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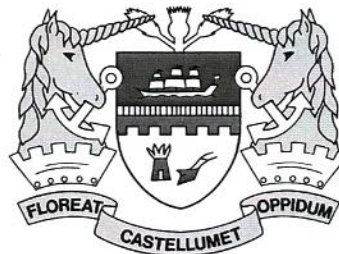
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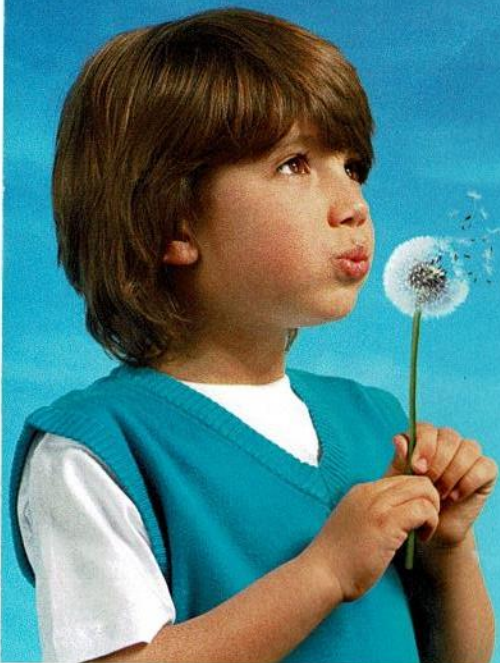
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No chance of writer's block

NOW I know not too many people are going to shed tears on my behalf, but writing a weekly column can be an onerous task.

To paraphrase that great showman, PT Barnum, it really is impossible to please all of the people all of the time. And when those people are as discerning and opinionated as your average Rugby League supporter, putting finger to keyboard can be a painful experience.

It's often the case that the scourge of column writers is routine and mundanity, the need to find something new to debate about each week. But not for anyone who has the good fortune to write about the Co-operative Championships.

Last week, the big issue was Halifax's response to the resignation of their football manager Martin Hall in the aftermath of their disqualification from the Carnegie Challenge Cup; the hot topic in the last few days has been the circumstances surrounding the events at Whitehaven last week.

It is such a hot potato that it would be remiss of anyone to pre-judge the outcome of any investigation or disciplinary procedure that might ensue from claims that Leigh had 14 players on the field when they scored the winning try.

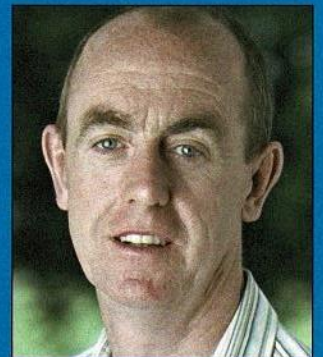
The controversy came at the end of an eventful week in the Championship which had begun with Featherstone winning the competition's biggest match of the season so far with their 24-16 midweek victory at Leigh Sports Village.

Rovers had little time to celebrate that success and three days later boarded a plane for the south of France, where they completed a redemptive 34-28 victory over the Toulouse side which had ended their winning start to the season just two weeks earlier.

The result of the weekend was undoubtedly Batley Bulldogs' stirring 35-16 victory at Widnes Vikings, the perfect way for Karl Harrison's team to approach their Carnegie Challenge Cup quarter-final against Catalans Dragons.

In Co-operative Championship One, Hunslet Hawks are flying high following their stunning 60-4 victory over previous leaders Oldham, a scoreline which underlines the fact that there are few certainties at all in either division.

That's why writing a column about the 2010 Co-operative Championships season is so difficult - there's just too much going on!



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Hunslet's boss, but rugby's man

Stephen Ball has a vision for all clubs in 'Greatest Game'

Report by **BEN COLLINS**

THERE aren't many people who have been involved in the game for as long as Steve Ball. Indeed, Ball has been one of the most loyal servants to rugby league, particularly the lower leagues.

Currently Hunslet chairman, he has previously served in a variety of roles, being an RFL director from 1990-1992 while spending 10 years as operational director at Leeds Rhinos.

He was Batley chairman for eight years, during which they were denied a Super League spot in 1995 after winning the Second Division Championship, then during 18 months as chief executive at Hull FC he played a big part in blocking the proposed merger with Hull KR.

It was Rovers that first inspired Ball's passion for the game, which has since spread beyond club allegiances.

"I was from a rugby league family and brought up as a Hull KR fan," he said. "My Dad used to take me to Craven Park and on a Saturday afternoon we'd get the train to away matches in Yorkshire."

"I've played and coached amateur rugby league, and I've been blessed by a career in rugby league, being involved in the game at a senior level for almost 25 years. My real passion and desire is to protect the game and be a custodian for it in the future."

Ball took over at the Hunslet helm after the 2007 season, when the Hawks finished eighth in National League Two, two points outside the play-offs.

The Hawks finished bottom in 2009 after Ball made sweeping changes to get the club back on an even keel.

But last year they improved to come sixth, reaching the second round of the play-offs, and this season the rebuilding work is really coming to fruition with Hunslet firmly in the running for the Championship 1 title.

"I originally stepped in when the club got into financial difficulty," said Ball.

"I wanted to restructure the club in the first year and we got rid of some of the expense around the players, and the club finished bottom."

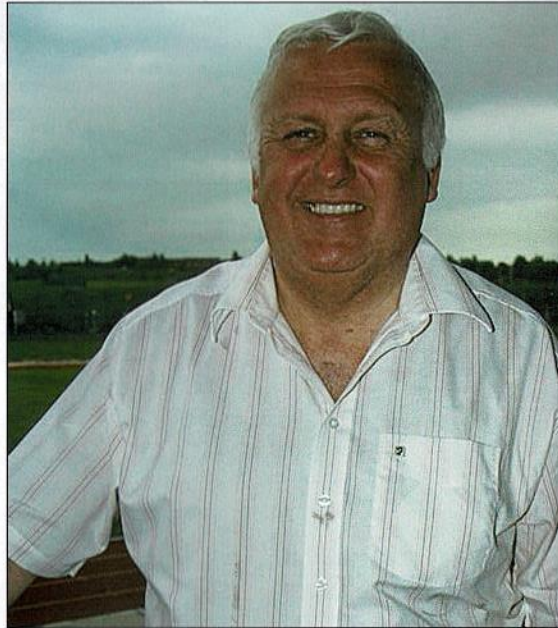
"But we then concentrated on community activities that raised the profile of the club locally and made it more attractive to sponsors, bringing more money into the club."

"Over this three-year period we've attracted around £400,000 in community money, through schemes like the building and launch of a Playing for Success centre."

"We've also set up the Myrtle and Flame club for the hardcore supporters, who pay £5 a week, which is basically the lifeline of the club."

"Our success has been based on our community strategy, we wouldn't have been able to do it without it," he added.

"Instead of being a club that only plays at home once a



Steve Ball – a life rich in Rugby League

fortnight we've become a club that represents south Leeds for 52 weeks of the year."

The business model Ball has applied at the South Leeds Stadium is one garnered from his vast experience in rugby league administration and one he feels should be adopted across the board in the Championship and Championship 1.

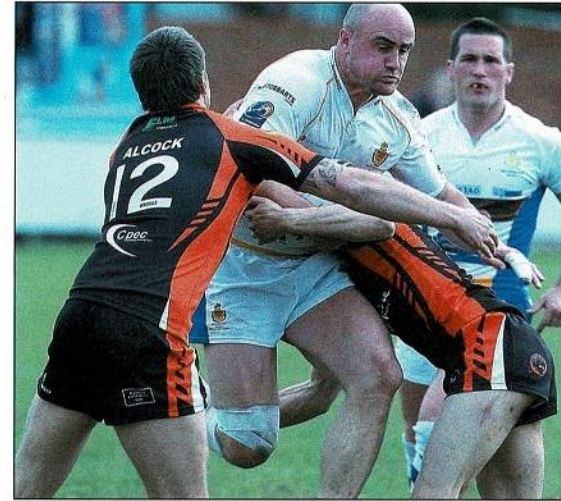
"I have a basic concept that Championship clubs are the same club just playing in different towns," he explained.

"The model should be exactly the same for Hunslet as it is for Batley, Dewsbury, Barrow or whoever. Everything I do is the same model. The main reason the clubs are there is to represent the local community."

"The RFL have given bigger commitment and support for Championship clubs to survive and prosper. We've campaigned for that and been very pleased by how the RFL have responded."

"What I'm keen to see now is Championship clubs developing their own brand, and that's being helped by Sky Sports' Thursday night coverage."

"We've got to redefine to the public at large that Super League is not the brand – the brand is rugby league. Super League is a division of that, and the core values of rugby league are often best attributed to Championship clubs – playing with pride, passion, enthusiasm, and having a greater



local connection.

"The game of rugby league is very close to my heart, and I want to see it prosper outside Super League, in the Championship and within the community game."

Hunslet have certainly prospered this season and it's been more down to sound planning rather than breaking the bank.

Blackpool Panthers were the last remaining unbeaten side in all three divisions and Ball feels their league clashes with the Hawks will decide who tops the Championship 1 table.

"I think those two matches between Hunslet and Blackpool will determine the season, especially with the penultimate game being at Blackpool," he said.

"And it's quite ironic that both clubs have finished bottom in the last few years but both are now eyeing promotion."

"I think Hunslet have built on very solid foundations. It's

Ball expects Blackpool, seen in their Challenge Cup win over Whitehaven, to be the Hawks' main title threat

all about having budgets and trying to keep to them, and only paying for what you can afford."

Hunslet's early-season form extended to the Northern Rail Cup as they won 42-36 at Championship high-flyers Halifax in March to book a quarter-final tie against Leigh on June 6.

"We're really looking forward to the occasion," said Ball. "It's a big game for Hunslet and we hope to have many more of them in the near future."

"To have a chance of beating a side which is very much in the reckoning in the Championship shows how much progress the club has made."

"We'll be underdogs but the fact we beat Halifax away shows it will be a difficult and awkward game for Leigh."

"That Halifax win showed the potential at Hunslet when things go well. It's a cup game and we've every aspiration to do well."

Yet no matter how Hunslet do in the league and cup this season, Ball insists he will be stepping down in September to concentrate on his other role as general manager of the RFL Benevolent Fund.

"It was a two-year plan but I extended that to three to hopefully see Hunslet get promoted," he said.

"I had my arm twisted for another year but come hell or high water, I'm definitely stepping down at the end of this season!"

"But regardless where the team finishes this year, the club's in a far healthier financial position, which bodes well for the future."

"I've been offered a couple of jobs within football but my real passion and desire is rugby league."



Hunslet put in a determined show at Barrow in the Challenge Cup, and have progressed to the quarter finals of the Northern Rail Cup after beating Halifax at The Shay

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Danny Lockwood

LADY LUCK. She's a fickle mistress isn't she? A bounce of the ball, a turn of an ankle, a ref blinking at the wrong moment – and suddenly whoosh, there goes a try, a game, or even a season. Occasionally in a coach's case, there goes a job too.

In the case of our clubs in the Co-operative Championships, the proportion of those factors going with or against their clubs will even out over the course of the season. At least that's what received wisdom would have us believe.

For Warren Jowitt and his Rams diehards, right now it must feel as though they could buy the winning EuroMillions lottery ticket and the entire scheme would go bust before they could cash it in. They huffed and puffed and did everything they could to blow the Sheffield Eagles house down last Thursday night at the Tetley's Stadium, but the winded little Rams just ended up on the wrong end of heartbreak once again.

Meanwhile there have been days at the Keepmoat Stadium when Tony Miller, Carl Hall and company must also have thought they couldn't buy a win, for love nor money. So not only do they go and beat a bullish Swinton outfit, but they 'nil' them in the process. There's nothing quite like that sort of result to banish memories of being on the wrong end of a similar scoreline against the amateurs of Siddal.

Everywhere you looked around the game last weekend, fortunes ebbed and flowed. What is particularly different about this year however is that coaches – and especially Championship coaches – are not just sweating on the health and fitness of their own troops, but paying very close attention to just how many St Helens, Wigan, Bradford or Harlequins players are seen to be limping after the final hooter.

The dual-registration system has been hailed from many quarters of the game (though notably not from some coaches and clubs who have struggled to attract the support of senior clubs, and understandably so). But as the wear and tear of

Super League takes its toll on the resources at their coaches' disposal, so the knock-on effect can have a massive impact on the lower division teams ostensibly benefitting from the partnership arrangements.

A Leigh team hurting from a bruising table-topping encounter with Featherstone last Tuesday had to back up with a trip to Whitehaven without any of their dual-registered stars.

I'm sure Ian Millward felt a sense of proprietary pride in seeing Jacob Emmitt coming off the bench to do such a manful job in St Helens' demolition of Hull KR on Friday night, but after the lad had been such a positive influence in the Leigh front row, you can see where frustrations might arise. It is certainly a double-edged sword.

The same went for Warren Jowitt who lost young Bulls back-row star Danny Addy back to Steve McNamara for their big game against Leeds.

It is a situation that is completely out of the control of the beneficiary clubs. The whim of Lady Luck and little else.

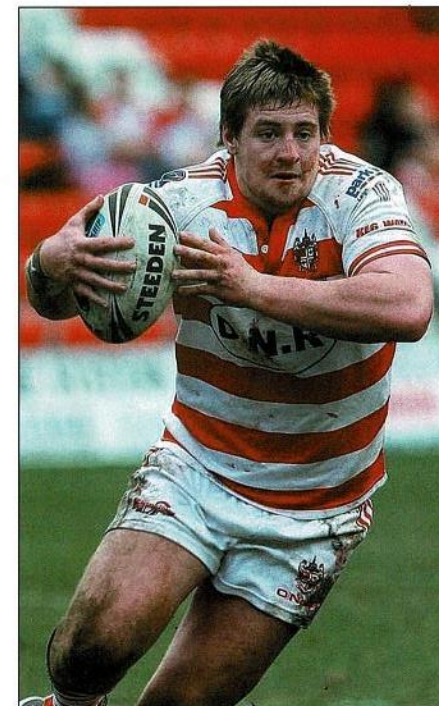
And with that in mind – with a nod to my sentiments at the start of this column – I would suggest there's little else clubs and coaches can do but work hard, on and off the field, at improving every single thing they can that is within their control.

That's what brought Doncaster their win and will ultimately turn the corner for the struggling Skolars, Gateshead – and Dewsbury.

As golfer Gary Player once said when complimented by a spectator on holing out successive bunker shots while on the practice range ... "funny that – the more I practice, the luckier I get!"

Amen to that.

**Danny Lockwood writes every
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**Jacob
Emmitt
in action
for Leigh**

Doing the hard yards is nothing new to Chris

After a 132 point shellacking at Blackpool, Gateshead coach Chris Hood could be forgiven for feeling down. But he's been in tough places before and is proud of his club and his players, as he told BEN COLLINS

WHEN CHRIS HOOD tells his Gateshead players the tide will turn, it's not just blind faith that's talking. He knows because he's been there before, during a tumultuous time with Thunder.

Despite being only 29, Hood is in his eighth year as part of Thunder's coaching staff and became head coach for the second time at the end of last year.

That was after Gateshead almost went under when Steve

Garside pulled the plug after four years of bank-rolling Thunder. The club reformed but began the season with a six-point deduction for entering administration and not only are they still to reach zero, they suffered a demoralising 132-0 defeat at Blackpool two weeks ago.

The purse strings are tight up at the Thunderdome and results have demonstrated that, but this kind of struggle is nothing new for Hood.

"People may think it's new because I only got that first head coach's job last year but I'd been an assistant coach here since 2003," he said. "Dean Thomas, Dave Woods and Steve McCormack last year were all given some money to work with.

"Seamus McCallion was head coach when I came here and of all the coaches I've worked with at Gateshead, Seamus is the only one put in the same situation as me - having no money and trying to start the club afresh.

"That was a tough time as well (2003/2004), but I realised then about self-belief and being determined with your own philosophies.

"As long as you know in yourself you're doing the right thing, it'll come good in the long term."

A young coach from a rugby league outpost such as the North East, Hood is a rare breed.

Brought up in the football hotbed of Wallsend, he was with the Newcastle United Academy until injury saw him released at 16.

But as a friend of Chris Thorman and with amateur club Newcastle Eagles based at the top of Hood's street, he began playing and coaching there.

Hood also played for the Gateshead Academy when they were in Super League in 1999 but he turned his focus to coaching after further injuries cut short his playing career.

He did a degree in Sports Coaching and Development at Northumbria University, coaching the University team, England Students and at regional RFL performance camps, before McCallion asked him to come aboard at Gateshead.

Chris Hood - seen a lot for a young coach

"I'm very appreciative to Seamus and all the coaches I've worked with for the opportunity," said Hood.

"It's been a steep learning curve but

it's given me plenty of different experiences.



Gateshead stalwart Kevin Neighbour surges upfield against York earlier in the season

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"I now know the qualities that I and my players need to have, and I'm confident in my ability to help the club through the current situation."

Most players had already been signed for the 2009 season when Hood was first made head coach after Dave Woods was sacked in January 2009 so Gateshead struggled at the start of the year.

McCormack was brought in as head coach, and with greater financial support, he steered Thunder to a 'great escape'. But administration meant they were relegated anyway and Hood became head coach again after playing a major role in Gatehead's rebirth.

Safeguarding the club's long-term future is the priority this year - not results - and Hood insists their support remains strong despite the Blackpool beating and the 100-4 Northern Rail Cup defeat to Batley in March.

"The club meant too much to us, the players and the fans to let it be wound up," he said. "Myself, Rod Findlay and Keith Christie formed the new board and made sure we retained the young players, expanded our sponsorship base and reinforced our community programme to make sure our business plan was right.

"Instead of investing in the team we're now investing in the club, and you just have to look at how many local players we've got in the side.

"Some results won't look good but we've got a close relationship with the people that count - fans and sponsors - and they know we have 33 players and 18 were unavailable through injury or suspension against Blackpool.

"We're doing right by the sponsors, the players, the amateur clubs and the community game in the North East. We're being very open and transparent with everybody, we've shown them

'You've got to go through these tough times to look back and know you've done the right thing...'

when we've done something right and when we've done something wrong.

"It's exactly how a club should be run now. It's an inspiring place to be and it really feels like we're doing something right."

Hood's players had to do some soul-searching after the heavy defeat at in-

form Blackpool but they responded with a creditable display last week, losing 42-24 to Workington.

Experienced players such as Kevin Neighbour, Tabua Cakacaka and Matt Barron are set to return and Hood is confident the players and the club will be stronger for coming through what is a testing campaign.

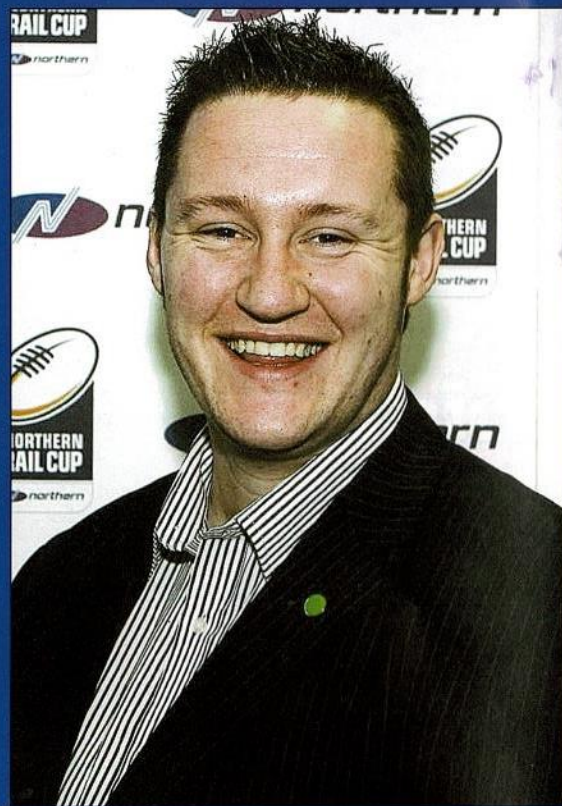
"Everybody's ego took a bashing at Blackpool but we've learnt from it and it's times like that you see the making of the man," he said.

"You see who's here for the right reasons and who believes in what we're doing. I'm proud of what this club stands for, what the fans believe in and what the sponsors are backing us for. I'm also really proud of the players for what they've given us compared to what we can afford to pay them.

"The easiest thing is to criticise and say what's going wrong - doing something about it is what not many people can do.

"You've got to go through these tough times to look back and know you've done the right thing, and I don't think many other players would choose to walk down this path with them.

"I told them at the start of the year it'd be a long slog but if they can get to the end of it with their heads held high then they'll be better people for it."



England boss gets top new recruit

The RFL has strengthened the England coaching team with the appointment of Jeremy Hickmans as physical performance analyst for 2010.

Hickmans, 36, is the performance director at Australian club St George Illawarra and has worked closely alongside the NRL's most successful coach, Wayne Bennett over the last five years.

A former Hull Kingston Rovers and Keighley Cougars player, Jersey-born Hickmans will work with England on a consultancy basis and will join England head coach Steve McNamara and the national team in early June to assist with preparations for the Gillette Fusion International against France at Leigh Sports Village on Saturday June 12.

He will then return Down Under before rejoining England when they fly into New Zealand in October for the Four Nations.

"Jeremy is regarded as the leader in his field in the NRL and I'm delighted that he has agreed to work with us for the Gillette Fusion International and the Four Nations," said McNamara.

"Just as Brian Smith is keeping us up-to-date on all technical and tactical developments in the NRL, Jeremy will be doing the same on the physical performance aspects.

"His input will enhance not only our national team but our competition as a whole."

Jon Roberts, the RFL's Director of Performance and Coaching, said Hickmans would work closely with other members of his department, including Elite Training Squad Manager Paddy Mortimer and England's strength conditioning coach Jason Davidson.

"It's very much a new role and I'm sure everyone will gain much from working alongside Jeremy in the coming months," said Roberts.

"The RFL has made significant investments in sports science in the last few years and Jeremy's appointment will complement much of the work that has taken place.

"I would like to place on the record our thanks to Wayne Bennett and St George Illawarra for their co-operation in agreeing to release Jeremy at such an important stage of the NRL season."

Hickmans said he was "thrilled and delighted" to be given the opportunity to work with Steve McNamara and England.

"I was really keen to become involved when I learned that England were looking for a performance specialist," said



England coach Steve McNamara has a vital new 'team' member

Hickmans, who emigrated seven years ago.

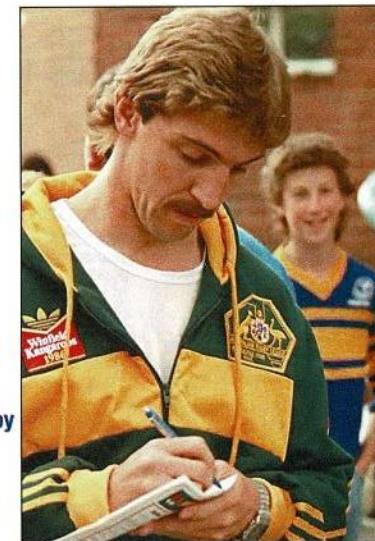
"This has always been something I've wanted to do. I'm a proud Brit and there's nothing I would love more than to help play a part in us beating France and, later this year, the Aussies and Kiwis.

"We will use all the latest development in sports science technology to put in place programmes that will keep the England player at the peak of their performance levels, during their time in camp and on matchday."

Steve McNamara will announce full details of his 19-man squad for the Gillette Fusion International at a press conference in Manchester on Tuesday June 1.

Brett's your no. 1 all-time Challenge Cup hero

Poster-boy Brett ... your no. 1 Cup 'import'



IT HAS often been hailed as the greatest Challenge Cup Final ever – so it is fitting that the winner of the search for the greatest foreign player to star in Rugby League's greatest cup competition should have featured in that match.

Brett Kenny gave a career defining performance in the 1985 Final at Wembley as his Wigan team held off Peter Sterling's Hull FC 28-24 in a match packed with all the strength skill and endeavour that our sport is revered for.

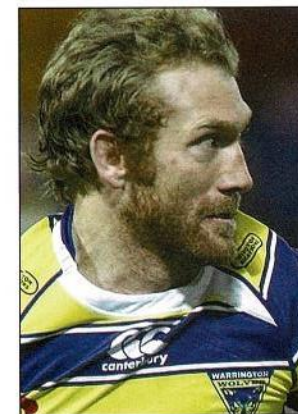
The Aussie is one of just three to have lifted the famous Lance Todd Trophy and the latest – Michael Monaghan from Warrington in 2009 – also makes the all-time top 10, as selected by Rugby League fans. There is no place for the 1987 winner, Halifax full-back Graham Eadie however.

Indeed there is a real mix of the old and the new in the list with two flying wingers coming in second and third on the poll – South African great Tom van Vollenhoven and the enigmatic Brian Bevan of Warrington.

With three players in the top 10 Wigan provide the most nominees and two Kiwis, Kevin Iro and Dean Bell, are emblematic of arguably the greatest-ever cup side, the fabulous Central Park regime of the 1980s and 90s.

Indeed Iro not only won four successive Challenge Cups with Wigan at the grand old ground between 1988 and 1991, but also was a part of the St Helens team that saw off Bradford at Twickenham in 2001.

Filling out the list are playmakers Robbie Paul and Chris Anderson for their feats with Bradford and Halifax, and two legendary hard-men in Hull KR enforcer Gavin Miller and Leeds Rhinos' Matt Adamson.



From left below, Dean Bell, Robbie Paul, Chris Anderson and above, Michael Monaghan



- 1 – Brett Kenny (Wigan)
- 2 – Tom Van Vollenhoven (St Helens)
- 3 – Brian Bevan (Warrington)
- 4 – Dean Bell (Wigan)
- 5 – Robbie Paul (Bradford Bulls)
- 6 – Chris Anderson (Halifax)
- 7 – Gavin Miller (Hull KR)
- 8 – Kevin Iro (Wigan)
- 9 – Matt Adamson (Leeds Rhinos)
- 10 – Michael Monaghan (Warrington Wolves)

NEWS ROUND-UP

DONCASTER have handed scrum half Craig Fawcett the captain's armband following Craig Lawton's departure. Former captain Lawton left the club after a change in his job meant he could no longer make the team's evening training sessions. He was the club's longest serving player.

YORK City Knights have been spurned by former captain Lee Paterson and Luke Helliwell has requested a transfer.

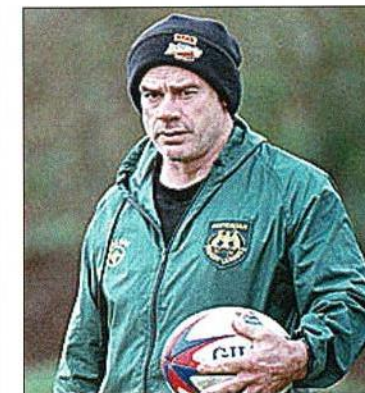
Loose forward Paterson is back in the UK after completing his season France with Carpentras.

The Knights approached him about a return to Huntington Stadium but he has declined. Meanwhile former Cas academy player Helliwell wants a move as he is not getting as many

first team opportunities as he was hoping. He is being linked with a move up a division to Keighley.

SWINTON LIONS are holding another Lancashire Cup Dinner following the success of last year's event. The dinner will be a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the club winning the second division championship in 1984/85. It will be held at Swinton Park Golf Club on Friday July 16. Tickets cost £27.50 and are available by calling 07536 050436.

WORKINGTON have been dealt a blow with the loss of hooker Jack Pedley for the season as he needs reconstructive surgery on his shoulder.



Batley Bulldogs v



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Catalans Dragons

Saturday May 29, 2010. Kick off 5.30pm. MOUNT PLEASANT

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Hopkins Family.....	Ian Preece	1
Leyland Paints.....	Lee Greenwood	2
Batley Rock'n Roll.....	Mark Barlow	3
Stephen & Mandy Fletcher.....	Danny Maun	4
Gary Tingle & Lorraine Richardson.....	Johnny Campbell	5
Brian Hooley.....	Paul Handforth	6
Batley Nash.....	Gareth Moore	7
Study Centre.....	Byron Smith	8
Benson Family.....	Kris Lythe	9
Mick Lockton.....	Sean Hesketh	10
Eddie Toronczak & Family.....	Tommy Gallagher	11
George & Mary Gomersall.....	Mark Toohey	12
Amy Fletcher.....	Ash Lindsay	13
Hicks Funeral Services.....	John Gallagher	14
Anthony Henderson		15
Paul & Dianne Goodhall.....	John Simpson	16
Johnstone Paints.....	Craig Potter	17
Tracey Grundell & Katie Penn.....	Jack Watson	18
Tracey & Brian Winner.....	Eddie Kilroy	19
Cellar Bar.....	Dave Toothill	20
Mary Hughes.....	James Martin	21
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RSM Carriers.....	Chris Buttery	23
Tracey & Brian Winner.....	Alex Brown	24
Benson Family.....	Kyle Wood	25
Paul Hinchcliffe.....	Jason Walton	27
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2	Steven Bell
3	Sébastien Raguin
4	Setaimata Sa
5	Dimitri Pelo
6	Adam Mogg
7	Thomas Bosc
8	David Ferriol
9	Casey McGuire
10	Jérôme Guisset
11	Olivier Elima
12	Grégory Mounis
13	Dallas Johnson
14	David Guasch
15	Jean Philippe Baile
16	William Barthau
17	Cyrille Gossard
18	Dane Carlaw
19	Julien Touxagas
20	Kane Bentley
21	Sébastien Martins
22	Jamal Fakir
23	Chris Walker
24	Rémi Casty
25	Tony Gigot
	Frederick Vaccari
	Brent Sherwin

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COACH: KARL HARRISON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLWWW
LAST SIX HOME: WWLWLW
TRIES: Campbell (19) Preece (8)
Walton, Moore (7)
GOALS: Moore (72) Handforth (9)
DROP GOALS: Handforth (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Paul Handforth

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: TBC
Touch: TBC
Reserve Referee: TBC

THE INSIDE TRACK

Despite SL opposition Batley in with a real shout. Historic moment beckons. Dogs by 2

COACH: KEVIN WALTERS

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL
LAST SIX AWAY: LWLLLL

PREVIOUS RESULTS:

Round 5
Crusaders RL 34, Catalans 35
Round 4
Catalans 30, Salford 8

CLUBCALL

Batley v Catalans

Batley thrive on being underdogs



Batley scrumhalf Paul Handforth - ball in hand against Halifax above - forms a key partnership with Gareth Moore

TODAY IS club director Andy Winner's birthday and on Monday it is mine and there could be no finer present for us than a victory today.

That would be a present money cannot buy. What are our chances? Well if Catalans kick into gear they can score points for fun and as they train full time presumably they will have superior fitness over 80 minutes.

They are part French, part Aussie and so will be tough and uncompromising and will not like the thought of losing. They have been here before only recently managing to get to Wembley for a Challenge Cup Final and they will want to turn their season round, as their league campaign has been less than successful so far.

That's them, so what about us? We are on a winning run and believe we can win. Even before the wins we were playing well in defeat against Sheffield, Toulouse and Widnes.

We have the best coach in the sport who is vastly experienced at this level. It means a lot to our coaches, players and supporters alike. We have home

advantage, our players are vastly underrated and we have a perfect underdog mentality at the club. It suits us fine to be written off. So what qualities will succeed, as Harry Hill would say "There is only one way to find out" that's on the pitch today but I know this is the best chance we will ever have of progressing to a semi-final.

Well done to all our supporters that went to Widnes, you got your just reward. That was one of the best displays I have ever seen by a Batley team as we slowly took Widnes apart and the final score flattered them, not us. Without Anthony Thackeray the scoreline would have been much bigger in our favour.

There were shouts of "Sack the Coach" from Widnes fans and funnily enough there were similar shouts the week before from Whitehaven fans. It must be difficult to stomach a defeat to Batley. Well some other teams had better brace themselves and coaches had better take cover because we are looking to win a few more games this season as we aim for the top 6.

If we progress today our semi-final

will be at The Shay, Keepmoat, Halliwell Jones, Stobart Stadium or Leigh Sports Village depending on who we play and the draw is on June 2nd with the semis played on the 7th and 8th August.

Meanwhile of course we have another quarter-final next week in the Northern Rail Cup against Sheffield, where at least we have home advantage in our bid to get to the semis there.

Then we are two points off the top 6, with a top of the table clash with Leigh in the league the week after, again at home.

These are all intense games after our last four-game grueller but if we can avoid injuries, this type of competition is what we all want, and so far we look to be thriving on it. The treble is still on! So whilst ever the dream is alive, let's live the dream.

Why not? Now let's get behind our team today and see what happens.

Kevin Nicholas
Chairman



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Featherstone Rovers v Dewsbury Rams



Sunday May 30, 2010. Kick off 3pm. BIGFELLAS STADIUM

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

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No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Lee Lingard	John & Gwen Sawyer
2	James Haynes	Sue Walford
3	Stewart Sanderson	The West Riding
5	Andrew Tillotson	
7	Tom Wandless	
8	Dominic Brambani	John Calvert
9	Mike Emmett	Lesley & Lily Whittaker
10	Scott Turner	
11	Adam Robinson	Matthew Dudding
12	Scott Watson	
13	Pat Walker	Mount Tabor Church
14	Luke Stencheon	Tony & Mary Diskin
15	Bryn Powell	Sam & Peggy Hill
16	Austin Buchanan	Dewsbury Rams Study Centre
17	Alex Bretherton	The Buzz Room
19	Adam Hayes	Elaine and Peter Holyoake
20	Rob Spicer	Jack Addy & Pat Hayward
21	Andrew Bostock	The Grayson Family
23	Keegan Hirst	Peter Brooke & David Kirby
24	Anthony England	Phil & Rhoda Andruchow
25	James Lockwood	
26	Ayden Faal	The Three G's
27	Allister McMaster	
30	Luke Menzies	BW Print
32	Martin Woodhead	
33	James Walker	
35	Danny Addy	Mr & Mrs Humphrey
37	Luke Blake	Lance Day Plastering 01924 264260

COACH: WARREN JOWITT

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: TBC
Touch: TBC
Reserve Referee: TBC

THE INSIDE TRACK

Top v Bottom. Winless Rams won't get a sniff. Rovers by 30

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL

LAST SIX AWAY: LLWLLL

TRIES: Turner, Powell (6), Bostock, Robinson (5)

GOALS: Walker (37)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Rob Spicer

COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWLWW

LAST SIX HOME: WWWWLW

TRIES: Parker (15), Welham (10), Finn, Kain, Hardman Briggs (9)

GOALS: Briggs (73) Finn (13)

DROP GOALS: Finn (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Kyle Briggs

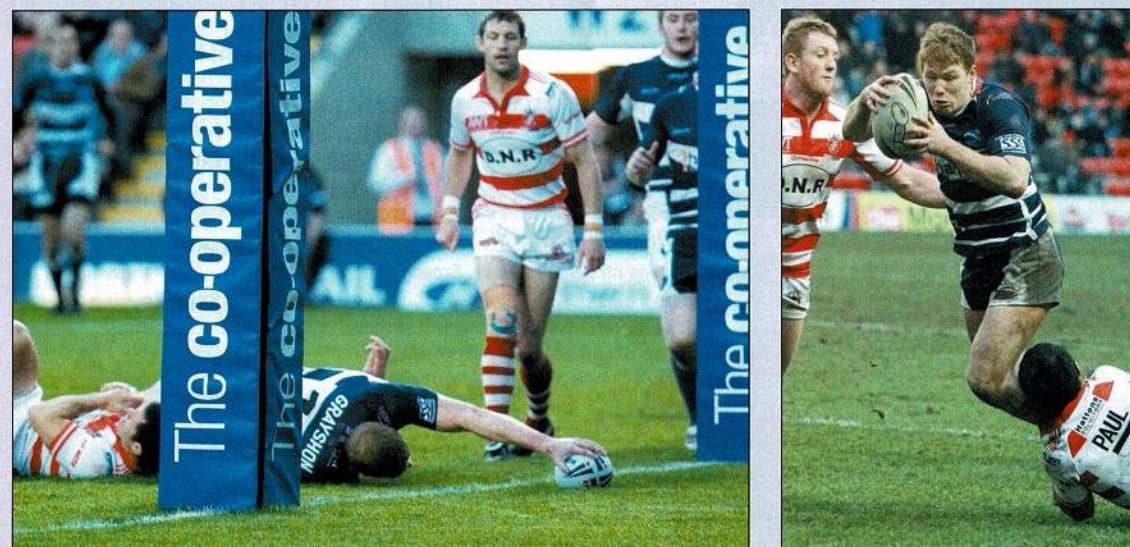
CLUBCALL

Featherstone v Dewsbury

Jubilant Fev fans toast the new league leaders



Featherstone Rovers fans celebrate the 24-16 win at Leigh, which took them to the top of the table



LEFT: Featherstone's Jon Grayshon makes it to the line to score a try against Leigh. ABOVE: No way through this time

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Leigh Centurions v Halifax RLFC



Sunday May 30, 2010. Kick off 3pm. LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE

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

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COACH: IAN MILLWARD

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWW

LAST SIX HOME: DWWWWW

TRIES: Nanyin (12), Alstead (9), Donlan (8), Blythe, Ridyard (7)

GOALS: Nanyin (66)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Mick Nanyin

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: TBC

Touch: TBC

Reserve Referee: TBC

THE INSIDE TRACK

Fax took pasting off Leigh at home. Expect another defeat. Leigh by 12

COACH: MATT CALLAND

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: WWLWWW

TRIES: Royston (18), Worrincy, Branighan (11) Paterson, Penkywicz (8)

GOALS: Paterson (81)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Shad Royston

Supporting the Centurions...



CLUBCALL

Leigh v Halifax



Action from Leigh's 16-24 home defeat against Featherstone Rovers. It was Leigh's third match in 11 days

Time to bounce back

Good afternoon and welcome to Leigh Sports Village for this afternoon's Co-operative Championship game against Halifax.

We are coming into this game on the back of our first league defeat, at the hands of Featherstone by 16-24, and a closely fought victory at Whitehaven, which ended at 12-8. The Tuesday night game with Featherstone was always going to be a tough one. It was our third big game in eleven days and Featherstone's first in twelve, and it took its toll. It was great, however, to get the win at Whitehaven though, as it's never an easy trip to make.

On the whole we are putting in some good team performances, but big 'raps' to Martyn Ridyard, Robbie Paul, Mick Nanyin, Chris Hill and Tommy Goulden who have all got themselves onto the scoresheets during the last two games.

Halifax have recorded victories against Keighley (46-32) and Barrow (46-24) in the last couple of weeks, in what have been fairly high scoring games on both sides. I think we're in for a treat.

I attended the game at The Shay

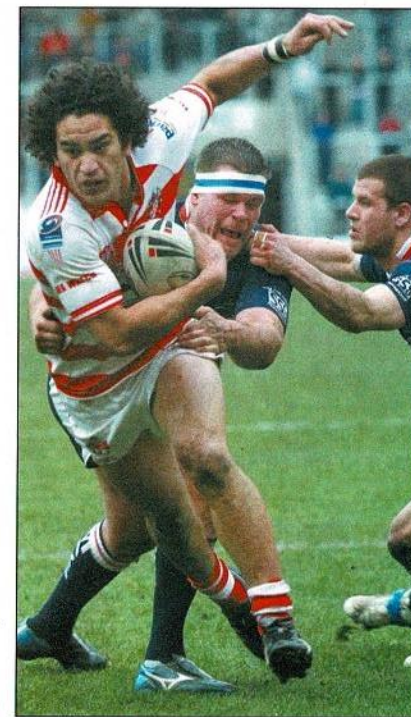
earlier in the season, which coincided with Halifax opening their fantastic new stand and a great carnival atmosphere was experienced by all. However we turned out to be party poopers and came back across the Pennines with a terrific win under our belts, but it counts for nothing today.

Halifax will be on a revenge mission and we will have to be at our best today if we are to get the result. They have danger men all over the park, with pace to burn and we will have to be in their faces for 80 minutes to stop them getting a roll on.

It would be very remiss of me not to mention today's match sponsor, Hamilton Fabrications. They sponsor this match for us every season and bragging rights are at stake today with most of the Hamilton Fabrication staff and a stand full of Penkywiczs supporting the Fax, and in particular Sean!

However, on the days that we play anyone else they are Leythers, so I can forgive them!

Allan Rowley
Chief Executive



Macgraff Leuluai tries to bust through



Sheffield Eagles v

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Keighley Cougars



Thursday May 27, 2010. Kick off 7.30pm. BRAMALL LANE

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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
Stewart & Liz ELFLet	Joe Hirst	19
Jayne Whaling	Matty Brooks	20
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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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7	Danny Jones	Phoenix Trophies
8	Andy Shickell	Frank Atkins
9	James Feather	Mr & Mrs Procter
10	Scott Law	Mr & Mrs Fisher
11	Will Cartledge	Mr & Mrs Rothera
12	Olly Pursglove	Mr & Mrs Glover
13	Carl Hughes	Mr & Mrs Rothera
14	Jamaine Wray	The Clarksons
15	Greg Nicholson	M Croft & T Pycroft
16	Brendon Rawlins	Cougar Pride Centre
17	Ryan Benjafield	Owens Barbers
18	James Haythornthwaite	
19	Sam Crowther	Go Colour
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21	Richard Jones	The Bayliss Family
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COACH: BARRY EATON

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COACH: MARK ASTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWWWW
LAST SIX HOME: WLLWWW
TRIES: Cook (16), Ropati (10), Stringer (9), Rowe (8)
GOALS: Stringer (30) Ropati (11)
DGs: Cook (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Craig Cook

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: TBC
Touch: TBC
Reserve Referee: TBC

THE INSIDE TRACK

Eagles have winning habit but Cougars can pull surprise wins off. Eagles by 15

LAST SIX RESULTS: DWLLWL
LAST SIX AWAY: LLWLLW
TRIES: Presley, Duffy (7) Jones (6)
Raynor, Shickell (4)
GOALS: Jones (50)
DROP GOALS: Jones (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Danny Jones

We're with the Eagles...

CLUBCALL

Sheffield v Keighley

We're on camera again

WE'VE had a week between games and we needed it.

Three games in eight days took their toll and we looked a bit jaded at Dewsbury - but we got the win.

It wasn't a vintage performance and we looked a very tired team. But we dug in, we scrambled and we were desperate and got the win - the lads 'earned' the penalty that Mitch Stringer put over to give us the three points.

That kick set up a cracking finish for the Sky Sports and we're in front of the cameras again tonight, which gives a great chance for rugby league fans (and the RFL bosses) to see what a fantastic venue Bramall Lane offers the game. Big games have to be brought to the Lane - it's the right stage to show-piece our game.

Now it's four straight wins and we're looking to hit the target of five

victories when we face Keighley Cougars tonight.

Next up it's a trip to Batley in the quarter-finals of the Northern Rail Cup. We're two games away from a final and want to go into that game on a high.

Then it's back to the Championship and with most of the reverse fixtures still to come we want to finish as high as we can in the league.

When you're on a roll things do go for you - at the beginning of the season things didn't go for us so you have to take what comes.

It was a real test of character at Dewsbury. The Rams had a few players coming back and Dominic Brambani (remember him?) was in great form.

We did all the right things for the first 20 minutes then stopped doing them. That's something we've talked

about at training this week.

Craig Cook got two more tries to follow his hat-trick against Toulouse - he's really in form.

League position doesn't really tell the real story with Dewsbury and it's the same with Keighley Cougars - both are sides desperate for wins and that makes them dangerous. We drew at Keighley on a heavy pitch and in pretty poor weather earlier in the season.

Tonight hopefully we'll have 'summer' weather and we're back on a big pitch - at Dewsbury the pitch is tight and that stifled our game.

We want to move the ball about, put the ball into the right areas. We have a great three-quarter line and we need to use it.

Mark Aston
Head Coach



Bramall Lane showcase: the Hawks RL players are on the left and the Thorncliffe Juniors are on the right

RL-footy curtain raiser

I WOULD like to welcome the players, directors and supporters of Keighley Cougars on behalf of everyone at the Sheffield Eagles.

As the Eagles welcomed Toulouse for our last home Championship fixture there was a sense of unity in the air as in the pre-match games rugby and football came together to provide a unique curtain raiser. Players from Sheffield Hillsborough Hawks under 12s (amateur rugby league) and Thorncliffe Juniors Under 13s (amateur football) provided four teams of seven players to participate

in a seven-a-side game of football and a seven-a-side game of touch rugby league running side by side on the pitch.

As the games were going on coaches from both sides came up and said how much they were enjoying it and you could see on the faces of all the participants that everyone was having a great day and really enjoying the experience.

The day was a huge success. To see rugby and football being played alongside each other at such a high quality venue was a pleasure to see, even more pleasing was the amount of enjoyment the chil-

dren got from the opportunity.

Tonight we welcome the Sheffield Hawks Under 9s to experience the atmosphere of Bramall Lane along with some players from the Bradford Tag League. Tag rugby is an inclusive form of the game and a League for All initiative - if you are interested in playing tag rugby or under-9s rugby in Sheffield please email adam.hughes@sheffildeagles.com

Adam Hughes,
Community Manager



Doncaster RLFC v

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MATCHBALL SPONSOR
Doncaster Dome



Hunslet Hawks

Sunday May 30, 2010. Kick off 3pm. THE KEEPMOAT STADIUM

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G.P. Transport	Tommy Griffiths	1
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Sue Walford	Lee Gomersall	3
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	Ben Collins	5
Fullefex Security	Simon Brown	6
	Craig Fawcett	7
	Scott Johnson	8
	Paul Brown	9
P. Bird, France	David Bates	10
	Liam Brown	11
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	Grant Edwards	13
	Jake Bassinder	14
	Danny Stanley	15
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	Jarryn Osborne	17
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	Jack Ely	20
	Scott Howlett	21
	Scott Wilson	22
	Jamie Bovill	24
	Chris Spurr	25
	Gary King	26
Matthew Carbutt	Paul Hughes	28
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	Kyle Kesik	32
	Scott Watson	33
	Rob Lunt	34

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4	David Clayton	
5	John Oakes	Rodney Gee
6	Danny Grimshaw	
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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	
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27	Scott Childs	
28	Jason Hart	
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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: TONY MILLER

COACH: PAUL MARCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLLLW
 LAST SIX HOME: LWLLW
 TRIES: Griffiths (7), Leaf, Gomersall (6)
 GOALS: S Brown (26)
 DROP GOALS: None
 MAN TO WATCH: Shaun Leaf

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: TBC
 Touch: TBC
 Reserve Referee: TBC

THE INSIDE TRACK

Dons have little chance against a side steam-rolling all. Hawks by 20

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWW
 LAST SIX AWAY: WWWLWW
 TRIES: McHugh (17) Mark (13), P March, D March, Clayton (8)
 GOALS: McHugh (39), Knight (31)
 DROP GOALS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Wayne McHugh



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Doncaster v Hunslet

Challenge at the top of the table

Carl Hall,
Chief Executive Officer

TODAY we welcome the Hunslet directors, Paul March and his top-of-the-table Hunslet side to the Keepmoat Stadium for what is going to be a real physical entertaining game for us as the March boys have got the Hawks flying at the moment.

The fixtures, I feel, really need looking into for next season as our last home fixtures read something like this: Oldham on the 3rd May then three weeks later, 23rd May, then today, 30th May, and no home game until 27th June, one month after today's fixture. Clubs just can't manage without a home game for a month.

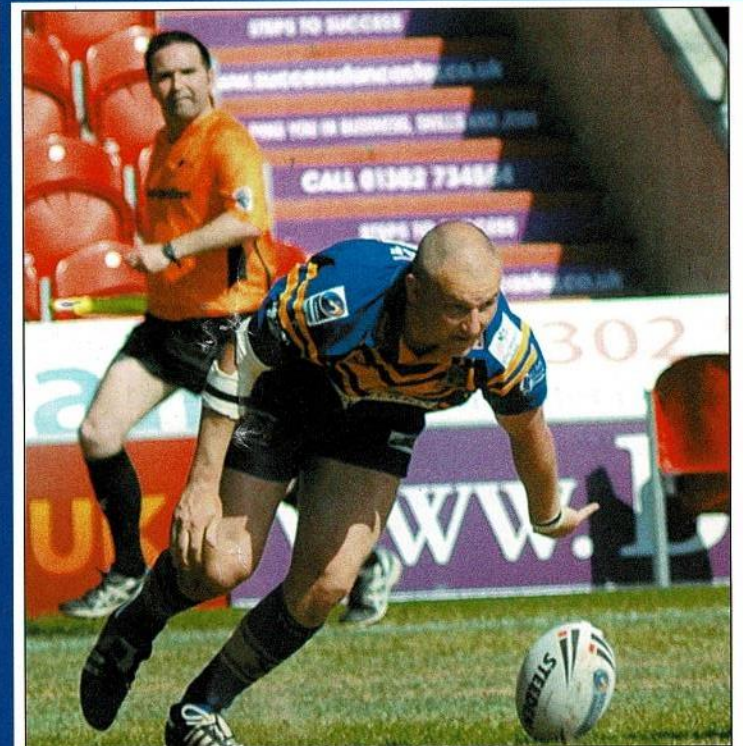
This is an area that needs looking into. Not only does it hurt financially but just as we seem to get people coming through the gates then we don't have a game at home for a month. It's hard work keeping the supporters interested.

At the last home game v Swinton we made the presentation to Liam Maughan's family. Liam is the young Doncaster soldier who lost his life at the age of 18 fighting for his country, not having the chance to ever meet his new born baby son, Jayden.

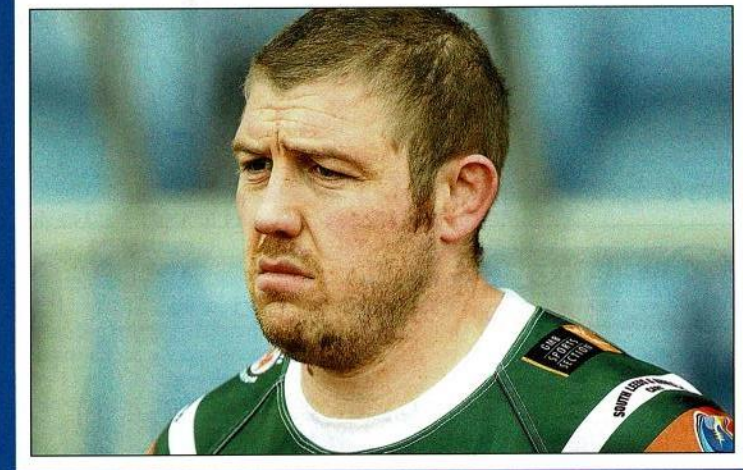
Our game v Oldham was in memory of Liam and we said we would donate £2 from every paying adult into Jayden's trust fund. We presented to Liam's partner and young Jayden a cheque for £600 which they were overwhelmed with, so thanks to everyone for turning up to the Oldham game. The family wanted me to thank you all. We also presented a signed personal framed shirt with Liam and Jayden's name on.

Lastly the club is running a coach to Wembley, to the cup final.

The cost is £55 per head. Spaces are limited so see Ray Green to secure your seat.



Shaun Leaf goes in for one of his two tries against Swinton recently ... while Paul March (below) might not be smiling, but has a team bang in form



Gateshead Thunder v



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MAN OF THE MATCH
Gateshead College
MATCHBALL
Caledonian Hotel Jesmond

Hornets RLFC

Sunday May 30, 2010. Kick off 3pm. GATESHEAD INTERNATIONAL STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Querido & Davidson Opticians.....	Kevin Neighbour	1
Lorne Campbell/MoreThan Mortgages.....	Robin Peers	2
Dean Taxis.....	Tom Wilson	3
The Schooner.....	Michael Brown	4
O'Briens (Team Valley).....	Joe Brown	5
Rob Gardener (Matthew Wells).....	Liam Duffy	6
The Schooner.....	Rod Attard	7
Brack Office Solutions.....	Jason Payne	8
The Wheatsheaf.....	Ryan Clarke	9
Rob Gardener (James Wells).....	Tabua Cakacaka Foe	10
Neil & Christine Hutchinson.....	Johnny Scott	11
CLA Risk Solutions.....	Rhys Clarke	12
Accent Magazine/North East Times.....	Matt Barron	13
GMC Transport.....	Will Bate	14
Sampson Hall Ltd.....	Dan O'Sullivan	15
Monitor Coatings.....	Mark Dack	16
John Bloomfield IFA.....	Chris Parker	17
Peters Pies.....	Stephen Welton	18
La Gabbia Restaurant.....	Crawford Matthews	19
ERW Joinery.....	Phil Wall	20
Gateshead Fit for a City.....	James Hall	21
Gateshead College.....	Rob Harvey	22
Hilton Newcastle Gateshead.....	Karl Brandt	23
IT Guide.....	Mark Walker	24
Back Group.....	Gareth Barron	25
St Wilfrid's School.....	David Cash	26
Go Beyond Training/Peterlee Pumas.....	Luke Watson	27
NHS.....	Jason Elliott	28
North-East Rugby League.....	Jimmy Atkinson	29
Jordan Engineering.....	Richie Humphries	30
Caledonian Hotel 0191 2817881.....	Matt Garside	31
Newcastle Gateshead Initiative.....	Ade Aderiye	32
NESLC.....	Josh Stoker	33

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

COACH: JOHN STANKEVICH

COACH: CHRIS HOOD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL

LAST SIX HOME: LLWLLL

TRIES: Wilson (6), Atkinson (4)

GOALS: Neighbour (10), Clarke (7)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Ade Aderiye

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: TBC
 Touch: TBC
 Reserve Referee: TBC

THE INSIDE TRACK

Thunder will struggle to contain in-form Hornets. Away win, by around 30.

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: LLLLLL

TRIES: English (9), Johnson (8) Gorton (7)

GOALS: Crook (22), Roper, Hough (10)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Wayne English



CLUBCALL

Gateshead v Rochdale

132 Club cheer Thunder's revival

I'd like to welcome Rochdale to Gateshead International Stadium.

We played them last year in the Northern Rail Cup and they might notice some changes since then – the East Terrace's new roof is taking shape and the next stage will be a revamped entrance, corporate entertainment and media facilities in the Tyne & Wear Stand. This is following significant investment by

Gateshead Council and One North East, both partners of the club, and we applaud their commitment to sport in the area.

But I really wanted to thank two other groups. It's been said before but only because it's true. First, our fan base. We've obviously lost some fans since over 1,000 watched us beat Leigh to avoid ending last season in the relegation zone. Coming on the back

of a 132-0 defeat you might expect no-one to turn up. Instead our fan club mischievously formed the 132 Club and the home crowd last Sunday sang so loud that you could have been forgiven for thinking you were at the Challenge Cup Final!

And the fans gave a standing ovation to the players, which is the 2nd group I'd like to recognise. After Blackpool I am sure the

players were hurting. We attracted headlines for the wrong reasons. But the 17 man squad came out fighting last Sunday and showed that they can be competitive.

They also gave us a great match to watch. And that's what it's about. It's sport and it's there to be enjoyed.

Rod Findlay
 Chairman

Rochdale are role model for a club such as ours

GOOD afternoon and welcome to all players, staff, directors and supporters of Hornets RL.

In John Stankevich, Hornets RL have a good coach and an even better bloke to boot.

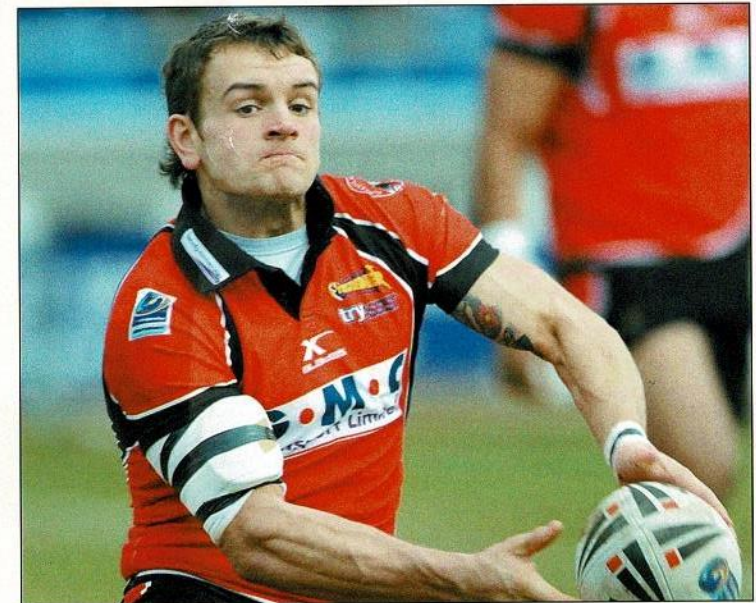
We have only really got to know each other over the past couple of years but his words of advice and encouragement have been great for me and our club. We have both discussed at great length the current situation that many clubs find themselves in financially, and the ability to remain competitive whilst ensuring a sound financial footing.

Without sounding patronising, Rochdale are a model that we hope to follow and John and his staff have shown that you don't always need all the money to be one of the big boys.

Last weekend's performance against Workington Town was a much better show, and one which our fans and sponsors deserve week in, week out.

The players and staff felt as if we had let ourselves and the club down and wanted to prove to the Rugby League world that sometimes things just don't go your way, but you still warrant a place in the Co-operative Championships because of what we give and where we are working towards.

We received much criticism because of the Blackpool game, and



Ryan Clarke kicked four goals against Workington

understandably so.

However, I will take the negativity and the bad press because I really believe that my players don't deserve it. I know that very few people could do what my players have done and will continue to do. It is because of the players we have, the sponsors who

are with us, and the fans who support us that we wanted to keep this club alive.

How can we not be successful again in the future?

Chris Hood
 Director of Rugby



Swinton Lions v London Skolars



Sunday May 30, 2010. Kick off 3pm. SEDGLEY PARK

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Heatland M27	Richie Hawkyard	1
Brian Ellam Accountants	Darren Bamford	2
Premier Building Services	Sam Reay	3
Dave Roberts	Carl Sneyd	4
Mike Tyldesley	Dave Hull	5
Muscle & Fitness	Graham Holroyd	6
In Memory of Jim and Doris Gettins	Ian Watson	7
Burrow and Humphreys	Paul Southern	8
Sporting Image/Michael Bradshaw	Phil Joseph	9
O'Rourke Glass/Kevin O'Rourke	Danny Heaton	10
Lethbridge & Co	Tommy Grundy	11
Phil Walker (in Memory of Peter Walker)	Paul Smith	12
Geoff Hewitt USA	Arron Smith	13
Accrington Panthers RLFC	Gary Hulse	14
Joseph Ryan	Lee Wingfield	15
Carousel Entertainment	Dana Wilson	16
Lethbridge & Co	Andy Isherwood	17
Premier Building Drainage Division	Bruce Johnson	18
Chris & Viv Tyldesley	Neil Rigby	19
Junior Lions	Chris Hull	20
Physio2	Chris Tyrer	21
John Spellman	Alex McClurg	22
Billy Ryan	Rob Foxen	23
Moorside Auto/John Hunt	Gavin Dodd	24
Redsentinnel Studio LLP	Barry Hamilton	25
Peter Kidd	Dave Newton	26
Ray Bowdler	Tony Stewart	27
	Ian Sinfield	28

Wayne Corcoran
Neil Cherryholme
Mick Govin

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No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
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

COACH: PAUL SMITH

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWWLL
LAST SIX HOME: LLWLWL
TRIES: Wilson (6), Dodd, Foxen, Reay, Smith, Isherwood (all 5)
GOALS: Dodd (24), Holroyd (13)
DROP GOALS: Holroyd (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Phil Joseph

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: TBC
Touch: TBC
Reserve Referee: TBC

THE INSIDE TRACK

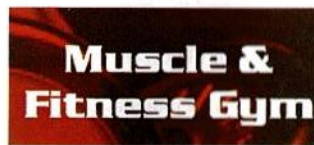
Swinton to end points drought and win by 30 against winless Skolars

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL
LAST SIX AWAY: LLLLLL
TRIES: Adebisi (6), Thomas (4), Aggrey (3)
GOALS: Thorman (23)
DROP GOALS: -
MAN TO WATCH: Ade Adebisi



We're with the Lions

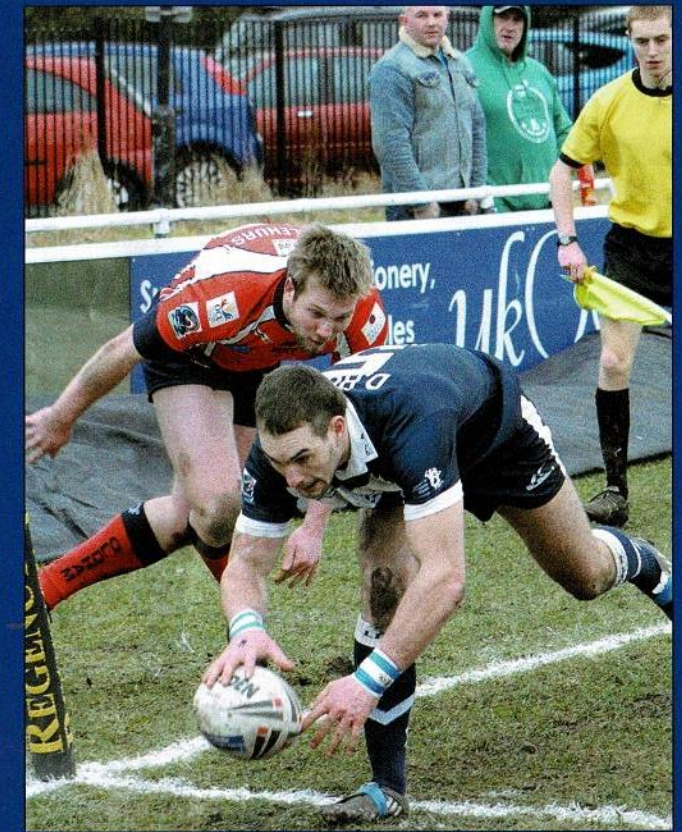
Brian Ellam & Co Accountants



CLUBCALL

Swinton v Skolars

Losing penalty counts means we're losing games



The Lions need to get scoring after being 'nilled' at Doncaster

GOOD afternoon and welcome to Park Lane for this afternoon's game against the London Skolars.

We have not been experiencing the best of times on the pitch of late - to say the least.

In the last two games in particular, an unexpected Carnegie Challenge Cup tie with Batley and an away league game at Doncaster, we have let ourselves down with some very poor discipline.

This is something we have been working very hard on during the week to try rectify. Obviously when we are losing penalty counts as we are right now, we have been at times doing twice as much defence as we ought to.

That's not the best recipe for winning any games and we need to put it right quickly.

I can assure all of our supporters that everyone in the club is trying to make everything right for the second half of the season as we try to climb the table.

Off the field we are certainly having a great season with our matchday hospitality packages going from strength to strength every week.

It's a huge boost for the club.

Today's sponsors are our very own Supporters' Trust who continue to do a fantastic job not just for the club but also for the wider community and long may they continue with their excellent work.

I would also like to welcome along our sponsors Cheshire Foods and Premier Builders to today's game.

If anyone amongst you fancy treating yourselves to our matchday corporate experience, in any of our forthcoming home fixtures, then please don't hesitate to contact the club on 0871-231-2111.

Enjoy the game,

Paul Kidd
Director of Rugby

Salford City Council



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Workington Town v



Oldham RLFC

Sunday May 30, 2010. Kick off 3pm. DERWENT PARK

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

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

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COACHES: GARY CHARLTON & MARTIN OGLANBY

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLWWW
 LAST SIX HOME: WWLLW
 TRIES: Kaighan (9), Low (8), Marshall, Backhouse (7)
 GOALS: Kaighan (48), Holt (8)
 DROP GOALS: None
 MAN TO WATCH: Scott Kaighan

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: TBC
 Touch: TBC
 Reserve Referee: TBC

THE INSIDE TRACK

Oldham shaken by big defeat Town won't make it easy. Oldham by 6

COACH: TONY BENSON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWLW
 LAST SIX AWAY: WWWLW
 TRIES: Onyango (13), Fogerty (11), O'Connor (10)
 GOALS: Ashe (55)
 DROP GOALS: None
 MAN TO WATCH: Lucas Onyango

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Workington v Oldham

Town seeking to stretch their run



Winger Mike Backhouse - in action here against the South Wales Scorpions - scored a brace of tries at Gateshead last week

WE WERE very pleased to record our third successive victory at Gateshead last weekend.

As always it was a mixed performance with impressive passages of play coupled with lapses of focus and concentration which have Martin and Gary pulling their hair out. Nevertheless praise should go to Thunder who showed they are more than capable of recovering from recent traumas and have real spirit in their side, the chase to stop Jamie Marshall's 80 yard try being a great example.

Oldham have recovered well from their own issues and now with their own base to build upon have maintained a strong league position.

I felt we were unfortunate not to come away with a win when we played the away fixture, but that will count for nothing today. We cannot afford any lapses against one of our league's front runners and I think

Dave Bowden Chairman

today's game will be a real cracker, the opportunity to record our fourth successive win and take out one of the top three sides should be incentive enough.

It was noticeable to see the increased away support last Sunday. Of course it's a short hop to the North East and the prospect of a 3rd successive win would provide some encouragement. But I was pleased that another reason was that those whom I spoke to felt the side were trying, playing as a team and they wanted to get behind Martin and Gary as local coaches. I promise the team will give honesty on the pitch and fight our way up the league today.

Enjoy the game.

HELLO and welcome to Derwent Park for this Championship 1 match against Oldham.

Things have been picking up in the last few weeks result wise for us but we are still a long way off playing to what me and Martin know and expect of our team.

We seem to be saying the same things every week after games and I know we are both sick of listening to ourselves saying them, but if it doesn't stop and the players don't take heed they will be warming the stand seats instead of playing.

The game this weekend promises to be a cracker with Oldham just coming off a touch-up by Hunslet and wanting to set the record straight and us wanting to keep our winning run going. The last game was very tight and I don't expect this to be any different.

Gary Charlton
Coach



York City Knights v Blackpool Panthers



Sunday May 30 2010. Kick off 3pm. HUNTINGTON STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
The Raylor Centre.....	Danny Ratcliffe	1
Smith Wilson.....	Wayne Reittie	2
Marica Watson.....	Mike Mitchell	3
Ken Walker & Co Accounting.....	Lee Waterman	4
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
ASL Specialist Garage Equipment.....	Jordan Ross	11
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 Stancilffe	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, Danny Bell, Chris Clarke, Steve Lewis (spon: York RL refs) Mark Falkingham Jack Stearman (Spectacular Direveways)	

COACH: JAMES RATCLIFFE

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWLL

LAST SIX HOME: WWLWLL

TRIES: Waterman (16) Ratcliffe (9), Schofield (7), McLocklan (6)

GOALS: Waterman (69)

DROP GOALS: Thorman (2)

MAN TO WATCH: Lee Waterman

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

COACH: MARTIN CROMPTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLW

LAST SIX AWAY: WWWWWL

TRIES: Munro (18), Ainscough, Ballard (10)

GOALS: Hemingway (55), Leather (16)

DROP GOALS: Leather (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Damien Munro

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: TBC

Touch: TBC

Reserve Referee: TBC

THE INSIDE TRACK

Panthers have yet to lose in Championship 1.

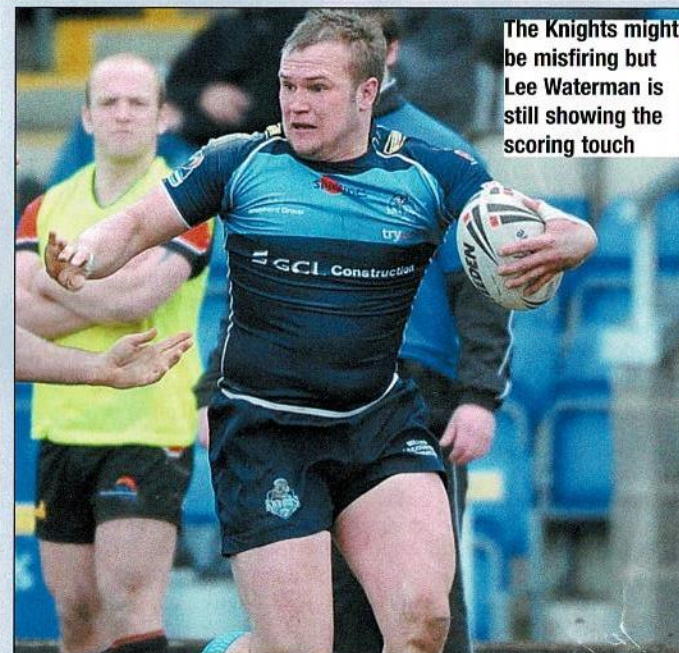
York erratic opponents. Blackpool by 12



We're with the Knights!



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The Knights might be misfiring but Lee Waterman is still showing the scoring touch

This team can do a lot better!

Welcome to everyone from Blackpool, especially my good friends Martin and Hobbo.

Today is again another massive test for us as a team, especially after yet another frustrating and thoroughly disappointing performance last week at Spotland.

I cannot put into words the feelings of the coaching staff after the game. In every game so far this season, when the team put into practice what we do in training, we easily open other teams up, but for some strange reason we refuse to carry on being disciplined and repeating the good things we do constantly.

From a spectators' point of view I can appreciate that you think the team is simply not good enough but we do have some

**James Ratcliffe
Head Coach**

quality players here who in some cases are unfortunately not playing up to the standard we expect. But I, Dave, Chris and Mick will once again work really hard in training to try and finally get a performance worth talking about out of this group of players.

There are going to be some brave but right decisions to be made over the next few weeks because as I explained to the team after last week's performance I want to be a winner and nothing less - something I asked if the players wanted to be as well! We will wait and see. Enjoy the game.

York v Blackpool

Performances simply not acceptable

GOOD afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's match against the Blackpool Panthers and on behalf of everyone at the Knights may I wish a very warm welcome to their directors, coaching staff, players and supporters.

From a Knights' point of view the last couple of weeks have been extremely disappointing and the players know that the team's current level of performance is not acceptable. Over the next few weeks we will be looking for a marked improvement to put some pride back into the shirt. We have an opportunity to give the supporters something to cheer about today and again next week in the Northern Rail Cup quarter-final at Keighley. I urge the supporters to stick with us as we are all doing our very best to succeed.

Special thanks go to today's match sponsor Geoff Harrison & Guests. Geoff has been a supporter of York Rugby League for a long time and we hope that you have an enjoyable afternoon. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the York Round Table for an extremely generous donation of £1,000 to the York City Knights Foundation, to support the club's community development programme. Members of the Round Table are at today's match and they will be presenting us with a cheque at half-time.

I would like to congratulate Adam Prentis and the Knights U16s on an excellent campaign. The lads competed extremely well with clubs from Super League and the Championship and the future is bright for many of these players. The club is committed to developing local talent and we hope these players will one day progress into Knights stars.

Finally I would like to remind supporters that Northern Rail 9s and Carnegie Challenge Cup Final tickets are available from the club and can be booked at the office or by calling 01904 641724. The club retain £13 from every Challenge Cup Final ticket sold and 100% of the proceeds from Northern Rail Cup ticket sales. Tickets are priced at £9 & £5 for the Northern Rail 9s and £41 or £26 for the Challenge Cup Final.

**Ian Wilson
General Manager**

The odds are vastly against Cup minnows

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER-FINALS... FACTFILE

NON-SUPER LEAGUE SIDES IN SEMI-FINALS: Only two non-Super League teams have reached the RL Challenge Cup semi-finals, both losing to St Helens. Hull Kingston Rovers were the last, losing 50-0 to St Helens in 2006. And in 1996, the first year of Super League, lower division Widnes lost 24-14 to the Saints.

INTER-DIVISION CUP CLASHES: There have been 164 RL Challenge Cup meetings between Super League and lower division clubs. Super League clubs have won 155 and of the nine lower division wins only three were achieved away.

Barrow Raiders' 34-28 win at Castleford Tigers in this year's fourth round was the latest. Before then, the last two were in 2006, Widnes Vikings beating Castleford 14-4 in the fourth round and Hull KR defeating Warrington Wolves 40-36 in round six, both at home.

Three of the other wins came in the first year of Super League (1996) with Dewsbury beating London Broncos 12-10 at home and Widnes winning 17-10 at Workington Town in the fourth round, while Salford Reds had a 26-16 fifth round home win over Wigan. Later, Keighley Cougars had a 21-8 fifth round win at Halifax Blue Sox in 1997, Leigh



Centurions a 16-12 fourth round home defeat of Salford City Reds in 2001 and Hunslet's defeat of Huddersfield in 2003.

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

CHALLENGE CUP RUNS: St Helens have made a record nine successive semi-final appearances. They have won six and gone on to lift the Cup five times. Batley Bulldogs are appearing in their first peacetime* quarterfinals since 1938 when they lost 3-9 at home to Swinton. They have not reached the semi-finals since 1911 when they lost 4-2 to Wigan at Huddersfield.

*Batley reached the quarter finals in the war-time years of 1941 and 1944, but not all clubs entered.

FRENCH CLUBS: Catalans hold the record for the highest score by a French club with a 70-12 home defeat of Featherstone Rovers in 2007.

Cullen swift to stop the rot

WIDNES boss Paul Cullen has made sweeping changes in order to stop the club's season being 'derailed'.

Cullen named Dave Allen his new captain as James Webster left for a job as Richard Agar's assistant at Hull, and told full back James Ford he was free to speak to other clubs. Ford is being linked with a return to Sheffield.

Allen took over the captaincy from Mark Smith, who is sidelined for three months with a broken cheekbone and eyesocket.

HALIFAX may not bring in a new football director to replace Martin Hall, after

being booted out of the Cup for fielding an ineligible player. Hall quit after taking the blame for the Michael Ostick controversy.

Chairman Michael Steele said there was no pressure on to replace Hall and they were keeping an open mind on things.

FEATHERSTONE have sealed hooker Ben Kaye's services for the rest of the year. The 21-year-old Harlequins starlet has had two loan spells at the Bigfellas Stadium.

Rovers coach Daryl Powell said: "It's outstanding news for us and it's settled Ben down as well because he knows where

he is going to be for the rest of the season."

The club have also taken Australian utility player Rod Petty on trial. An ex-reserve grade player for NRL side St George-Illawarra, he has been playing union for Birmingham and Solihull.

WHITEHAVEN may have to let players go to free up cash as they fight to stay in the Championship.

Coach Ged Stokes is keen to bolster his injury-hit squad, especially in the centre and second row.

But he has so far failed to land any fresh talent because of financial restraints.

TOP SCORERS

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP AND CHAMPIONSHIP I

(All matches, including Carnegie Challenge Cup and Northern Rail Cup)

TRIES

Johnny Campbell (Batley)	21
Shad Royston (Halifax)	18
Damian Munro (Blackpool)	18
Wayne McHugh (Hunslet)	17
Anthony Thackeray (Widnes)	16
Craig Cook (Sheffield)	16
Lee Waterman (York)	16
Jessie-Joe Parker (Featherstone)	15
Lucas Onyango (Oldham)	14
Michael Mark (Hunslet)	13
Mick Nanyn (Leigh)	13

GOALS

Lee Paterson (Halifax)	83
Jamie Rooney (Barrow)	80 (1)
Gareth Moore (Batley)	79
Shane Grady (Widnes)	75
Kyle Briggs (Featherstone)	73
Lee Waterman (York)	69
Mick Nanyn (Leigh)	66
Tom Hemingway (Blackpool)	55
Matty Ashe (Oldham)	53
Danny Jones (Keighley)	51 (1)
() Drop goals included in total	

POINTS

Lee Waterman (York)	202
Lee Paterson (Halifax)	198
Jamie Rooney (Barrow)	191
Gareth Moore (Batley)	190
Shane Grady (Widnes)	186
Mick Nanyn (Leigh)	184
Kyle Briggs (Featherstone)	178
Wayne McHugh (Hunslet)	146
Matty Ashe (Oldham)	134
Scott Kaighan (Workington)	126
Tom Hemingway (Blackpool)	126



Johnny Campbell, Batley

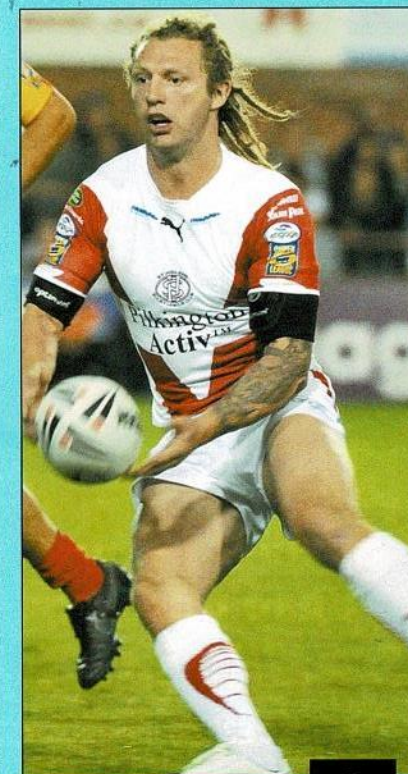
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Do you know your stuff?

QUESTIONS

1. Kiwi Lance Todd played for two English clubs. Name them.
2. Sean Long has won the Lance Todd Trophy how many times?
3. Which other Saint has won it more than once?
4. The Challenge Cup was suspended in 1914 due to war. When did it resume?
5. When Batley beat St Helens to win the first Challenge Cup Final where was it played?
6. What was Wembley Stadium originally called?
7. When did it open?
8. What did it replace?
9. Catalans coach Kevin Walters had a brief spell as a player in England - with which other club did he appear in the quarter-finals?
10. Who did Catalans beat in 2007 to become the first non English club to reach the cup final?
11. Who was their coach?
12. Barrow appeared in the 1967 cup final. Who beat them?
13. Tom Brophy played for Barrow in that final. What was unusual about his rugby background?

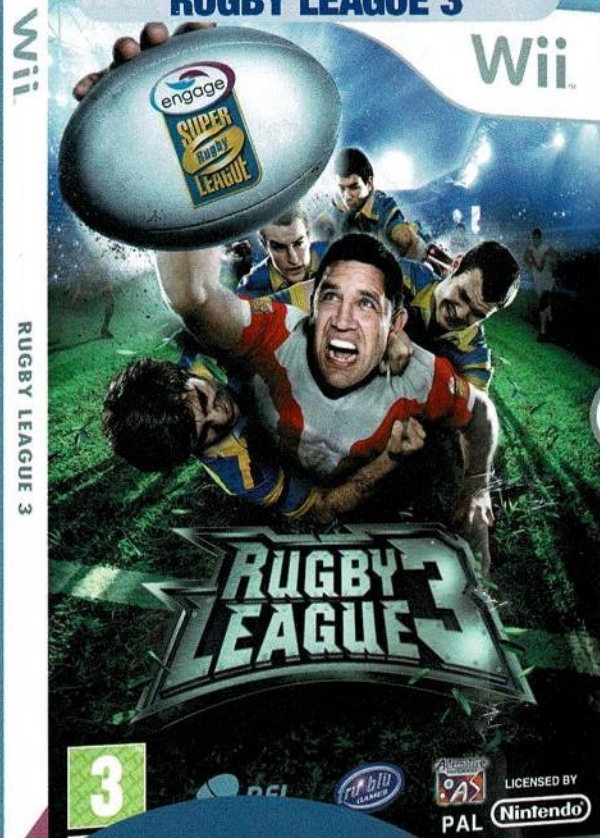


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1. Wigan and Dewsbury 2. Three 3. Paul Wellens 4. 1920 5. Leeds 6. Empire Stadium 7 1923 8. An 18-hole golf course 9. Warrington 10. Wigan 11. Mick Potter 12. Featherstone 13. He was an England Rugby Union international.

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Craig is Cooking up a real try-fest

Tries are coming for fun in 2010 for Sheffield Eagles hooker Craig Cook. He spoke to JAMES COLLINS

Sheffield Eagles hooker Craig Cook doesn't know where the tries keep coming from. The bustling number nine is enjoying his best season with 16 touchdowns with half the season gone.

That's one more than Menzie Yere's total for last season and has put James Ford's haul of 20 tries for the Eagles in the 2006 campaign well in his sights.

"Who knows? I started the season pretty well scoring tries and I thought it was just a bit of luck, then there was a patch when I didn't score – now it's been seven in the last four games. Let's hope it just keeps going," said Cook.

"I had a season when I scored 21 but that was in Australia and the level was a lot lower than the Championship."

The tries have been a bonus for Eagles coach Mark Aston. He said: "Craig's playing the best rugby ever for the club. He does a lot of work in games people don't see, he puts in a lot of tackles – at the end of a game he's knackered."

Cook, 24, started his professional career at Hull FC where he was reserve team captain. Spells in Australia have been followed by switching between the South Yorkshire clubs. He is in his second spell at the Eagles after making the move from Doncaster mid-way through last season.

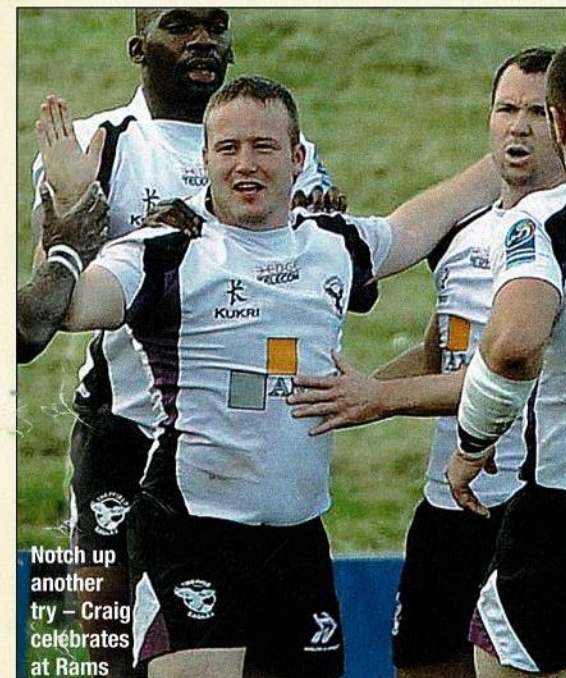
His scoring run has dovetailed with the Eagles return to form that's seen four wins in two weeks.

Most of Cook's tries are classic hooker's efforts from dummy half close to the opponent's line when he seems able to get his chunky frame through the smallest gap and out muscle much bigger defenders. That got him a hat-trick in the win over Toulouse.

The Eagles sneaked a late 22-20 win at Dewsbury last week helped by two tries from Cook and a last-minute penalty kicked by prop Mitch Stringer in the live Sky game.

Cook said: "We're on a roll, we're winning games although I don't think we played great football at Dewsbury."

"We had a bit of luck but you earn your own luck and the attitude of the players is great and if you have a good atti-



Notch up another try – Craig celebrates at Rams

tude and play for each other you come out on top."

The Eagles can't afford a slip up in their last game at the Lane until August as they try to build on the two-point lead they have opened up over Toulouse Olympique in the battle for a play-off place. Keighley are bottom of the table but only because they have had to wipe out a nine point penalty for going into administration.

Cook added: "There are no easy games, they will be scrapping for a win. If Keighley hadn't started minus nine points they would be close to mid table."

"When we played there a couple of months ago we drew and they had a bit of luck. It was a pretty terrible night and a muddy pitch but hopefully we'll have a sunny evening and get another win."

Yere in kit aid for PNG

RUGBY players and fans had better watch out – hard man Menzie Yere is after your old boots and the shirt off your back after launching a charity to help players in his home country of PNG.

The Sheffield Eagles centre is kicking-off his 'Kit for Kumuls' campaign before the Eagles-Keighley game. Yere wants rugby fans to donate their surplus kit and boots. The sports gear will be shipped to PNG and given to children and adults.

The idea was sparked after it revealed that Yere, known as one of rugby league's tough guys for his ferocious tackling, has a softer, caring side.

He bought two new pairs of boots each month last year and sent them home to PNG for players

less fortunate. he also collected old kit of fellow players and took his haul home with him to PNG at the end of last season.

The Eagles are backing the plan and has helped Yere set up the Menzie Yere Foundation.

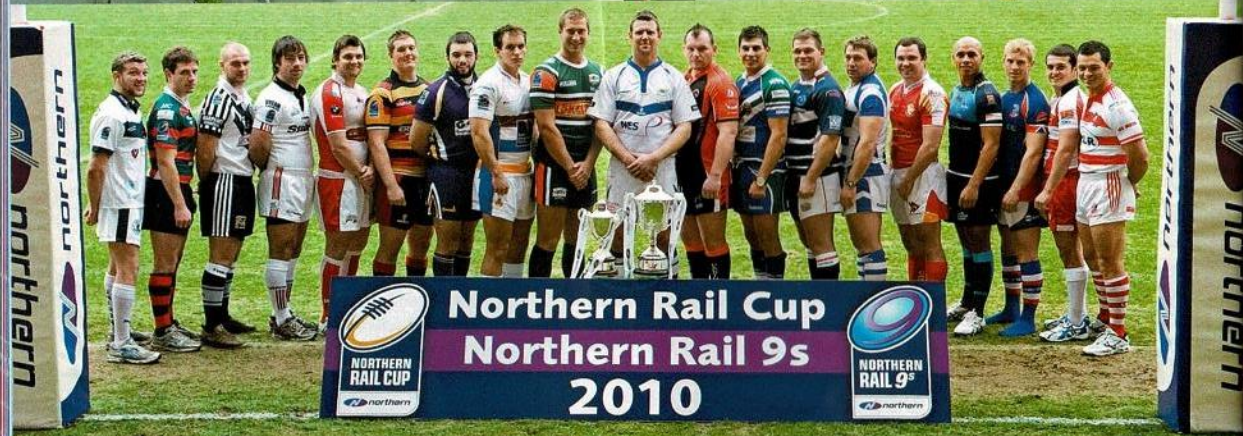
"Menzie is a great guy and buying the boots and sending them home is typical of him," said teammate and Eagles general manager Brendon Lindsay. "All the lads are backing the plan. Menzie is a hard man on the field but off it he's always smiling. I'm sure rugby players and fans will want to help and sent him their old kit."

To help, visit www.kits4kumuls.com. Cash donations towards shipping costs are also welcome.

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