead of Christian Roets (Scorpions) Richard Knight (Hunslet) and his teammate Danny Halliwell.



CRAIG ASHALL - MR VERSATILE FOR THE HORNETS

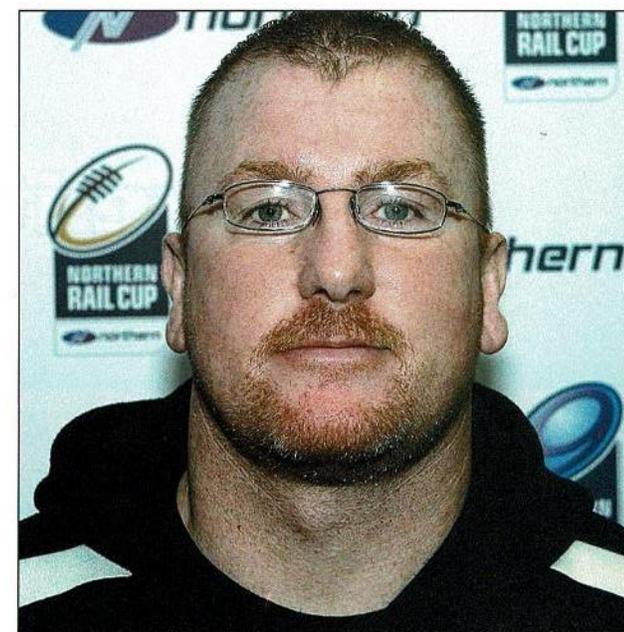
Prowling Panther

COACH OF THE MONTH - APRIL MARTIN CROMPTON - BLACKPOOL PANTHERS

There is no denying the marvellous transformation in the fortunes of the once-lowly Blackpool club, and though he has been given resources not enjoyed by many of his predecessors, there is no arguing with the part Panthers coach Martin Crompton has played in creating a winning formula.

The April coach of the month not only negotiated his side unbeaten through the league campaign, but masterminded a well deserved Challenge Cup win over the CO-operative Championship side Whitehaven which earned the Panthers their great night out last week at the Leeds Rhinos.

It's back to business as usual now for the former Wigan scrum half who also saw service at Widnes, Warrington, Oldham and Salford, who continues to prove himself one of the brightest up and coming coaches in the British game.



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KEEP AN EYE ON THE BALL



Danny Lockwood

I DON'T know Michael Ostick, but he looks a nice lad. He's a pretty good rugby player, that's for sure, despite a bit of a 'golfing tendency' (as in, "he's had more clubs than Tiger Woods"...) and certainly for one so young – just 22.

Barrow, Widnes, Rochdale, Halifax ... his feet don't seem to touch the ground in one place for too long. But they touched down in one place for just about 80 minutes too long this season – at Spotland on March 7th, against Lezignan-Corbieres in the Carnegie Challenge Cup.

I don't know if young Ostick got half a dozen 'C' grade GCSEs, or if he got a 1st from Cambridge in Nuclear Physics, but he would have to have lived in a cave since leaving nursery school not to understand the concept of what is specifically referred to as being "cup-tied".

It really isn't rocket science. If you play in a cup competition for a team and get knocked out – or win even – you cannot then transfer and play in the same competition again. Is there anyone out there beyond under 8s level who doesn't know that? Is there anyone of reading and writing age who cannot recall the immense embarrassment caused to all and sundry – and not a little ill feeling – when Hull fielded Jamie Thackray not once, but twice, when he wasn't eligible to play in the Challenge Cup two years ago? And here's the sweetest of ironies – Thackray, who had appeared for Hunslet while on loan in a third round tie, played for Hull against Rochdale and Widnes, the two clubs Ostick's most recently been on the books of before going to The Shay!

So I really, really can't understand what possessed the lad not to speak up when his name appeared on the team sheet for Halifax's tie in the 4th round at Swinton? "Err, coach, does it matter that I turned out for Hornets in the Cup a few weeks ago?" That's all it would have taken.

The punishment is going to come down on Halifax's shoulders ultimately, not Michael Ostick's. It will be the Fax fans, staff and players who will most probably have to forego the prospect of a mouth-watering – and you'd have to say winnable – home tie against the Catalans Dragons, who have had "mixed" form this term, to say the very least. And after that, the almost unthinkable opportunity of playing a Challenge Cup semi-final – just eighty minutes from Wembley.

Those chances don't come along very often for Co-operative Championship clubs.

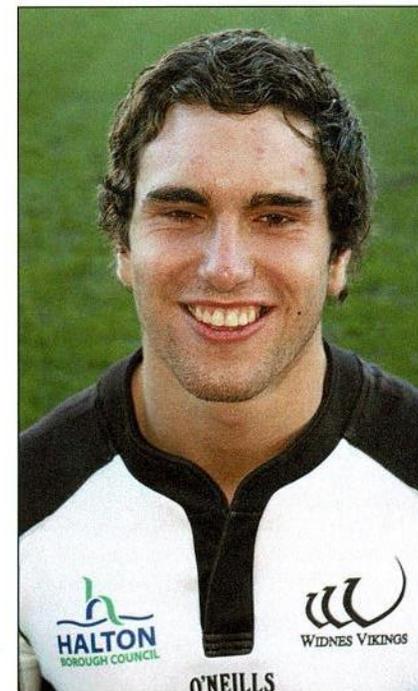
There will be recriminations at The Shay and understandably so. With so much at stake there has to be a corporate duty of care to protect the club from the idiocy – and it is idiocy – of players who might just hope that no one notices they've turned out in a different shirt. Although this only came to light on Sunday morning, it does shed a slightly different light on Chief Executive Graham Clay's sudden decision to step down two weeks ago.

Of course none of this is to suggest that Clay or indeed anyone else at Halifax – Ostick included – has acted with malice aforethought. This smacks quite simply of someone, or several someones, simply not being on the ball. Of carelessness not culpability.

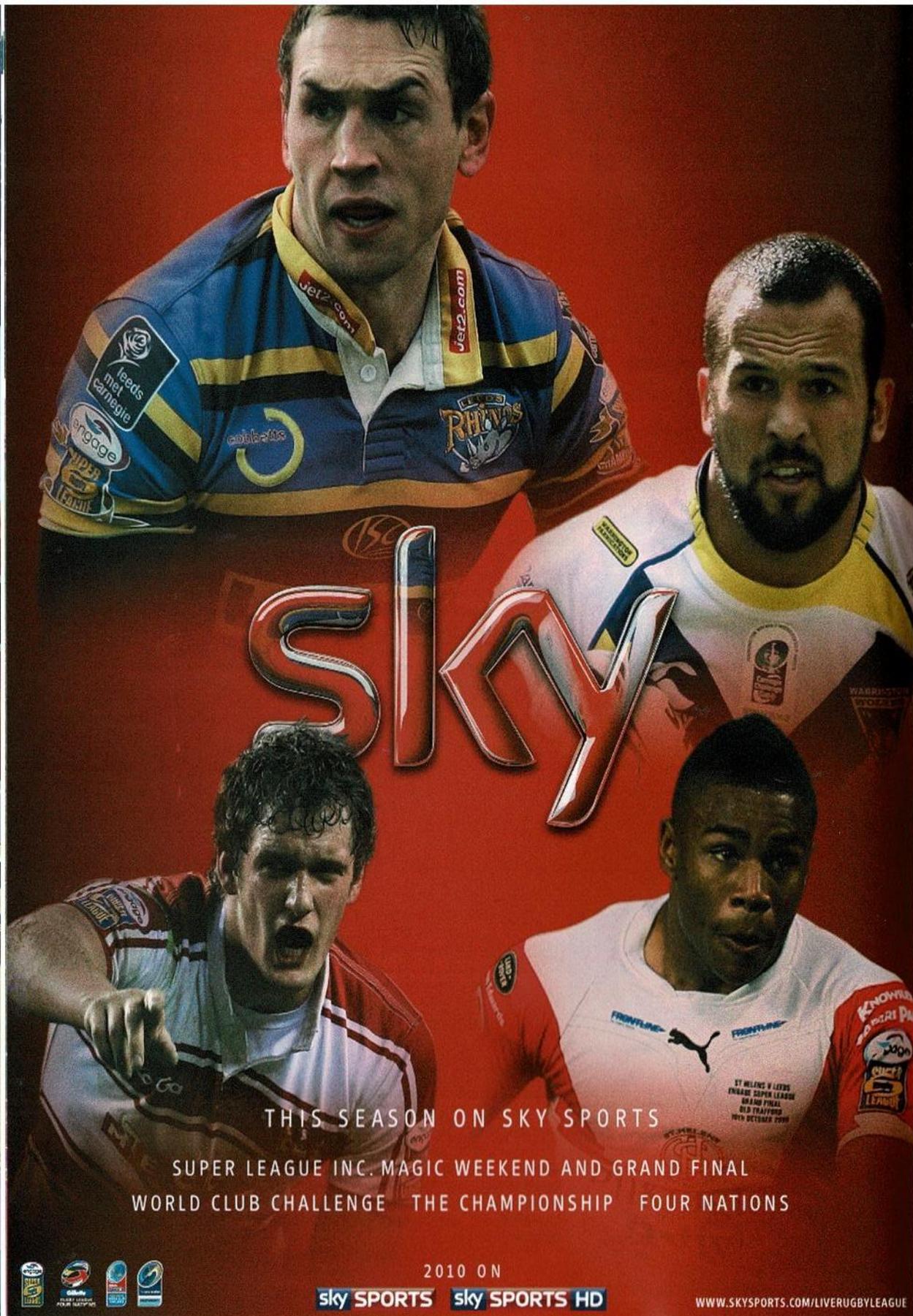
It is massively frustrating for all involved, and speaking as someone who has to try to keep track of the hundreds of player movements after a season has started – not ideal for anyone – I can understand how occasionally the administrative work suffers.

But that doesn't change the stark facts. The rules were broken, the rules are clear, and the integrity of the competition must prevail. It's a crying shame for everyone at Halifax where I can only think this week it is difficult to detect much blue-and-white for all the red faces.

Michael Ostick in the Widnes shirt he started 2010 in



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Barrow's reward is plum visit to Cup giants St Helens

WHILE a home tie with the hit-and-miss Catalans Dragons awaits the winners of next Wednesday's rearranged Carnegie Challenge Cup tie between Swinton and Batley, at least one Co-operative Championship club knows the size of the task on its plate.



On the way to a big day out ... Barrow saw off the challenge of Hunslet in the 5th round

The Barrow Raiders continued their onward march last weekend against a brave Hunslet Hawks to progress to the quarter finals.

The size of the task they face is a mighty one however – away at St Helens, who dominated the grand old cup until last season when Warrington took their title off them by beating Huddersfield.

Prior to that Saints had run up successive wins against Hull FC, Catalans and Huddersfield. And this season they have been in ominous form, improving almost every week.

The quarter finals take place on the last weekend of this month when Barrow were supposed to be hosting Whitehaven. That match will now have to be rearranged.

Swinton and Batley were drawing up hasty plans for their rearranged game this week after Halifax were disqualified (full story, p13) but it is scheduled for next Wednesday night at Sedgley Park – meaning the Bulldogs will have played three games in just eight days after their midweek match against the Sheffield Eagles and home fixture with Whitehaven.

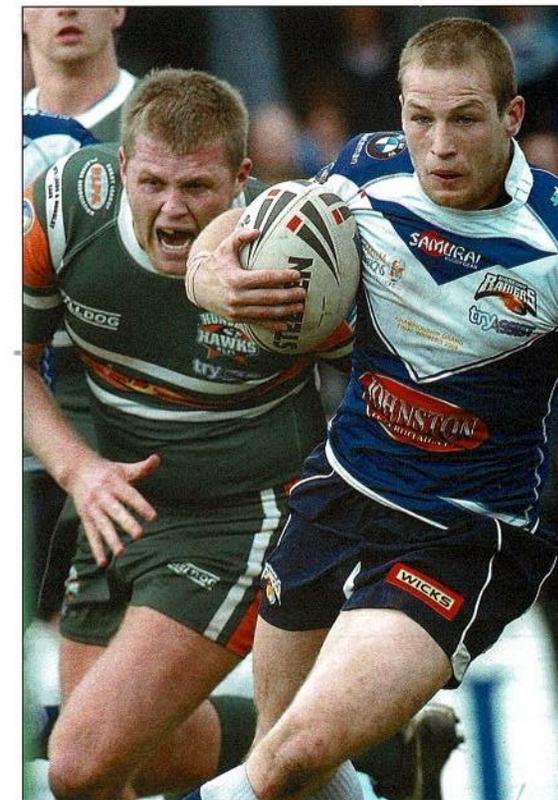
If Karl Harrison's men overcome Paul Smith's Lions, then their home tie with Catalans will come at the expense of another French side – Toulouse were scheduled to be the Bulldogs' visitors that Saturday.

With Batley also in the Northern Rail Cup quarter-finals the week after, a bit of a fixture backlog appears to be in store for the men from the Mount.

Elsewhere the BBC have confirmed that the plum Leeds vs Wigan tie will be their Saturday tv game, with Bradford vs Warrington another tasty treat for the fans on Sunday.

The full draw is:

- St Helens v Barrow Raiders
- Swinton or Batley Bulldogs v Catalans Dragons
- Bradford Bulls v Warrington Wolves
- Leeds Rhinos v Wigan Warriors



NEWS ROUND-UP

FIVE players were due in front of the RFL Disciplinary Committee this week after a brawl between Hornets and Gateshead players on Bank Holiday Monday.

Thunder's Matt Barron faced the Grade C offence of "sustained, repeated or violent punching" in the 79th-minute of Hornets' 50-12 win

Michael Brown and Joe Brown were charged with Grade A punching whilst Gareth Barron, also of Gateshead, and Hornets' Craig Johnson, face Grade B charges of punching in the same incident.

The RFL also issued a warning letter to Rochdale's Damian Reid for pushing an opponent just before the fight.

Meanwhile, Hornets will have to do

without two first-teamers for the near future because of work commitments.

Back row Dayne Donoghue isn't going to be available to coach John Stankevitch for "two to three months" because he's working in mid-Wales. Stankevitch also won't be able to call on hooker Craig Tunstead for the next month.

DONCASTER boss Tony Miller says he wants just "one or two" more signings before calling his squad complete.

Miller was well behind in his recruitment over the winter because of the club's off-field issues. "We're not far from where we want to be," said Miller. "I'd like maybe one, possibly two, more. "I thought maybe we'd have a couple

of our longer-term injuries back but that hasn't proved the case."

Miller's latest recruit, Chris Spurr, joined the Dons from Dewsbury despite interest from York City Knights.

WORKINGTON have signed veteran playmaker Darren Holt from Barrow. The 33-year-old has signed a deal until the end of the season, becoming one of the rare band to have played for four professional Cumbrian clubs.

"We have signed a class player," said joint coach Gary Charlton. "It's a great signing, and he brings all the attributes we have probably been missing."

Holt is expected to figure mainly at hooker for Town, who are still without the luckless Jack Pedley.

Clarice joins Chris & Co on Oldham's biggest day

OLDHAM RL boss Chris Hamilton has issued an upbeat message to fans in the aftermath of the historic day at Whitebank Stadium where the rugby league team played on its own ground for the first time in 13 years.

It was an emotional day – and no one better underlined its significance than 81-year-old Clarice Stevens.

She was at the ground early to be first through the turnstiles after travelling solo on public transport from her home in Timperley.

Clarice, a season-ticket holder, has been watching Roughyeds since she was a girl of 17 growing up in Oldham.

She left home early, walked 15 minutes to the Metro stop, got the Metro into Manchester and then travelled to Garden Suburbs by bus before walking down to the ground.

Her late husband Jack died five and a half years ago but she still buys his season ticket as she has done for many years.

"I wouldn't have missed this big day for the Roughyeds for the world," she said. "I'd have walked to Oldham if I had to."

"The Metro was full of Manchester United fans but there was only one place



Oldham chief Chris Hamilton

I was heading and that was to Whitebank.

"I've watched Oldham Rugby since I was a girl, and I really wanted to be there. It means such a lot to me."

Said Oldham boss Chris: "It went well. This was the first time we have organised the whole match-day process.

"We will debrief and there will be areas we can improve on. We will certainly have the opportunity because we have a lot of matches at Whitebank coming up, starting with the visit of London Skolars this coming Sunday.

"The result was disappointing, but this whole occasion was all about much more than a game.

"It was an historic day for the club, back in Oldham on our own ground after 13 years on the road as nomads. It was a massive milestone in the club's history.

"If, last November, somebody had told us we would win seven of our first eight league games; be top of Championship 1; and be playing on our own ground in Oldham we would have referred them to hospital for treatment.

"So we mustn't be greedy, or too disappointed because we were beaten by York.

"The RFL were represented by Emma Rosewarne, who was taking stock of what went on. No doubt there will be things we need to look at, but that's only to be expected."

Calland suspended by club

Halifax thrown out of Challenge Cup



Halifax RLFC have been disqualified from the 2010 Carnegie Challenge Cup after the RFL Board of Directors ruled that they fielded an ineligible player in their fourth round tie against Swinton Lions on Friday April 16.

The player, Michael Ostick, had previously played for Rochdale Hornets in a third round tie against FC Lezignan on Sunday March 7.

On Tuesday afternoon the club also suspended head coach Matt Calland while an internal inquiry into the circumstances of the selection was carried out.

The RFL Board of Directors has also ruled that Halifax's most recent opponents in the Carnegie Challenge Cup, Swinton Lions, should be reinstated into the competition.

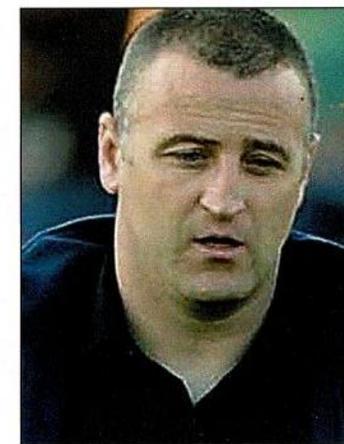
Swinton Lions will now play Batley Bulldogs in a Carnegie Challenge Cup fifth round tie on Wednesday May 19.

RFL Chairman Richard Lewis said: "The rules governing player eligibility in the Carnegie Challenge Cup clearly state that when a team is found to have fielded an ineligible player they will be disqualified from that year's tournament.

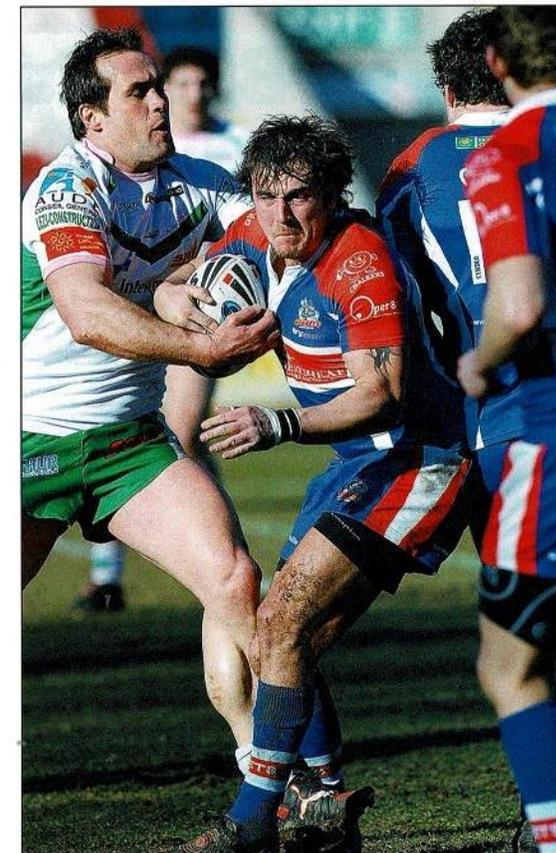
"Halifax's action leaves the RFL Board of Directors with no alternative but to disqualify the club and reinstate their most recent opponents."

The matter has now been referred to the RFL Compliance Manager for further investigation into whether, by fielding an ineligible player on Friday April 16, Halifax are guilty of misconduct.

Halifax Chairman Michael Steele said: "We are extremely disappointed by our disqualification from the Challenge Cup and



Halifax coach Matt Calland



Hornets' Craig Johnson in action in the controversial Lezignan game when Michael Ostick appeared

embarrassed by the circumstances in which the matter came to light.

"We have no option but to accept the RFL board's decision and move on from here. It is a bitter blow for the club and for our supporters, to whom we unreservedly apologise.

"The club's own internal investigation into the circumstances surrounding the selection of Michael Ostick is continuing and it would not be fair to comment on how this happened until that investigation has run its course.

"Although we are now out of the Carnegie Challenge Cup, our ambitions in the Co-operative Championship are undiminished.

"This week has started badly: our goal now is to make sure it ends on a high.

"We have a very important fixture at home to Barrow Raiders on Sunday and I am sure everyone at the club, players, coaches, officials and supporters alike will pull together to make sure we put right on the field what we have done wrong administratively."

The situation falls on the back of a similar one two years ago when Hull FC twice selected prop Jamie Thackray in cup-ties against Widnes and Rochdale Hornets, after he had appeared on loan for Hunslet in a 3rd round tie.

At that time there was ambiguity surrounding the definitive punishment and Hull escaped with a hefty fine. In the event they went on to face St Helens at Wembley, where they lost.

After that the RFL toughened up the rules regarding such future breaches, and anyone fielding an ineligible player was put on notice that the sanction would in all probability result in forfeiting their position in the competition.

Ostick, 22, started this season at Widnes and went on loan to Hornets before switching to The Shay.

Halifax said they would not be making any further comment at this time.

Eagles fly fair to take over at top of Frontline competition



Team	Pens Conceded (x1pt)	Sin Bins (x3pts)	Sending off sufficient (x4pts)	Match Bans (x5pts)	Fair Play Total
1 Sheffield	57	2	0	0	63
2 Barrow	63	1	0	0	66
3 Keighley	70	0	0	0	70
4= Leigh	68	0	1	0	72
4= Featherstone	69	1	0	0	72
6 Batley	71	1	0	0	74
7= Halifax	70	2	0	0	76
7= Whitehaven	72	0	1	0	76
9 Toulouse	75	0	0	1	80
10 Dewsbury	75	2	0	0	81
11 Widnes	80	1	0	4	103

Stats are correct after round 9 of The Co-operative Championship on 6/04/2010



In the Co-operative Championship, Sheffield Eagles have leap-frogged last week's leaders Barrow Raiders to claim top spot in the Frontline Fair Play Index.

The Eagles conceded just two fair play points in Round Nine, seven fewer than their Cumbrian rivals.

Widnes Vikings remain bottom of the table, 22 points adrift of Dewsbury Rams after conceding a total of nine points in their 9-8 defeat to Co-operative Championship league leaders Featherstone Rovers.

At the end of the regular season the teams which finish top of the Frontline Fair Play Index in the Engage Super League and Co-operative Championship will be presented with a £5,000 prize from leading bathroom suppliers Frontline Bathrooms as well as a specially engraved trophy to mark their achievement.

Batley Bulldogs v



Whitehaven RLFC



Sunday May 16, 2010. Kick off 3pm. MOUNT PLEASANT

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Hopkins Family.....	Jan Preece	1
Leyland Paints.....	Lee Greenwood	2
Batley Rock'n Roll.....	Mark Barlow	3
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Gary Tingle & Lorraine Richardson.....	Johnny Campbell	5
Brian Hooley.....	Paul Handforth	6
Batley Nash.....	Gareth Moore	7
Study Centre.....	Byron Smith	8
Benson Family.....	Kris Lythe	9
Mick Lockton.....	Sean Hesketh	10
Eddie Toronczak & Family.....	Tommy Gallagher	11
George & Mary Gomersall.....	Mark Toohey	12
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Tracey & Brian Winner.....	Eddie Kilroy	19
Cellar Bar.....	Dave Toothill	20
Mary Hughes.....	James Martin	21
Tracey Grundell & Katie Penn.....	Josh Griffin	22
RSM Carriers.....	Chris Buttery	23
Tracey & Brian Winner.....	Alex Brown	24
Benson Family.....	Kyle Wood	25
Paul Hinchcliffe.....	Jason Walton	27
Peter's Foods.....	Waterboy	
Revive.....	Phyiso	

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

COACH: KARL HARRISON

COACH: GED STOKES

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLL-
 LAST SIX HOME: DWWLW
 TRIES: Campbell (14) Preece (8)
 Moore (6)
 GOALS: Moore (56) Handforth (9)
 DROP GOALS:
 MAN TO WATCH: Paul Handforth

MATCH OFFICIALS
 Referee: T.Roby
 Touch: M. Mannfield, P. Ward
 Reserve Referee: J. Downham

THE INSIDE TRACK
Bulldogs may tire after mid-week game but should beat weakening Haven by 16

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLL
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLLWL
 TRIES: Calvert (6), Rudd, Eilbeck, R Fox (5)
 GOALS: Rudd (40)
 DROP GOALS: None
 MAN TO WATCH: Carl Rudd



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CLUBCALL

Batley v Whitehaven

Losing out in cup

The talking point ahead of today's game has of course been our postponed Challenge Cup tie with Halifax, and not our opponents today, Whitehaven.

In the meantime, I did note in a match report that after their defeat by Keighley supporters were calling for a new coach.

Well we have been there ourselves and we know how frustrating it is for supporters and upsetting it can be for the coach but after today's game, we at Batley send all concerned our best wishes as sometimes it is circumstances that dictate results and it is not always the fault of the coach.

Speaking of circumstances, when you read this we will have played Sheffield last Wednesday, are probably due to play Swinton next Wednesday and if we beat them we will have to re-arrange the Toulouse game when we have already played Whitehaven and Gateshead mid-week, so things have not been easy for our players and after each game our main concern seems to be what injuries we have.

A game against Catalans is not the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow which we hoped for prior to the Halifax game, and if we can get past Swinton we are considering switching the game away for a bigger crowd due to our finances.

It is a difficult decision, which we will not make until, and unless, we have to.

A massive 'thank you' to all of our supporters who made the trip to Toulouse whether with John McVeigh or independently. The support was tremendous and hopefully everyone enjoyed the experience.

I thought we played well against Toulouse but lost out due to a couple of decisions going against us but their result then at Featherstone shows they are a decent side as indeed are all teams in our league, it is so competitive.

Also a big 'thank you' to John McVeigh for organising such an excellent trip and to Maria and the Co-operative for a superb service in respect of the team arrangements. Anyone who reads 'Nosey Parker' in League Weekly would have thought our players caused a riot on the plane home, which is nonsense as I was sat a few rows behind them. If anyone does have a complaint please let me know.

Human error was the cause of the problem with Halifax.

I am sure they did not deliberately play the ineligible player but I am at a loss to understand how the error was made by them, which was then compounded by the RFL not spotting it and we now seem to be the ones to suffer but these things happen and we now just have to get on with it and get some wins under our belt.

Then it will all be in the past, but let's hope we get some compensation for the losses we have suffered in this debacle. Anyway, back to rugby and enjoy the game.

Kevin Nicholas
 Chairman



Jason Walton has been in fine form for the Bulldogs

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Halifax RLFC v



Barrow Raiders



Sunday May 16, 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 Kieley Family	Dylan Nash	18
Glenda Shaw	Dom Maloney	19
Glenda Shaw	Paul White	20
Calderdale Service Area	Anthony Bowman	21
Glenda Shaw	Dave Wrench	22
Griffin Sport & Work Wear	Rob Worrincy	23
Glenda Shaw	Stephen Bannister	24

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COACH: MATT CALLAND

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWWWW

LAST SIX HOME: WWLLWW

TRIES: Royston (17), Worrincy (10), Branighan (9), Penkywicz (7)

GOALS: Paterson (67)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Shad Royston

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R. Hicks

Touch: M. Beadle, G. Hodgson

Reserve Referee: M. Leach

THE INSIDE TRACK

A few weeks ago Barrow would have started favourites but nothing in this one. Draw

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

COACH: STEVE McCORMACK

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: WDWWWW

TRIES: Ballard, Campbell (11), Catic (10), Rooney (8)

GOALS: Rooney (75)

DROP GOALS: Rooney (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Liam Campbell

CLUBCALL

Halifax RLFC v Barrow

We offer apology for Fax's cup exit

It is inevitable that the events of last weekend overshadow today's match.

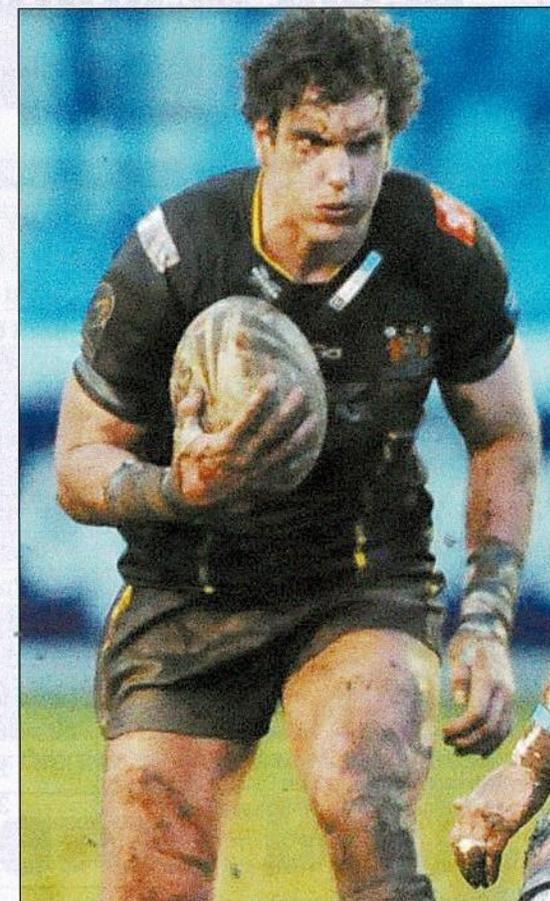
Courtesy demands that I open with the warm welcome which we, at Halifax, always extend to our visitors Barrow Raiders, their supporters and management. When the fixture list came out this first opportunity to 'replay' last season's Grand Final, and exact some revenge, was a highlight. And it remains so. I expect an exciting and competitive game appropriate for the event, and of course a Halifax win.

On the subject of the Carnegie Challenge Cup, first, I extend an abject and total apology to supporters, sponsors and everyone else adversely affected by the

late decision to postpone the match. The first indication from the RFL that this was a possibility came to me at 9am on Sunday 9th May, and I, and others, did all in our power to persuade the officials involved to reach an early decision so that notification could be given, if that decision was to postpone.

In the event that decision was communicated to the club after 12 midday, and every effort was then made to spread the word as widely as possible.

More fundamentally everyone involved at the club, however involved in the error which led to the club's removal from the competition, extends a collective apology for what has occurred. Regret does not



Michael Ostick was ineligible to play for Halifax in the cup

begin to cover the feelings we have for the position which collectively we have created.

After such an enormous disappointment, the home match against Champions Barrow Raiders is an ideal opportunity for the Halifax club to 'pull up its socks'

and get on with the main effort of the season, winning the Co-operative Championship. More than ever we need our supporters. In the Boardroom we are all working tirelessly.

Michael Steele
Chairman



Halifax points machine Shad Royston has been scoring tries for fun in the league - but there will be no cup tries now

Leigh Centurions v Widnes Vikings



Thursday May 13, 2010. Kick off 7.30pm. LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE

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

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

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COACH: IAN MILLWARD

COACH: PAUL CULLEN

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWL
 LAST SIX HOME: WDWWWW
 TRIES: Alstead, Nanyin (9), Donlan (8), Blythe (7), Ridyard (6)
 GOALS: Nanyin (57)
 DROP GOALS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Martyn Ridyard

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G. Hewer
 Touch: T. Crashley, A. Sweet
 Reserve Referee: C. Waywell

THE INSIDE TRACK

Both licking wounds after cup flailings.
 Leigh's home advantage counts. Cents by 8

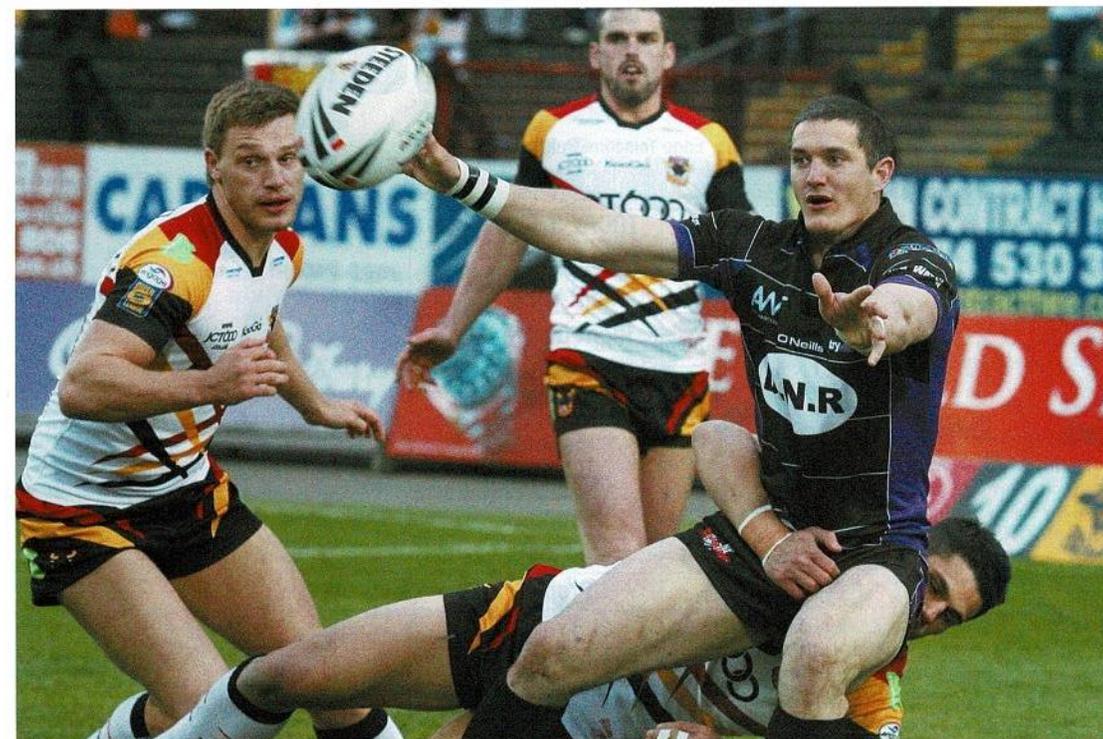
LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWLL
 LAST SIX AWAY: DWWWWW
 TRIES: Thackeray (13) Grady (9) Gardner (9) Coyle (7)
 GOALS: Grady (70)
 DROP GOALS:
 MAN TO WATCH: Anthony Thackeray

Supporting the Centurions...



CLUBCALL

Leigh v Widnes



Carnegie Challenge Cup action from Odsal last Friday when Leigh went down 58-16 to the Super League stars

Score flattered Bulls

Good evening and welcome to Leigh Sports Village for tonight's televised Co-operative Championship game against our good friends and fierce rivals from Cheshire, Widnes Vikings.

Hopefully we are injury free after our Carnegie Challenge Cup game at Bradford on Friday night.

I honestly feel the score flattered the Bulls and for large parts of the game we were structurally as good as them.

I know Basil and the lads were not pleased with our completion rate, which is something we will have to improve on tonight.

But overall I thought a part-time club with a salary cap of £400,000 competed well against the full time boys with a cap of £1.5 million - and the real bonus was our magnificent spectators who outsang the Bulls' crowd all night!

However, back to reality in the form of the Vikings.

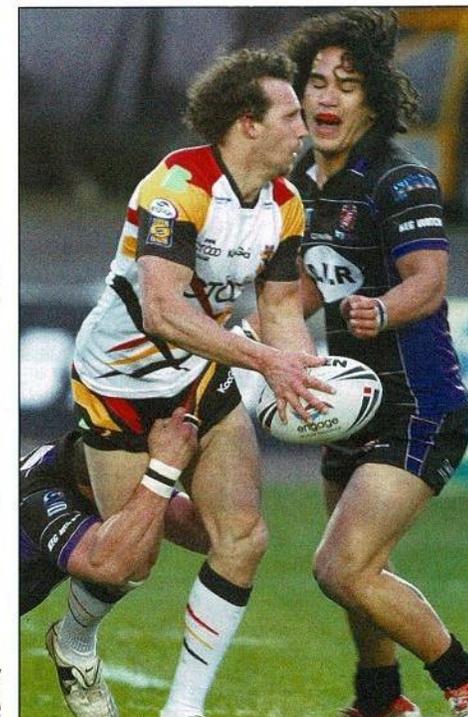
There have been some real cracking games over the years between the two clubs and tonight's game will be no different, with a number of players from both squads that will not need introducing to each other, with John Duffy, Steve Nash, Mick Nanyin, Tim Hartley, Mike Morrison and Jamie Durbin all having spells at Widnes and Toa, Dean Gaskell, and Lee Doran all being ex-Leythers.

Motivation should not be a problem tonight for Basil and Paul Cullen because that comes from within, especially in derby games, and I am sure we will all be treated to a game of Rugby League that has everything - not least passion, skill and commitment.

Tonight the result could be so close, that patience may be a virtue.

Enjoy the game

Allan Rowley
 Chief Executive



Sheffield Eagles v



Toulouse



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Saturday May 15, 2010. Kick off 3pm. 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 Battye	36
Insign Signage & Digital Imaging	Mark Renshaw-Smith	37
Mr & Mrs Lee	Dan Hawksworth	38

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1	Rory Bromley	Copy Sud
2	Sebastien Payan	Bugbusters
3	Sebastien Planas	André Raynal - Déménagements
4	Vincent Dupont	Groupe Cailleau
5	Carlos Mendes Varela	Gallego
6	Constant Villegas	Prosegur
7	Nathan Wynn	ICA Patrimoine
8	Brendan Worth	Transports Sarrazain
9	Martin Mitchell	Renault Etats-Unis
10	Matthieu Griffi	Ermes Prestations
11	Timothy Wynn	Océanis
12	Simon Worrall	Siemex
13	Eric Anselme	Inovans
14	Antoni Maria	Compass Group
15	Jerome Gout	Leroy Merlin
16	Sylvain Houles	Aux Docks du Bureau
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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: MARK ASTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLW-

LAST SIX HOME: LWLLW-

TRIES: Cook (11) Ropati (9) Stringer

(8) Yere (6)

GOALS: Stringer (23) Woodcock (9)

DGs: Cook (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Craig Cook

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C. Halloran

Touch: A. Fossett, C. Hancock

Reserve Referee: S. Bennison

THE INSIDE TRACK

Eagles to fade (mid-week game). French on fire after Fev win. Visitors by 10

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLWLW

LAST SIX AWAY: WLLWLW

TRIES: Bromley (7) Planas,

Dupont (6)

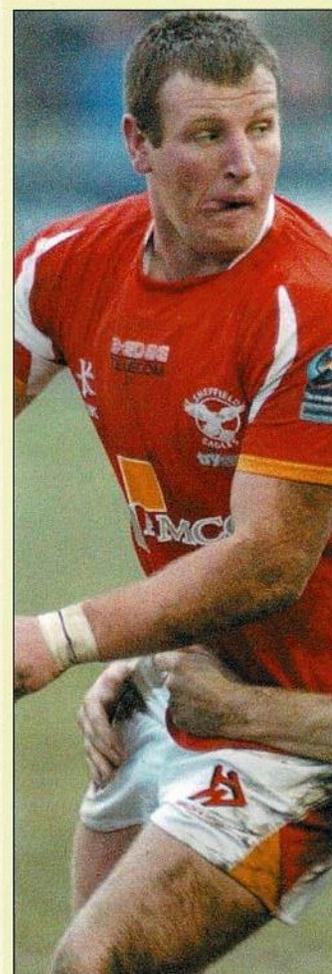
GOALS: N. Wynn (35)

DROP GOALS: N. Wynn (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Nathan Wynn

CLUBCALL

Sheffield v Toulouse



Sam Barlow is back after a ban

Our visiteurs are tres formidable!

At the start of the season we were stacking up the wins in the Northern Rail Cup but after that we hit a poor patch – until we beat Whitehaven.

This column had to be written before Wednesday night's Batley Bulldogs game so I hope the run has continued.

We changed the training programme to make sure we were better prepared for the Northern Rail Cup and we're in the quarter-finals. Job done - but maybe it had a knock-on effect we didn't want.

In some of the league games after that we were in positions where we should have gone on and won but didn't.

We're getting towards the half-way point in the league season and we need to be strong.

Last year we won nine out of the last 12 Championship games – we need that kind of form again. If we do that we'll get to the play-offs then it's a new challenge.

Looks good on paper but the lads have to perform out on the field. That means winning games like today - against good teams like Toulouse.

Last week in the Sky TV game Toulouse produced quite a second-half performance to win 26-24 at Featherstone – that took away Rovers' unbeaten record in the league.

Remember Toulouse have also beaten

Widnes at Widnes and they beat Batley before facing Featherstone – so they can play. Toulouse have a few good Australians and they will be physical and if you don't match them they can get on top. Add to that we're facing our second game in 72 hours.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not going to moan – it's a bit like when you have to play two games over a Bank Holiday.

Today we will have Mitch Stringer and Sam Barlow back available after their bans. There are likely to be changes from the Batley squad – injuries or to freshen things up a bit.

Mark Aston Head Coach

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

Bienvenue à Bramall Lane à Gilles Dumas et les joueurs de Toulouse Olympique et les officiels du club! Félicitations pour votre victoire impressionnante sur Featherstone Rovers – un des résultats de 2010.

*Aujourd'hui nous nous attendons à un autre match passionnant de rugby à treize.**

*Welcome to Gilles Dumas and the Toulouse Olympique players and club officials to Bramall Lane. Congratulations on your impressive performance in winning at Featherstone Rovers - one of the results of 2010. Today we can expect another exciting game of rugby league.

Mouthwatering clash

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the directors, player's, backroom staff and all the supporters of Sheffield Eagles to welcome the directors, players, officials and supporters of Toulouse Olympique to our new home at Bramall Lane. Everyone concerned with the Sheffield Eagles is looking forward to a great afternoon watching outstanding rugby league following Toulouse's great win at Featherstone.

This will only be our fifth game at Bramall Lane and with each game we settle in

a little more and become more used to the outstanding facilities. May I extend the thanks of all involved with Sheffield Eagles RLFC to the directors and backroom staff of Sheffield United for assisting with the transition from Don Valley and making everyone feel extremely welcome. Off the field we are not having the best of luck as our Captain Marvel Jack Howieson has had an operation on his bicep and knee and will be out of the team for approximately three months. Fullback

Jonny Woodcock, who has played more than 100 games for the club, is also out for several months. We will miss his extremely reliable goal kicking. Jonny's absence puts more pressure on Brendon Lindsay and the kicking prop Mitch Stringer. For our game against Whitehaven we had three prop forwards who couldn't play and it was a concern for some of us but not for Mark Aston. He replaced them with three other props and they more than showed their mettle with Ryan Hepworth playing out of his

skin and Alex Rowe finishing with a hat-trick of tries. The whole team gave an extremely fast-flowing and entertaining game of rugby league which we hope to continue throughout the remainder of the season. May I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers at Sheffield Eagles who give their time so freely and without whom the club could not exist. We are all so grateful for their support and the support of all our spectators.

Chris Noble MBE
Director

We're with the Eagles....

Blackpool Panthers v



Gateshead Thunder



Saturday May 15, 2010. Kick off 3pm. WOODLANDS MEMORIAL GROUND

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

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

COACH: MARTIN CROMPTON

COACH: CHRIS HOOD

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWL

LAST SIX HOME: WWWWWW

TRIES: Munro (16), Ballard, Ainscough (8), Keavney (7)

GOALS: Hemingway (33), Leather

(16) DROP GOALS: Leather (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Damien Munro

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M. Thomason

Touch: B. Logan, J. Callaghan

Reserve Referee: N. Aspey

THE INSIDE TRACK

Gateshead there for the taking. Panthers return to strong league form, to win by 40

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL

LAST SIX AWAY: LLLLLL

TRIES: Wilson (6), Atkinson (4)

GOALS: Neighbour (10)

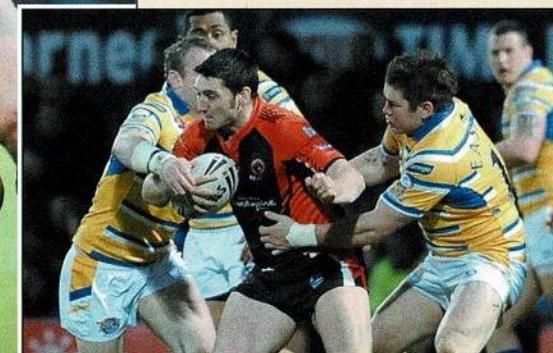
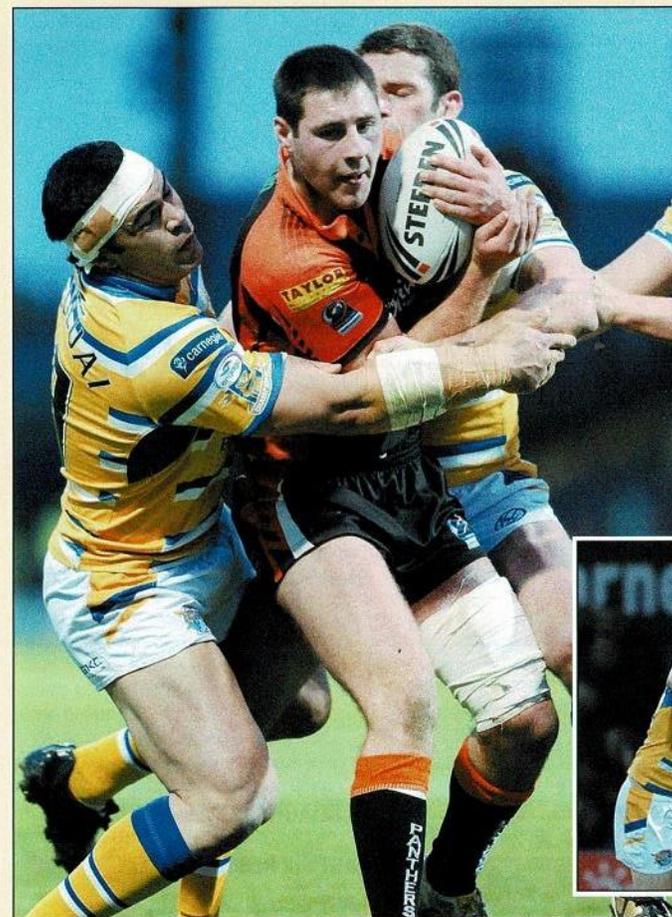
DROP GOALS: None

MAN TO WATCH: Tom Wilson

CLUBCALL

Blackpool v Gateshead

Panthers put four past Leeds Rhinos



Panthers in possession: action from the cup tie at Leeds with Paul Alcock, above, Danny Halliwell top right, and Peter Fairhurst

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to everyone associated with Gateshead.

First of all may I congratulate every single player who took to the field last Friday against the Leeds Rhinos.

I was so proud of the efforts from the guys - especially in the first half - and we can only grow in more confidence after the game.

Also may I thank all the supporters who travelled over to the game, the players really appreciated your

support.

It's like having an extra player with you.

Well, it's back to normality (thank God!) with today's league game against Gateshead and we won't be taking anything for granted this afternoon.

One of the biggest challenges for a coach when the team is struggling is to keep spirits high in the camp and try to stay positive for everyone but nobody understands what the coach is going through.

I wish Chris all the best in turning it around and I am sure, given time, he will.

I was in a similar situation a couple of years ago and look at us now.

We'll be giving it our best shot today to maintain our 100% record to stay with the league leaders so get behind our team and once again thank for the support. Enjoy the game.

Martin Crompton
Head Coach

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Oldham RLFC v London Skolars



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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 Boults	8
Cagney & Lacey.....	Martin Roden	9
ikreative.....	Dave Ellison	10
	Saqib Murtza	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
AMP Wire.....	Danny Whitmore	17
Paul Whalley & Kyle Cook.....	Chris Clarke	18
Willscuff.....	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: WWLWWL
LAST SIX HOME: WLWWWL
TRIES: Fogerty (11), Onyango (10), O'Connor (9), Chandler, Gillam (7)
GOALS: Ashe (48)
DROP GOALS: -
MAN TO WATCH: Mick Fogerty

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G. Dolan
 Touch: D. Sharpe, D. Tindall
 Reserve Referee: S. Johnson

THE INSIDE TRACK

Oldham to bounce back from defeat against weaker opposition. Oldham by 30

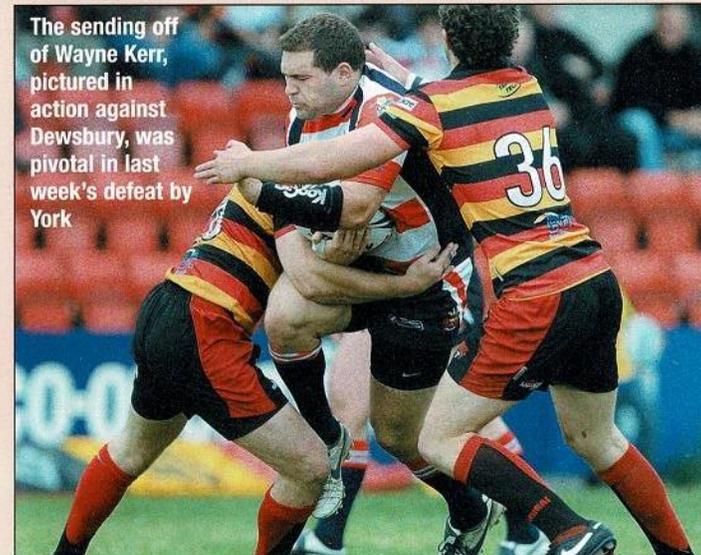
No.	PLAYER
1	Joshua Welsh
2	Dave Arnot
3	Matt Thomas
4	Jason Cook.....Code XIII Sports Media
5	Austen Aggrey.....Alan Greenwood
6	Jermaine Coleman
7	Paul Thorman
8	Liam Roach.....Lanes Coaches
9	Gareth Honor
10	Tony Williams
11	Oliver Purslow
12	Matthew Carter
13	Stephen Ball
14	Luke May.....Code XIII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

COACH: JAMES MASSARA

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL
LAST SIX AWAY: LLLLLL
TRIES: Adebisi (5), Thomas (4)
GOALS: Thorman (20)
DROP GOALS: -
MAN TO WATCH: Ade Adebisi

CLUBCALL

The sending off of Wayne Kerr, pictured in action against Dewsbury, was pivotal in last week's defeat by York



'Home sweet home' at last

Hello and welcome back to the Whitebank Stadium for the game against London Skolars.

By now everybody knows that we made history last weekend by being able to play in Oldham at our new home ground.

Work is continuing on a daily basis to improve and upgrade the facilities and anybody who saw what a difference has been made here at Whitebank in the last few weeks cannot fail to have been impressed by the transformation.

We know we have a lot of work still to do but for the first time in our history we now have a facility where everything is for our own long-term benefit.

Last Sunday was a momentous day in our history and one that will long be remembered.

So many people and businesses had put so much into making sure that the game could go on that a last minute defeat, albeit having played with 12 men for nearly a whole half, could not take anything away from the fantastic effort in the weeks running up to the match.

Today's opponents London Skolars will, no doubt, take heart from the

Chris Hamilton
Chief Executive

fact that they ran us very close in a TV game towards the end of last season but with 4 of the next 5 games being at home we have a chance to carry on the good work the team has started.

A point that seems to have escaped a lot of people is just how good the start to the season has been: prior to last week it was 7 out of 7 and given that none of those matches had been played in Oldham it was even more of an achievement.

Couple that with the fact that of those 7 matches only 2 had been home games and the 5 away had included wins against fancied teams such as Swinton, South Wales and Hunslet as well as a tough local derby at Rochdale and I don't think anybody can have any complaints about the terrific response we have had from the players this season.

As ever I would like to encourage our fans to be as loud and supportive.

Enjoy the game and thanks for your support.

Oldham v Skolars

Dressing room like a morgue!

Tony Benson
Head Coach

A really big Roughyeds welcome today to all fans who have turned up for our second match here at our new home at the Whitebank Stadium.

My notes for last week's match against York City Knights had to be in the printer's hands before we had received official notification from the RFL that we could stage the match here, so I purposely refrained from talking about Whitebank.

So a big thank-you to all you supporters who made our historic appearance here seven days ago such a memorable occasion. The ground looked fantastic; the atmosphere was great; and there are going to be some cracking games and some big occasions on this field of ours in the months and years to come.

It wasn't in the script that York should become the first side this season to beat us in the league, but we didn't play well in the first half and although several things went against us later on — like the dismissal of Wayne Kerr — I think it is fair to say that the game was lost in the first quarter.

It was like a morgue in our dressing room after the match. We were hurting badly for a lot of people.

The boys knew how much effort people had put in to make it a special day and they were pretty distraught.

But we were certainly not blaming the referee for the defeat. We let ourselves down in the first 20 minutes.

But with only 12 men and with a few injury problems we still battled bravely to the end and got a bonus point.

Wayne's dismissal affected the outcome of a tight game, as did injuries to his fellow props Jason Boults (hamstring) and Dave Ellison (concussion) and hooker Martin Roden (ankle). Mick Fogerty and John Gillam, the left-wing pair, had each reported shoulder injuries as well.

From the start we didn't do what we had set out to do. The plan was to be clinical early on; to keep the ball away from them as much as possible; to wear them down; and then to come through strongly in the second half. It all went wrong because we didn't play well in the first half.

About the sending off I will say that if what Wayne did warrant a red card and what their fellow did to Dave Ellison didn't warrant a card of any description, then someone needs to look at the rules.

Today's opponents, the Skolars, of course, are one of my former clubs and I still have a lot of friends down there.

Enjoy the game.

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Workington Town v



Doncaster RLFC



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

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No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Tommy Griffiths	G.P. Transport
2	Aaron Henry	
3	Lee Gomersall	Sue Wilford
4	Shaun Leaf	Dons Supporters Club
5	Ben Collins	
6	Simon Brown	Fullefex Security
7	Craig Fawcett	
8	Scott Johnson	
9	Paul Brown	
10	David Bates	P. Bird, France
11	Liam Brown	
12	Ryan Steen	A.Y. Logistics
13	Grant Edwards	
14	Jake Bassinder	
15	Danny Stanley	
16	Paul Shaw	
17	Jarryn Osborne	
18	Jonathan Winter	
19	Garry Ellery	
20	Jack Ely	
21	Scott Howlett	
22	Scott Wilson	
23	Craig Lawton	
24	Jamie Bovill	
25	Chris Spurr	
26	Gary King	
27	Matthew Carbutt	
28	Paul Hughes	
29	Liam Crawley	
30	Dean Colton	

COACHES: GARY CHARLTON & MARTIN OGLANBY

COACH: TONY MILLER

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLLW
 LAST SIX HOME: LWWWLL
 TRIES: Kaighan, Low (7), Marshall (6), Backhouse (5)
 GOALS: Kaighan (43)
 DROP GOALS: None
 MAN TO WATCH: Jamie Marshall

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C. Leatherbarrow
 Touch: K. Povah, W. Johnston
 Reserve Referee: S. Kilpatrick

THE INSIDE TRACK

Town to edge it but Doncaster getting stronger. Could be upset. Town by 6

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWLLL
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLLLWL
 TRIES: Gomersall, Griffiths (6) Ely (5)
 GOALS: S Brown (24)
 DROP GOALS:
 MAN TO WATCH: Lee Gomersall

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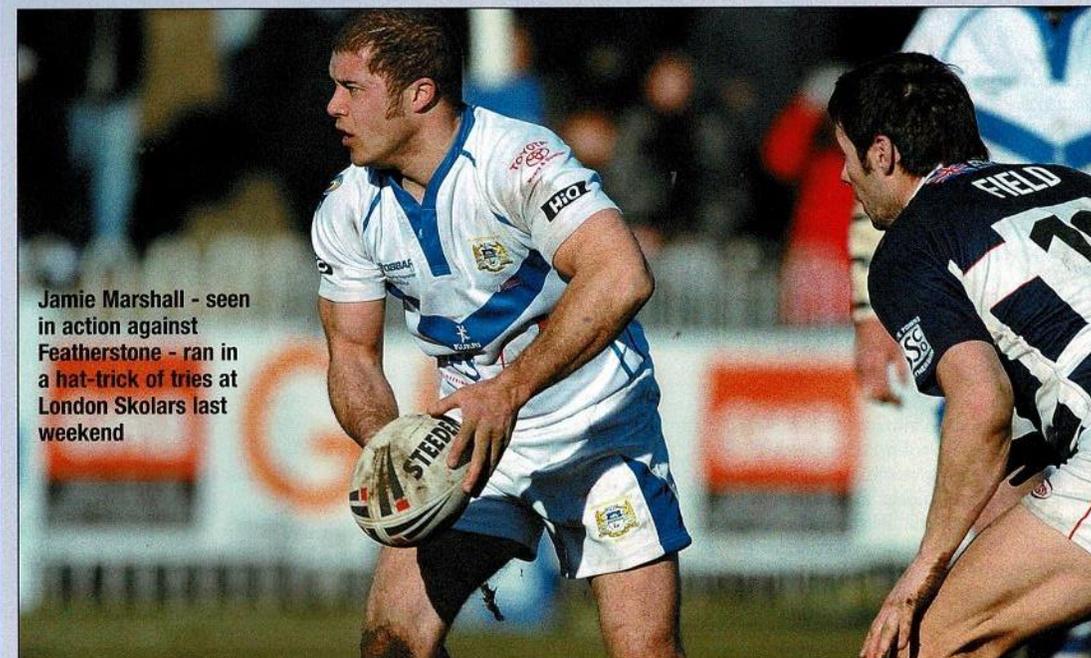
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Workington v Doncaster

Town's pack will aim to dominate



Jamie Marshall - seen in action against Featherstone - ran in a hat-trick of tries at London Skolars last weekend

A warm Cumbrian welcome to everyone associated with Doncaster who have made the journey this afternoon.

We were delighted to come away from London last weekend with a decent win, particularly after playing virtually all of the second half a man down.

Lee Dutton's sending off seemed particularly harsh although we did have the benefit of seeing the incident on DVD after the game.

At times it was sheer grit and determination that kept us in the game before the team established a platform to finally put the game beyond reach.

At times we showed some of the flowing rugby we are capable of and we now have a sizeable pack that is capable of dominating the collision.

We'll need to see plenty of that determination today from all the players and from the start, if we are

Dave Bowden Chairman

to put together back to back victories and start to climb up the table. Doncaster are good starters so we need to ensure we are focused from the first minute.

A big thanks to the fans who made the long journey to London, and those exiled Town fans who gave the team great support on the day, it really does spur the lads on to know that you go to such lengths to follow the team.

Doncaster sit only one place and one win behind us in the table so will be keen to change places with a win today.

I'm sure we're in for a tough entertaining game, with your support and with luck on our side I'm sure we can record another victory.

Hello and welcome to today's game against Doncaster. It seems that like us Doncaster are having an up and down sort of season - play well one week then let ourselves down the next.

We as a team have talked about getting some consistency in our play and to play for the full 80 minutes and I'm sure that when we do this we will go from strength to strength.

Last week at London me and Martin were disappointed in our first half showing, we seem to let teams get a lead before we start to play, but this is unacceptable and against the top of the table teams we probably would not have got back into the game - we have got to learn and learn fast.

Hopefully last week's win will start a winning run that both Martin and I know this team can produce.

Enjoy the game,

Gary Charlton



York City Knights v Hunslet Hawks



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

COACH: JAMES RATCLIFFE

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLWLW
 LAST SIX HOME: WWWLW
 TRIES: Waterman (13) Ratcliffe (9), Schofield (7), McLocklan (6)
 GOALS: Waterman (64)
 DROP GOALS: Thorman (2)
 MAN TO WATCH: Lee Waterman

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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
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	Corey Challenger.....	British Gas
	Ryan Lilywhite.....	Morley Market
	Tommy Haughey, Joey Walkin, Russ Dale, Gareth Hynes, Nigel Scott, Michael Kelly	

COACH: PAUL MARCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWLW
 LAST SIX AWAY: WWWWLW
 TRIES: McHugh (13) Mark (12), Chapman, P March, Clayton (7)
 GOALS: Knight (31) McHugh (25)
 DROP GOALS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Paul March

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: N/A

Touch: N/A

Reserve Referee: N/A

THE INSIDE TRACK

Clash of old coach with former team. Almost impossible to forecast. Draw

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We're with the Knights!

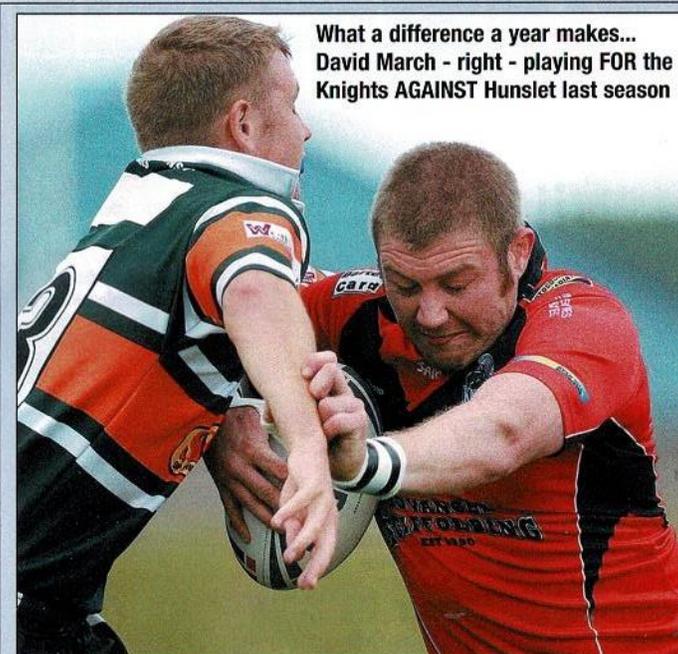


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York v Hunslet



What a difference a year makes... David March - right - playing FOR the Knights AGAINST Hunslet last season

'Old Boys' are back in town...

Welcome to everyone from Hunslet Hawks for this afternoon's fixture.

As all of you are aware the Hawks are flying high and feature quite a few ex-York players, let's make sure they get a warm reception from the pop stand eh?!

Last week saw us finally put together a performance which everyone involved in could be proud of.

All the players, support staff and coaches have been working really hard to find some solutions to our disappointing results, so to beat a team which was undefeated in the league was hopefully a springboard to us hitting some form. It was also pleasing to see so many of our own fans at Oldham and I am suited for them that we took the spoils. Which brings us to today's game:

James Ratcliffe Head Coach

we will need another massive 80 minute performance from every player if we are to earn the three points today. Hunslet have threats all over the park, the Marchies are class players and Grimmer, I am pleased to see, has finally got over his injury problems and is playing really well.

As I have said before all I ask from the players is honesty and commitment: when we have it we can be a challenge to anybody!

Lastly well done to everyone at the club for organising another fantastic Family Fun day for everyone to enjoy, let's hope you all stay and watch the game.

A family day out at the Huntington

Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's Co-operative Championship One match against the Hunslet Hawks and on behalf of everyone at the Knights may I take this opportunity to wish a very warm welcome to their directors, players, coaching staff and supporters.

Many of the Hawks squad will be in familiar surroundings this afternoon having made the short trip to South Leeds during the off-season. After last week's win at Oldham a win today for the Knights would put us back towards the top of the table and with Blackpool Panthers the next visitors to the Huntington Stadium in two weeks' time, we have a great chance to kick-start our season. May I also take the opportunity to thank this afternoon's sponsors The Shepherd Group. The Shepherd Group have been supporters of the York City Knights Foundation for a number of years and we are extremely grateful for this.

Today's match also doubles up as our annual School's Family Fun Day.

I would like to wish a warm welcome to all those who are attending a Knights match for the first time and hope that the team can produce a good performance for you all. Special thanks must go to those who have provided activities today including Action Zone, the Army and the RFL skill zone.

Prior to today's game was the Martyn Miller Charity Bike Ride in aid of two fantastic causes MacMillan Cancer Nurses and Higgs's 13 A Side Rugby Foundation. The riders set off and finished the ride at the Huntington Stadium.

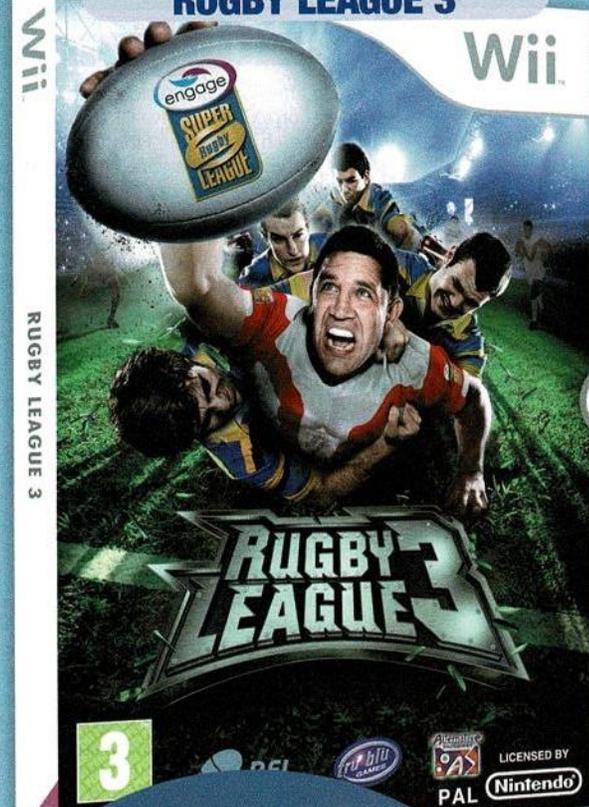
Speaking of Higgs's 13 A Side Rugby Foundation a sportsman's dinner will take place on Saturday 10th July at Bar 13 in aid of the group. The guest speaker is New Zealand legend Robbie Paul and tickets are priced at just £25 per person. To book your tickets call the Knights office on 01904 641724 or email ian@ycknights.co.uk.

Finally supporters are reminded that following today's game Bar 13 will be showing York City's Bluesquare Premier Play-off Final from Wembley at 5pm.

Also the club are still collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers in aid of the Community Development Programme.

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SPECIAL FOCUS: THE INTERNATIONAL GAME

Today it's a trip to Toulouse, tomorrow, the Nou Camp and Barcelona?

IF FANS IN THE Co-operative Championship enjoy a trip to the South of France, it may not be too long before they are heading for the delights of Spain – and the home of footballing giants Barcelona.

Catalonian Rugby League has received a massive boost with the decision of football giants Barcelona to add a 13-a-side section to its renowned sporting club.

F.C. Barcelona are one of two new teams to take part in the 2010 Catalan Rugby League Championship which began last week and will carry on to mid-June.

With more than 200 players involved, the re-vamped Championship will become the focus for participation in the code in the region with Barca one of two new teams, the other being C.R. Cornell.

Barcelona already have handball, roller hockey, basketball and athletics teams alongside their football operation and their participation is a major boost to the development work going on.

Reigning champions are Barcelona University Club, B.U.C., who beat C.R. Sant Cugat 36-28 in last year's inaugural final.



Catalans and Toulouse fans have brought colour to the British game – could Barcelona be a name for the future?

Seven sides will contest the 2010 season, B.U.C., GEIEG Girona, F.C. Barcelona, C.E. INEF Lleida, C.R. Sant Cugat, C.R. Cornell and C.R. Valls-Reus.

Information can be found on the official web site, which is at www.rugbylliga.cat, which last year received more than 31,000 hits from 81 different countries worldwide.

European competition dates set

The Rugby League European Federation has confirmed an amended schedule that features an expanded European Shield event in June and July.

Ukraine have relinquished their home tie in the East section and will instead remain in Moscow after their match with Russia – the latter's first official outing for three years – to play Latvia, who then host Russia in Riga.

In the West group, Germany will be looking to avenge their defeat to Czech Republic last year when the sides meet in Kaiserslautern with Serbia completing the line up for the Shield, which is now in its fourth year. In the Bowl, Belgium have decided not to compete but the fixture still sees Malta and Norway XIII making their bows in competition.

SHIELD EAST
Game 1 - 27th June
Russia v Ukraine, Dinamo Stadium, Moscow, 7pm
Game 2 - 29th June

Ukraine v Latvia, Narofominsk, Moscow, 3pm
Game 3 - 31st July
Latvia v Russia, Riga, Upezhtsiems Stadium, 1pm
SHIELD WEST
Game 1 - 26th June
Czech Republic v Serbia, Petrovice, Prague, 5pm
Game 2 - 3rd July
Serbia v Germany, Radnicki Stad, Belgrade, 5.30
Game 3 - 17th July
Germany v Czech Republic, Hochspeyer, Kaiserslautern, 5pm
BOWL
4th June. Malta v Norway XIII, Hamrun, 7pm

IRISH LEAGUE STARTS

A total of 208 points were notched up in the opening round of the Carnegie League.

In the Leinster Conference the Wicklow Vikings came close to shocking the league when they pushed the Dublin City Exiles all the way with the Exiles shading the game by just two points.

Last year's finalists Carlow Crusaders traveled to Portlaoise for what shaped up to be the clash of the week. The Crusaders ran out winners over the Panthers. The debuting Athboy fell to the North Dublin Eagles in their first home game of the season.

In the Ulster Conference Fermanagh Redskins beat the Portadown Pumas while the tie between Ballynahinch Rabbitohs and the East Belfast Bulldogs has been moved back to the 12th of June. More is to come as reigning Champions the Treaty City Titans Kick off the Munster Conference when they meet newcomers Bruff next weekend.
RESULTS:
Ulster Conference: Fermanagh Redskins 56-28 Portadown Pumas
Leinster Conference: Wicklow Vikings 50-52
Dublin City Exiles; Portlaoise Panthers 18-32
Carlow Crusaders; Athboy 10-40 North Dublin Eagles.

XIII

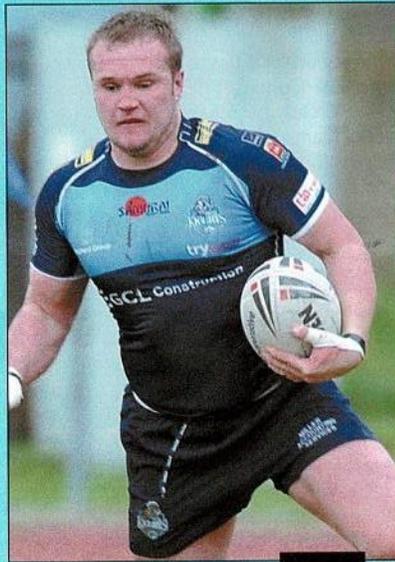


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QUESTIONS

- 1) Barrow's Steve McCormack, Coach of the Month in the Championship, coached which country in the 2008 World Cup?
- 2) Blackpool's Martin Crompton, Coach of the Month in Championship 1, played for five well-known clubs. Name them.
- 3) Which country did Martin represent as a player in the 2000 World Cup?
- 4) What does Harlequins' Oliver Wilkes have in common with vintage comedian Stan Laurel?
- 5) Halifax's Lee Paterson played for which French club?
- 6) Sheffield's injured prop Jack Howieson was studying at which university when he turned pro with Sheffield Eagles?
- 7) Top goal-kicker and Scottish international Mick Nannyn was born in which northern rugby stronghold?
- 8) Gateshead have conceded 100 points to two clubs: which ones?
- 9) When did Swinton win back-to-back championships in the post-war years?
- 10) What was the largest crowd recorded at Swinton's famous old Station Road ground, and what was its capacity?
- 11) Which Championship One club used to play at Tattersfield?
- 12) Remember a team called Invicta? Which county did they play in?
- 13) Who is top points scorer for the York City Knights this season?



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1) Scotland. 2) Warrington, Widnes, Wigan, Oldham and Salford. 3) Ireland. 4) Both born in Ulverston. 5) Carpenters. 6) Sheffield Hallam. 7) Wigan. 8) Salford and Batley. 9) 1963 & 1964. 10) 44,621 & 60,000. 11) Doncaster. 12) Kent. 13) Lee Waterman, pictured.

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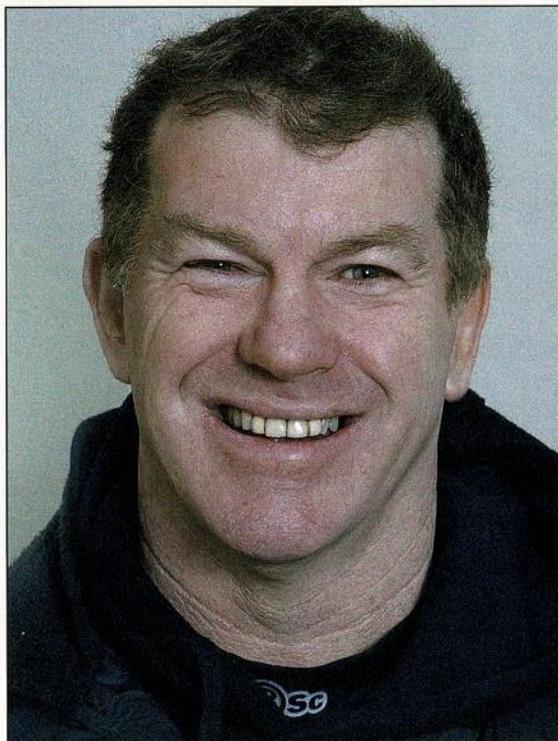
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Leigh boss has a view on all the game's big issues



Leigh Centurions coach and media pundit Ian Millward

Millward was on duty as a BBC 5 Live commentator last weekend alongside Dave Woods and Stuart Pike, and in his regular column in *League Weekly* last week, praised the Magic concept, but made some major recommendations.

"The Magic Weekend concept started the year that I went back to North Queensland Cowboys so this year was my first time.

"I set off for Scotland with some trepidation. I'd read lots of reports in the media criticising an unexciting draw and predicting low crowds, a lack of atmosphere.

"Maybe it was because my expectations had been lowered but I was pleasantly surprised by what I found.

"It was fantastic to see people from lots of clubs interacting with each other, sharing drinks and laughs in the bars and restaurants. The Fan Zone around the stadium was outstanding too."

But he added: "Much as I did enjoy the weekend I am not oblivious to the concerns expressed by a number of people. With the economic climate like it is, it is not easy for people to fund a trip away, especially if they might also fancy a trip to France to follow their club, or to Wembley for the Challenge Cup Final.

He added: "I was lucky to be working for the BBC over the weekend so my hotel was paid for. I also had free drinks and food at a party put on by the sponsors, Engage.

"For normal fans who don't get that it is a costly experience. Bearing that in mind I think to get 27,000 on the first day is very impressive."

After the first Magic weekend at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium four years ago the fixtures in the second and third tiers were altered to encourage fans to join in the big boys' party weekend.

But although RFL bosses including Chief Executive Nigel Wood professed satisfaction with the aggregate attendance of 51,000 over the latest weekend, it appears fans from the

'The other option for Magic concept is to have it involving all four Challenge Cup quarter-finals'

– Ian Millward

WITH Super League's Magic weekend out of the way, the stage is now set for the Co-operative Championships' big weekend out – a little closer to home than Blackpool, with the Northern Rail Cup and Northern Rail 9s in July.

There will be a new format to the 9s competition this summer, although it is again taking place at Blackpool Panthers' Fylde ground (see panel, right) and the draw will be made once the weekend is out.

Meanwhile Leigh coach Ian Millward, who will be hoping his club doesn't have an interest in the Northern Rail 9s owing to a prior engagement – the big match at Bloomfield Road – had aired his own views on the direction for Rugby League's marquee events.

They include a proposal that if in place this year, could have seen at least two of our Co-operative Championship clubs playing on a big stage in front of the BBC cameras.



Widnes Vikings fans had plenty to celebrate at last season's Northern Rail Cup final in Blackpool

lower divisions have not fully embraced the concept in the way they have the Carnegie Challenge Cup and Wembley.

Among alternatives for the Magic idea Millward suggested having it brought forward: "I like the idea of having it kick the season off. We have a season launch every year but that is for the clubs and the media, there is nothing significant for fans.

"If we had all seven games in the opening round in one place that could be a spectacular success on all fronts."

As for Edinburgh and Cardiff, he ventured: "I'd take it somewhere like Manchester as well. We have got to be kinder to our heartlands. That's easier for most fans to get to."

But it was 'Basil' Millward's radical ideas for the Challenge Cup that might most appeal to fans of clubs in the Championships.

Apart from calling for the Cup to be brought forward in the season, closer to its original May date, and thus leaving longer between Wembley, Old Trafford and any international end-of-season fixtures, he said: "The other option for Magic concept is to have it involving all four Challenge Cup quarter-finals. Four games in the one location where every game means something.

"If that was on terrestrial TV with the BBC too that would be great exposure for the game."

Changes to NR9s format

THIS year's Northern Rail 9's will be played at Fylde RUFC, the home of the Blackpool Panthers again and will feature the 18 English based Co-operative Championship and Championship 1 clubs that have not made it through to the Northern Rail Cup Final.

However this year the event will be staged on one day and not over two.

The structure has changed slightly from last year and it now had the following format – clubs will be split into 5 pools (3 pools of four and 2 pools of three)

Groups in pools 1-3 play the teams in their group and teams in pools 4 and 5 play the clubs in the opposing pool. So every club is guaranteed to play a minimum of three games.

All results are collated into a league table and the top four teams go through to the semi finals and obviously the winners of the semis go through to the Final.

Once the finalists of the Northern Rail Cup are known the remaining 18 clubs will go into an open draw to determine which pool they are in for the group stages of the tournament.

Tickets cost £9 for adults and £5 for concessions for advance purchases and if they are to buy on the day of the event it goes to £10 for adults and remains at £5 for concessions. People can purchase tickets through their club. Plus by purchasing a ticket to the 9's they are able to get £5 off a ticket to the Northern Rail Cup Final

NORTHERN RAIL CUP FINAL

The final will once again be held at Blackpool's Bloomfield road on the Sunday 18th July. We are now at the Quarter Finals stage and those games will be played on the weekend of 5 and 6 June and the fixtures are as follows:

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

The semi finals take place on the weekend of 19 and 20 June and fixtures are again determined by clubs going into an open draw. The winners of the competition will be eligible to apply for a Super League Licence in 2011.

Tickets to the Northern Rail Cup final are available now by visiting: www.rugbyleaguetickets.co.uk or calling 0844 856 1113.

Halifax boob throws Cup into confusion

BARROW Raiders booked their place in the Carnegie Challenge Cup quarter-finals but a decision on the other Championship representative was put on hold at the weekend.

The game at The Shay was postponed only hours before kick-off and Halifax and Batley went in the draw for the quarter finals – a home tie with Catalans Dragons awaits when the men in suits give their ruling.

Barrow took the more usual path into the next round with a 42-24 win over Hunslet Hawks with the Championship 1 team showing why they are battling for promotion with a strong performance. The win earned the Raiders a tasty trip to bookies favourites St Helens who won 30-10 at Harlequins.

The Championship's three other representatives in the fifth round made their exit to Super League clubs. Robbie Paul



returned to Bradford Bulls with Leigh Centurions but couldn't roll back the years. The Bulls ran out 58-16 winners to set up a home tie with holders Warrington Wolves who disposed of Huddersfield Giants 60-4 in the re-run of last year's Wembley final.

Widnes Vikings were hit by a power surge from Super League leaders Wigan Warriors who won 64-10 at the Stobart Stadium. England star Sam Tomkins helped himself to a second hat-trick of tries in successive Challenge Cup games.

Next up for Wigan is a trip to Leeds Rhinos who ended Blackpool Panthers' winning run with a 70-22 victory.

The Panthers matched Leeds in the opening 40 minutes scoring three tries and only trailing 24-16 at the break. The Rhinos went on the charge in the second half with stand-off Brent Webb finishing with four tries.

Catalans Dragons made it a good few days for the French with a last-minute drop goal from Thomas Bosc earning a 35-34 win at Crusaders.



TOULOUSE Olympique set the tone for le rugby à treize with a late try from Vincent Duport sealing a 26-24 win at

COMING UP...

SKY Sports have picked a cracker for the Thursday night game with Leigh Centurions putting their unbeaten record on the line at Widnes Vikings.

A win for Ian Millward's team would see them take over top spot.

The Championship's other unbeaten side Barrow Raiders have a tricky trip to Halifax on Sunday.

On Saturday Toulouse Olympique go to Bramall Lane where opponents Sheffield Eagles play their second game in 72 hours after facing Batley Bulldogs on Wednesday night.

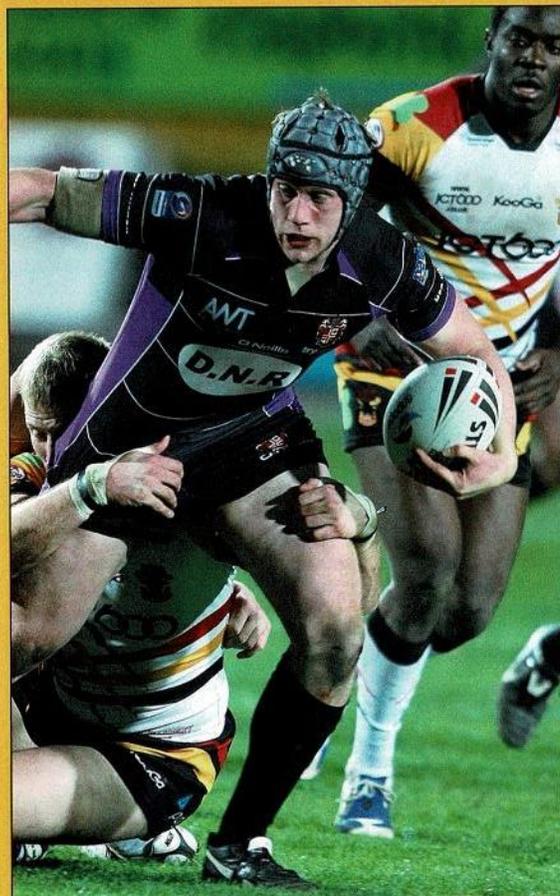
The Bulldogs go into their second game of the week at home to Whitehaven on Sunday.

Blackpool Panthers hope to protect the Championship 1's only surviving unbeaten record when Gateshead Thunder visit on Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday Oldham play their second game at the Whitebank Stadium against London Skolars who have yet to record a win.

Workington Town are at home to Doncaster in the clash of the two teams just below the play-off zone.

The game of the day in Championship 1 sees Hunslet Hawks travel to York City Knights, with a host of York old boys in the Hunslet ranks.



Chris Hill on the drive for Leigh at Bradford



Blackpool's John Boland in action at Headingley

Featherstone Rovers in the Thursday night Sky Sports game. Rovers coach Daryl Powell praised the stubbornness of Toulouse as they came back from 24-10 down but said his team were "not at their best".

In the only other Championship game of the weekend Whitehaven's poor run continued with a 22-12 home defeat by Keighley Cougars.

The three points for Keighley mean they are in the 'black' having wiped out the nine-point deduction for going into administration.



WITH Blackpool and Hunslet involved in the Challenge Cup it was an opportunity for Oldham to move ahead at the top of the Championship 1 table. It was also Oldham's first game at their new Whitebank Stadium home.

But before the home side's

biggest attendance of the season visitors York City Knights turned party poopers with a 34-28 win – Oldham's first defeat in the league this season.

The losing bonus point, however, took Oldham to the top of the table.

Rochdale Hornets got off to a flyer at Swinton Lions with a try from the kick-off by Danny Samuel. The home side came back but Hornets, with late tries from Craig Johnson and Dale Bloomfield, ran out 33-22 winners.

South Wales Scorpions made the marathon trip to Gateshead Thunder and claimed their first 50-point haul. The Scorpions ran out 50-8 winners.

It was also a long trip to London Skolars for Workington Town and they dug deep to overcome playing for the final 30 minutes with 12 men after Lee Dutton was shown a red card. Town won 44-28.

Whitehaven (12) 12
T: J Veivers 1, K Wilton 1. G: C Rudd 2.
Keighley (6) 22
T: G Duffy 1, D Williams 1, O Pursglove 2. G: D Jones 3. Att: 900

Featherstone (18) 24
T: I Hardman 2, Z Hardaker 2. G: K Briggs 4.
Toulouse (10) 26
T: R Bromley 1, S Planas 1, V Duport 1, M Mitchell 1, J Tisseyre 1. G: N Wynn 3. Att: 2,233

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	B	PTS
Featherstone	9	8	0	1	343	110	233	1	25
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	306	193	113	3	18
Halifax	8	6	0	2	228	206	22	0	18
Toulouse	9	5	0	4	196	290	-94	0	15
Sheffield	8	2	1	5	198	252	-54	1	9
Batley	8	2	0	6	128	224	-96	3	9
Whitehaven	9	2	0	7	156	311	-155	2	8
Dewsbury	9	0	0	9	140	272	-132	5	5
Keighley	10	2	1	7	182	356	-174	2	1

* Keighley deducted 6pts for going into administration

London Skolars (18) 28
T: A Adebisi 1, J O'Callaghan 1, J Boston 2, M Thomas 1.
G: P Thorman 4.
Workington (22) 44
T: S Kaighan 1, J Marshall 3, J Stack 2, J Robinson 1, R McDonald 1.
G: S Kaighan 6. Att: 258

Oldham (16) 28
T: P O'Donnor 2, L Onyango 1, M Fogerty 1, J Gillam 1, W Kerr 1.
G: M Ashe 2.
York (24) 34
T: D Ratcliffe 1, D Tuffour 2, L Waterman 1, T Lineham 1, S Lewis 1.
G: L Waterman 5. Att: 1,110

Gateshead (4) 8
T: J Brown 1, T Wilson 1.
South Wales (18) 50
T: E Kear 1, L Williams 1, L Wildbore 1, A Gay 2, L Mills 1, C Roets 1, N Dallimore 2. G: J Murphy 3, L White 4. Att: 258

Swinton (16) 22
T: R Hawkyard 1, D Wilson 1, R Foxen 1, P Joseph 1. G: G Holroyd 3.
Hornets RL (20) 33
T: C Johnson 1, D Gorton 1, D Bloomfield 2, D Samuels 1, C Hough 1.
G: P Crook 4. DG: S Roper 1. Att: 470.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	B	Pts
Oldham	8	7	0	1	265	152	113	1	22
Hunslet	8	7	0	1	318	109	209	0	21
Blackpool	7	7	0	0	267	100	167	0	21
Rochdale	9	5	0	4	311	230	81	2	17
York	9	5	0	4	293	243	50	2	17
South Wales	9	4	0	5	228	179	49	4	16
Swinton	8	4	0	4	204	261	-57	1	13
Workington	8	3	0	5	206	182	24	3	12
Doncaster	9	3	0	6	222	338	-116	2	11
London Skolars	9	0	0	9	140	398	-258	2	2
Gateshead	8	1	0	7	108	370	-262	1	-2

* Gateshead deducted 6pts for going into administration

Barrow Raiders (30) 42
T: A Ballard 1, N Catic 1, L Campbell 2, N Mossop 1, M Knowles 1, Z Luisi 1. G: J Rooney 7.
Hunslet Hawks (10) 24
T: M Mark 1, W Pryce 1, T Haughey 1, N Lowe 1, J Helme 1. G: D March 2. Att: 2,241

Widnes Vikings (0) 10
T: M Gardner 2. G: S Yates 1.
Wigan Warriors (36) 64
T: M Gleeson 2, K Pryce 3, S Tomkins 3, T Leuluai 1, J Tomkins 2, S O'Loughlin 1. G: S Tomkins 2, M Riddell 6. Att: 5,504

Leeds Rhinos (24) 70
T: M Coady 3, B Delaney 1, R Hall 1, B Webb 5, A Laititi 1, G Eastwood 1. G: K Sinfield 11.
Blackpool Panthers (16) 22
T: D Munro 1, M Ainscough 1, J Clough 1, K Radcliffe 1. G: T Hemingway 3. Att: 5,316

Bradford Bulls (24) 58
T: S Menzies 2, C Noro 3, P Sykes 1, B Kearney 1, M Worrincy 1, G Hall 1, W Godwin 1. G: P Sykes 6, G Hall 1.
Leigh Centurions (6) 16
T: S Donlan 1, M Ridyard 1, D Armitstead 1. G: M Nanyin 2. Att: 4,250

DIARY 2010

KEY TO DIARY:

NORTHERN RAIL CUP CHAMPIONSHIP 1 CHALLENGE CUP

NORTHERN RAIL CUP

SUNDAY JANUARY 31 - ROUND 1

Dewsbury Rams 30, London Skolars 4
Leigh Centurions 24, Oldham 12
Blackpool Panthers 22, Keighley Cougars 24

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - ROUND 1

Widnes Vikings 30, Gateshead Thunder 6

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - ROUND 2

Barrow Raiders 34, Blackpool Panthers 8
Batley Bulldogs 30, Widnes Vikings 30
Featherstone Rovers 19, Sheffield Eagles 18
Halifax RLFC 24, Dewsbury Rams 0
Keighley Cougars 17, Whitehaven 10
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 25, Batley Bulldogs 34

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - ROUND 3

Batley Bulldogs 45, Swinton Lions 10
Keighley Cougars 38, Workington Town 10
Leigh Centurions 36, Featherstone Rovers 6
Sheffield Eagles 40, York City Knights 10
Whitehaven 54, Doncaster RLFC 10
Widnes Vikings 22, Barrow Raiders 20
Blackpool Panthers 74, Gateshead Thunder 6
Hunslet Hawks 28, Oldham 14
London Skolars 0, Halifax RLFC 68
Rochdale Hornets 12, Dewsbury Rams 48

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Sheffield Eagles 13, Halifax RLFC 6
Doncaster RLFC 0, Barrow Raiders 60
Hornets RL 12, York City Knights 35
Workington 18, Swinton 19

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Oldham 22, Sheffield Eagles 24

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Featherstone Rovers 55, Hornets RL 10

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Dewsbury Rams 22, Leigh Centurions 44

THURSDAY MARCH 4

Hunslet Hawks 0, Featherstone Rovers 88

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 34

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

Hunslet Hawks 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 8, 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 Rovers 24, Toulouse Olympique 26

FRIDAY, 7 MAY

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP 5th ROUND

Bradford Bulls 58, Leigh Centurions 16

Leeds Rhinos 70, Blackpool Panthers 22

SATURDAY, 8 MAY

Widnes Vikings 10, Wigan 64

Gateshead Thunder 8, South Wales Scorpions 50

Swinton Lions 22, Rochdale Hornets 33

SUNDAY, 9 MAY

Barrow Raiders 42, Hunslet Hawks 24

Halifax v Batley Bulldogs PP

Whitehaven 12, Keighley Cougars 22

London Skolars 28, Workington Town 44

Oldham 28, York City Knights 34

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

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



Hair-raising ... but the Hunslet defence couldn't hold Barrow at bay in their Challenge Cup tie

THURSDAY, 20 MAY

Dewsbury Rams v Sheffield Eagles 7.30 SKY

SATURDAY, 22 MAY

Toulouse Olympique v Featherstone Rovers 7.00

SUNDAY, 23 MAY

Whitehaven v Leigh Centurions 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 28-30 MAY

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER FINALS

THURSDAY, 27 MAY (SUBJECT TO CC CUP)

Sheffield Eagles v Keighley Cougars 7.30 SKY

SATURDAY, 29 MAY

Barrow Raiders v Whitehaven 6.30

Batley Bulldogs v Toulouse Olympique 6.00

SUNDAY, 30 MAY

Featherstone Rovers v Dewsbury Rams 3.00

Leigh Centurions v Halifax RLFC 3.00

Doncaster RLFC v Hunslet Hawks 3.00

Gateshead Thunder v Rochdale Hornets 3.00

Swinton Lions v London Skolars 3.00

Workington Town v Oldham 3.00

York City Knights v Blackpool Panthers 3.00

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, 6-9 JUNE

NORTHERN RAIL CUP QUARTER-FINALS

SATURDAY, 12 JUNE

London Skolars v York City Knights 2.30 (Stoop)

SUNDAY, 13 JUNE

Halifax RLFC v Featherstone Rovers 3.00

Keighley Cougars v Dewsbury Rams 3.00

Whitehaven v Sheffield Eagles 3.00

Widnes Vikings v Barrow Raiders 3.00

Batley Bulldogs v Leigh Centurions 3.00

Oldham v Doncaster RLFC 3.00

Rochdale Hornets v Hunslet Hawks 3.00

South Wales Scorpions v Swinton Lions 2.00

Blackpool Panthers v Workington Town 3.00

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 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

Dewsbury Rams v Halifax RLFC 3.00

Featherstone Rovers v Widnes Vikings 3.00

Leigh Centurions v Keighley Cougars 3.00

Doncaster RLFC v Rochdale Hornets 3.00

Hunslet Hawks v London Skolars 3.00

Swinton Lions v Blackpool Panthers 3.00

Workington Town v South Wales Scorpions 3.00

SATURDAY, 3 JULY

Barrow Raiders v Leigh Centurions 6.30