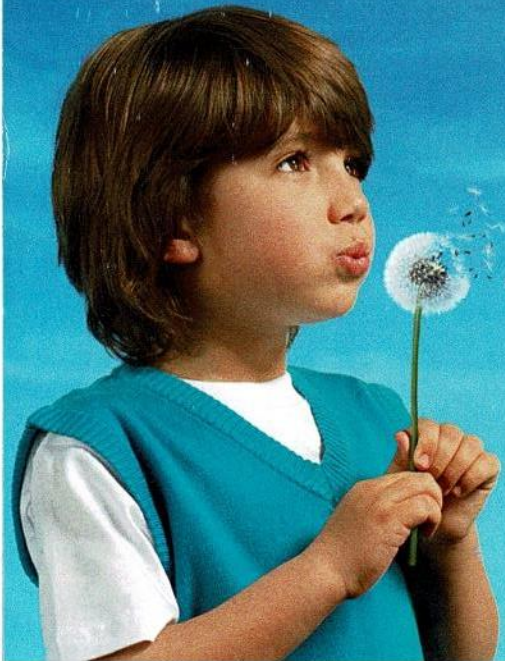


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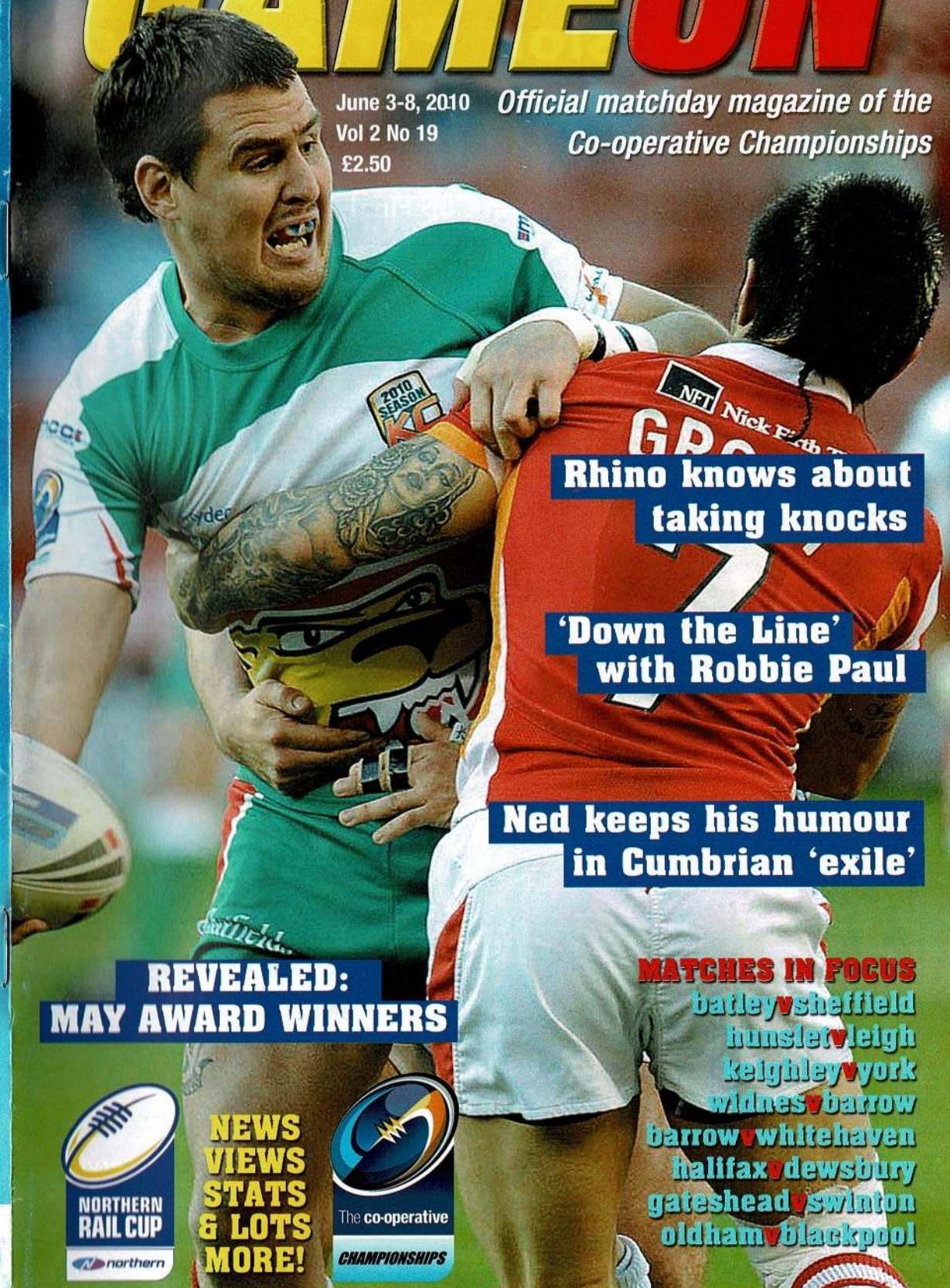
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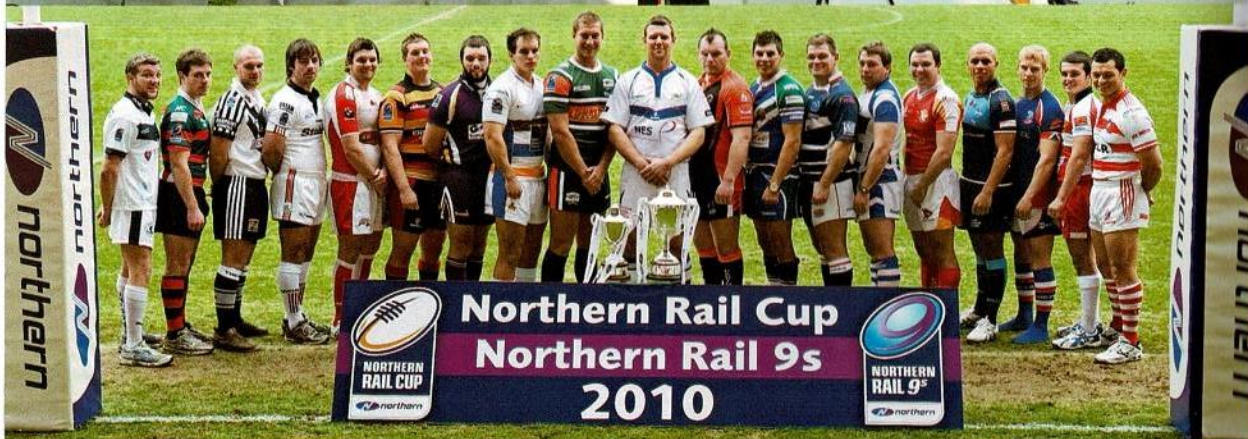
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Yes, there is life outside SL

The Leigh Sports Village recently held "An Evening with England RL" which featured national coach Steve McNamara and included England stars James Graham, Sam Tomkins and Adrian Morley. It was a terrific evening but at the end of it someone shouted "there's life outside Super League" which brought a round of applause.

Few will forget the upheaval when the concept of Super League was first proposed. There were angry scenes and demonstrations particularly from clubs who were being asked to merge and when those plans were scrapped there was much bitterness over the clubs who weren't one of the original 12 teams. They felt they were being cast adrift but a look at today's Co-operative Championship and Championship 1 proves that there is very much a life outside Super League.

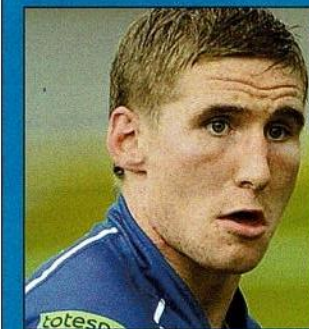
In fact it is a very successful and important part of Rugby League both on and off the field. Not only are the competitions able to attract top line sponsors like the Co-operative and Northern Rail but thanks to Sky Sports many matches are now broadcast live. When Sky lost the NRL games they turned to the lower divisions and its been a great success. Personally I'd rather watch good old British RL and there have been some terrific matches.

And who would have thought all those years ago there would be so many clubs playing in top class facilities? The way clubs have grasped the nettle and either improved their grounds or moved to completely new facilities is fantastic.

Like their Super League counterparts the clubs have not been afraid to open up their competitions and help spread Rugby League. We now have a French team, a Welsh team, one from London and another from the north-east competing and it's now a vibrant game both on and off the field.

At the start of the season Halifax and Widnes were seen as the real contenders for honours in The Co-operative Championship but we currently have Featherstone occupying the top spot and a resurgent Leigh, who were lucky to retain their Championship status, going treat guns. But even they don't have things all their own way with second from bottom Dewsbury Rams giving Rovers an almighty scare in the last round before being edged out 36-32 while Leigh lost out to Halifax in a 46-40 thriller.

In Co-operative Championship 1, Blackpool Panthers came back down to earth after their 132-0 win over Gateshead when they were pipped 24-22 by York - such unpredictability is the mark of a good competitive sport.



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Rhino graduated from school of hard knocks

A true Brit as a player, Batley coach Karl Harrison is happy to place his faith in English youngsters



Report by BEN COLLINS

KARL HARRISON is used to taking hard knocks. As an old-school prop for Hull FC, Halifax and Great Britain, it came with the territory. A disappointing result on Saturday against the Catalans Dragons in the quarter-final of the Carnegie Challenge Cup was tough too. But the boss won't dwell on that for long.

Being a Super League coach can be even tougher, though, as 'Rhino' found out the hard way. Having been head coach at Keighley, he worked under Brian Noble at Bradford before being appointed Salford coach in June 2002.

The Reds were relegated that year but Harrison led them back into Super League at the first attempt and into the play-offs in 2006.

A struggling start to 2007 saw the ruthless Reds board sack Harrison that May but the 46-year-old worked hard to get back on his feet and rebuild his coaching career.

He set up a kitchen, bathroom, bedroom business having had some previous experience in the industry, before being appointed Huddersfield's new senior scholarship coach in December 2008.

Harrison then took over as Batley head coach in April 2009 following the resignation of Gary Thornton and has transformed a struggling side into an ambitious young outfit.

The Bulldogs are eyeing the Co-operative Championship play-offs this year and have reached the quarter-finals of both the Challenge Cup and the Northern Rail Cup, in which they host Sheffield Eagles this Sunday.

And Harrison has instigated the transformation at Mount Pleasant by putting his faith in youthful, local talent.

"What I want to produce is a very young, English-based club," he said. "With the exception of David Tootill, all my players come from within a five-mile radius of Batley.

"They're all young, all British, all enthusiastic, and I think that's what more clubs at this level need to have.

"I don't want overseas players, and we'll see if that decision's right or wrong. But you live and die by your decisions, and I think it's time to support British youngsters.

"All my players have maybe been held or assisted by Super League clubs. They weren't ready to play Super League when they were 19-year-old but two years in the Championship - if you coach them in the right way - won't do them any harm.

"That's my personal opinion. I think we're probably the only team in the competition with no overseas players and that's the way I want to keep it."

Nothing would give Harrison greater pleasure than to see



Karl Harrison - ambitious for his young team

some of his young charges earn another shot at Super League but the Leeds-born coach, who still lives in the district, won't be returning to the top tier any time soon.

It has been some achievement for Harrison to establish his business, based nearby, during the credit crunch, and he is unwilling to step away from those commitments just yet.

"I've been in Super League and thought I did a pretty good job so when I got sacked by Salford, I'll be honest with you, it did hurt me," he admitted. "It took me a long time mentally to get over that.

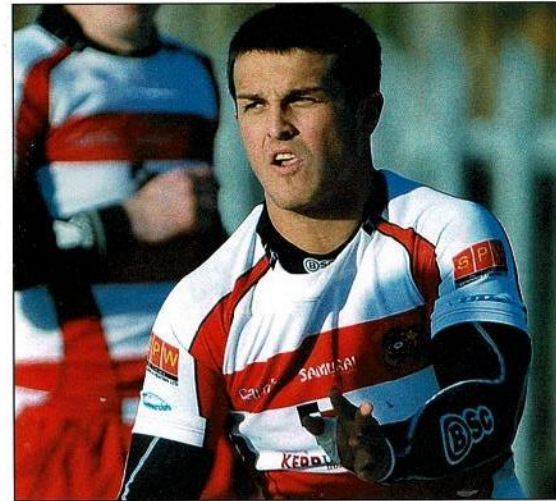
"In the meantime, I set up a business from scratch and focused all my energies into that because it was a big step.

"To throw away three years of hard work to get back into full-time coaching - that's not for me at the moment - but that's not to say I never ever will do.

"I'm happy here at the moment, focusing all my energies on coaching Batley and making my business a success."

Returning to the Championship has provided a different challenge to that Harrison had become accustomed to in Super League.

But it is one he relishes and his passion for the game is



Gareth Moore has been a revelation for the Bulldogs

rubbing off on his impressionable youngsters.

"The Championship's very, very tough," he said. "You've got to prepare your team differently every single week.

"If you get a few injuries, there's a good chance you'll get beat because any team in the Championship can win on any given weekend - it's such a close competition.

"The players have bought into what we've been teaching and we're going ok," Harrison added.

"They're very young and very inexperienced, and that's probably why we lost a lot of games early in the season. But they're learning about the Championship now.

"The average age of the team is about 21/22, it's a team of young boys, so it'll be good if we can keep this group together. It all stands Batley in good stead, but I'd be very happy if a few of my players do move up.

"I've tried to develop them the right way, to improve them firstly as players and also as individuals. They're all buying into my philosophies and it's showing in the recent perform-

ances." Although Batley came through their Northern Rail Cup group, they won just two of their opening nine league games. But they have hit their straps over the last month, suffering a late defeat at Sheffield before beating Whitehaven and Widnes, while disposing of Swinton in the Challenge Cup after Halifax were disqualified.

"We had the disruption of the Halifax fiasco, which put an extra burden on us because we had to play an extra game in midweek," said Harrison. "But we just got on with it and did it as best we could, and the team's doing well at the moment. The same sort of faces have been playing week in, week out, and we're becoming more consistent.

"It's more down to a team effort than individuals but Gareth Moore is settling down and playing extremely well, as is Paul Handforth, so we've got solid half-backs now.

"Byron Smith and Sean Hesketh have been setting standards for the team in the front row too."

And the Bulldogs will aim to maintain their recent form by pushing for the play-off places and beating Sheffield to reach the Northern Rail Cup semi-finals.

"It's a big game," Harrison said. "Sheffield are a good team and we both want to progress to a semi-final.

"We've managed to get this far and it's important you take these opportunities because they don't come round often.

"We played Sheffield three weeks ago and it was a great game. It could have gone either way and they sneaked it at the end so it should be another close encounter at Mount Pleasant. We've set ourselves a target of getting into the top six in the league," he added.

We're seventh at the moment and I think we've a really good chance. We had a tough schedule at the start of the season but we've got nine league games left and six are at home so there's plenty of points to pick up there."



Sean Hesketh on the charge for Batley against Halifax

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KEEP AN EYE ON THE BALL



Danny Lockwood

AND SO it wasn't to be. Despite the 'advantage' of their renowned Mount Pleasant slope, the gulf in class between the engage Super League and the Co-operative Championships was too much for Batley's Gallant Youths to overcome.

The margin of defeat suffered by Karl Harrison's boys against top-flight strugglers Catalans will have surprised many. We didn't see that coming, at all, and suddenly the French team, which looked like it couldn't win a raffle if it bought all the tickets, is within 80 minutes of a second appearance at Wembley.

Mistress Fate, a fickle bedfellow, eh?

Meanwhile Barrow's thrilling Cup run came to a more predictable conclusion as Knowsley Road bade farewell to Challenge Cup rugby forever, though the Raiders did defy the odds-makers at least and at just 16-12 down going into the final half hour, they put up a mighty battle against St Helens. But it wasn't to be yet again and the dreams can be put back on ice for another year – at least for the minnows of the competition.

What the Cup no longer provides, it is becoming increasingly apparent, is a financial equivalent of a lottery win for the smaller clubs landing a big fat fish of a Super League giant in the draw. More a sprat than a mackerel these days.

The clubs along with the RFL have done their damndest to spice up the attraction of Cup games to fans with some innovative ticketing offers, lures for season ticket holders and a hefty thwack with the central marketing budget. All, it would seem, to no avail.

When Blackpool upset Whitehaven to earn a trip to the mighty Rhinos chairman Bobby Hope may have been rubbing his hands with glee – surely if any tie would help offset his substantial investment, this was it? But just 5,316 fans bothered to turn up at Headingley. Take off all the expenses of running a game and split the pot and it isn't quite the Euromillions, is it? Equally for Leigh, with a mouth-watering clash of their own at Bradford – and, in the event, just 4,250 sparsely spread about the massive Odsal bowl. A disappointment to say the least.

And even for the Championship clubs progressing to the quarter-finals there is very little to write home about.

I doubt that it ever entered Batley's head to swap their tie to the Catalans' home ground, as might have been the case had they drawn, say, Leeds. So in the event an attendance of over 2,000 at the Mount was a result for the Bulldogs – especially when you consider that Catalans brought with them zero fans.

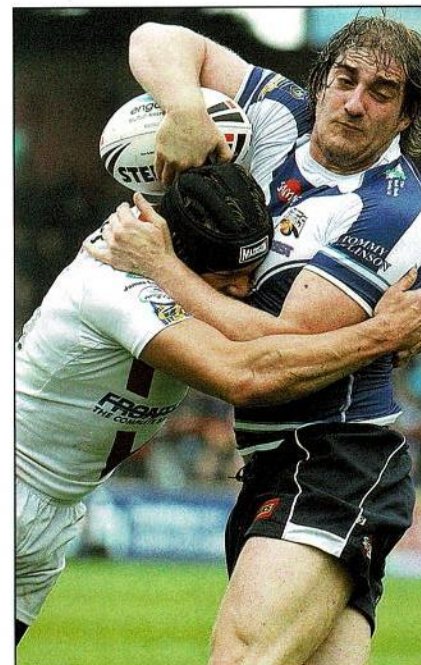
Zero, really? Just about. Unless you count a couple of directors and the coaching staff as being 'fans'.

And the real perspective in that number comes when you compare it with the attendance for Catalans' last draw in the cup, away at Super League new boys Crusaders, which they edged 35-34.

The attendance for that game? A meagre 1,814. At least the people of Batley seem to appreciate the magic of the Cup rather more than the converts of Wrexham and its environs.

In fact based on that logic, and if the Bulldogs bounce back and produce the not-totally-improbable feat of lifting the Northern Rail Cup, you could make an argument for them getting a Super League licence in 2012! Now that would be something, to see Tomkins and McGuire following in my dad Jim Lockwood's sidestepping ways up the Mount slope, or Keiron Cunningham swinging in a number 9 shirt where my granddad Harry once kicked shins-a-plenty in the Batley front row.

Barrow put up a mighty show against St Helens
Rugby League – still the sport of dreams.



**Danny Lockwood writes in
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Robbie down the line

You know the great thing about the Northern Rail Cup? It can set clubs back on the right track. Take Barrow Raiders for example. They've had their fair share of injury problems which has been reflected in some tough games for them in the Co-operative Championship.

But playing in a knockout Cup competition is different and gives the players something else to focus upon. That's why, like the Carnegie Challenge Cup, the Northern Rail Cup is such a tonic for players and clubs.

And isn't it strange how many times it happens! A club is suffering in the league and goes on a great Cup run. When they go back to the league they're revived and on track.

Life's a bit tedious for me at the moment because I'm out of action with a painful groin injury. I've had some surgery and am on the road to recovery, but it's so frustrating being on the sidelines at an exciting time of the season not just for my club

Leigh Centurions, but the whole of Rugby League.

But taking time out for recovery and rehabilitation has given me an opportunity to reflect on the quality coming your way with the Northern Rail Cup Quarter Finals. Four fascinating games and eight ambitious clubs all determined to take some silverware as well as make a point to the rest of the sport. Let's look at the four ties and see what

mouth-watering prospects they offer the fans.



ROBBIE PAUL IS NORTHERN RAIL'S RUGBY LEAGUE AMBASSADOR

KEIGHLEY COUGARS V YORK CITY KNIGHTS

This is a tough one to predict. York are going well in Championship One while Barry Eaton's boys are giving it their best shot in the Championship having had to come from a minus nine-point start to the season. Assistant coach Chris Thorman has been out injured for the Knights but if the classy stand-off is available for the Knights it will certainly increase their chances at Cougar Park.

The Cougars have chalked up some impressive results beating Dewsbury Rams, Whitehaven and Sheffield Eagles away from home. That proves they are worthy of respect and they're a good footballing team. The two sides have had some tussles in the last couple of seasons but I think home advantage will tell for the Cougars.

WIDNES VIKINGS V BARROW RAIDERS

Wow, this has to be the tie of the round and it will be battled out in front of the Sky cameras. Paul Cullen's Vikings have been erratic but they have some great players who are capable of beating the very best on their day.

We played the Vikings in a televised game not long ago and, although we beat them at the Sporting Village, they impressed me. After a calamitous first half they had enough ability to change their tactics on the hoof and we had a real struggle to see them off in the end. Only good teams have that talent and that makes them slight favourites in my book.

As reigning champions the Raiders demand respect and they have a great coach in Steve McCormack, but they're not as consistent as last year so they have a great deal to do.

BATLEY BULLDOGS V SHEFFIELD EAGLES

Karl Harrison has fashioned the Bulldogs into a very capable team. They proved that by beating Widnes and that's not easy! Playing on the slope at Mount Pleasant gives them a slight advantage because they know how to play it best and they've got enough smart players to take advantage too.

Sheffield Eagles have enough class players on their staff to pull off a good result but first they've got to solve how to deliver 80-minute performances. They got out of jail at the Tetley's Stadium with a clinching penalty in the dying seconds against the Rams, but failed to see off the Cougars after a second-half fight-back at Bramall Lane.

HUNSLET HAWKS V LEIGH CENTURIONS

My own club go into action against Championship One opposition in the shape of the Hawks. But we won't be taking anything for granted. Our coach Ian Millward will make sure of that - believe me!

The Hawks are going well in the league and they're a tidy side with the two aces in the hole, brothers David and Paul March.

The March twins are two fierce competitors and they drive their team forward. We will have to be on our best form to cope with them and we're expecting a tough match.

So there we are four superb games in the Northern Rail Cup quarter finals - and eight teams who all fancy their chances of being in that semi-final draw. What a recipe for excitement and great Rugby League action. Enjoy yourselves.

NR Cup goes on schools tour

The Northern Rail Cup recently took pride of place at school assemblies along with a galaxy of stars who dropped in to chat to pupils.

Organised by Northern Rail in association with clubs, the Momentum Tour of Schools enables children to see highlights of last year's Northern Rail Cup Final as well as learning about the dangers of playing near railway lines.

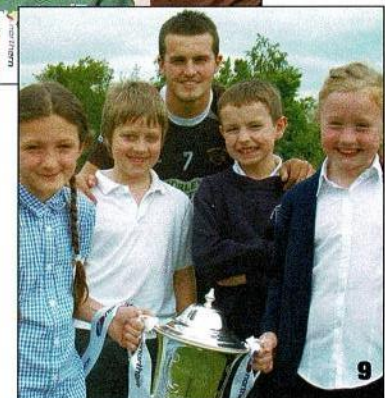
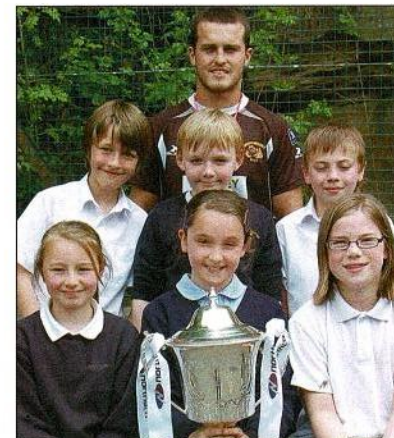
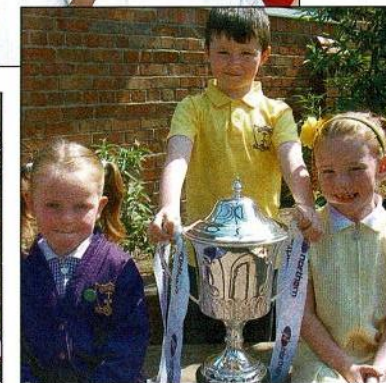
Past and present Widnes players John Foran, Tim Holmes, Anthony Thackeray and Mark Smith were on hand at St Bede's RC Primary School and St Gerard's RC Primary School to talk about their tie against Barrow Raiders.

St Bede's PE Teacher, Tony Hutton said: "It is important for children to be inspired and the Momentum Tour combines the importance of acting responsibly near railway lines with the fun element of playing or watching the great game of rugby league."

In Batley two primary schools, St Mary's and Hanging Heaton were thrilled to see Bulldogs half back Gareth Moore, while Keighley Cougars playmaker Jonny Presley took time out to chat to children at Oakworth and Kildwick primary schools.

Hunslet Hawks' Papua New Guinea stars Michael Mark and Charlie Wabo were a big hit at St Anthony's and Beeston primary schools in Leeds and encouraged the pupils to get behind the team to cheer them on against Leigh.

Northern Rail Commercial Director, Jamie Burles said: "It is important to use our sponsorship of rugby league to put something back into the communities we serve and our visits to schools is a rewarding way of fulfilling that objective."

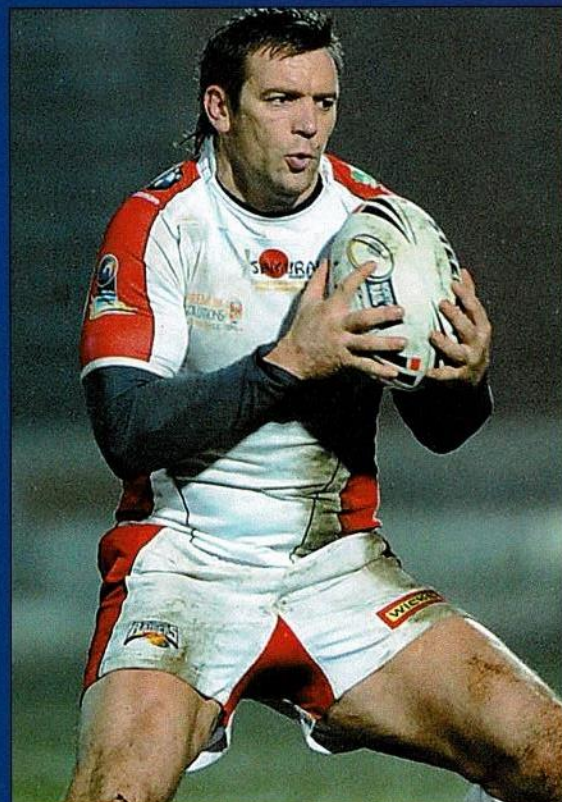


From Bondi and 'Cas Vegas' to the Barrow high life

Ned Catic has been there, done that and got a few of the tee-shirts – but Barrow's a bit on the quiet side, so the Aussie reckons working out in the gym is the best place to be, as he told **BEN COLLINS**

CUMBRIA is a fair old trek from West Yorkshire, never mind Sydney, so Ned Catic's move to Barrow was always going to be somewhat of a culture shock. After three years in Super League with Wakefield and Castleford, the Australian back-rower signed a two-year deal with the Raiders following their promotion to the Championship in 2008.

In his bid to lure Catic to Cumbria, chairman Des



Johnston told him there were better surfing beaches up there than Bondi.

But the former Sydney Rooster was having none of it. "I think he's blowing smoke up people's asses with that one!" he joked.

"I knew it was pretty isolated but I didn't know just how much till I got here.

"It's a small place and everyone talks. If one of your farts smells different, everyone knows about it!

"And there's not much to do here apart from gambling, drinking and training.

"Drinking's not on for me because I'm too old and gambling makes me depressed. There's a bookies up here called Chas Kendall and there's about 20 of them just in Barrow. Every two streets it's like 'oh look, it's another Chas Kendall!'

"So I have to keep training, but that's alright because I kill myself in that gym, I love my training."

The gym takes up a lot of Catic's spare time – and not just because he doesn't have a family to devote his time to in Barrow. At 31, he knows he has to put the extra hours in to make sure he stays in tip-top shape and the hard work is paying off as he made the Game On team of the month for April and May, in his dual roles as a back-rower and deputising in the centre for boss Steve McCormack.

"I've been flying solo since I got over here," he said.

"It's hard at times but there's worse people out there. If that's the worst of my problems, I'll take it!

"I turn 32 in August. I'm still very much enjoying it and I'm doing okay at the moment. But the minute I think 'forget this' I'll get caught out, so that's why I train so much. I don't want to be one of those players where people are saying 'he's washed up, let him go'.

"At the moment I'm looking at another one or two years, it's just a matter of where that's going to be."

Catic helped Barrow win the Championship Grand Final in his first year at Craven Park, setting themselves up as the team to beat this season. The fact that some are grumbling about losing just three of their opening 16 games in all competitions shows how far the club has come in the

Ned Catic – "too old" for drinking and gambling makes him depressed!



More of this please ... Barrow players celebrate as Halifax are left disconsolate in the 2009 Grand Final

last two years. But Catic, who has been filling in at centre for the injured Anthony Blackwood, has sent a warning to the rest of the Championship, saying the Raiders' best is yet to come.

"Last year was a fantastic year because we took out the comp," he said. "But now everyone wants to beat us. It's a shame we're not going as well but at the same time, it's refreshing to know we've so much improving to do. We're not even close to being at our best.

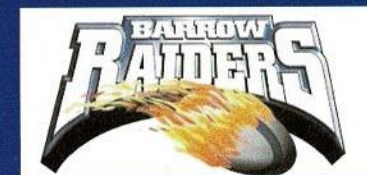
"But we've only lost three all year so we're still travelling okay for a team that's not firing as we should be. It depends if you see it as the glass being half full or half empty.

"People are frustrated we're not as dominant as we were last year but they've got to take into account that every other team has improved as well so it's a much closer comp this year.

"Leigh were relegated last year but look at them now, and Daryl Powell's doing a good job at Featherstone. Anyone can beat anyone on their day."

Barrow proved that in the Challenge Cup by pulling off a 34-28 upset at Castleford, setting up a fifth-round trip to the mighty St Helens.

And that fourth-round win had particular relevance for Catic having been shown the door by Cas in 2008.



"I got a lot of satisfaction that day," he said. "They didn't want to sign me again and Andrew Henderson was in the same boat - they let us go at the same time.

"When we saw the draw we were like 'can't wait, bring them on', so it was nice to go back there and say 'one back for me', you know.

When we saw the draw we were like 'can't wait, bring them on'...

"When we were 16 points down we thought the opportunity had gone but to come back the way we did was brilliant. And for me to score the winning try was the icing the cake."

Yet league success remains the priority for Barrow and their ambitious chairman Des Johnston, and under new

coach Steve McCormack they are determined to repeat their Grand Final win.

But Catic knows just how difficult that is having been in the Sydney Roosters side that lost 18-6 to Penrith in the 2003 NRL Grand Final, meaning they missed out on backing up their 2002 Premiership.

"We want to go back-to-back," he said. "It's a very hard thing to do but that's definitely the aim for us.

"We've got a few things to fix, like our defence - we're leaking a lot more points this year - and our attack has not been as strong.

"Injuries haven't helped - we didn't get many at all last year. And we've lost a couple of key players in Andy Ellis (Harlequins) and Dave Allen (Widnes).

"But we've brought some good players in to replace them so we've just got to be honest with ourselves and start putting our hands up.

"Some of it's personal too. We need to look in the mirror and say, 'if I need more fitness, I'll have to go work more on my fitness'. It's a matter of getting off your arse, going out there and doing the extras.

"It's been a massive test this past month but we've got the squad. It's just a matter of turning up on the day and getting the job done."

Batley Bulldogs v



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8	Jack Howieson.....	Hanlon & Wright
9	Craig Cook.....	In Memory of Jack London
10	Mitch Stringer.....	OSI
11	Alex Szostak.....	Jack Smith
12	Ged Corcoran.....	Hanlon & Wright
13	Peter Green.....	Everlast Waterproofing
14	Kyle Kesik	
15	Sam Barlow.....	Redbrook Business Coaching
16	Trevor Exton.....	Airborne Eagles
17	Alex Rowe.....	Buckingham Insurance
18	Michael Haley.....	Premier Kia
19	Joë Hirst.....	Stewart & Liz ELFleet
20	Matty Brooks.....	Jayne Whaling
21	Dane McDonald.....	Bethany, Ian & Jackie Swain
22	Ryan Hepworth.....	Elaine, Simon & Stephen McGuire
23	Tangi Ropati.....	Albion Detection Systems
24	Misi Tualapapa.....	Modis International
25	Jason Mossop	
26	Tim Bergin	
27	Richie Barnett.....	Steve & Samantha Rendi
36	Eddie Battye.....	Jill Swire
37	Mark Renshaw-Smith.....	Insign Signage & Digital Imaging
38	Dah Hawksworth.....	Mr & Mrs Lee

COACH: MARK ASTON

COACH: KARL HARRISON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWWL
 LAST SIX HOME: WLWLW
 TRIES: Campbell (19) Preece, Walton (8) Moore (7)
 GOALS: Moore (74) Handforth (9)
 DROP GOALS: Handforth (1)
 MAN TO WATCH: Gareth Moore

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: N/A
 Touch: N/A
 Reserve Referee: N/A

THE INSIDE TRACK

Batley's pride stung by Catalans.
 Bulldogs by a score

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWWL
 LAST SIX AWAY: WLDLLW
 TRIES: Cook (16), Ropati (10), Stringer (9) Rowe (8)
 GOALS: Stringer (31) Woodcock (9)
 DROP GOALS: Cook (1)
 MAN TO WATCH: Mitch Stringer



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Batley v Sheffield

Exciting days at 'Mount Hollywood'

To be involved in our second quarter-final in two weeks is exciting for everyone at the club.

Although the final result last week was disappointing, at 57 minutes the score was 12-26 so it did not reflect the game and the efforts our players put in.

There is no doubt Catalans were a huge side and must be the biggest side in Super League even though they lie at the wrong end of the table.

It was a great turnout from Batley and from visiting supporters who attended for a day out and I thank you all on behalf of the club and hope you enjoyed the event.

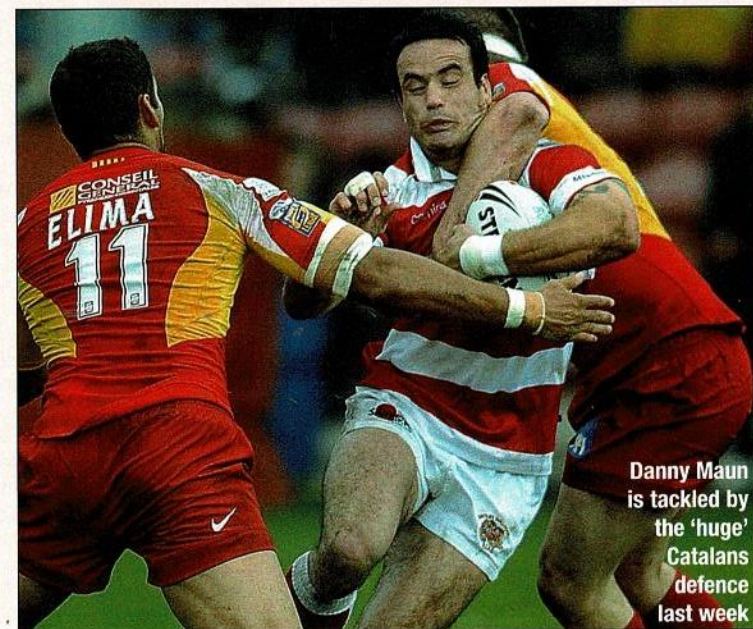
On the right occasion we have now proved that we can get home crowds of 2,000 without away support, so there is some light at the end of the tunnel there. Judging by our bar and food sales, everybody seemed to have embraced the occasion and enjoyed themselves which is good to see.

We put a lot of time and effort into promoting the game and we did manage to get plenty of publicity for the club but we just do not have the manpower and resources to maintain that level, which is frustrating but a reality as Super League clubs have full time staff to do what we did over the last couple of weeks.

Nevertheless, we will try to improve, as we know it works but the cost of promoting and marketing is an issue.

In any event we have not had sufficient time to properly market today's game so we just hope that people are interested enough to come and watch what should be a cracking game.

We lost it in the last ten minutes at Sheffield who undoubtedly are our bogey team. Then I saw that they lost it



Danny Maun is tackled by the 'huge' Catalans defence last week

in the last minute against Keighley with a decisive drop goal, which shows how competitive games are.

Clearly we are seeking to avenge that defeat as well as trying to progress to a semi-final where we need to perform better than our last semi against Doncaster, but I think somehow we would if we win today.

This week has seen our premises used as a film location in relation to a production company who hope to have the film released in early 2011.

The Bryan Cooney Suite has made its debut in the world of cinema in what we are told is a gritty northern comedy drama. More will be revealed shortly but let's hope it is a box office success.

Finally, a mention about next week when the Bissa dinner is next Friday the 11th June at the Ponderosa, so please make that a sell out.

Then before the Leigh game there is a touch and pass curtain-raiser between GB All Stars and Batley All Stars which is not to be missed with some great names in the GB line up and some Batley names in the Batley line up.

It is all to raise money for the 'Life 4 a Kid' charity so please support it and get to the ground early. However, before then enjoy today's game.

Kevin Nicholas
 Chairman

This Father's Day why not treat your rugby mad dad to his own dedicated seat in the Kirkwood Hospice Community Stand at Batley Bulldogs Ground?

Seat dedications are also an ideal way to remember those dads who, sadly, are no longer with us.

Fifty per cent of all seat dedications will go to Kirkwood Hospice.

Seat dedications cost just £50 and are in place for twelve

months with the option to extend for subsequent years. Please phone Lesley on 07901 566 711 to arrange a seat dedication or look on the club's website for further information.



Kirkwood
 The Hospice for Kirklees

Hunslet Hawks vs Leigh Centurions



Sunday June 6, 2010. Kick off 3pm. SOUTH LEEDS STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Mark Moore Ceramic Tilers.....	Nathan Larvin	1
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	Stuart Young	17
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	Tom Sheldrake	22
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Tommy Haughey, Joey Walkin, Gareth Hynes, Russ Dale, Nigel Scott, Michael Kelly, Luke Haigh, James Houston		

COACH: PAUL MARCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWWW
 LAST SIX HOME: LLWWW
 TRIES: McHugh (18) Mark (15)
 P. March (10) D. March (8)
 GOALS: McHugh (39) Knight (31)
 DROP GOALS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Paul March

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

COACH: IAN MILLWARD

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLWL
 LAST SIX AWAY: WWWLWL
 TRIES: Nany (12), Alstead, Donlan
 (9) Ridyard (8)
 GOALS: Nany (72)
 MAN TO WATCH: Mick Nany

THE INSIDE TRACK

Hunslet in great form, Leigh on a slight wobble - but Cents just, by 8

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: N/A
 Touch: N/A
 Reserve Referee: N/A

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Hunslet v Leigh

Gee but it's great to be back home...

AFTER six consecutive away games we finally arrive back at South Leeds Stadium for today's NR Cup tie against high flying Leigh.

Games against Leigh in the past have produced some memorable and exciting moments and I see no reason why today's game should be any different.

Leigh are pressing for the title in the Co-operative Championship and we are in with an excellent chance of gaining automatic promotion from Championship 1.

We also come into this game on the back of some excellent league results, typified by the beating of league leaders Oldham by 60 points to 4 away from home.

We played some of the best rugby seen from a Hawks side for many a year, which even the Oldham fans were applauding in the last 10 minutes!

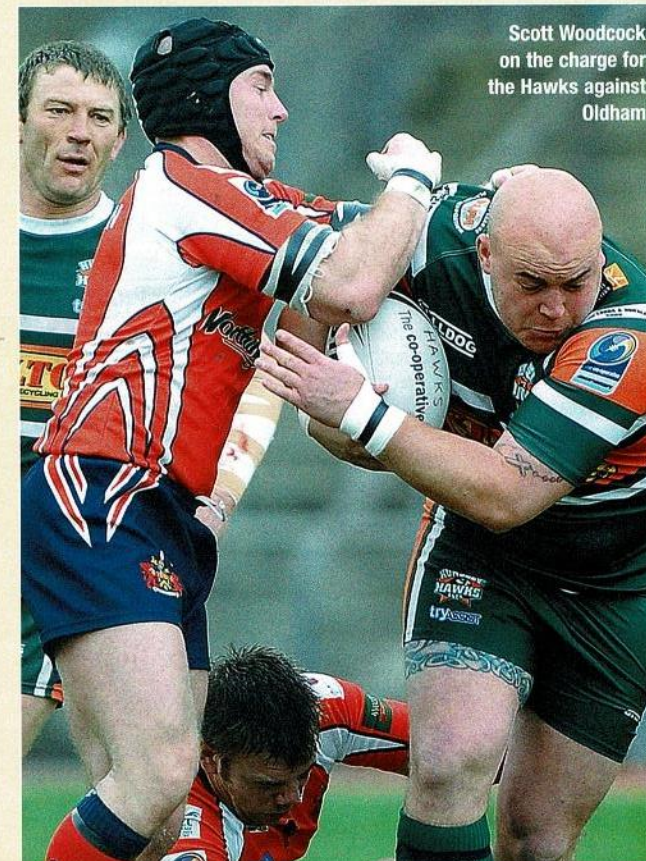
Let's hope that today's crowd proves that the Hunslet public really do want a side in the RFL.

The team has done all it can to provide entertaining and successful rugby league and it is now up to the stay-away fans to back the club and return to the fold.

Today's gate and those for our remaining five home fixtures will be closely monitored and hopefully will show that the fans are indeed returning to support the Hawks.

We've Swept the Seas Before Boys - And So We Shall Again!!

Alan Stephenson
 Chief Executive



Scott Woodcock on the charge for the Hawks against Oldham

This tie will be a benchmark

Today's Northern Rail Cup match against Leigh will be a hard test and a measure against the progress we have made in the league.

The month of May saw the Hawks play five consecutive away fixtures and today's home fixture is a welcome respite away from travelling.

Positive wins for the Hawks and a defeat for Blackpool saw us head the league for the first time this season on merit.

The club is firmly focused on winning Championship 1.

We are hoping for a bumper crowd as we entertain Leigh this afternoon.

Leigh with their wonderful ground, firm support and wealth of locally talented players are genuine contenders for a Super League licence.

Yet they need to win a trophy and the Northern Rail Cup gives them a chance to frank their Super League application.

Ian Millward is a great coach and has built a solid team after last year's disappointment in the league.

They start the match favourites but with the Hawks in a rich vein of form, a cup upset may be on the cards.

We are all hoping for a big attendance, big game and hopefully a big result!

Charlotte Ball
 Promotions Officer



Keighley Cougars v York City Knights



Sunday June 6, 2010. Kick off 3pm. COUGAR PARK

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Frank Atkins.....	George Raynor	1
Mr & Mrs Bardgett.....	Craig Moss	2
Rob Weir Property Maintenance.....	Tom Burton	3
David Padans.....	Daley Williams	4
Mr & Mrs Fisher.....	Gavin Duffy	5
Joyce Barrett Mobile Hairdresser.....	Jonny Presley	6
Phoenix Trophies.....	Danny Jones	7
Frank Atkins.....	Andy Shickell	8
Mr & Mrs Procter.....	James Feather	9
Mr & Mrs Fisher.....	Scott Law	10
Mr & Mrs Rothera.....	Will Cartledge	11
Mr & Mrs Glover.....	Olly Pursglove	12
Mr & Mrs Rothera.....	Carl Hughes	13
The Clarksons.....	Jamaine Wray	14
M Croft & T Pycroft.....	Greg Nicholson	15
Cougar Pride Centre.....	Brendon Rawlins	16
Owens Barbers.....	Ryan Benjafield	17
The Cox Family.....	James Haythornthwaite	18
Go Colour.....	Sam Crowther	19
Phoenix Trophies.....	Dan Belcher	20
The Bayliss Family.....	Richard Jones	21
Skipton Body Repair Centre.....	Ben Sagar	22
Phil Lund Ltd.....	Chris Baines	23
	Tom Hall	24
Collett International Transport.....	Jamie Shepherd	25

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No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
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3	Mike Mitchell.....	Marica Watson
4	Lee Waterman.....	Ken Walker & Co Accounting
5	Tom Lineham.....	KFD Consultancy Services
6	Chris Thorman.....	R U Sure Referee R U Sure
7	Jonathan Schofield.....	Brian Watson
8	Mark Applegarth.....	Millers Famous Fish & Chips
9	Joe McLocklan.....	The Insurance Partnership
10	Alex Benson.....	Cueball Snooker Club
11	Jordan Ross.....	ASL Specialist Garage Equipment
12	Chris Clough.....	Michaela Harper & Daniel Peace
13	Richard Blakeway.....	Chris Hearld
14	Ian Bell	
15	Luke Hardbottle.....	North Yorkshire Motors
16	Carl Barrow	
17	Nathan Freer.....	Monk Bar Model Shop
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19	Kris Peacock	
20	Chris Williams.....	Clare & Steve Harbron
21	Aidie Hampshire, 22 Tom Stancliffe	
23	Luke Helliwell, 24 Dan Walton	
25	Brett Waller.....	Hull Resin Floors
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	Casey Bromilow.....	Balls'n All
	Jon Fallon.....	Pam & Martin Calvert
	Joe Dey.....	John Barron Plastering
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	Paul Stamp.....	Stabler International
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COACH: BARRY EATON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLWLW
 LAST SIX HOME: WLLDL
 TRIES: Duffy, Presley, Jones (7)
 Raynor, Shickell, Williams (4)
 GOALS: Jones (56)
 DROP GOALS: Jones (2)
 MAN TO WATCH: Danny Jones

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: N/A
 Touch: N/A
 Reserve Referee: N/A

THE INSIDE TRACK

York buoyed by good win but Cougars confident too. Keighley by 12

COACH: JAMES RATCLIFFE

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLLW
 LAST SIX AWAY: WLLWLW
 TRIES: Waterman (17) Ratcliffe (9)
 Schofield, Tuffour (7)
 GOALS: Waterman (73)
 DROP GOALS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Lee Waterman

CLUBCALL

Keighley v York

Welcome return to Cup and a great opportunity

Well it seems like a long time ago now that our season got under way with the Northern Rail Group stages but we have arrived in June and we are really looking forward to playing York in today's quarter final game.

It will be a very tough game today as York have some very talented players in their squad, Chris Thorman is just one who has played For England, and in many big Super League and NRL games.

Dave Woods has also recently joined

the coaching team at York and he has had great success at both Castleford and Gateshead.

That will only help York's promotion bid this year in Championship 1 but like us today they will see this game as a respite from the league and a one-off game with a chance to progress to a semi-final.

We have never been to this stage of the Northern Rail Cup in my time at Keighley so it has been a good achievement - but it is something which we are desperate to keep going as well, so

it is really exciting that we have progressed to the knock-out stages.

We shouldn't be too far away from being able to select from full strength today with only Greg Nicholson and Dan Belcher ruled out with rib and hamstring injuries.

Both are well on the road to recovery and will be back in contention in the next couple of weeks.

Enjoy the game,
Baz

Barry Eaton
Head Coach

Your ideas always welcome

GOOD afternoon and welcome to today's Northern Rail Cup quarter final against the York City Knights.

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

I would also like to welcome Tony Hargreaves and Richard Allan and guests from Northern Rail, who will be presenting the Man of the Match Award today to be selected by the media.

Our match sponsors today are new to us this season, they are Select Group and Skipton Hand Car Wash.

Peter Spencer from Select Group is here with Roger from Skipton and Bruce's Hand car wash along with their guests.

You will have noticed that Skipton and Bruce Hand Car Wash are our new Stand sponsors and Select Group have become new advertising board sponsors. For all that Select Group have to offer please go to www.select-group.org.uk

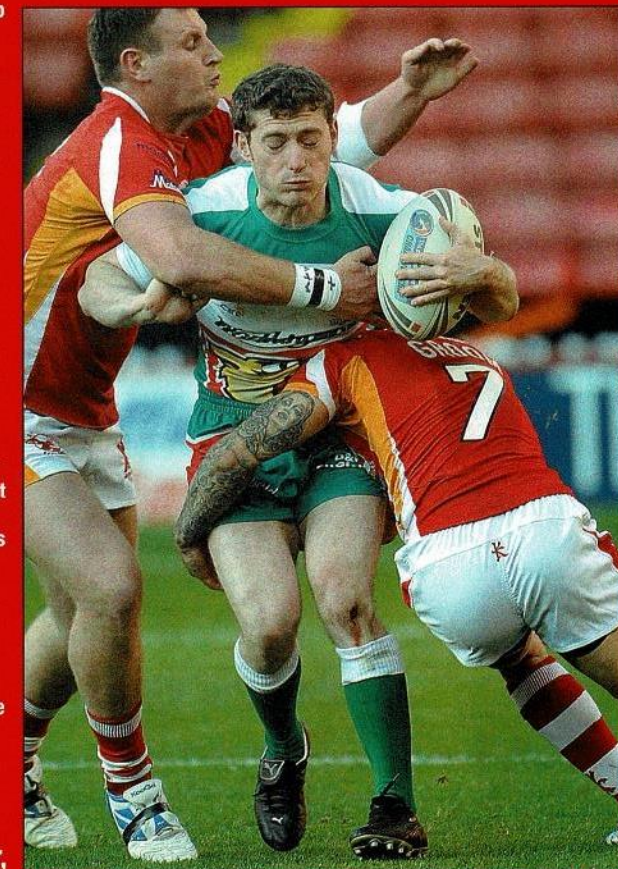
For the next programme I will ask Foundation Manager Dean Muir to write for you as the Foundation is growing at a monumental pace, delivering in more schools, summer camps plus some great news about the Champion Schools competition.

We will be holding a fans forum on the 10th June to discuss the gameday experience and how we can attract more fans to the game. Please all come along and bring some friends.

We have already made some alterations to the game day with more going on as a result of your ideas that have come from our meetings and the forums. But we are still keen to find out how we can attract more people to the games and are keen to hear your views.

I think that's it for now but I hope you enjoy the game and I'll see you soon.

Helen Carter,
General Manager



Jonny Presley braces for impact in the great win over Sheffield



We're backing
the Cougars...



Widnes Vikings v



Barrow Raiders



Thursday June 3, 2010. Kick off 7.30pm. STOBART STADIUM, HALTON

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
RJ Lewis	James Ford	1
Katie Kingsley	Dean Gaskell	2
The Spence Family	Richard Varkulis	3
Widnes Vikings Supporters Club	Toa Kohe Love	4
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The Jones Family	Dean Thompson	22
	Dave Houghton	23
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	Ben Davies	

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22	Ruairi McGoff	Plastic Man
23	Jamie Butler	
24	Richard Fletcher	Tony Bayliff Carpets
24	Matt James	
	Jermaine McGilvary	

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COACH: PAUL CULLEN

COACH: STEVE McCORMACK

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLLL

LAST SIX HOME: LLWLL

TRIES: Thackeray (13) Gardner,

Grady (9)

GOALS: Grady (72)

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Anthony Thackeray

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: N/A

Touch: N/A

Reserve Referee: N/A

THE INSIDE TRACK

High-flyers have lost a little focus.

Barrow to edge it by 6.

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLL

LAST SIX AWAY: WWWLL

TRIES: Catic (13) Ballard (12)

Campbell (11) Rooney (8)

GOALS: Rooney (81)

DROP GOALS: Rooney (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Ned Catic



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Widnes v Barrow

True extent of Vikings work is not always apparent

GOOD evening and welcome to everyone for tonight's clash with Barrow Raiders.

We've had some poor first half performances over the past three Championship games and our collective display in our last outing against Batley fell short of our usual standard.

The very obvious reason for this is that the injury crisis that we have endured from day one and the unwanted departure of our most senior and influential player, finally took its toll.

The Bulldogs were by far the better team on the day and thoroughly deserved their victory. It's fair to say that as a unit their team has hardly changed for the past eight weeks. As a result of this, they've had consistency in both their preparation and their performance which is a luxury that we've not had in training sessions let alone important games.

However, at times like this it's also important that you look at the bigger picture too, and with that particular weekend in mind, we fielded four different teams over this period, whereas Batley fielded just the one.

At Widnes, we are leading the field in our efforts to tick more than the one box. In addition to the senior squad we run an U21's, an U18's, an U16's and a Scholarship/Service Area programme, so while most of our opponents only have 25 players to manage and pay for, we have 100 plus and our resources are stretched to breaking point week after week, because we're trying to do the right thing for the town and the game.

We should not overlook that we have doubled up twice this season so far at U16 and U18 level with impressive victories over Super League's Warrington Wolves and Salford City Reds.

There's far more going on at Widnes Vikings than just first team matters and we are incredibly proud of our in-house structure.

We're the only Championship club to run and manage a first team, U21's, U18's, U16's and a Scholarship/Service Area system, without relying on local amateur clubs to double up as professional junior teams on our behalf.

Typically, players are cherry-picked from their junior clubs around the age of U13's upwards and are invited to join our 'Scholarship and Service Area' system, which we believe should be the first port of call for any aspiring Halton Rugby League player who has a dream of mak-



Shane Grady is a great example of the Vikings' development system

ing it in the game.

We operate a player-pathway that goes far beyond the nuances of Rugby League, and offers a holistic approach that encompasses lifestyle intervention, nutritional guidelines and educational assistance for all our U14's, 15's and 16's.

We're not alone in looking after the younger element though, as Featherstone, Whitehaven, Sheffield and Leigh also run an U15's and U16's Scholarship, but having said that we are the only Championship club to run an U18's!

Another option we offer at the Vikings is the opportunity to gain a 'NVQ Level 3' in Sporting Excellence whilst studying towards a National Diploma at our educational partner, Riverside College.

We also run the all-new 'AASE Programme' (Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence). This is brand new to Rugby League this year and explores a whole host of topics ranging from Psychology through to Career Management. It gives the lads a good grounding in not only their sporting career but future outside the game, too.

Overseeing both our U16's and U18's is Phil Finney and his 20-man squad won 6 from 6 in 2010 against Super League license challengers Leigh and Whitehaven, whilst also seeing off the threat of Salford and Warrington, and putting more than 60 points on both Crusaders and Harlequins. Further to this, there were also England U16's

Representative honours in 2010 for both Tom Gilmore and Lewis Whitty.

Our 22-man U18's squad is made up mostly of local players who have come through our in-house system. We take great pride in the fact that we develop and nurture the players ourselves, rather than relying on the development systems of our local competitors.

Our Reserve grade team is supervised by Head Coach Dave Banks, who is assisted by former Bradford Bulls player, Vinny Myler. To cut a long story short, the U21's is a 'holding-bay' for players in a transitional period of their careers and whether it's injury or form related, the Reserves provide a vehicle to transport players toward the last stage of the Vikings development system, and in a best case scenario all the way through to the first team.

As I've mentioned on many occasions, this framework and infrastructure hasn't happened overnight or been fast-tracked for the benefit of a license application.

We're blessed with a tremendous set-up which has been the envy of many of our rivals for many a year and we're leaving nothing to chance, when it comes to our objective of returning this great club back into the elite competition.

Enjoy the game and please support the collective efforts of the Vikings.

Paul Cullen
Head Coach

Barrow Raiders v Whitehaven RLFC



Tuesday June 8, 2010. Kick off 7.30pm. FURNESS HEATING COMPONENTS STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Ged McDermott.....	Gary Broadbent	1
Nuffield Health.....	Andy Ballard	2
	Anthony Blackwood	3
BAE Global Combat Systems.....	Liam Harrison	4
Furness Heating Components.....	James Nixon	5
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Saunders Transport.....	Brett McDermott	16
Ross Estate Agents.....	Paul Noone	17
Infield Hotel.....	Liam Campbell	18
Darren Wilson.....	Nathan Mossop	19
Plastic Man.....	Danny Halliwell	20
Kev Hodgson.....	Chris Larkin	21
Plastic Man.....	Ruairi McGoff	22
	Jamie Butler	23
Tony Bayliff Carpets.....	Richard Fletcher	24
	Matt James	31
	Jermaine McGilvary	

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No.	PLAYER
1	Craig Benson.....Pres Rahe
2	Craig Calvert.....Wayne's World of Pets
3	Rob Jackson.....Shooz N Sox
4	Scott McAvoy.....Brownriggs
5	Derry Eilbeck.....Victoria Hotel Drigg
6	Carl Rudd.....Kwik Collection
7	Leroy Joe.....Nuclear Filter Technology
8	Marc Jackson.....Unique Sports
9	Graeme Mattinson.....Wellington Bistro
10	David Ford.....Tracy McCann
11	Howard Hill.....Studs vik UK
12	Spencer Miller.....Cameron Wood
14	Dylan Skee.....Dick Raaz
15	Reece Fox.....Powerhouse Gym
17	Andy Thornley.....Danielle O'Hare
19	Dexter Miller.....Gloria Miller
21	Chris Smith.....WISC
22	Richard Farrer.....Alphabet Karaoke Disco
23	Stephen Fox.....J.D. Raaz
	Kyle Amor.....Victoria Adams
	Motu Tony
	Paul Johnson

COACH: STEVE McCORMACK

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLL-
LAST SIX HOME: WLWWWW
TRIES: Catic (13) Ballard (12)
Campbell (11) Rooney (8)
GOALS: Rooney (81) Knowles (7)
DROP GOALS: Rooney (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Jamie Rooney

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: N/A
Touch: N/A
Reserve Referee: N/A

THE INSIDE TRACK

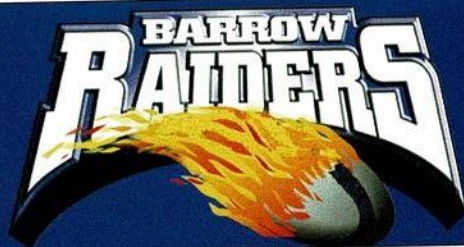
The balance of power has swung in Cumbria. Barrow by 16

COACH: GED STOKES

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL
LAST SIX AWAY: LLWLLL
TRIES: Calvert (6), Rudd, Eilbeck, Mattinson, R Fox (5)
GOALS: Rudd (43)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Carl Rudd

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CLUBCALL

Barrow v Whitehaven

Cumbria should be home to a Super League side!

WELCOME to Craven Park for our game against our neighbours from up the coast, Whitehaven.

Today will be our first league game since our defeat at Halifax and it is important to get back to winning ways.

Whitehaven, as always, will provide a stern test for us and I am sure Ged Stokes will have his team well prepared.

Last week was a tremendous occasion for the club at St. Helens.

Everybody connected with Barrow Raiders, both on and off the field can be very proud of our efforts.

At the end of the game the players and coaching staff were a little disappointed that we didn't win the game, however St. Helens proved what a quality team they are under pressure.

Finally, welcome to the supporters, directors, coaching staff and players of Whitehaven. I have nothing but praise for everybody connected with Haven.



Cumbria is a fantastic place to be involved in Rugby League and I believe the work done over the last decade in the county has proved that a Super League club would

thrive in this part of Europe!
Enjoy the game,
Steve Mack

Steve McCormack
Head Coach

Saints' Paul Clough meets typically resolute defence from the Barrow boys

Huge pride from Saints match

Good evening everyone and a warm welcome to the players and staff of Whitehaven to our Furness Heating Components Stadium

Well I hope we find you all fully recovered and refreshed from the travels to St Helens and Widnes.

At the time of scripting this I obviously can't speak about the Widnes encounter but the St Helens display I can.

I was swollen with pride to witness the display posted by the team and at 16-12 there was a euphoric feeling that maybe there could be something in it for us.

Alas the full time athletes began to wear us down in the last quarter of the game and added to the points tally to give a numerical view of an easy win.

Well the accolades that were bestowed on our players by the St Helens team were very much that from a team that were made to battle all the way.

When current Gt. Britain internationals heap praise on your performance you know you have given a good account of yourself and each and every member of the team's infrastructure can feel justifiably proud of their achievements.

Well done one and all.

Of course it is no good posting performances like that against teams from the Promised Land and then relaxing against opposition from your own division.

We were well below our desired level against a Halifax side that do not require a second invitation to score an easy try

last time out in the league.

Tonight will be a similar case if we afford Whitehaven the same level of respect.

Earlier in the season up at Whitehaven I felt we controlled the game in the fact that we wore the Whitehaven lads down.

The format of this game will be of a similar pattern as the opposition are also a proud bunch of individuals who want the bragging rights back and do not want to be the first Haven team to have inflicted upon itself an unwanted double from the Raiders for many a year.

I hope you all enjoy the match and I will see you in the bar after the match.

Jon Livesey
Vice Chairman

Halifax RLFC v



Dewsbury Rams



Sunday June 6, 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 Kieftly 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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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 Stenchion.....	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

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL

LAST SIX AWAY: LWLLLL

TRIES: Turner (8) Powell (7)

Bostock, Spurr, Robinson (5)

GOALS: Walker (37)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Rob Spicer

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: N/A

Touch: N/A

Reserve Referee: N/A

THE INSIDE TRACK

Rams showing great resolve but Fax running too hot. Halifax by 16

COACH: MATT CALLAND

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWW

LAST SIX HOME: WLLWWW

TRIES: Royston (19) Worrincy (14)

Branighan (11)

GOALS: Paterson (88)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Shad Royston

CLUBCALL

Halifax RLFC v Dewsbury



It's a topsy-turvy game as Stan Gene shows with this acrobatic touch-down in the win against Barrow at The Shay

Critical week lies ahead

Dewsbury Rams were the first side to visit the Shay at the start of the 2010 season. I remember that it was bitterly cold, the East Stand was (still) not ready, and Halifax produced a hard fought 24-0 victory.

After the match, I ventured the opinion to my opposite number Mark Sawyer that Dewsbury, who had returned to the Co-operative

Championship, "would be alright, if they play like that." In the intervening period, a lot of water has passed under the bridge, and in some respects this has become a season to forget.

But from the Halifax point of view, the positives have been the opening of the East Stand, and a major turn around from a spell of very poor form which saw elimina-

tion from the Northern Rail Cup and which threatened to remove all prospects of success in the Championship.

Now the whole season could hang on two matches within a week, home to Dewsbury Rams and Featherstone Rovers.

Dewsbury are far from the pushovers their league position might suggest.

The combination of a crip-

pling injury list and unlucky bounce of the ball has given them a false position - a fact they demonstrated, clearly, last weekend with a bonus point, which some reports suggest should have been a win, at Featherstone. We will treat them with respect, they have earned it.

The weather forecast suggests that this match will be played in proper summer conditions. I am one of those who questions the point of a 'summer' season starting in January or February.

The game, now, is about running and handling, and last weekend at Leigh, or the previous weekend at Keighley, demonstrated how entertaining that can be. I'd like to think that a Halifax win could be safe, early, but I'm pretty sure we'll be on the edge of our seats throughout.

Bring on the entertainment.

Michael Steele
Chairman



The Fax defence closes in on Martyn Ridyard in the win at Leigh

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Gateshead Thunder v



Swinton Lions



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SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Querido & Davidson Opticians.....	Kevin Neighbour	1
Lome 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 Aderiyi	32
NESLC.....	Josh Stoker	33

COACH: CHRIS HOOD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL
LAST SIX HOME: WLLLLL
TRIES: Wilson (6), Atkinson (4)
Aderiyi, Neighbour, Duffy (3)
GOALS: Neighbour (10), Clarke (8)
DROP GOALS: -
MAN TO WATCH: Ade Aderiyi

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

COACH: PAUL SMITH

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLW
LAST SIX AWAY: WWLLW
TRIES: Foxen (9), Wilson, Joseph (6)
Five players on 5
GOALS: Dodd (32) Holroyd (13)
DROP GOALS: Holroyd (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Rob Foxen

THE INSIDE TRACK
Tough to see Gateshead getting on track here. Lions by 16

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: N/A
 Touch: N/A
 Reserve Referee: N/A



CLUBCALL

Gateshead v Swinton

We've more than meets the eye

TWO notable events happened to me last Sunday. The first was that Gateshead Thunder 1st Team lost to Rochdale.

For many people that will be all they know about Thunder. I was recently surprised to be told that someone knew enough as they had seen the scores, knew the attendances, knew that we were up-to-date on tax and had seen our community figures.

That doesn't tell anyone the real story – and that was the relevance of the 2nd notable event.

I walked down to the game with one of our under 18 players. He told me that he had first seen rugby league at the age of six when he was bought a 1999 Super League Gateshead Thunder season ticket.

At the age of 14 he had decided against rugby union and persuaded his parents

to ferry him miles to a junior rugby league club. Three years later he has now made his debut for the 1st Team. It struck me that actions might not pay off immediately but investment is rewarded in time.

And I've used the words "1st team" and "club" deliberately as we are more than just the Championship One side. We have an under 16 squad, an under 18 team in the National Youth League

and the beginnings of a reserve team - if it were not for the RFL's short sightedness, they too would be playing in a league structure.

Gateshead Thunder is a club. It might not be this season, but we will become a strong club with your support.

Enjoy the game.

Rod Findlay
Chairman

Winning 'go-forward' is vital to our progress

GOOD afternoon and welcome to everyone from Swinton Lions.

I understand that Swinton are going through a few difficulties that unfortunately come with change, but with perseverance and determination, I'm sure that it will come for the club and it's fans.

Last week was a disappointing performance as we seemed to stop going forward on our progression as a fledgling team.

We struggled to cope with Rochdale's go-forward, thus giving them control of the ruck and ultimately the game.

We have discussed it as a team and where we need to go to improve our performance for today's game.

We are now set for our Under 16 Extended Scholarship programme, our Under 18 National Youth League team, our Centre of Excellence with Durham Tigers in South Durham and our continued progression with a reserve team.

We now have a competent and productive pathway to give junior players and coaches the opportunity to gain real experience and the chance to play professional rugby league.

This club is finally giving real opportunities to the people that count across our football, commercial and



Richie Humphries in action during the Thunder's first ever encounter with South Wales Scorpions

community departments, all within our first year as a new club and business.

As I always say, I am extremely proud to be associated with Gateshead Thunder and its players,

staff, volunteers, sponsors and supporters.

Enjoy the game.

Chris Hood
Director of Rugby

Oldham RLFC v



Blackpool Panthers



Sunday June 6, 2010. Kick off 3pm. WHITEBANK STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Mack Video Services.....	Paul O'Connor	1
Rob the Gardener.....	Lucas Onyango	2
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
John & Lynda McAndrew.....	Kashley Watkins	12
Mick Harrop.....	Joe Chandler	13
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
Oldham RLFC Players Association.....	Scott Mansfield	25
Oldham RLFC Players Association.....	Ian Hodson	26
Howarth Flooring Contractors.....	Jamie l'Anson	27
Oldham RLFC Players Association.....	Luke Sutton	28
AMP Wire.....	Goal Kicker Gregg McNally	

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No.	PLAYER
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

COACH: TONY BENSON
Sponsor: G&G Carpets and Bed Centre

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWLW
LAST SIX HOME: WWLWLL
TRIES: Onyango, Fogerty (13), O'Connor (11) Gillam (8)
GOALS: Ashe (59)
DROP GOALS: -
MAN TO WATCH: Mick Fogerty

MATCH OFFICIALS
Referee: N/A
Touch: N/A
Reserve Referee: N/A
THE INSIDE TRACK
A real needle match at top of table. Oldham to break new home duck by 4

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWLW
LAST SIX AWAY: WWWLW
TRIES: Munro (19), Ainscough, Ballard (10) Keavney, Mayberry (9)
GOALS: Hemingway (58), Leather (16)
DROP GOALS: Leather (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Damien Munro

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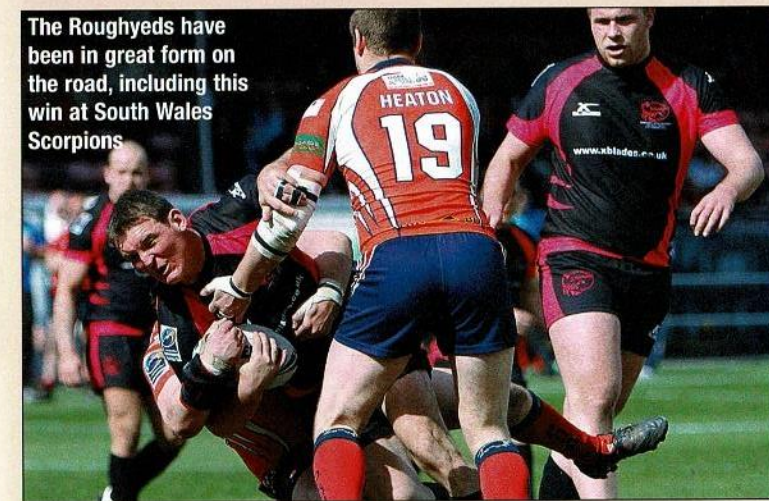
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CLUBCALL

Oldham v Blackpool

The Roughyeds have been in great form on the road, including this win at South Wales Scorpions



A great bunch here all round

Welcome to Whitebank Stadium for this afternoon's game. With Blackpool having suffered their first defeat of the season last Sunday the competitive nature of the division was again underlined. We showed a lot of courage and application to get a win up at Workington especially as we had a poor first 25 minutes. This team however has already demonstrated this season that it has a strong resolve amongst its ranks and last Sunday was further demonstration of that.

The games at our new home are certainly coming thick and fast for both the first team and the reserves and the match day operation is getting more comfortable each time we play here. I would like to thank everybody who works on a match day, both volunteers and staff, for their renewed efforts at our new home which already has a good feel about it.

We have more development work to complete yet which is obvious but everybody connected with the club is pulling in the same direction and together we can make things happen. This season our reserve team again looks to have some real good exciting players and John Hough and his squad have worked hard throughout the winter months and into the season on lots

Chris Hamilton
Chief Executive

of different aspects which are all designed to hopefully pushing players through to professional contracts and the first team. We have always prided ourselves on our ability to give opportunities to such players and will continue to do so. If you get the chance please come down to the ground and watch them in action as they deserve your support. You never know you might be one of the first to see some future internationals playing! Let's hope we again have good numbers attending which has been the case so far at Whitebank as this makes all the difference to club's financial health. Everybody within the game is facing hard times (nothing new there then!) and it is a difficult balancing act finding a good competitive side within a tight budget. With that in mind our new home can hopefully be the catalyst for the club to go from strength to strength. There will inevitably be blips along the way but if we all keep believing we will eventually get there - after all dreams do come true because we have a ground! Enjoy the game and please get behind the lads.

Workington always tough so result was excellent

IT WAS a great feeling heading back on the long trip from Workington with three points in the bank. Workington away is a tough assignment on its own without heading up there the week after the 60 point hammering Hunslet delivered us on our home pitch. I take my hat off to the players for mental toughness they displayed. To remain confident in themselves and each other is a very difficult task after a sound beating. I'm not saying I didn't expect them to bounce back because they are a special bunch of players who have punched well above their weight for almost half the season. They have high expectations of themselves and each other and are not happy to deliver anything but their very best.

I also take my hat off to the staff that are true professionals and also remained positive and began rebuilding the moment the final whistle sounded. And of course I take my hat off to the board and true Oldham fans who offered nothing but genuine support right through the week. Your positive attitude and support is immense and one of the most important components in a strong and stable club. Adversity only makes us all stronger and on this occasion the test was not if and why we fell, but how we got up, and last week's positive result against Worky was true testament to what the Oldham Club has become, and the great future we have in front of us. I'll take this opportunity to welcome everybody from Blackpool to our ground and we hope you enjoy the experience in the heartland of Rugby League. Enjoy the game.

Tony Benson
Head Coach

Trust in Widnes takes RL for a real ride...

FOCUS ON the organisation bringing a new perspective to running Rugby League clubs

I'm Laura Harrison and I'm responsible for the development of rugby league supporters trusts for Supporters Direct. Hello and welcome to the second edition of my new column aiming to highlight the fantastic work being done by supporters' trusts across rugby league.



Many people ask me exactly what a supporter's trust does and to be honest, there isn't a set answer. A key message for all trusts is that they should be aiming to return the club to its fans and increase community involvement and one trust doing just that is Trust in Widnes (TiW), the supporters trust made up of Widnes Vikings fans.

The volunteers at TiW have been doing a sterling job in promoting rugby league in their local area and I caught up with them to find out a little more about their latest project – the Mersey Vikings.

So, what made you decide to develop the community role of the trust?

We see developing the game as a key factor in increasing crowds, not just for the Vikings but across rugby league.

We're really proud to be involved with rugby league and we want to see as many people as possible getting the same enjoyment as we do from it.

Working in the local community seems to be the best way to do that and hopefully the more work we, and others, can do, the stronger the game will be in the long run.

Who are the Mersey Vikings and how did the idea come about?

The Mersey Vikings are a new wheelchair tag rugby league team based in Widnes. We've been instrumental in setting up the team and we're hopeful they'll be a real success in the area.

We initially picked wheelchair rugby league as we noticed that since England won the 2008 wheelchair World Cup, the popularity of the sport has been increasing but wasn't really represented in our area. We're all big rugby league fans and we wanted to do something to increase participation in rugby league.

And how did you go about getting the team together?

Obviously there was a lot of money to be raised which we managed to secure through grant funding. This money was used to purchase 10 specifically adapted chairs and some of it was also used in the organisation of our launch events.

We worked closely with the Local Authority and Sport Development Officers to ensure we had a good base for developing the team and also took the idea to local schools and colleges to raise awareness and interest in what we were trying to do.

It was also very important to us, as it is for all voluntary organisations, to utilise any contacts we had so we were able to secure favours in a number of areas such as catering and marketing in return for publicity.

I was at the launch of the team and had a fantastic day; can you describe how it went?

The overall launch of the team was split into three smaller events. On the Friday afternoon, we had an open-house taster session at Riverside College and encouraged students and staff alike to come down and give the sport a go. Many of them really enjoyed it and the college have now offered us the use of their sports hall for training and matches plus storage of all the equipment in return for the use of it.

They're also planning to add wheelchair rugby league to their curriculum.

Saturday was the most high profile day for us. It started with an exhibition day featuring two matches. First up we had a warm-up fixture pitting staff and students from Riverside College against each other.

We were then really lucky to have the England Wheelchair RL team against a team from the Steve Prescott Foundation. It was a great day and we had a crowd of around 200 people which was fantastic. The event was also featured on Granada TV news and Boots n' All.

Finally we held a Sportsman's Dinner at Widnes Masonic Lodge with over 100 people in attendance, including Steve Prescott, Dave Woods and Robbie Paul.

Overall, the event was a massive success and the Vikings are now up and running and looking forward to their first



Members of the Trust in Widnes tag team with Paul Sculthorpe and the Supporters Direct Challenge Cup they won

season. They're fully registered with the RFL so will receive all of the support other community clubs do and the inclusiveness of the sport means that players can come from literally anywhere – there are no barriers.

Fantastic stuff, so what would you say to anybody else thinking of taking the supporters trust route?

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Martin Norris with Steve Prescott MBE at the event to launch the Mersey Vikings wheelchair rugby team

Jones drops in to lift May honour

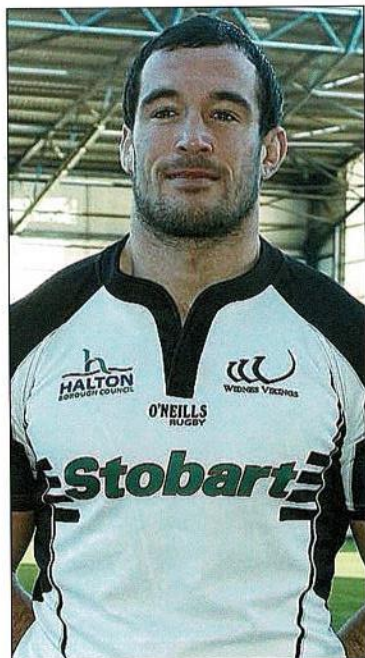
PLAYER OF THE MONTH - MAY **DANNY JONES, KEIGHLEY COUGARS**

It's been a strange month in the Co-operative Championship, what with Halifax being thrown out of the Challenge Cup but surging with their league form, leaders Featherstone losing their unbeaten record and gallant Dewsbury still battling away winless – but giving a few teams a scare!

For the performance of the month it was a toss-up between two Thursday night tv thrillers – Toulouse, inspired by Nathan Wynn, turning over Featherstone at the Bigfellas Stadium, and battling Keighley ending Sheffield's run of four wins, again away from home.

But for his sensational form in that game, hitting the 'shanghai' of a try, six goals and the last-gasp, match-winning drop goal, Cougars scrum half Danny Jones lifts the Player of the Month Award for May.

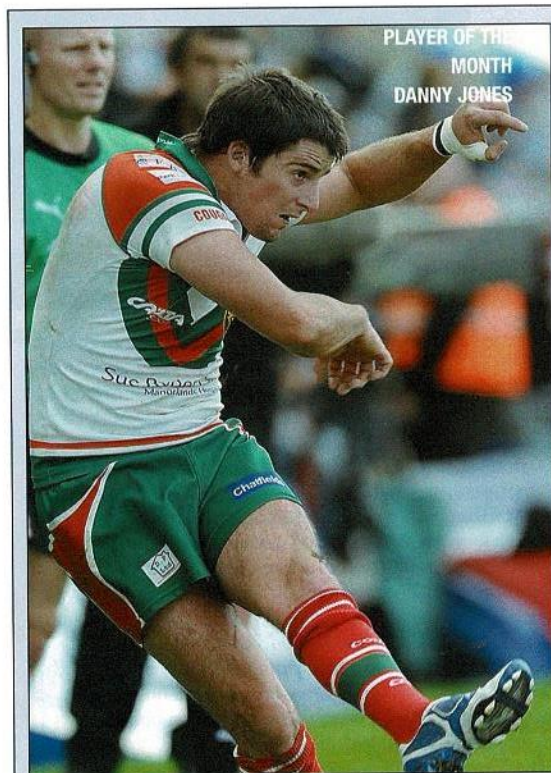
Jones had to fight off the challenge of Wynn for the scrum half berth and he is joined in the halves by Batley's Paul Handforth, who was outstanding as the Bulldogs wracked up wins over Whitehaven, and notably Widnes away.



LEE DORAN – MR VERSATILE

Handforth, ever the crafty playmaker, has forged a great partnership with youngster Gareth Moore, and had to be at his best to resist the claims of Leigh's ever-maturing Martyn Ridyrd and Halifax's off-season recruit from Gateshead Luke Branighan, who has been fundamental to Fax's recent form.

On the flanks Tommy Saxton has been a potent strike force for Featherstone while Rob Worrincy's power

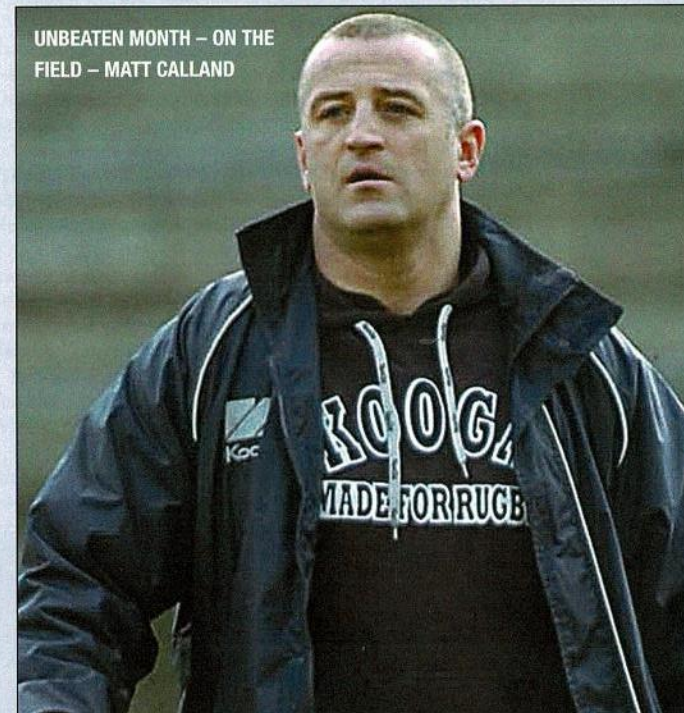


CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM OF THE MONTH

- 1 Shad Royston (Halifax)
- 2 Tommy Saxton (Featherstone)
- 3 Ned Catic (Barrow)
- 4 Danny Maun (Batley)
- 5 Rob Worrincy (Halifax)
- 6 Paul Handforth (Batley)
- 7 Danny Jones (Keighley)
- 8 Brendan Worth (Toulouse)
- 9 Craig Cook (Sheffield)
- 10 Sean Hesketh (Batley)
- 11 Tommy Goulden (Leigh)
- 12 Lee Doran (Widnes)
- 13 Dave Armitstead (Leigh)

Cup debacle can't halt Calland's men

UNBEATEN MONTH – ON THE FIELD – MATT CALLAND



COACH OF THE MONTH - MAY **MATT CALLAND, HALIFAX RLFC**

HALIFAX coach Matt Calland found himself briefly suspended in the wake of the club's disqualification from the Challenge Cup, before football manager Martin Hall took responsibility for the mix-up over Michael Ostick's appearance against Swinton Lions and stepped down.

The controversy and disruption notwithstanding, Calland led his men stoically on through an unbeaten month which saw them propelled onto the heels of leaders Featherstone and Leigh.

Most importantly, they recorded wins over two of their likely title contenders in Barrow and Leigh and with a game in hand can get within three points of Featherstone, whose serene form was rudely interrupted by a narrow home defeat to the Frenchmen from Toulouse.

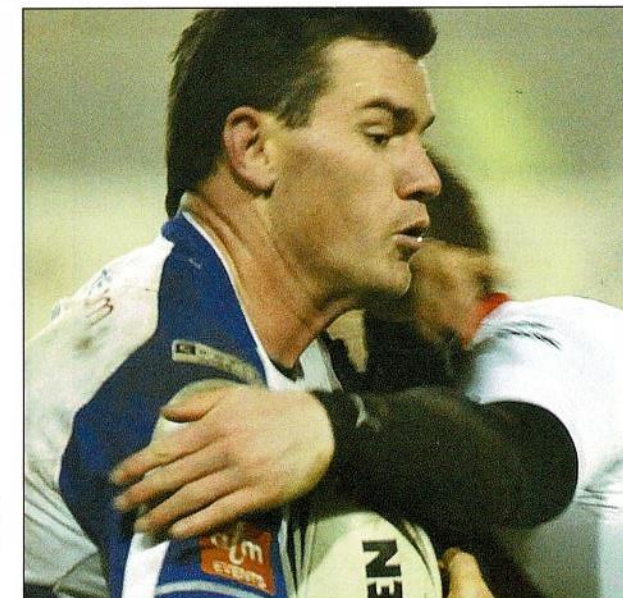
and pace was to the fore with a hat-trick as Halifax disposed of Leigh in a high-scoring thriller at the Sporting Village.

Shad Royston again takes the full-back berth for his assured work and try-scoring nous, and filling out the three-quarters are a 'repeater' in Ned Catic, this time switched from the back row to centre where he has deputised in excellent style for Steve McCormack's men, and Batley evergreen Danny Maun, the stylish centre impressing throughout the month.

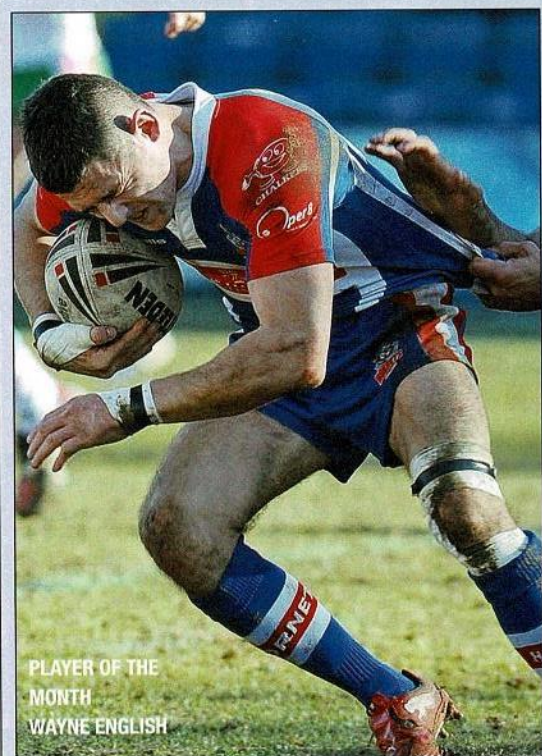
Apart from imposing TOXII prop Brendan Worth there's a new look to the pack for May. Craig Cook, Sheffield Eagles' arch-try sniper, plays at 9 with the Bulldogs' consistently rumbustious Sean Hesketh the other prop.

Another with great utility value has been Widnes Vikings' Lee Doran, doing everything Paul Cullen could ask of him in a difficult month for the Stobart Stadium men, and he is joined in the backrow by the Leigh pair of Tommy Goulden and the ex-Barrow Aussie import Dave Armitstead.

SHAD ROYSTON –
LETHAL FROM
FULL-BACK SPOT



English makes merry in May



PLAYER OF THE MONTH
WAYNE ENGLISH

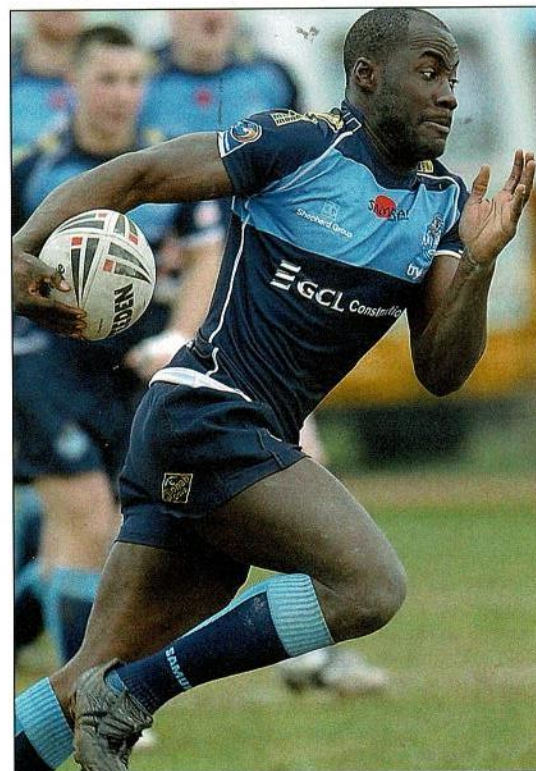
PLAYER OF THE MONTH - MAY WAYNE ENGLISH, HORNETS RL

MAY Championship 1 Player of the Month Wayne English is a legend at Swinton Lions – but the extra lease of life he has found at new club Hornets RL was exemplified in a period when he started and ended the month with hat-tricks.

In sealing the full-back spot English also edged out Paul March who had an almost – almost – irresistible claim to both the Player and Coach of the Month crowns as he literally led the irrepressible Hunslet Hawks unbeaten through the month.

Instead, March has to settle for the consolation of the scrum-half jumper in the May line-up.

It was an up-and-down month for the York City Knights but winger Dennis Tuffour has been in great form and he



DENNIS TUFFOUR - ON SONG FOR THE CITY KNIGHTS

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP 1 TEAM OF THE MONTH

- 1 Wayne English (Hornets)
- 2 Dennis Tuffour (York)
- 3 Shaun Leaf (Doncaster)
- 4 Wayne McHugh (Hunslet)
- 5 Damien Munro (Blackpool)
- 6 Paul Crook (Hornets)
- 7 Paul March (Hunslet)
- 8 Paul Raftery (Hornets)
- 9 Phil Wood (Hornets)
- 10 Jason Boults (Oldham)
- 11 Mike Whitehead (Workington)
- 12 Tommy Haughey (Hunslet)
- 13 Craig Ashall (Hornets)

is joined on the flanks by Blackpool's Damien Munro, in a month where league action was restricted for the Panthers, in part due to their Challenge Cup heroics.

Despite their amazing 132-0 drubbing of Gateshead Munro is the only Blackpool player to make the May team.

Workington's Mike Backhouse and Swinton's Rob Foxen were also strongly considered.

In the centres are the Hawks' Wayne McHugh, who has been prolific with both try and goal scoring performances, despite sharing the kicking duties with David March. It is a repeat appearance in the side for McHugh. Joining him is perhaps a surprise selection is Doncaster's Shaun Leaf.

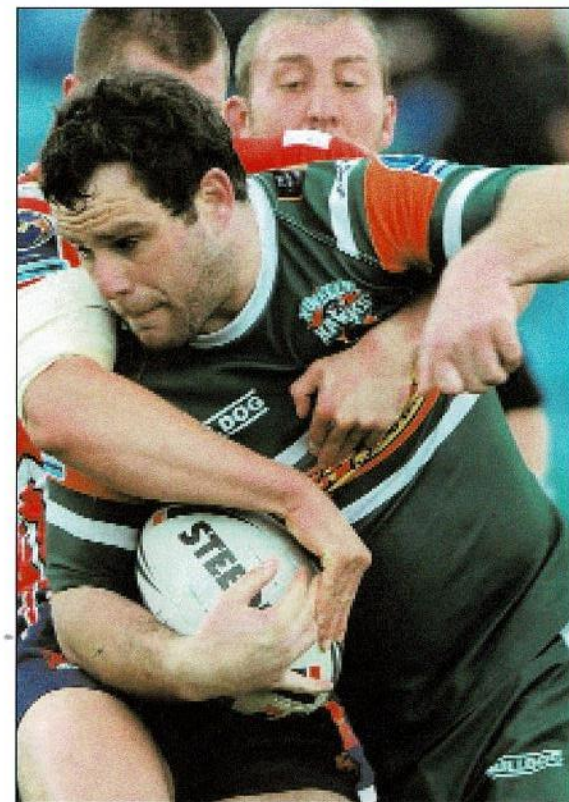
Leaf starred in the Dons' 16-0 victory over Swinton and maintained his good form, seeing off strong challenges for the centre berth from Hornets' reinvigorated Damien Reid, Oldham's Mick Fogerty and South Wales Scorpions' Ash Bateman.

Doncaster's Simon Brown and 'exile' in South Wales Loz Wildbore get honourable mentions for the stand-off berth, but Hornets goalkicking playmaker Paul Crook partners Hunslet's Paul March in midfield.

In the pack only Hornets' in-form Craig Ashall retains a spot from April and he is switched to the loose-forward berth, seeing off the challenges of David March and Dons' new signing from the Rams, Rob Lunt, who has added stability to Tony Miller's forwards.

In the back-row are Workington's Mike Whitehead and Hunslet's Tommy Haughey, although Scorpions pair Lloyd White and Christian Roets had strong calls.

Up front there are two more of the Hornets contingent in Paul Raftery and hooker Phil Wood, with Oldham prop Jason Boults getting a nod in what has been a turbulent month for the Roughyeds as they try to settle into their new home.



HUNSLET'S TOMMY HAUGHEY IN ACTION

A coach vindicated

COACH OF THE MONTH - MAY JOHN STANKEVITCH HORNETS RL

IN a difficult start to his tenure at Hornets, ex-St Helens and Widnes star John Stankevitch kept assuring his team that if they stuck to the script then all would come good. It certainly did in May as an unbeaten month and some excellent wins over play-off rivals Swinton and York saw the Hornets surge up the league table above perhaps the better fancied City Knights and even South Wales Scorpions.

Although Hunslet and Oldham still have breathing space and the Panthers have games in hand, Stankevitch, formerly head coach at Doncaster and assistant at Widnes, has managed to gel his team into a unit that will give any team in the competition work to do if they are not at their very best.

It was a tough decision in a period when Paul March also led his team unbeaten throughout, including a demolition of rivals Oldham at their new Whitebank ground. But for the measurable progress he has got out of his side, Stankevitch gets the thumbs up.



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Fairytale over, now real season hots up

THE dream of a trip to Wembley is over for the Championship's last two representatives in the Carnegie Challenge Cup as they went out of the competition to Super League opposition in the quarter-finals.



Barrow Raiders put in a battling performance at St Helens as they were cheered on by around 2,000 travelling fans.

Saints had a 16-6 lead at half-time but that was cut to four points soon after the restart as Ned Catic claimed his second try after a touch of magic by Jamie Rooney. Only as the Raiders tired did Saints take control and book their place in the semi-finals with late tries to win 32-12.

The Barrow performance following on from the win at Castleford will boost the Cumbrians' Super League case.

Coach Steve McCormack said: "We competed really well and at a times looked on a par with St Helens."

It didn't start well for Batley Bulldogs as they faced Catalans Dragons with prop Sean Hesketh sin binned after only 50 seconds.

The French side built up a steady lead although the Bulldogs fans were boosted by tries from Jason Walton just before half-time and soon after the restart from Kris Lythe. There was no stopping the Super League side in the final 40 minutes as they ran in eight of their 13 tries to win 74-12.



IN THE Championship, Sheffield Eagles' four-match winning run came to a halt with a 25-24 defeat at home to Keighley Cougars.

Eagles coach Mark Aston had wanted to put on a show for the Sky Sports cameras at Bramall Lane. There was a nail-biting finish but the show-stopper was the Cougars' Danny Jones who kicked the winning drop goal in the final minute.

Sheffield out-scored Keighley by five tries to three but couldn't match Jones when it came to adding the two-pointers with the scrum-half kicking three conversions and three penalties – plus scoring a try and the vital drop goal.

Cougars coach Barry Eaton said: "The team's character was tested to the full in the last 35 minutes but the boys hung in there and Danny Jones got the opportunity to get the drop goal, missed one but showed great composure to take the second opportunity."

With the Challenge Cup ties there were only two games in the Championship on Sunday but they were significant.

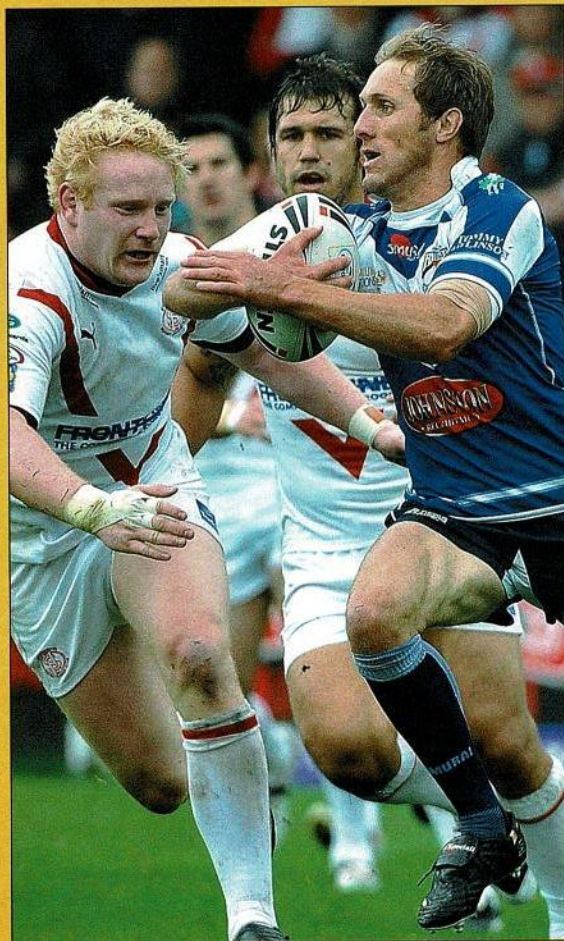
COMING UP...

The Northern Rail Cup is back on the menu with the quarter-finals. It would be difficult to find a more tasty first course than a repeat of last year's final as holders Widnes Vikings have Barrow Raiders as their guests for the Sky Sports game on Thursday.

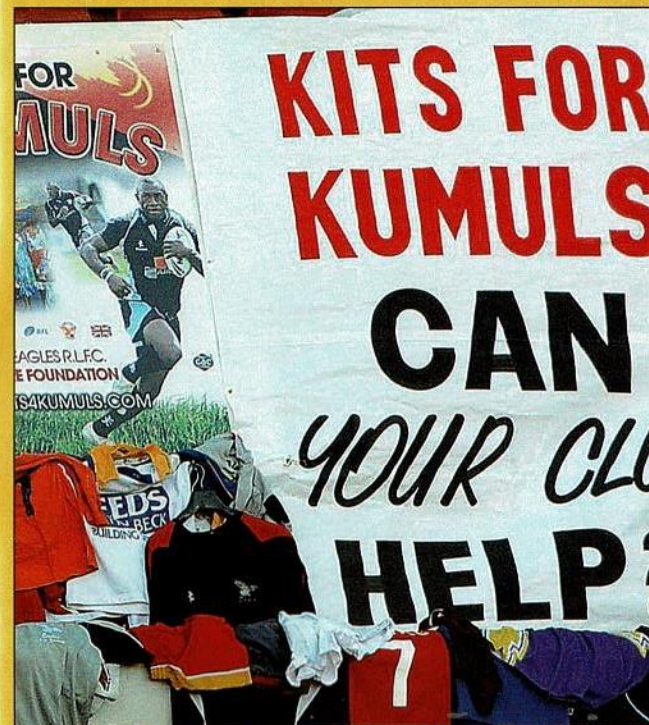
Sunday's games see Championship 1 leaders Hunslet Hawks entertaining a Leigh Centurions side who will want to bounce back in style. Two other sides coming off defeats Batley Bulldogs and Sheffield Eagles clash at Mount Pleasant with Keighley Cougars at home to York City Knights another intriguing tussle.

Dewsbury Rams hope to claim their first win with a tough trip to Halifax before Barrow double up with a home game against Whitehaven on Tuesday.

In Championship 1 there's a cracker in prospect as second-placed Oldham are at home to third-placed Blackpool Panthers. The new-look Swinton Lions travel to bottom club Gateshead Thunder.



Barrow's Gary Broadbent clears his lines against Saints



Menzie Yere's PNG kit appeal took centre stage at Sheffield on Thursday – can you help?

Featherstone Rovers had to thank a late try from Kyle Briggs for a narrow 36-32 win over Dewsbury Rams.

Rovers had been hit by a 16-point blast from the Rams late in the second half that wiped out a 30-16 lead. Briggs finished the game with two tries and five goals.

For the Rams it was the second week running they have lost by two points – they now have seven bonus points but still no win.

The win gives Daryl Powell's team a three point lead at the top of the table helped by Halifax's 46-40 win at second placed Leigh Centurions in a game that produced 15 tries.

Winger Rob Worrincy scored a hat-trick for third-placed Fax as they sent Ian Millward's men down to only their second defeat in the league.



In Championship 1 Blackpool lost their first league game of the season going down 24-22 at York City Knights.

The game was decided in the final minute with Knights' winger Tom Lineham squeezing in at the

corner for a try. Referring to recent disappointing results coach James Radcliffe said "the real York turned up today".

Leaders Hunslet Hawks kept their two-point advantage over second placed Oldham but had to work hard at Doncaster.

Hunslet led 30-8 early in the second half but the Dons came back and earned a bonus point with two late tries with the final scoreline 30-20.

Hawk's player-coach Paul March said: "We didn't show up today – we have some tough games coming up and we have got to play smarter. We are top and clubs are looking to knock us off our perch."

Oldham got back on course and kept up their challenge with a 28-16 win at Workington Town.

Swinton Lions also put recent events on and off the field behind them as they gained a morale boosting 56-28 win over London Skolars. For Skolars it was defeat number 12.

Fellow strugglers Gateshead Thunder were also hit for 50-plus points by visitors Rochdale Hornets. There were hat-tricks of tries for Wayne English and Craig Ashall for Rochdale in the 64-6 win.

Batley Bulldogs 12
T: K Lythe 1, J Walton 1. G: G Moore 2
Catalans Dragons 74
T: Bell 1, Guisset 1, Elima 2, Vaccari 1, Carlaw 1, Fakir 2, Gigot 1, Raguin 1, Ferriol 1, Cassty 1, A. Bentley 1. G: Bosc 11. Att: 2,132
St Helens 32
T: P Clough 2, J Lomax 2, M Gidley 1, J Roby 1. G: J Lomax 3, K Eastmond 1.
Barrow Raiders 12
T: N Catic 2, J Rooney 2. Att: 4,972

Featherstone (18) 36
T: M Coady 1, J Parker 1, K Briggs 2, L Finn 1, R Divorty 1. G: K Briggs 5, L Finn 1
Dewsbury (16) 32
T: B Powell 1, S Turner 2, L Blake 2, A England 1. G: E Barber 4. Att: 1,665

Leigh (18) 40
T: S Donlan 1, S Maden 2, M Ridyard 1, T Goulden 1, D Armitstead 1, M Morrison 1. G: M Nanny 6.
Halifax (24) 46
T: S Royston 1, P White 1, R Worrincy 3, B Black 2, D Nash 1. G: L Paterson 7. Att: 2,536

Sheffield (8) 24
T: M Yere 1, B Lindsay 1, T Exton 1, J Hirst 1, S Barlow 1. G: B Lindsay 1, M Stringer 1.
Keighley (20) 25
T: T Sheldrake 1, J Hutchinson 1, D Jones 1. G: D Jones 6. DG: D Jones 1. Att: 1,271

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	B	Pts
Featherstone	12	11	0	1	437	186	251	1	34
Leigh	12	9	1	2	372	192	180	2	31
Halifax	11	9	0	2	366	302	64	0	27
Barrow	9	6	1	2	297	158	139	0	20
Sheffield	12	5	1	6	304	333	-29	2	19
Widnes	10	5	0	5	338	258	80	3	18
Batley	11	4	0	7	229	268	-39	4	16
Toulouse	11	5	0	6	248	362	-114	1	16
Whitehaven	11	2	0	9	170	377	-207	3	9
Dewsbury	11	0	0	11	192	330	-138	7	7
Keighley	12	3	1	8	239	426	-187	2	4

* Keighley deducted 9pts for going into administration

Doncaster (8) 20
T: D Colton 1, L Crawley 1, S Watson 2. G: S Brown 2
Hunslet (20) 30
T: M Mark 2, W McHugh 1, W Pryce 1, D Grimshaw 1, P March 2. G: D March 1. Att: 550

York (14) 24
T: M Mitchell 1, L Waterman 1, T Lineham 1, J Lee 1. G: L Waterman 4
Blackpool (6) 22
T: J Leather 1, D Munro 1, C Maybury 1, M McCully 1. G: T Hemingway 3. Att: 535

Swinton (28) 56
T: R Foxen 3, R Flocks 1, I Watson 1, P Joseph 2, N Cherryholme 1, D Hawkyard 1, B Johnson 1. G: G Dodd 8.
London Skolars (6) 28
T: J Paxton 1, L Prescott 1, C Hodson 1, G Honor 2. G: L Prescott 1, P Thorman 3. Att: 277

Gateshead (6) 6
T: A Aderiye 1. G: R Clarke 1.
Rochdale (32) 64
T: W English 3, D Reid 1, A Saywell 1, P Crook 1, D Smith 1, C Ashall 3, R Powell 1, D Bloomfield 1. G: P Crook 8. Att: 265

Workington (10) 16
T: M Backhouse 1, J Stack 1, J Marshall 1. G: S Kaighan 1, D Holt 1.
Oldham (18) 28
T: P O'Connor 1, M Fogerty 2, J Boullts 1, D Ellison 1. G: M Ashe 4. Att: 581

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	B	Pts
Hunslet	11	10	0	1	454	143	311	0	30
Oldham	11	9	0	2	343	240	103	1	28
Blackpool	9	8	0	1	421	124	297	1	25
Rochdale	11	7	0	4	419	270	149	2	23
York	12	6	0	6	361	355	6	3	21
South Wales	10	5	0	5	298	201	97	4	19
Workington	11	5	0	6	298	254	44	4	19
Swinton	10	5	0	5	260	305	-45	1	16
Doncaster	12	4	0	8	278	402	-124	3	15
London Skols	12	0	0	12	202	570	-368	2	2
Gateshead	11	1	0	10	138	608	-470	1	-2

* Gateshead deducted 8pts for going into administration

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SUNDAY JANUARY 31 - ROUND 1

Dewsbury Rams 55, London Skolars 4
Leigh Centurions 24, Oldham 12
Blackpool Panthers 22, Keighley Cougars 24

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - ROUND 1

Widnes Vikings 50, Gateshead Thunder 6

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - ROUND 2

Barrow Raiders 34, Blackpool Panthers 0
Batley Bulldogs 30, Widnes Vikings 30
Featherstone Rovers 18, 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 0
Swinton Lions 30, Doncaster RLFC 20
York City Knights 13, Leigh Centurions 12

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 - ROUND 2

Oldham 22, Hornets RL 14

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - ROUND 1

Whitehaven 26, Batley Bulldogs 34

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - ROUND 3

Batley Bulldogs 46, Swinton Lions 10
Keighley Cougars 38, Workington Town 10
Leigh Centurions 36, Featherstone Rovers 6
Sheffield Eagles 40, York City Knights 10
Whitehaven 54, Doncaster RLFC 10
Widnes Vikings 22, Barrow Raiders 20
Blackpool Panthers 74, Gateshead Thunder 6
Hunslet Hawks 26, Oldham 14
London Skolars 0, Halifax RLFC 50
Rochdale Hornets 12, Dewsbury Rams 46

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Oldham 22, Sheffield Eagles 24

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Featherstone Rovers 56, Hornets RL 10

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Dewsbury Rams 22, Leigh Centurions 44

THURSDAY MARCH 4

Hunslet Hawks 0, Featherstone Rovers 60

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

GO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS

THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY

Leigh Centurions 20, Barrow Raiders 20

SUNDAY, 28 FEBRUARY

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

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

THURSDAY, 11 MARCH

Batley Bulldogs 24, Halifax RLFC 34

FRIDAY MARCH 12

Blackpool Panthers 36, Hornets RL 14
Hunslet Hawks 16, Oldham RLFC 29

SATURDAY, 13 MARCH

Whitehaven 34, Toulouse Olympique 20

SUNDAY, 14 MARCH

Dewsbury Rams 10, Featherstone Rovers 40
Keighley Cougars 12, Leigh Centurions 34
Sheffield Eagles 30, Widnes Vikings 44
Doncaster RLFC 8, South Wales Scorpions 18
London Skolars 16, Swinton Lions 52
Workington Town 32, York City Knights 22

THURSDAY, 18 MARCH

Widnes Vikings 28, Halifax RLFC 30

FRIDAY, 19 MARCH

Sheffield Eagles 22, Dewsbury Rams 10

SATURDAY, 20 MARCH

Toulouse Olympique 34, Keighley Cougars 26
Barrow Raiders 6, Featherstone Rovers 20

SUNDAY, 21 MARCH

Leigh Centurions 44, Whitehaven 12
Gateshead Thunder 24, London Skolars 18
Rochdale Hornets 32, Workington Town 24
Swinton Lions 36, Doncaster RLFC 30
York City Knights 25, South Wales Scorpions 24

THURSDAY, 25 MARCH

Keighley Cougars 12, Batley Bulldogs 22

SATURDAY, 27 MARCH

Toulouse Olympique 16, Barrow Raiders 48

SUNDAY, 28 MARCH

Dewsbury Rams 30, Widnes Vikings 36
Featherstone Rovers 54, Whitehaven 18
Halifax RLFC 10, Leigh Centurions 48
Blackpool Panthers 54, Swinton Lions 6
Doncaster RLFC 40, York City Knights 24
Hunslet Hawks 44, Rochdale Hornets 8
South Wales Scorpions 48, London Skolars 6
Workington Town 44, Gateshead Thunder 0

THURSDAY, 1 APRIL

Whitehaven 8, Barrow Raiders 19

FRIDAY, 2 APRIL

Featherstone Rovers 44, Halifax 4
Keighley Cougars 16, Sheffield Eagles 16
Toulouse Olympique 6, Leigh Centurions 36
Batley Bulldogs 22, Dewsbury Rams 8
Hunslet Hawks 54, Doncaster RLFC 12
London Skolars 18, Blackpool Panthers 42
Rochdale Hornets 16, Oldham 22
York City Knights 72, Gateshead Thunder 14

MONDAY, 5 APRIL

Barrow Raiders 50, Sheffield Eagles 4
Dewsbury Rams 10, Keighley Cougars 42
Halifax RLFC 50, Toulouse Olympique 6
Leigh Centurions 26, Batley Bulldogs 4
Widnes Vikings 48, Whitehaven 18
Blackpool Panthers 27, York City Knights 14
Doncaster RLFC 38, London Skolars 28
South Wales Scorpions 12, Hunslet Hawks 52
Oldham 16, Workington Town 14

THURSDAY, 8 APRIL

Halifax RLFC 40, Keighley Cougars 20

SATURDAY, 10 APRIL

Widnes Vikings 38, Toulouse Olympique 42
Barrow Raiders 56, Batley Bulldogs 10

SUNDAY, 11 APRIL

Dewsbury Rams 12, Whitehaven 20
Sheffield Eagles 16, Featherstone Rovers 40
Gateshead Thunder 28 Doncaster RLFC 32
Hunslet Hawks 46, Swinton Lions 12

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

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 6, 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 22, Batley Bulldogs 10

THURSDAY, 13 MAY

Leigh Centurions 30, Widnes Vikings 16

SATURDAY, 15 MAY

Sheffield Eagles 38, Toulouse Olympique 24
Blackpool Panthers 132, Gateshead Thunder 0

SUNDAY, 16 MAY

Halifax RLFC 46, Barrow Raiders 24
Batley Bulldogs 54, Whitehaven 6
Oldham 46, London Skolars 12
Workington Town 34, Doncaster RLFC 20
York City Knights 10, Hunslet Hawks 46

TUESDAY, 18 MAY

Leigh Centurions 16, Featherstone Rovers 24



The Batley defence struggles to contain Olivier Elima as the Catalans Dragons cruised into the Carnegie Challenge Cup semi-finals

WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY

Swinton Lions 6, Batley Bulldogs 58

THURSDAY, 20 MAY

Dewsbury Rams 20, Sheffield Eagles 22

SATURDAY, 22 MAY

Toulouse Olympique 28, Featherstone Rovers 34

SUNDAY, 23 MAY

Keighley Cougars 32, Halifax RLFC 46

THURSDAY, 26 JUNE

Whitehaven 8, Leigh Centurions 12
Widnes Vikings 16, Batley Bulldogs 35
Doncaster RLFC 16, Swinton Lions 0

SUNDAY, 27 JUNE

Gateshead Thunder 24, Workington Town 42
Oldham 4, Hunslet Hawks 60
London Skolars 22, South Wales Scorpions 70
Rochdale Hornets 44, York City Knights 34

THURSDAY, 27 MAY

Sheffield Eagles 24, Keighley Cougars 25

SATURDAY, 29 MAY

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER FINALS
St Helens 32, Barrow Raiders 12
Batley Bulldogs 12, Catalans Dragons 74

SUNDAY, 30 MAY

Featherstone Rovers 36, Dewsbury Rams 32
Leigh Centurions 40, Halifax RLFC 46

MONDAY, 4 JUNE

Doncaster RLFC 20, Hunslet Hawks 30
Gateshead Thunder 6, Rochdale Hornets 64
Swinton Lions 56, London Skolars 28
Workington Town 16, Oldham 28
York City Knights 24, Blackpool Panthers 22

THURSDAY 3 JUNE

NORTHERN RAIL CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Widnes v Barrow 7.30 SKY

SUNDAY 6 JUNE

Keighley Cougars v York City Knights 3.00
Batley Bulldogs v Sheffield Eagles 3.00
Hunslet Hawks v Leigh Centurions 3.00
Halifax v Dewsbury Rams 3.00
Doncaster RLFC v Blackpool Panthers 3.00
Gateshead Thunder v Swinton Lions 3.00

TUESDAY, 8 JUNE

Barrow Raiders v Whitehaven RLFC 7.30

THURSDAY, 10 JUNE

Halifax v Featherstone 7.30 SKY

SATURDAY, 12 JUNE

London Skolars v York City Knights 2.30 (Stoop)

SUNDAY, 13 JUNE

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-BUNDAY, JUNE 19-20

NORTHERN RAIL CUP SEMI-FINALS

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Swinton Lions v Workington Town 3.00
Hunslet Hawks v Blackpool Panthers 3.00
South Wales Scorpions v Hornets RL 2.00

THURSDAY, 24 JUNE

Sheffield Eagles v Barrow Raiders 7.30

SATURDAY, 26 JUNE

Toulouse Olympique v Whitehaven 7.00
Gateshead Thunder v York City Knights 7.00

SUNDAY, 27 JUNE

Dewsbury Rams v Halifax RLFC 3.00
Featherstone Rovers v Widnes Vikings 3.00
Leigh Centurions v Keighley Cougars 3.00
Doncaster RLFC v Rochdale Hornets 3.00
Hunslet Hawks v London Skolars 3.00
Swinton Lions v Blackpool Panthers 3.00
Workington Town v South Wales Scorpions 3.00

SATURDAY, 3 JULY

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

SUNDAY, 4 JULY

Dewsbury Rams v Toulouse Olympique TBC
Keighley Cougars v Featherstone Rovers 3.00
Whitehaven v Widnes Vikings 3.00
Batley Bulldogs v Sheffield Eagles 3.00
Gateshead Thunder v Oldham 3.00
London Skolars v Rochdale Hornets 3.00
Swinton Lions v Hunslet Hawks 3.00
York City Knights v Doncaster RLFC 3.00

SATURDAY, 10 JULY

Toulouse Olympique v Sheffield Eagles 7.00

SUNDAY, 11 JULY

Featherstone Rovers v Leigh Centurions 3.00
Halifax RLFC v Whitehaven 3.00
Widnes Vikings v Dewsbury Rams 3.00
Batley Bulldogs v Barrow Raiders 3.00
Doncaster RLFC v Blackpool Panthers 3.00
South Wales Scorpions v Gateshead Thunder 2.00
Hunslet Hawks v York City Knights 3.00
Oldham v Swinton Lions 3.00
Workington Town v London Skolars 3.00

SATURDAY JULY 17

NORTHERN RAIL CUP FINAL

SUNDAY JULY 18

NORTHERN RAIL CUP FINAL

SATURDAY, 24 JULY

Keighley Cougars v Toulouse Olympique 6.00
Barrow Raiders v Halifax RLFC 6.30
Blackpool Panthers v Oldham 3.00

SUNDAY, 25 JULY

Dewsbury Rams v Batley Bulldogs 3.00
Whitehaven v Featherstone Rovers 3.00
Widnes Vikings v Leigh Centurions 3.00
Gateshead Thunder v Hunslet Hawks 3.00
London Skolars v Doncaster RLFC 3.00

Rochdale Hornets v South Wales Scorpions 3.00
York City Knights v Workington Town 3.00

Toulouse Olympique v Barrow Raiders 7.00
Blackpool Panthers v London Skolars 2.00

SUNDAY, 1 AUGUST
Featherstone Rovers v Sheffield Eagles 3.00
Leigh Centurions v Dewsbury Rams 3.00
Batley Bulldogs v Keighley Cougars 3.00
Doncaster RLFC v Gateshead Thunder 3.00
Oldham v South Wales Scorpions 3.00
Swinton Lions v York City Knights 3.00
Workington Town v Rochdale Hornets 3.00

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 7-8 AUGUST
CARNegie CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINALS

SATURDAY, 7 AUGUST
Toulouse Olympique v Widnes Vikings 7.00
Barrow Raiders v Keighley Cougars 6.30

SUNDAY, 8 AUGUST
Sheffield Eagles v Halifax RLFC 3.00
Whitehaven v Dewsbury Rams 3.00
Batley Bulldogs v Featherstone Rovers 3.00
Gateshead Thunder v Blackpool Panthers 3.00
Hunslet Hawks v Workington Town 3.00
South Wales Scorpions v Doncaster RLFC 2.00
Rochdale Hornets v Swinton Lions 3.00
York City Knights v Oldham 3.00

SATURDAY, 14 AUGUST
Leigh Centurions v Toulouse Olympique 6.00
Blackpool Panthers v Hunslet Hawks 3.00

SUNDAY, 15 AUGUST
Dewsbury Rams v Barrow Raiders 3.00
Halifax RLFC v Batley Bulldogs 3.00
Keighley Cougars v Whitehaven 3.00
Widnes Vikings v Sheffield Eagles 3.00
London Skolars v Gateshead Thunder 2.00
Oldham v Rochdale Hornets 3.00
Workington Town v Swinton Lions 3.00
South Wales Scorpions v York City Knights 2.00

SATURDAY, 21 AUGUST
Toulouse Olympique v Halifax RLFC 7.00

SUNDAY, 22 AUGUST
Featherstone Rovers v Barrow Raiders 3.00
Keighley Cougars v Widnes Vikings 3.00
Sheffield Eagles v Leigh Centurions 3.00
Whitehaven v Batley Bulldogs 3.00
Doncaster RLFC v Workington Town 3.00
Hunslet Hawks v South Wales Scorpions 3.00
Rochdale Hornets v Blackpool Panthers 3.00