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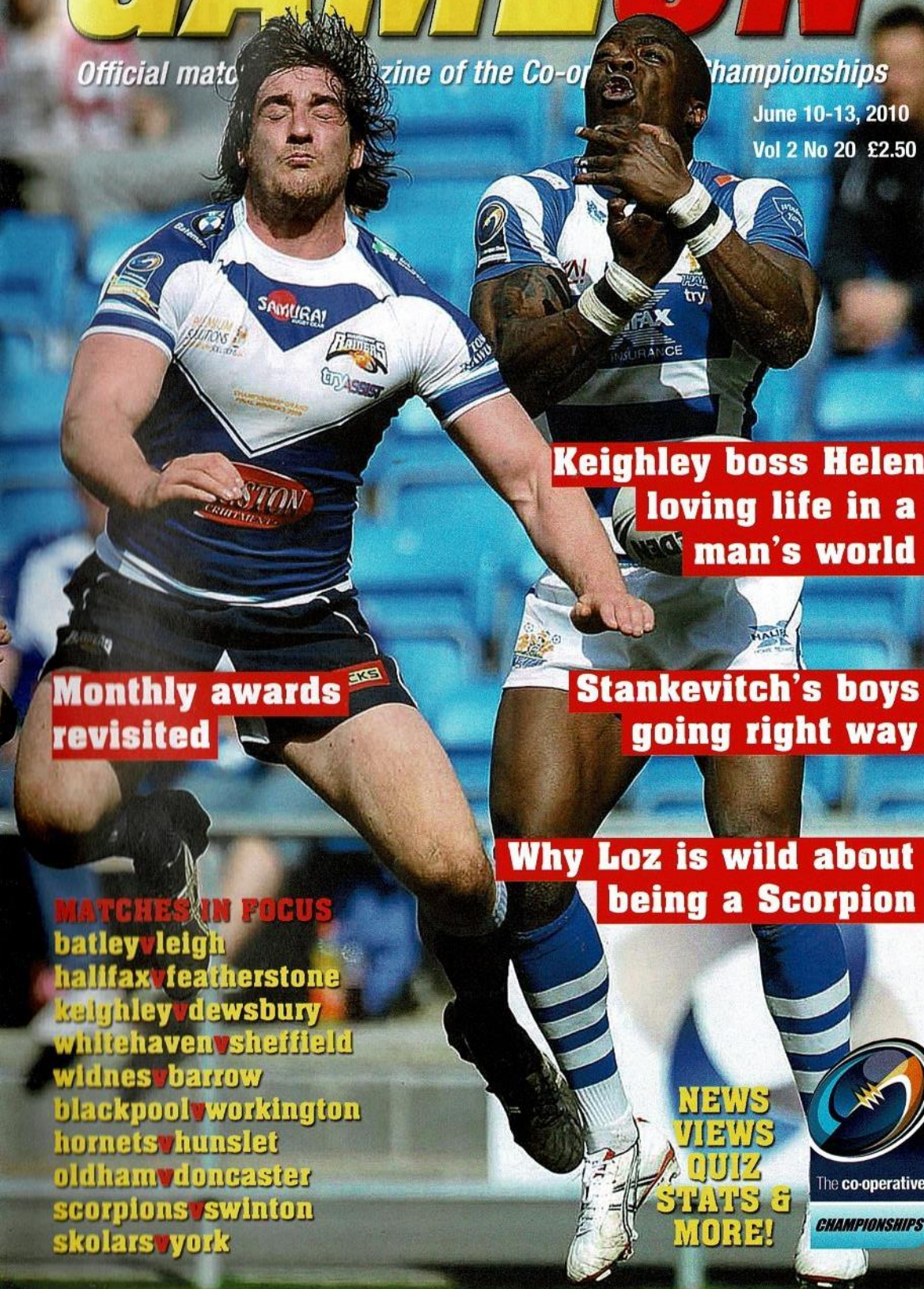
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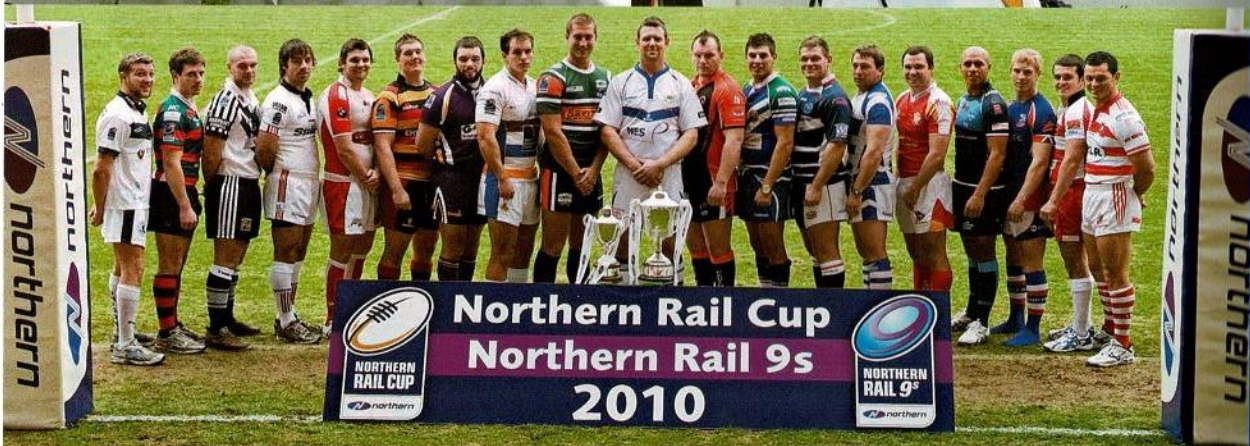


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Underdogs will have their day

So the Northern Rail Cup favourites and past winners of the trophy, Widnes Vikings and Leigh Centurions, have been kept apart in the draw for the semi-finals! But anyone pencilling in a Bloomfield Road meeting for those two had better remember that this is cup football.

British sports fans like nothing better than knock-out competitions, it's probably something to do with our love of the underdog. It also gives some under-performing teams the chance to redeem themselves and Keighley Cougars are a case in point. We all know about the Cougars beginning the season with a nine-point deduction but playing in the Northern Rail Cup has given them the chance to forget all that and compete on level terms.

They reached the semi-finals with a comprehensive 32-6 victory over York and coach Barry Eaton admits that success in the competition has been a huge boost for the club.

They will have home advantage against holders Widnes in what promises to be a cracking tie. Batley Bulldogs, who have shown some real cup fighting qualities this year with a Carnegie Challenge Cup quarter-final appearance already under their belt, fought their way through to the last four with a 26-16 win over Sheffield Eagles.

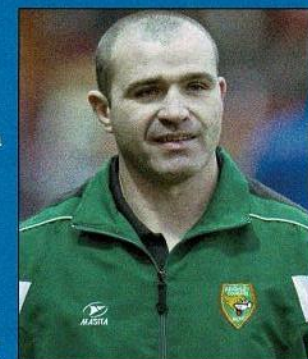
They have been drawn at Leigh in the other semi-final and if they needed any motivation for the tie then the fact that the game will be televised live by Sky Sports should do the trick.

Halifax took the opportunity to close the gap on the leaders in the Co-operative Championship with a 28-8 victory over the Dewsbury Rams and will narrow the gap even further should they overcome Featherstone Rovers in this week's televised game from The Shay.

Oldham became the new Co-operative Championship One leaders following their 40-26 win over Blackpool Panthers. After kicking off the season with eight straight wins the Panthers have faltered of late with two defeats and will be desperate to get back on track against Workington Town.

Hunslet Hawks will be keen to get back into Championship One action after their loss to Leigh in the Northern Rail Cup but they face a tough game at Hornets RL.

London Skolars will be hoping that a change of venue will improve their fortunes when they entertain York City Knights at the Twickenham Stoop on Saturday.



Barry Eaton, Keighley coach

DAVID LAWRENSEN

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Buzzing Hornets have a sting for the bookies!



Co-operative Championship 1 Coach of the Month John Stankevitch talks about his improving team

Report by BEN COLLINS

JOHN STANKEVITCH believes his players aren't the only ones who deserve credit for Rochdale's recent form - he has the nation's bookies to thank too.

Stankevitch has been named Game On's coach of the month for Championship 1 after the Hornets won all four of their league games in May, propelling them to fourth in the table.

The pre-season prices showed that few fancied Rochdale to make an impression as they were still trying to find their feet after going into administration last year.

And Stankevitch revealed that only served to give his new-look squad even greater motivation heading into this season.

"We looked at the odds at the start of the season and we were pretty insulted, to be honest," he said.

"We were something like 40/1 to win promotion, so we were one of the lower ones.

"We didn't set any long-term goals of promotion, we were always going to take it week by week.

"But I don't think we were given anywhere near enough credit for the squad we were recruiting as we should have been.

"We took it personally and made it one of our goals to prove people wrong, and we've been doing that.

"We've been in a great vein of form and credit to the players. I'm excited about what we've done so far because every one of them has pretty much done as well as they can this season."

Stankevitch took over the coaching reins in October and the former Widnes and Doncaster coach had to put his contact book to good use to build his squad.

The 30-year-old could only offer potential signings week-by-week deals and Rochdale made an uninspiring start to the season. But the Hornets have gradually come good, showing that Stankevitch has managed to put a competitive squad together despite his financial restraints.

"I didn't make any signings for this season until November," he said. "We were behind everyone else in terms of recruitment because we're unable to offer contracts - it's all pay-as-you-play money at Rochdale.

"That's a lot different to what other clubs are paying out this year, but we stuck with what we can afford and we're being rewarded by recent performances.



Injury cut short John Stankevitch's promising career, but he's loving the switch to coaching

"There's no-one arrogant enough within the squad to make ridiculous boasts and say 'we're going to do this, we're going to do that'.

"They're just a real hard-working bunch of players with lots of ambition. A lot of them have been let go by other clubs and not been given enough opportunities, and now they're thriving on competing week to week and trying to prove people wrong."

Injuries also influenced Rochdale's slow start but Stankevitch now has a settled squad at Spotland, which has played a big part in the Hornets' turn-around in fortunes.

"In our first six or seven games, we lost a key player through injury early on," he said.

"We lost our captain and hooker Phil Wood against Blackpool after 10 minutes and those kind of injuries take a lot out of you.

"We didn't give a true reflection of ourselves against Blackpool and Hunslet but we've been doing that recently. And I don't think it's any coincidence it's come as those

players with short-term injuries are returning to full fitness.

"We've got a very strong squad at the minute of probably 23 that we're picking from, so there's plenty of competition and all the training sessions are pretty intense.

"We were aware players would come and go throughout the season because you can't keep everybody happy outside the 17.

"We've had players leave but none of them had made a massive impact and left us in the lurch.

"What I've tried to do is be smart and chop and change every week to make sure we use the full squad. And we've got the better players in the key positions - full-back, 13, 9, six and seven.

"In terms of next year, I'd be more than happy to run with what we've got here now and continue to build."

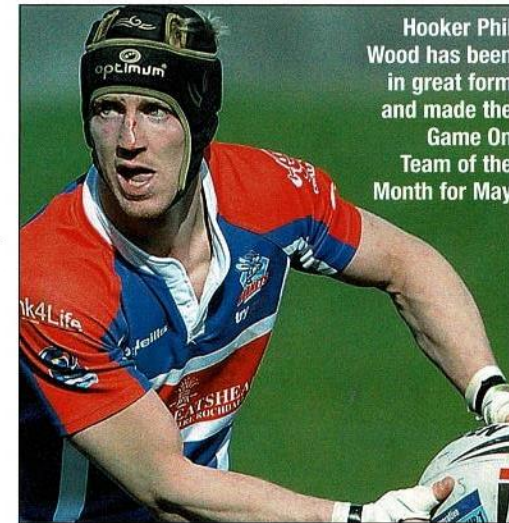
Besides Wood, full-back Wayne English and loose forward Craig Ashall have been particularly impressive during Rochdale's resurgence, while wingers Andy Saywell and Bolu Fagborun are getting back to full fitness.

And although Stankevitch believes pace-setters Hunslet and Blackpool are out of reach, he has set his sights on neighbours Oldham.

"We've gone through some up and downs so far but we're starting to gain some momentum," he said.

"I said at the start of the season that I wouldn't have come to the club if I didn't think we could gain promotion.

"I know what I'm dealing with in terms of the players but I'm always confident I can get the best out of the players I've got and I'm doing that so far so everything's going as well as



Hooker Phil Wood has been in great form and made the Game On Team of the Month for May

it can. Individuals will have dips in form but we just need to be resilient. We're looking at a play-off spot as minimum.

"I can't see Blackpool or Hunslet dropping four games but we're certainly confident we can chase Oldham down and we've got them to play too."

As for the club's position off the field, Stankevitch feels things are progressing at the right pace.

He has had the opportunity to bring his own philosophy to the club and he hopes to be

able to offer more conventional contracts for next season in a bid to continue the steady work done so far.

"I came here last October and I think the club was back at a new starting point, which was ideal for me," he said.

"I think where we are today compared to October is a massive difference and everyone's really excited about the back end of the season.

"The commercial side is going really well, we've got a fantastic kit and some great sponsors on board so everything's moving in the right direction.

"Last year the club was in administration and everything was up in the air but our chief executive, Mike Banks, has been excellent. This year's budget was down to the real basics because we didn't want to overspend.

"That's meant we've had to hold back in some areas, which has restricted us, but by July/August we'll be in a better position to see what we can offer next year, and hopefully we can continue to build year on year."



Craig Ashall's form in the back row has earned him a place in the Game On Team of the Month during May's unbeaten run for the Hornets. Full-back Wayne English was Player of the Month (see p32)

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Danny Lockwood

WE'RE getting down to the nitty gritty part of the season now, with the distraction of the Challenge Cup and its various (financial) allures all done and dusted.

The Northern Rail Cup has whittled itself down to the final four, and with it, for some at least, still lingering dreams of achieving on-field qualification via that particular route – the dream that means the ability to apply for an engage Super League licence.

It's a mouth-watering prospect, even if it invariably means inviting heartbreak once more into the fold for some clubs.

Meanwhile in the Co-operative Championships the season has well and truly taken shape. Cold reality has dawned for some, smouldering ambition remains for others and dreams of glory burn on for fewer still. Time then, for this observer to take mid-season stock. We'll start at the bottom for once.

Gateshead and London Skolars find themselves not in unfamiliar territory, struggling to keep up with the (distant) neighbours, but continuing to say the right things, fly the flag of development, and at least operate with a financial reality that, quite possibly, more than a few Super League clubs might aspire to. But still they can be forgiven for dreaming: "Oh for a multi-millionaire to call one's own!" At least a millionaire in it for the long run, not a couple of fickle seasons.

While Doncaster start their own rebuilding programme, more than a few might take note of the progress the newly named Hornets RL – and who the RL fraternity can't resist still referring to as Rochdale – have made as a Supporters Trust. There speaks the future for more clubs, perhaps?

Anthony Seibold and South Wales like to quietly murmur their modest ambitions, but don't be fooled – they wouldn't mind knocking on the door of a C1 Grand Final place once their feet are a bit better under the table. Is this year too soon? Possibly. But stranger things have happened.

Meanwhile ahead of the field Hunslet, among them the best of last season's impressive York team, forge ahead. There was never a chance of them emulating Dewsbury last year after they fell early on against arch-rivals Oldham but since then they have, quite literally, been Marching on. For Oldham or the new-look Blackpool team to unseat them will take some doing. My money, not surprisingly is on the South Leeds lads.

With eight games to play, Keighley's chance of overhauling both Dewsbury and Whitehaven look remote, but they have been a delightful surprise package this season in the Championship, forged almost totally around last season's squad. Barry Eaton's feats cannot be underestimated.

Both Toulouse and Sheffield have flattered to deceive after giving brief glimpses in 2009 of great potential ahead – frustratingly unrealised in both camps – and though Widnes have ebbed and flowed, they at least can point to a crippling injury list that some World War I regiments wouldn't have swapped for.

The chances of Barrow repeating their Grand Final glories are hampered mostly by their own Cup successes, even though they are now out of the Northern Rail – they face making up two or even three games on their title rivals. If they are to repeat, it's very unlikely to be from top spot.

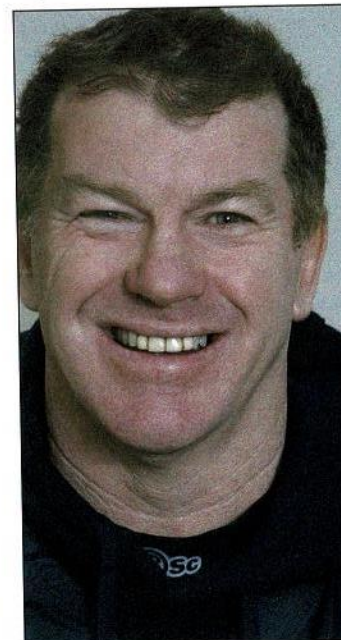
Neither Featherstone nor the Leigh Centurions were on many pundits' lips when we passed judgment at the beginning of the campaign, but Daryl Powell and Ian Millward, being the wily operators that they are, will be taking anything for granted. Not with ante-post favourites Halifax awaking like slumbering giants and suddenly proving themselves more than capable of putting anyone to the sword.

That's why I'm getting such a thirst just thinking about this round's Sky match, Halifax versus Featherstone. How good is this?

Ian Millward
– a wily
operator

What? Pick a Championship winner? You must think I'm daft!

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Loz is just wild about Welsh life

After coming close to packing it all in, Hull-based Loz Wildbore is enjoying a new lease of life, as he told **BEN COLLINS**

LOZ WILDBORE nearly walked away from the game at the end of last season. With training becoming more intensive with Widnes at the top end of the Co-operative Championship, it was beginning to clash with Wildbore's work as a plasterer over in his native Hull.

The 25-year-old had just started his own business and was set to hang up his boots to focus on the day job.

But then came the call from old teammate Anthony Seibold, inaugural coach of the South Wales Scorpions, and everything changed.

"(Widnes coach) Paul Cullen wanted us to train a lot during the day and I was having to give up work days, and it got too difficult in the end," said Wildbore.

"Setting up the business was taking up all the time I had and travelling for training was getting in the way.

"The business has been up and running about seven months now and it took off in the blink of an eye so it was a case of either concentrate on that or rugby.

"Even though I didn't want to quit, it was a case of the business coming first really.

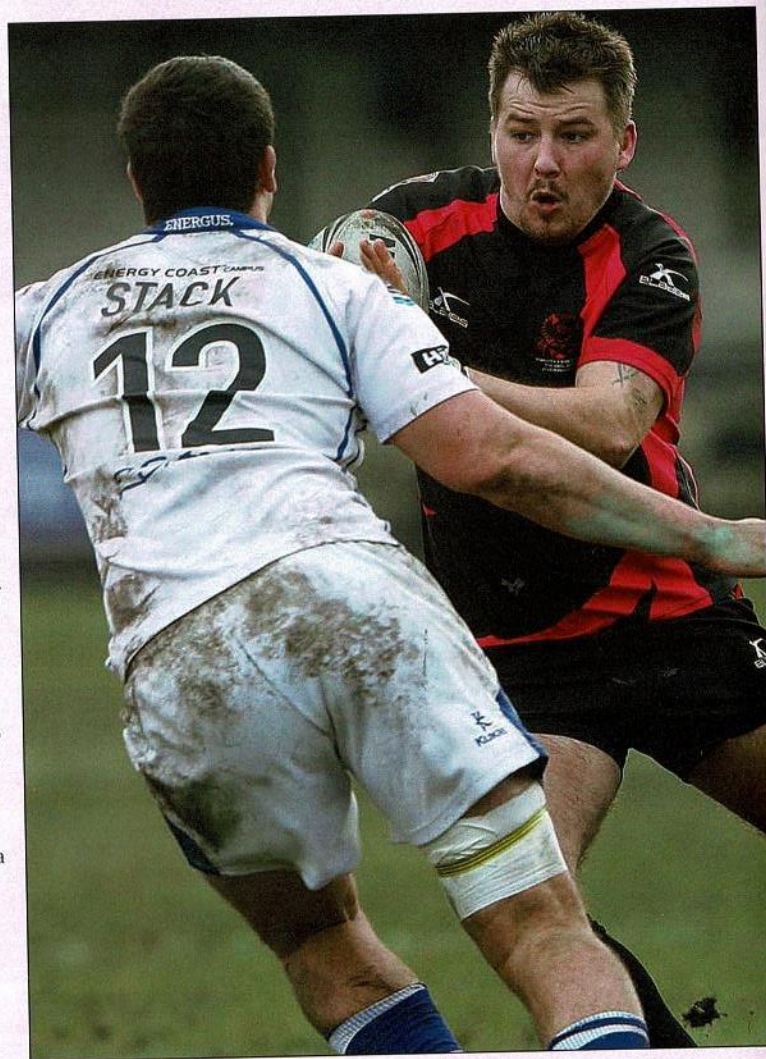
"But Seibs rang, saying he wanted some experience in the side, and it all fitted perfect with work.

"I really wanted the challenge as well. It's great being part of something new. I just couldn't turn it down. It was brilliant timing and it's ended up pretty well for me."

Seibold was coming to the end of his playing career at Hull KR when Wildbore first signed professional and they played together there for two years.

Wildbore has gone on to play for Featherstone and York, and the pair kept in touch while Seibold returned to Australia before becoming part of the Crusaders' management team.

So, aware of Wildbore's situation, Seibold knew who to



Loz takes on Workington's Jarrad Stack from his 'new' stand-off berth

go for when targeting his only 'northern' signing for the Scorpions' maiden season in Championship 1.

"Seibs wanted some experience because they're young lads and most are from a rugby union background," Wildbore said. "He wanted me to play stand-off too and I wanted to become a regular there."

Wildbore had played at six earlier in his career before being used more at full-back and wing in recent years.

"There's a lot more responsibility on me," he said. "The main thing Seibs wanted me to do was direct the lads on the



field and given most of the lads' background, it was a massive task.

"But I've had to adapt to it and although six hadn't been my regular position, I've slotted in really well down there.

"At six, you're always an organiser, and you've got to take on that responsibility. But it's nice to have that on you - knowing that if you're losing you're in a position to really do something about it."

Yet despite being a fledgling outfit, bleeding many local players new to the code, the Scorpions have hit the ground running. They soon confounded the critics by winning three of their first four league games.

Inevitably they could not maintain that momentum but they returned to form with thumping wins at Gateshead and London Skolars to remain well placed for the play-offs.

"I think a lot of people wrote us off before we even started with a lot of the lads being young and from rugby union," said Wildbore.

"But I think we've answered the critics because we've only lost one game where we actually got outplayed - which was against Hunslet (42-12 in April).

"A lot of the games we've lost ourselves rather than the other team winning them, and we've just put 120 points on in two weeks so we're getting there."

So what has been the secret to the Scorpions' surprise success? Wildbore puts it down to both the local players' willingness to learn and Seibold's coaching.

"The lads are really enthusiastic," he said. "A lot of the clubs I've been at you've got a lot of old pro's from Super League and it's just a pay-check really, but down here it's not like that.

"They're just like sponges - they absorb everything you say. They're constantly taking in knowledge, which is great.

"Whenever they've got a question, they're not shy, they'll jump up and ask, 'Where should I be on the field? Where do you want me now?'"

"The lads are out to impress and they're doing that. Jamie Murphy's just signed professional terms with Crusaders so it's working really well.

"My game's improved a hell of a lot too," Wildbore added. "Seibs has got a really good rugby brain and he's also got good man-management skills.

"Coaches usually have one or the other - the man-management or the coaching - but Seibs has a good mix of both. He's more like a friend than a coach."

While Seibold was a familiar face, it has otherwise been a step into the unknown for Wildbore, but he has soon settled into his new routine.

He does conditioning work at a local gym in Hull during the week and makes the four/five-hour drive to Neath on a Thursday afternoon or Friday morning, joining in with a couple of training sessions before the weekend's game.

"I absolutely love it down there," he said.

"It's a weekend away for me - the chairman, Phil Davies, puts me up in a hotel every week. He's been absolutely fantastic.



Coach Anthony Seibold - was with Loz at Hull KR

"The travelling hasn't affected me one bit. I thought it would. I thought 'well, I could sign for a year and see how it goes'. But I get there in good time, get a nice meal down and then get up for training the next morning.

"And not only that, they make you feel really welcome. The atmosphere between fans, players and the coaching staff is brilliant.

"A lot of the locals are really excited they've got another club down there so they didn't have to travel up to Wrexham to watch the Crusaders."

And Wildbore is enjoying it so much with the Scorpions he would be willing to commit to a long-term deal when his current contract expires at the end of the season.

"I can see myself finishing my career there," he said.

"I've had other clubs interested already but to be fair, I'm not really thinking that far ahead.

"I know Phil Davies wants to keep me for next year, which is brilliant. I'd have no hesitation signing my career away there. I've got the business now and the rugby fits in perfect so I really don't think I can be enticed away - even for Super League.

"We're hitting a bit of form now and I want to help Scorpions get promotion. I think we're good enough to, and having been brought down here to help the Scorpions, that would be a big achievement for me."

Helen takes real pride in her Cougar boys



Keighley Cougars General Manager Helen Carter is a career woman forging ahead in a supposed man's world. By BEN COLLINS

SOME PEOPLE would question the wisdom of working a 60-hour week and commuting for three hours each day. But Helen Carter is delighted to be doing just that attempting to steer the Keighley Cougars back in the right direction.

While the Cougars earned promotion to the Co-operative Championship last season by beating Oldham in the Grand Final, the celebrations were short-lived as the club went into administration in December.

The resulting nine-point deduction has left Keighley with

an uphill battle to stay in the Championship, but while Barry Eaton's men are doing their utmost on the field, Helen is putting the hours in off it.

Joining the club as Commercial Manager in 2005, Helen has been

General Manager for the last two-and-a-half years.

Based in Hawes in the Yorkshire Dales, she faces an hour-and-a-half drive to Cougar Park each morning but that is a small price to pay.

"It's a beautiful drive at the moment but in the winter it's hellish," she said.

"But it's great to love where you live and love your job."

Helen's main remit is to oversee sales, marketing and media, and improving the club's image has been a major concern this year.

With many still feeling the effects of the credit crunch, though, Helen is facing many challenges with the Cougars.

"It's still only six months since the club went into administration so a lot of what we're doing now is restoring faith and trust in the club," she said.

"There's a new regime here now and it's going really well. We've made lots of alterations around the ground and there's better entertainment, and crowd figures are going up.

"And that's our biggest task - to increase crowds and to improve our sponsorship profile as well.

"We've had a few new sponsors come aboard that mean a lot to us. Advertising is big at the moment so we're going well there but hospitality's a bit of a struggle.

"Last week we had 95 in the restaurant and this week we've got 30 so that shows it's not consistent.

"And I'd put our community department up there with any Super League club.

"We've just launched the Sporting Chance project, which is a sports-education awards programme. It's being delivered by stand-off Jonny Presley and we're the first rugby league club in the country to do it so we're very proud of that. There's great funding and great plans for that.

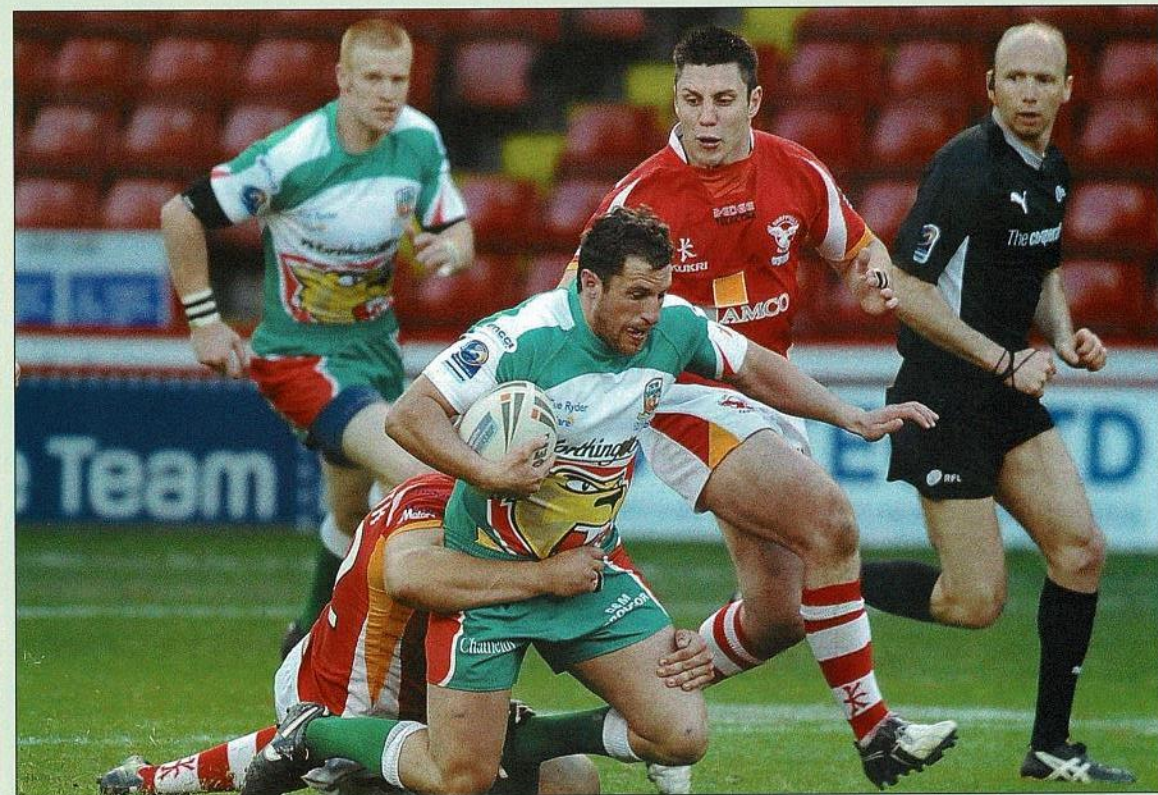
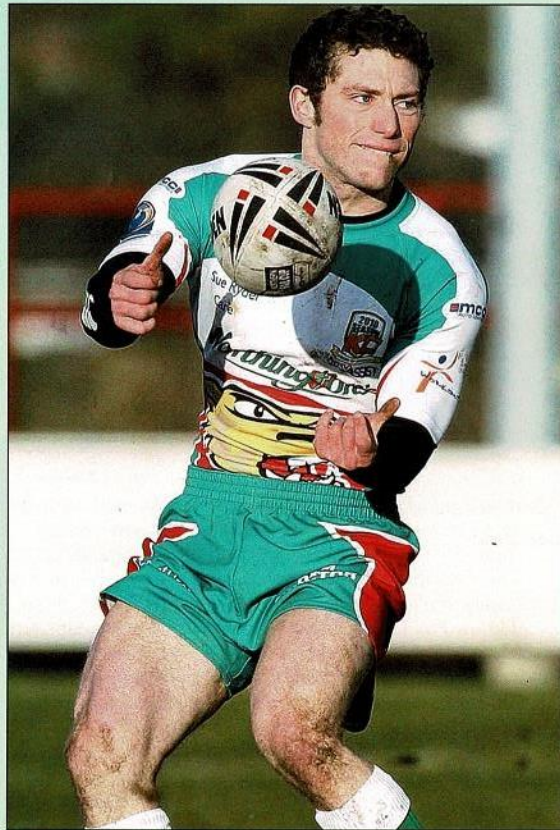
"But there's four directors here besides me and we're all working really hard so I'm not on my own by any means."

To compare Keighley with Super League clubs is no idle

Jonny Presley is doing a fantastic job leading the Cougars' Sporting Chance community project

boast as Helen already has experience in the top tier.

Growing up in Leeds, she played



Carl Hughes is brought to ground in Keighley's thrilling 25-24 win over Sheffield at Bramall Lane recently.

rugby union for Leodiensian Ladies for 10 years and worked for the RFUW for four years as a development officer.

She then took up her first job in rugby league, looking after sales at the Bradford Bulls.

"When I got to 28, I realised I was getting too old and too fat to get around the park any more and that I wasn't going to play for England!" she admitted.

"I was already working for the RFUW but decided to go for the job with Bradford Bulls and it was a fantastic four years.

"They were the club's glory years, and I owe a lot to Bradford because they gave me a great platform to move on."

Helen then spent a year with Sheffield Wednesday football club but soon returned to rugby league.

"When I was with Bradford, we had a merger with the lotteries with Keighley so I got to know everybody there," she explained.

"I thought it was a good family club and I liked the feel of the place.

"After Bradford I did a year at Sheffield Wednesday to see if I could learn something new from how they do things in football but I hated being involved with football because I'm rugby through and through!



"So I put myself back on the market, and it was between Keighley and another club, so I chose Keighley."

While Kath Hetherington has long been chair at Hull FC, Helen is still one of a rare breed as a female administrator in rugby league.

But in 10 years since starting out at Bradford, that has never been an issue.

"I think I was one of the first when I started at Bradford but I've not had any obstacles thrown in my way," Helen said. "I'm open about the fact I'm a gay woman as well and I've had no problems at all.

"And the beauty of working at a Championship club rather than a Super League club is you have that family feel.

"Because there's so much to do and you don't have the same amount of staff that Super League clubs have, you

often have to work six-day weeks and 12-hour days.

"Everyone just gets on with each other and off the field it's the same kind of team as on the field, and that's what I love about this kind of job."

Helen clearly has a passion for the sport and the club that was strong enough to survive last year's off-field problems.

Keighley are determined to put that episode behind them and Helen now sees a brighter future ahead for the Cougars.

"All the staff here tried really hard to avoid it and the Rugby Football League was in regular contact but administration was the only way forward unfortunately," she said.

"Barry and the team have tried very hard to claw the nine points back but if we do get relegated then I'm sure some fans will point to that administration process and rightly so, I understand why they're upset.

"But I hope they also understand that we were left with no choice.

It's been a tough year for everybody - we're trying to rebuild the club and a lot of fans have been getting back out there.

"But if we do get relegated we're making sure we don't have the same financial problems again."

Batley Bulldogs v



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COACH: KARL HARRISON

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Stuart Donlan.....	L.I.S.A
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22	Martin Ridyard.....	Integrated Control Solutions
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COACH: IAN MILLWARD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWLW

LAST SIX HOME: LWLWLW

TRIES: Campbell (20) Preece, Walton (8) Moore (7)

GOALS: Moore (79) Handforth (9)

DROP GOALS: Handforth (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Johnny Campbell

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G Hewer
Touch: J Downham, L Todd
Reserve Referee: D Butler

THE INSIDE TRACK

Batley to gain revenge for Easter defeat at Leigh. Bulldogs to edge it by 6.

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWLW

LAST SIX AWAY: WWWLWW

TRIES: Nany (14), Alstead (10), Donlan (9), Ridyard (8)

GOALS: Nany (79)

MAN TO WATCH: Mick Nany



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Batley v Leigh

Troops mustered by the Bulldogs



Batley Bulldog Danny Maun with Colour Sgt Glen Clayton

BATLEY Bulldogs have teamed up with the Army to offer free entry to all serving soldiers for their home games.

The Bulldogs announced the offer this week after the club's commercial manager Lesley O'Callaghan initially contacted Colour Sergeant Glen Clayton to try and fix up a team bonding exercise for the first team.

However, talks went so well that the Bulldogs also quickly agreed to support the idea of free entry for serving soldiers.

Co-operative Championship sides Halifax, Featherstone Rovers and Swinton Lions have already given the thumbs-up to the scheme and there are hopes that it could be rolled out to many more clubs soon.

"This is a very generous offer and we're really pleased Batley are helping us in this way," said C Sgt Clayton, who manages Wakefield Army Careers Office. "The idea of free entry for

soldiers was put to the RFL last week and I believe they are looking into it. There are a lot of rugby league fans in the Army and it will certainly give them a boost.

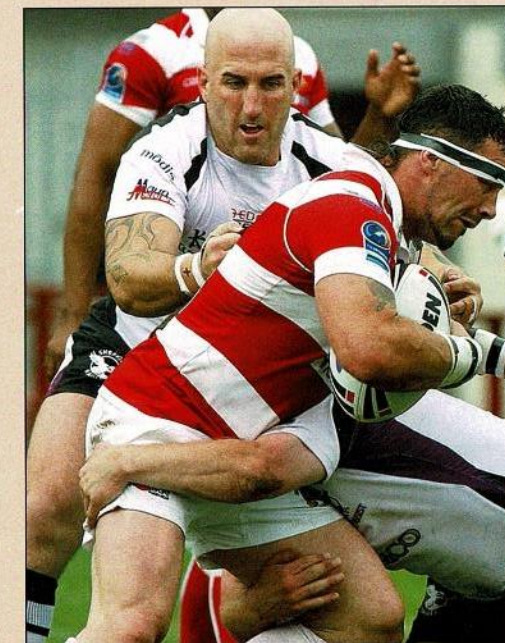
"If we could also get a Super League club on board that would be a massive lift."

Signs will be placed at all turnstiles at Mount Pleasant and Army personnel need to show a valid military ID card to gain free entry.

"It's just a small way of showing our support to the troops and giving something back to them," said Lesley O'Callaghan.

"It's a goodwill gesture. It really won't cost the club all that much and we at Batley Bulldogs hope that all the other professional clubs get on board as soon as possible.

"We want to strengthen our links with the Army locally and this is an excellent way to get started."



Batley forward Ash Lindsay runs into the Eagles' defence in the Northern Rail Cup tie last weekend

Halifax RLFC v



Featherstone Rovers



Sunday June 13, 2010. Kick off 3pm. THE SHAY

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Glenda Shaw.....	Paul White	20
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Glenda Shaw.....	Dave Wrench	22
Griffin Sport & Work Wear.....	Rob Worrincy	23
Glenda Shaw.....	Stephen Bannister	24

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

COACH: MATT CALLAND

COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWW
 LAST SIX HOME: LLWWWW
 TRIES: Royston (19), Worrincy (14)
 Branighan (11)
 GOALS: Paterson (92)
 DROP GOALS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Luke Branighan

MATCH OFFICIALS
 Referee: M Thomason
 Touch: T Crashley, A Sweet
 Reserve Referee: N Aspey

THE INSIDE TRACK
 Both teams scoring points for fun this season. High-scoring duel. Fax by 4.

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWWW
 LAST SIX AWAY: WWLWWW
 TRIES: Parker (16), Briggs (11), Finn, Welham (10)
 GOALS: Briggs (78), Finn (14)
 DROP GOALS: Finn (1)
 MAN TO WATCH: Kyle Briggs

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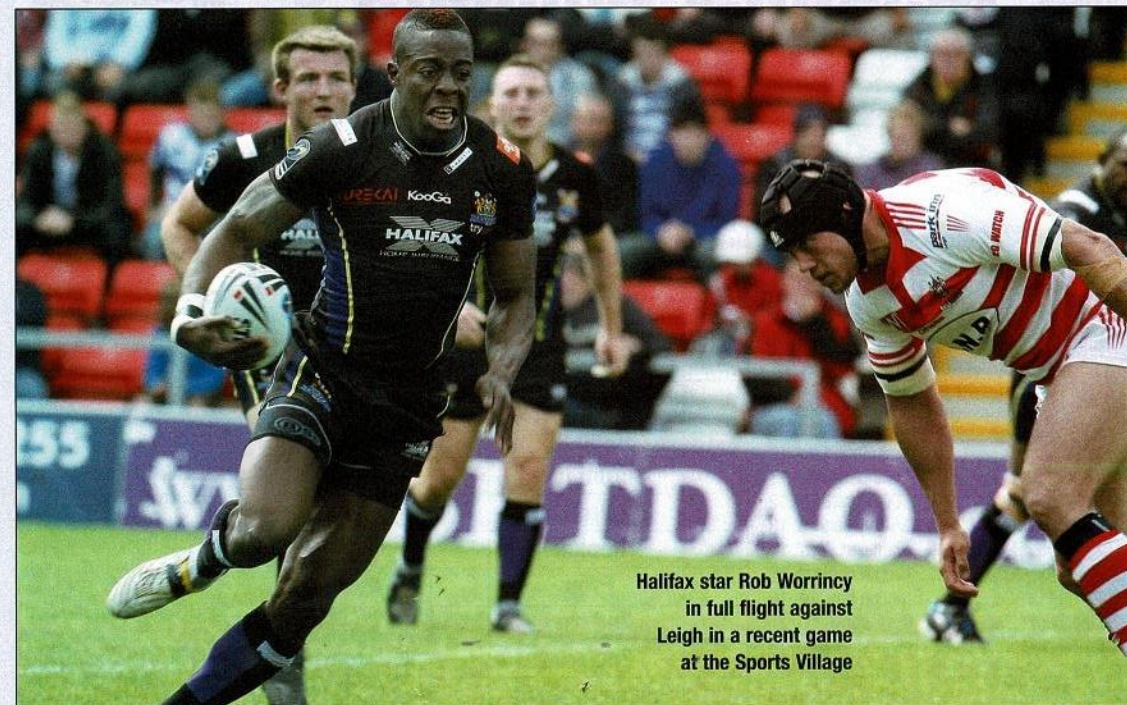
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Halifax RLFC v Featherstone



Halifax star Rob Worrincy in full flight against Leigh in a recent game at the Sports Village

Top dogs in Yorkshire

What a match we have in prospect at The Shay today. After playing and winning the match in hand on Sunday last, Halifax have the opportunity to join the mix for the league leader's position in the Co-operative Championship.

But for Featherstone Rovers, the outstanding team in the league so far this season, a win would see them as good as certain to finish in top spot.

Add to that the approach of the next Super League licensing round, and there is still more spice for the SKY cameras.

Featherstone need a Super League 'point' from the Co-operative Championship this year if they are to apply.

We at Halifax, have the 'point', but need to reinforce our position as the leading Yorkshire club outside Super League to emphasise the strength of our case.

If that is not enough to whet the appetite of the Rugby League public of Calderdale, then we are all wasting our time!

None of us need reminding of the last meeting of the two sides on Good Friday.

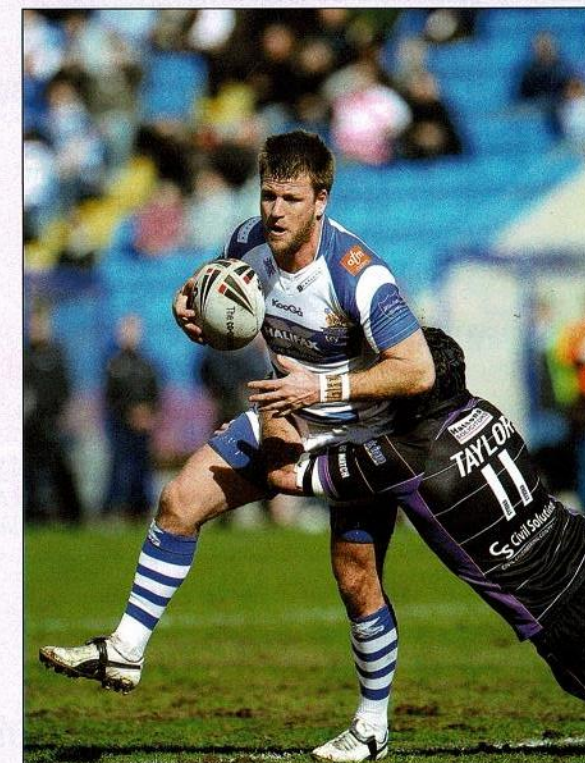
For Halifax, it was a bad performance, amongst a number of bad performances. Featherstone were very good value for their win.

But since then, Halifax's form has been coming back, and the defeat by Leigh has been avenged.

Now we need to do the same to Featherstone, in order to set up a run to the Grand Final.

Enjoy the match.

Michael Steele
 Chairman



Ben Black scored a brace against Dewsbury last week



Keighley Cougars v Dewsbury Rams

Sunday June 13, 2010. Kick off 3pm. COUGAR PARK

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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
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Go Colour.....	Sam Crowther	19
Phoenix Trophies.....	Dan Belcher	20
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COACH: BARRY EATON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWLWW

LAST SIX HOME: LLLDLW

TRIES: Duffy, Presley, Jones (7)

GOALS: Jones (62)

DROP GOALS: Jones (2)

MAN TO WATCH: Danny Jones

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No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Lee Lingard.....	John & Gwen Sawyer
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3	Stewart Sanderson.....	The West Riding
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8	Dominic Brambani.....	John Calvert
9	Mike Emmett.....	Lesley & Lily Whittaker
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11	Adam Robinson.....	Matthew Dudding
12	Scott Watson	
13	Pat Walker.....	Mount Tabor Church
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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
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COACH: WARREN JOWITT

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL

LAST SIX AWAY: WLLLLL

TRIES: Turner (9) Powell (7)

Bostock, Robinson (5)

GOALS: Walker (37)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Scott Turner

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: D Merrick

Touch: S Bennison, B Leze

Reserve Referee: R Dolan

THE INSIDE TRACK

Rams were taken apart by Cougars two months ago, but have improved. Draw.

CLUBCALL

Keighley v Dewsbury

Cougars want to bring in those floating fans

Congratulations to everyone on reaching the semi-final of the Northern Rail Cup.

We set a goal of reaching the knock-out stages this season so we were really pleased to have done that but to get one step away from Blackpool and the final is brilliant news and though we have drawn the favourites to win the competition, Widnes, we are delighted that we have been drawn at home.

Things are really progressing in every department at the club and our profile has been very pro active this year with a number of Sky games already and

recent coverage of our Sporting Chance programme which is another initiative. Nobody can say that we are just going through the motions off or on the field. The one thing that has been slightly disappointing this year has been our home support. Everyone at the club is totally thankful to you the loyal supporters who come to games every week but it would be fantastic if the floating fans came down more regularly. When you think we took around 1,500 supporters to the Grand Final last year and we are playing against better opposition week in week out in some entertaining

games it is frustrating that our average crowds are around the same as last season. When you think that we are getting much higher volumes of away supporters then that probably means that our home support is down. The club really does need the whole community to support what we are doing.

We welcome everyone from Dewsbury for this afternoon's game and hope that everyone enjoys an entertaining afternoon.

Barry Eaton
Head Coach

We're busy raising our profile

GOOD afternoon and welcome to today's Co-operative Championship game against the Dewsbury Rams.

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

I would also like to welcome today's match sponsors. Our main match sponsor today is the Keighley News who are great supporters of the club and give us and our community programmes some fantastic coverage and offer great assistance in raising the brand profile. Today's matchball sponsor is Piccolo's nurseries who have nurseries in Shipley, Saltaire and Bradford. They offer nurseries plus summer schools and for more information please look at www.piccolo-nursery.co.uk.

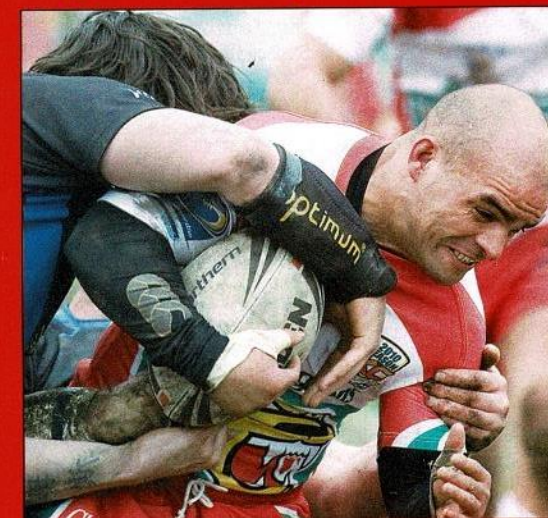
Man of the match sponsor is a very good friend of us, John Fay from CBF Screenprints, based up on Russell Street in Keighley. As with all our sponsors please show them your support. Thanks to you all and I hope you enjoy your day with us today.

As I mentioned last time I have asked Dean Muir to write an update of what is happening within the community and here it is, I hope you enjoy it.

The Community Cougars Foundation (charity number 1121701) since the turn of the year has developed to be what we hope is one of the leading community departments in rugby league once again.

We are developing leads to expand our successful school programme to over 50 primary schools from Bingley all the way through to Barnoldswick and Settle, linking these schools into amateur clubs such as Cougar Cubs, Keighley Albion and West Craven Warriors.

Sitting alongside this we are continuing to develop our secondary school programme, which has again achieved great success in Champion Schools. We had five girls'



Jamaine Wray: try scorer against York last week

teams playing in the national finals tournament, and from this two sides, both from Settle, have reached Wembley. They will play for the national crown the day before the Challenge Cup Final. Congratulations must go to Chris, Tom and Jeremy for their great work.

As you are aware we now have the ability to offer a qualification to the young people of Keighley on Sporting Chance. This is a fantastic development for the foundation and separates us from the rest. Well done to Jonny and Helen for developing the project.

Helen Carter
General Manager



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Whitehaven RLFC v Sheffield Eagles



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Pres Rahe.....	Craig Benson 1
Wayne's World of Pets.....	Craig Calvert 2
Shooz N Sox.....	Rob Jackson 3
Brownriggs.....	Scott McAvo 4
Victoria Hotel Drigg.....	Derry Eilbeck 5
Kwik Collection.....	Carl Rudd 6
Nuclear Filter Technology.....	Leroy Joe 7
Unique Sports.....	Marc Jackson 8
Wellington Bistro.....	Graeme Mattinson 9
Tracy McCann.....	David Ford 10
Studsvik UK.....	Howard Hill 11
Cameron Wood.....	Spencer Miller 12
Gary & Paula Blinco.....	Mick Govin 13
Dick Raaz.....	Dylan Skee 14
Powerhouse Gym.....	Reece Fox 15
Victoria Adams.....	Andy Gorski 16
Danielle O'Hare.....	Andy Thornley 17
Gosforth Taxis.....	John Patrick 18
Gloria Miller.....	Dexter Miller 19
Andrew Burns.....	Soni Radovanovic 20
WISC.....	Chris Smith 21
Alphabet Karaoke Disco.....	Richard Farrer 22
J.D. Raaz.....	Stephen Fox 23
LLWR.....	Ryan MacDonald 24
	Motu Tony
	Paul Johnson

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COACH: GED STOKES

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLLLL

LAST SIX HOME: LWWLLL

TRIES: Calvert (6), Eilbeck, Mattinson, Rudd, Fox (5)

GOALS: Rudd (43) Skee (6)

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Carl Rudd

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: P Brooke

Touch: T Owen, K Povah

Reserve Referee: T Maher

THE INSIDE TRACK

Haven always capable of winning at home and desperately need this. Haven by 2.

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Jonny Woodcock.....	AMCO
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14	Kyle Kesik	
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17	Alex Rowe.....	Buckingham Insurance
18	Michael Haley.....	Premier Kia
19	Joe Hirst.....	Stewart & Liz ELFLet
20	Matty Brooks.....	Jayne Whaling
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22	Ryan Hepworth.....	Elaine, Simon & Stephen McGuire
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COACH: MARK ASTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWL

LAST SIX AWAY: LDLLWL

TRIES: Cook (17), Ropati (10), Stringer (9) Rowe (8)

GOALS: Stringer (31) Lindsay (12)

DROP GOALS: Cook (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Craig Cook

CLUBCALL

Whitehaven v Sheffield

Time to pay tribute to a Cumbrian hero

MANY tributes have already been paid to Garry Purdham but this match marks the first time Whitehaven have played at home since the carnage caused by Derrick Bird and it is fitting to place in this programme a few words that will honour the name of one of the gunman's victims, a 31-year-old father-of-two.

Garry was a popular rugby player who served both Whitehaven and Workington and he was the elder brother of Harlequins captain and England international Rob Purdham.

Garry was in the wrong place at the wrong time - simply cutting a hedge - when the killer drove by.

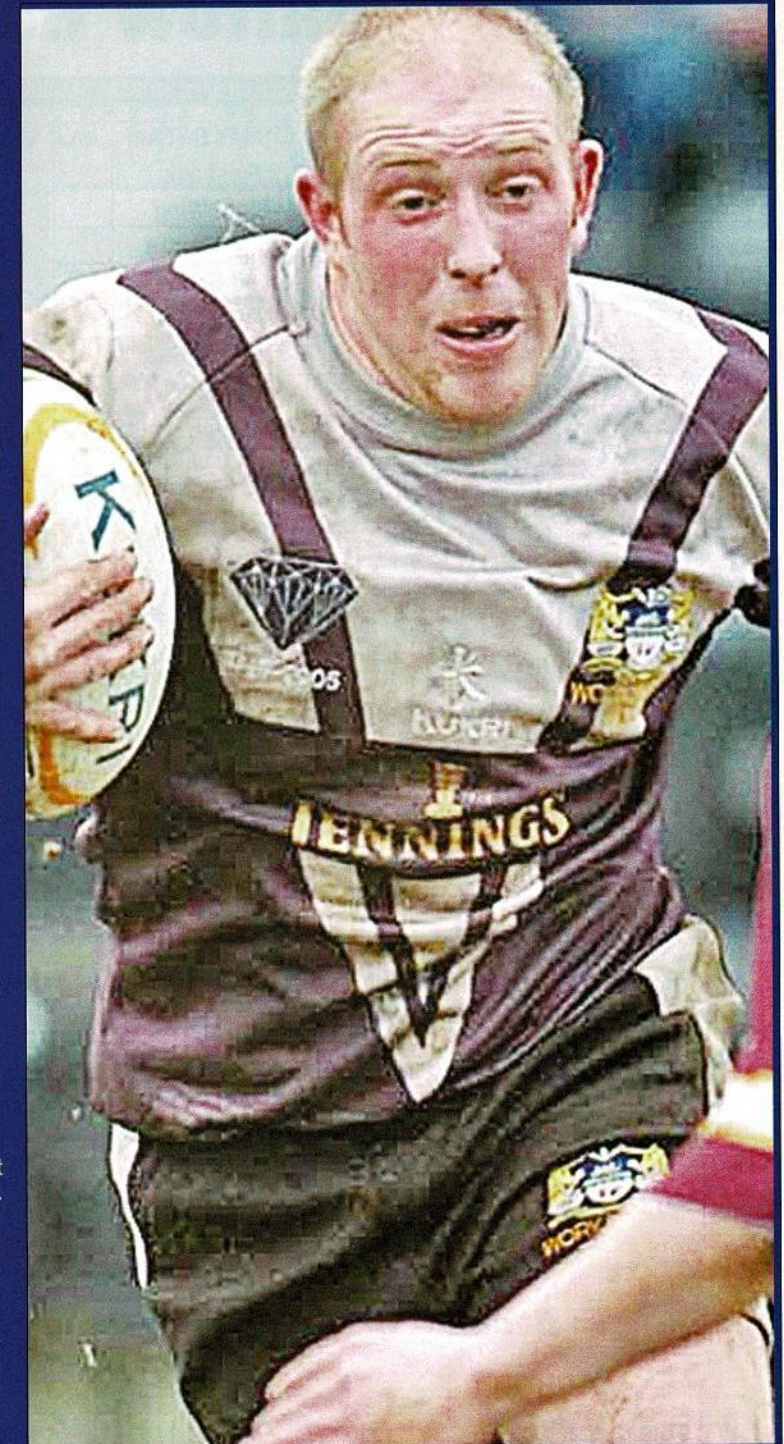
After his spell as a professional he returned to full-time farming and had also returned to his amateur club, Egremont.

Tributes have come in from across the rugby league world. In honour of Purdham and the other Cumbria victims, one minute's silence was observed before every rugby league match played in the UK last weekend.

Garry was seen as a tough but honest character with a wonderful temperament and a dry sense of humour.

The Rugby League's Benevolent Fund, Try Assist, are in contact with the Purdham family to offer their support to Garry's widow and two sons.

He will be sadly missed.



Garry Purdham, the ex-Whitehaven and Workington player - in rugby action, as he will be remembered

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23	Jamie Butler	
24	Richard Fletcher	Tony Bayliff Carpets
31	Matt James	
	Jermaine McGilvary	

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COACH: PAUL CULLEN

COACH: STEVE McCORMACK

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLLLW

LAST SIX HOME: WLWLLW

TRIES: Thackeray (13), Grady (10), Gardner (9), Coyle (7)

GOALS: Grady (73)

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Shane Grady

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R Hicks

Touch: C Dean, C Hancock

Reserve Referee: J Callaghan

THE INSIDE TRACK

Expect a repeat of the Vikings cup win last week. Widnes by 12.

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLLL

LAST SIX AWAY: WWWLLL

TRIES: Catic (15) Ballard (12) Campbell (11)

GOALS: Rooney (83)

DROP GOALS: Rooney (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Ned Catic

CLUBCALL

Widnes v Barrow

Same again as Widnes look for consistency in league

Good afternoon and welcome everyone to the Stobart Stadium for today's fixture.

As pleased as we were with winning a game of rugby league last week, the tragic events in West Cumbria really emphasised that the spirit and integrity of our game is far more important than any win / loss ratio.

Garry Purdham for me epitomised the spirit of rugby league in Cumbria. He was a dedicated family man who was as honest as the day is long.

When I first joined Whitehaven the Purdham brothers made me extremely welcome and gave me every single thing they had to compete, not only for their club but their town and their family.

As a coach that's all you can ask for. As a player Garry Purdham added value to everything we did as a team.

The whole series of events is an awful tragedy and I'm absolutely devastated as I'm sure we all are by the terrible news.

Garry's discipline and work ethic was an inspiration to me then and that's how I'll remember him.

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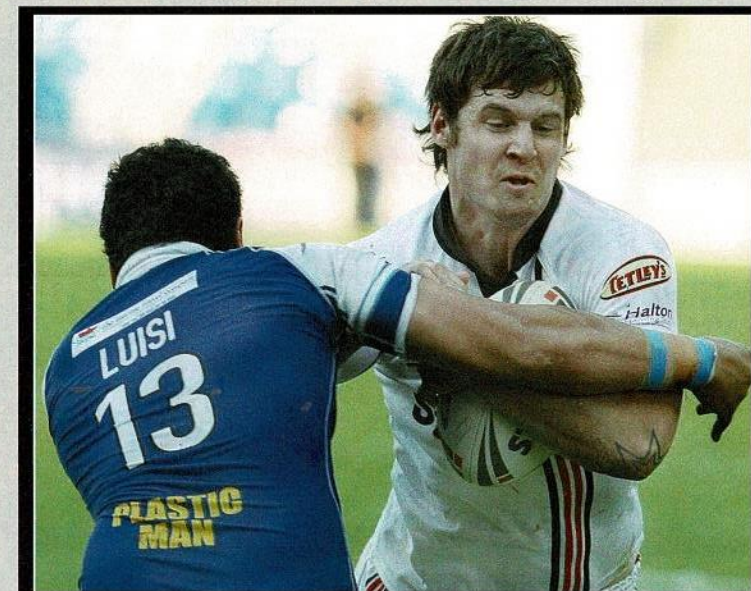
Last week's Barrow game was won on the training field. The players worked exceptionally hard in the build-up to the match and I think that you could see that in our defensive team spirit.

You can't just click your fingers and get that type of effort and performance. It came on the back of a great deal of hard work and I was really pleased with our display although if I'm honest, we were a little bit rusty in attack but I've no doubt whatsoever that will come.

It was certainly the best we've played for a month, but having said that, in the three previous defeats against Featherstone, Leigh and Batley we actually won the second half in each game although our starts were obviously a concern.

Despite the fact we've only just gone through the half-way stage of the season, such has been the constant disruption to our line-up, matchdays continue to be the best we look all week.

Chaz L'Anson became the 34th different player to pull on a black and white shirt for us against Barrow. Unfortunately he only lasted for around 15 minutes before tearing his knee cartilage and his subsequent operation will keep him out for a month. This meant we had to revert back to yet another combination, so I can



Widnes' Ben Kavanagh takes on Barrow's Zeb Luisi in last week's Cup game

understand why we were a touch 'off' with our lines but by the same token, defensively I thought our effort was fantastic.

Barrow are a very good side. Rooney is still Super League material, so are Ned Catic and Zeb Luisi, and collectively they require an awful lot of taking down and I'm really pleased that the lads stuck at it.

The scoreboard didn't look too comfortable at one point, especially at the start of the second half when they scored an early try from yet another very difficult kick-off, but I was pleased with our discipline because we've been working so hard in that department.

Without wishing to single out individuals, the performances of both Dave Allen and Kirk Netherton really stood out for me.

Dave typifies what we're going through at the moment. He was out for eight weeks with a badly-torn ankle ligament, but he's come back in earlier than he should've because the season won't stop and wait for him and neither will the Northern Rail Cup.

He's taken on the leadership role very well and relieved the burden and pressure elsewhere and I'm delighted with the response that he is getting.

Losing Mark Smith for 12 weeks with a

fractured eye socket and cheekbone was a major blow to us. He will play 80 minutes of every game if you ask him to and to make matters worse, losing Thomas Coyle for the same amount of time with a double-break of his arm also hit us hard, so the arrival of Kirk has helped us no end.

Losing players of the calibre of the two I've just mentioned, plus the likes of Steve Pickersgill and Gareth Haggerty, who would also grace any team at not only Championship level but also Super League too, is always going to have an effect.

I guarantee that if this had happened to any other team in the Championship, they too would've fallen into a bit of a hole, just like we did.

Consistent performance is all about consistent preparation and we've had very little of that, but if we do get that little bit of luck in terms of injury, I know for certain this side can go all the way.

Finally, please take some time to watch our very successful U18 team. Home grown and beating Super League teams, it's not a wish or a promise; it's already happening, fact.

Paul Cullen
Head Coach



Backing the Vikings!



HATTONS SOLICITORS



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Blackpool Panthers v Workington Town



Sunday June 13, 2010. Kick off 3pm. WOODLANDS MEMORIAL GROUND

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

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

SCORERS
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Pens
DGs

COACH: MARTIN CROMPTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWLL
 LAST SIX HOME: WWWWWW
 TRIES: Munro (21), Ballard, Ainscough (10), Keavney, Mayberry (9)
 GOALS: Hemingway (61),
 DROP GOALS: Leather (1)
 MAN TO WATCH: Damien Munro

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Sharrad
 Touch: S Barrie, R Webb
 Reserve Referee: J Cross

THE INSIDE TRACK

Three weeks ago Panthers would have walked it, but likely to win now by only 15

COACH: GARY CHARLTON & MARTIN OGLANBY

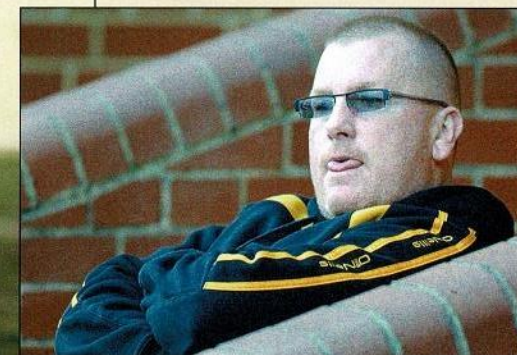
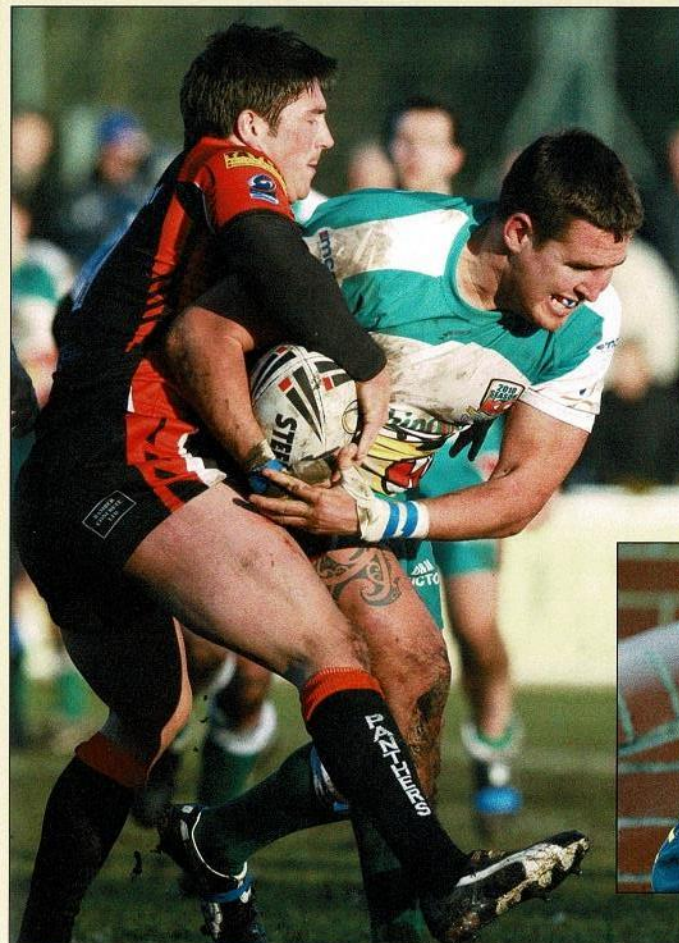
LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWL
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLLLWW
 TRIES: Kaighan (9), Marshall, Backhouse, Low (8)
 GOALS: Kaighan (46)
 DROP GOALS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Scott Kaighan

Northern Rail 9s
Winners
2009



CLUBCALL Blackpool v Workington

We've allowed our standards to drop



The Panthers have been performing brilliantly this season under the guidance of coach Martin Crompton, right.

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to everyone associated to Workington here at the Woodlands Memorial Ground. Well, the last time I spoke we had a 100 per cent record and now we've lost our last two games. It shows that you can't take anything for granted in sport. I can't fault the effort from the guys in those two games though. I felt we didn't perform to the

standards we've achieved so far. No excuses, York and Oldham fully deserved their victories, they out-thought and out-enthused us in both games. What we need to do is regroup and work hard together to play to the standard we know we're capable of. Today's game is a 'must win' if we are to keep in touch with Oldham and Hunslet but it won't be

easy. Gary is doing a great job there and as always will have his boys fired up for this game. We must better them in every department if we want to win. Once again thanks for all your support and enjoy the game

Martin Crompton
 Head Coach



Hornets RL v



Hunslet Hawks



Sunday June 13, 2010. Kick off 3pm. SPOTLAND

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

COACH: JOHN STANKEVITCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWWW
 LAST SIX HOME: LWLWWW
 TRIES: English (12), Johnson (8),
 Gorton (7), Samuel (6)
 GOALS: Crook (30)
 DROP GOALS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Wayne English

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

COACH: PAUL MARCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWWW
 LAST SIX AWAY: WWLWWW
 TRIES: McHugh (19) Mark (15), P
 March (10), D March, Clayton (8)
 GOALS: McHugh (39), Knight (31)
 DROP GOALS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Wayne McHugh

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M Drizza
 Touch: J Greenwood, D Sharpe
 Reserve Referee: M Mannifield

THE INSIDE TRACK

Hornets will run them close but Hunslet to bounce back from cup setback. Hawks by 8

We're with the Hornets!

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CLUBCALL

Hornets RL v Hunslet

Players up for it!

I'd like to welcome Paul March and his squad for today's game, and we hope we can provide sterner opposition this time around bearing in mind that we simply didn't show up earlier in the season away at Hunslet.

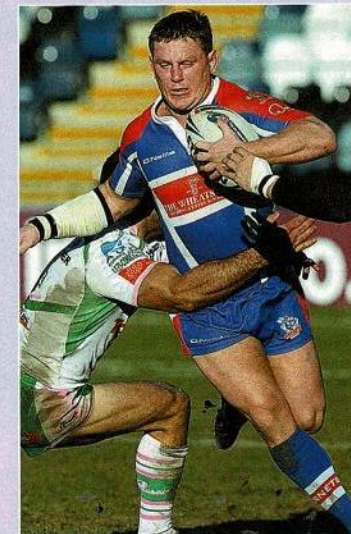
I spoke to Paul briefly after that fixture and I expressed to him my disappointment that we were unable to challenge them more than we did.

We simply gave them their own way for the majority of that game. That's not to take anything away from Hunslet, who were on that afternoon by far our best opposition so far this season.

The Hawks certainly have a unique brand of rugby which is both entertaining and productive in terms of results. The team are well drilled and disciplined and have created that winning mentality.

The Hornets players are very excited about today's game, and when we consider the likely team it bears little resemblance to the team that previously played the Hawks. Andy Saywell, Steven Roper, Ryan Powell, Dale Bloomfield, Paul Crook, and Chris Hough will all now be in contention and hopefully we will manage to get through the game without injury after losing both Dayne Donoghue and Wayne English after 20 minutes last time out.

As a squad, we are on quite a healthy run of results and our form has



Andy Saywell: back in contention

continued to pick up pace in recent weeks. We have concentrated on getting the basics right most recently and our sessions have been heavily 'core skill' orientated. To continue to climb the table we have to continue winning games and today will certainly be the toughest test of the last month.

The advantage is ours in terms of being at home, and our home form has been something that has been the building blocks of our success so far.

I have compared this week's game

throughout our preparation to a clash of two heavyweight boxers.

Both teams like to throw punches and test the opponent but ultimately, the winner will be the team that throws consistent punches throughout the fight and is able to withstand the most punishment.

In simple terms, it is vital that we go toe to toe with the visitors and be patient enough to capitalise on errors that Hunslet make

Defensively, we must look to put their key players under as much pressure as possible, and as a team we aim to hit the Hawks with everything we have got in our armoury.

No holding back today from the Hornets.

The game certainly won't make or break our season, but if we want to finish any higher than 4th, and catch the teams above, then we have to finish the game with all 3 points and deny Hunslet the bonus point.

The players have been thoroughly drilled and mentally prepared to take the win today, but the work must be taken onto the field and if 1 to 17 perform as I know they can and we produce a comprehensive team performance, then we know know as a group that on our day we can beat anybody.

John Stankevitch
Head Coach

The season's turning point

WE entered the 2010 season pessimistic about our chances, the coaching staff from 2009 gone, and most of the players departed.

In October we had no coaching staff and no players, but as the phrase goes the darkest hour is just before dawn.

Hornets' dawn came in the shape of a new head coach, former St Helens and Widnes star John Stankevitch. Stanky then set about assembling a team of young lads, straight from various academies and considered not good enough to make the grade, players from other Championship 1 clubs. Some called them cast-offs and other players

who by their own admission were drinking at the last chance saloon.

The team took some pulling together. Those who couldn't stand the heat of Stanky's kitchen were shown the door.

At first the results didn't come. Some fans questioned his ability but Stankevitch held his nerve.

It's not often anyone can pinpoint when a season turns round for a club, but at Hornets in 2010 we can. At half-time on Good Friday against local rivals Oldham that moment arrived. Losing by 18-4 against an undefeated team, Hornets had already had two players carried from the field on stretchers. The

team, battered and bruised, emerged from the dressing rooms and put in one of the bravest performances seen at Spotland for many a year.

Since then Hornets have won every game but one, which was a controversial two-point loss away to York. Hornets were able to extract revenge just a month later back at Spotland.

This Sunday is Hornets' sternest test - when we entertain big-spending and high-flying Hunslet Hawks.

Mark Wynn
Chairman



Oldham RLFC v

Doncaster RLFC



Sunday June 13, 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 Boult	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
Livers Fish & Chip Restaurant.....	Marcus St Hillaire	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	Tommy Griffiths.....G.P. Transport
2	Aaron Henry
3	Lee Gomersall.....Sue Wilford
4	Shaun Leaf.....Dons Supporters Club
5	Ben Collins
6	Simon Brown.....Fulleflex Security
7	Craig Fawcett
8	Scott Johnson
9	Paul Brown
10	David Bates.....P. Bird, France
11	Liam Brown
12	Ryan Steen.....A.Y. Logistics
13	Grant Edwards
14	Jake Bassinder
15	Danny Stanley
16	Paul Shaw
17	Jarryn Osborne
19	Garry Ellery
20	Jack Ely
21	Scott Howlett
22	Scott Wilson
24	Jamie Bovill
25	Chris Spurr
26	Gary King
27	Matthew Carbutt
28	Paul Hughes
29	Liam Crawley
30	Dean Colton
31	Mick Butterfield
32	Kyle Kesik
33	Scott Watson
34	Rob Lunt

SCORERS
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Pens
DGs

COACH: TONY BENSON

Sponsor: G&G Carpets and Bed Centre

COACH: TONY MILLER

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLWW
LAST SIX HOME: WWLWLW
TRIES: Onyango (14), Fogerty (13), O'Connor (12) Gillam, Chandler (8)
GOALS: Ashe (59)
DROP GOALS: -
MAN TO WATCH: Lucas Onyango

MATCH OFFICIALS
 Referee: C Leatherbarrow
 Touch: P Huck, G Hodgson
 Reserve Referee: M Beadle

THE INSIDE TRACK
 McNally settling in as Oldham looking strong.
 Doncaster will front up but lose by 20

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLWL
LAST SIX AWAY: LLLWLL
TRIES: Griffiths (7), Gomersall, Leaf (6), Ely (5)
GOALS: S Brown (28)
DROP GOALS:
MAN TO WATCH: Shaun Leaf

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Oldham v Doncaster



Leading Oldham scorer Lucas Onyango closes in on another touchdown

Settling for a home run...

HERE we are again!

The hours of administration, asking clubs and the RFL to switch matches, alter dates, use up blank weekends in the hope that we could play as many matches as possible at our new home has paid off and today we play our fifth home match out of the last six with the visit of Doncaster.

I mentioned in the after-match speech last week that each time an Oldham team, whether it be reserves or first team, plays at the ground and each time we, as staff, or you as fans use it, there is an ever-increasing feel of 'this is home' about it and the players feel the same way.

After last week's win against Blackpool we returned to the top of the league, albeit due to the fact that Hunslet were in Northern Rail Cup action, and that in itself has been a fantastic achievement.

We are there on merit and personally I don't feel we have been given enough credit for what has been achieved in such a short space of time. We are, however, all acutely aware that the season is not even nearly at its climax and plenty of hard work is still required between now and September.

Chris Hamilton Chief Executive

But I take my hat off to all the playing squad and the coaching staff for their efforts so far which has given all aspects of the club a tremendous fillip. One thing about us is that we never take anything for granted - history has proved that can be fatal! - and this afternoon we are preparing for another difficult game against The Dons.

Although we won up at the Keepmoat it was not an easy ride and Doncaster are one of the teams who are improving so we will need to be on our game.

The reserves are also in the same mould in so much as they are now seeing their rewards for their efforts before the season started.

John Hough has worked hard to get the players on board and if we could get his admin work anywhere near to acceptable he would be a good un! We are committed to giving as many local and young players a chance to make it in the professional game as we can.

Game changes to suit ground

**Tony Benson
Head Coach**

THE thumping dealt to us by Hunslet three weeks ago has become a significant point in our season.

I honestly think that moving to our new ground and losing Martin Roden to injury made our life really difficult but at the same time has made us a much better squad.

Playing a game at our old adopted home on a very large Sedgley Park pitch, and on our very short and narrow new home at Whitebank are almost like playing two different sports.

To be honest I hadn't given the difference in the game required enough consideration. We had a very young team and a plan that really fitted us and was working well. Like the attractive girlfriend, it's sometimes very hard to let go.

Of course we'd made a few changes to our game, but more to take advantage of the obvious slope. Although such a big change was always going to be difficult, having the luxury of Neil Roden's on-field guidance would certainly have helped our young side with a faster transition to a new game plan.

But as I said earlier we have been severely challenged and dragged well away from our comfort zone. Believe me when I say our squad met the situation head-on and were always going to come out on top.

I can't expect people to understand the difficulties these young men face in these circumstances or the amount of mental toughness and plain hard work involved in turning things around, but what is evident in abundance is that we are now building back to a very good level and have developed into a much better team for the experience.

Today brings us another difficult hurdle in the rapidly improving Doncaster team - a bunch of hardened battlers, with have a fantastic coach in Tony Miller, who have just nilled Swinton in a fine home win and had a narrow loss to Hunslet. Although we have the utmost respect for Doncaster and all they are doing we will not be turning up today with anything but our best.

A warm welcome to all who have travelled here today, I hope you enjoy our home as much as we do.



London Skolars v York City Knights



Saturday June 12, 2010. Kick off 2.30pm. TWICKENHAM STOOP

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
	Joshua Welsh	1
	Dave Arnott	2
Fresh Fit UK Ltd.	Matt Thomas	3
Code XIII Sports Media	Jason Cook	4
Alan Greenwood	Austen Aggrey	5
	Jermaine Coleman	6
	Paul Thorman	7
Lanes Coaches	Gareth Honor	9
	Tony Williams	10
Canavan Builders	Oliver Purslow	11
	Matthew Carter	12
	Stephen Ball	13
Code XIII Sports Media	Luke May	14
	Oliver Bloom	16
One Personal Training	Chad Isles	17
	James Simon	18
	Liam Prescott	19
Woodlands PH	David Williams	20
	Jamie O'Callaghan	21
	Olu Iwenofu	23
Stag Sports	Lamont Bryan	24
Optimal Life Fitness	Smokie Junor	25
	Jamie Boston	26
	Aran Quinn	27
Woodlands PH	Ben Jones	28
Ann & Steven Morgan	Ade Adebisi	30
	Jaroslav Obuchowski	
	John Paxton	
	Michael Sykes	
	Neil Thorman	
	Sam Gee	
	Kris Hodson	
	Jy-Mel Coleman	

COACH: JAMES MASSARA

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL

LAST SIX HOME: LLLLLL

TRIES: Adebisi (6) Thomas (4)

GOALS: Thorman (26)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Ade Adebisi

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J Leahy

Touch: J Cadogan, J McNiece

Reserve Referee: S Matthews

THE INSIDE TRACK

Skolars will see this as winnable, if they hit top form. If they don't York by 20.

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

COACH: JAMES RATCLIFFE

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLWL

LAST SIX AWAY: LLLWLL

TRIES: Waterman (17), Ratcliffe (9)

Schofield (7)

GOALS: Waterman (74)

DROP GOALS: Thorman (2)

MAN TO WATCH: Lee Waterman

CLUBCALL

Skolars v York

Professional RL at the double

IT'S a big day both for the club and London Rugby League in general.

Although we did play a curtain raiser at Brentford before a Broncos' game during our amateur days, this is the first time that both London professional clubs have been involved in a double-header.

I'd like to thank Paul Blanchard at Quins for making this day possible. Both clubs realise the importance of a strong game throughout the capital and the rest of the south. Both clubs are committed to developing

young local talent and there will be a lot of that on show today.

Today's event is also an example of the strong links that now exist between the two clubs and that is something that has really moved forward over the last two years. Events such as the joint City Touch Tournament that will take place again in August are part of the co-operation.

Today's game is a key one for us. We've signed four recent student internationals in the last month in

Kris Hodson, Sam Gee, Michael Sykes and Jy-Mel Coleman and there were signs at Swinton that we were starting to gel. With Jy-Mel leaving York to re-sign for us, I'm sure he'll have even more incentive today. With Neil Thorman joining Paul here, the game also sees a brotherly clash with elder brother Chris in the York ranks. That adds spice to the game.

Terry Browne
Chairman

The Stoop provides the perfect setting

Hello and a warm welcome to Skolars, York, Quins and Leeds fans at the game today.

What a fantastic event for any rugby league fan.

The fact that our game is going on before such an important Quins home game shows the strength of the relationship between the Quins and the Skolars. Mac and everyone involved at the Quins have given us great support through what has been a tough season so far.

A look at the league table will show you that we have yet to win a game in 2010. It is something that everyone outside the squad is talking about yet is it something we as a team don't focus on.

The energy and application at training from this young squad is fantastic and focusing on winning or more importantly not losing is a waste of time and energy. We have to keep working hard and smart and focusing on all of the minute things that make up a winning performance.

BBC London interviewed a few of our young London born

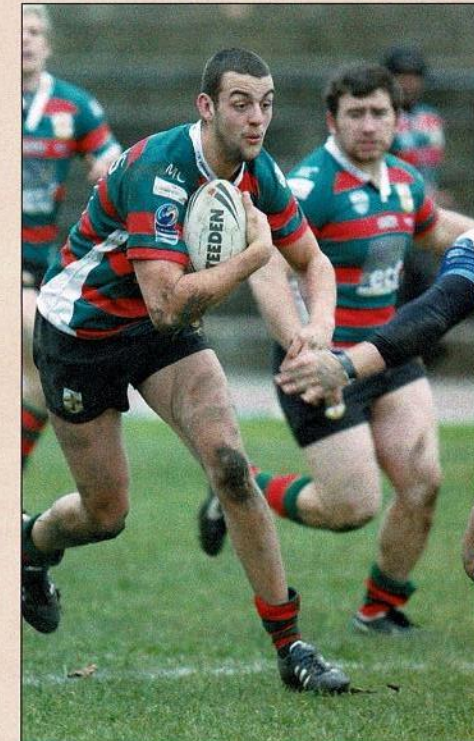
and bred players over the last few weeks. Their passion, excitement and belief in what they are part of down here in London was inspiring.

The reality of our situation as a club is that we cannot and should not rely on imported players to fill our squad. London is producing some very good young players and getting a balance of young Londoners and quality experienced players from elsewhere is going to be a good challenge for us in the foreseeable future.

Today's opponents York are a team back in form after their win over a previously undefeated Blackpool team. We have already had two good battles with them this year and I am looking forward to the third instalment.

With 13 of the squad having played for Quins/Broncos sides in the past, a return to The Stoop could be just what we need. Enjoy the day.

James Massara
Head Coach



David Williams, one of the dual registered players benefitting from the link with Quins



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South Wales Scorpions v Swinton Lions



Sunday June 13, 2010. Kick off 2pm. THE GNOLL

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

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
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	Left Wing	
	Stand off	
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9	Phil Joseph	Sporting Image/Michael Bradshaw
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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 Sentinel Studio LLP
26	Dave Newton	Peter Kidd
27	Tony Stewart	Ray Bowdler
28	Ian Sinfield	
	Wayne Corcoran	
	Neil Cherryholme	
	Mick Govin	

COACH: ANTHONY SEIBOLD

COACH: PAUL SMITH

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLWW

LAST FIVE HOME: WWLLL

TRIES: Parry (8), Dudson, Roets (5)

GOALS: White (31)

DROP GOALS: None

MAN TO WATCH: Steve Parry

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G Dolan

Touch: I Curzon, J Darbyshire

Reserve Referee: H Edwards

THE INSIDE TRACK

Scorpions have ability to take the points but it will be a tight contest. The Welshmen by 4.

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLLWW

LAST SIX AWAY: WLLWLW

TRIES: Foxen (10), Wilson (7),

Joseph (6)

GOALS: Dodd (32), Holroyd (13)

DROP GOALS: Holroyd (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Rob Foxen



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This will be day to remember...



Lewis Mills in full flight for the Scorpions

WELCOME back to The Gnoll after over a month away from competitive action here at our home ground.

The reason for not being here for so long is because the pitch had to be reseeded. With football and rugby union played on here during the winter, then us during the summer, it's taken a bit of a beating but I know that the ground staff do a fantastic job and we'll see a top-class surface for this special day at The Gnoll.

We've actually only played twice in the last six weeks since we took on Blackpool here on May Day Bank Holiday. We've travelled to Gateshead and London and registered outstanding wins on each occasion.

Well done to Anthony Seibold and the boys for this and congratulations to

Neil Dallimore, who scored two tries in each game.

Thanks to the handful of fans who joined us in Gateshead and the coach full who went to London. Both were great days out and we appreciated your support.

Today, in addition to the regular Scorpions league match, we've got a day to remember. At midday, there's the A international between Wales Dragonhearts and Ireland Wolfhounds, then at 1.45pm we've got the Scorpions Primary Schools Cup semi-finals and Final. The 12 finalists playing in Neath today have come from six regional festivals throughout South Wales.

It's been a real pleasure to monitor the progress of how well the children are taking to rugby league and these

children will today have a great experience.

Next week, it's the semi-finals and final of the High Schools Cup for 12 and 13 year olds. Again this has been down to regional festivals around South Wales and it's a big thanks to Mark Jones and his team of community coaches, which include our very own Aled James and Liam Roach, for making all of this possible.

Welcome to the board, coaches, players and fans of Swinton Lions and Ireland Wolfhounds.

We hope you have a enjoyable day here at The Gnoll. Enjoy Super Sunday with us and have a safe journey home whether it be to Manchester or Dublin.

**Phil Davies
Chairman**

May awards – Jones and English are tops

BECAUSE Game On magazine isn't on sale at every club every week – depending on their fixtures – we've decided to recap the monthly awards for May which were first printed in last week's edition.

Don't forget however that if you miss your copy, you can catch up on the previous week's edition online by logging onto www.theleagueshop.co.uk – this is a free online service!

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

But for his sensational form in that game, scoring 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 the Championship.

And despite being suspended briefly over the Michael Ostick Challenge Cup mix-up, Matt Calland led his Halifax team storming through an unbeaten month to put pressure on Featherstone and Leigh at the top of the table.

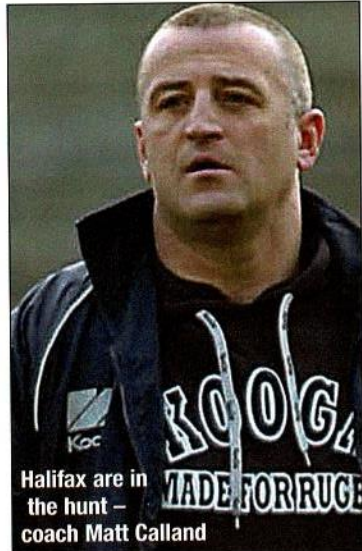
IN THE Championship 1 former Swinton favourite Wayne English has been enjoying a new lease of life at Hornets RL and he started and finished the month in stunning style with hat-tricks.

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.

The Coach of the Month award in Championship 1 goes to another boss who enjoyed a 100% month – English's coach John Stankevitch.



Halifax are in the hunt – coach Matt Calland

Crowds coming home to Oldham

TABLE-TOPPING Oldham RL have become the best supported club in Championship One since their move to Whitebank Stadium last month.

Figures released by Roughyeds show that home crowds have nearly DOUBLED at Whitebank compared to those at Sedgley Park earlier in the season. Five out-of-town home games at the Whitefield venue averaged 480 per match -- par for the course across

the 11-club division. Attendances at Oldham games have increased significantly, however, since the club set up home again in the borough. A total of 3,774 fans have watched the Roughyeds' four games at Whitebank, producing an average of nearly 950.

Club officials are confident that figure will top the 1,000 mark by the end of the season with four home league games still to come – plus possi-

ble play-off derbies against Swinton and Hornets.

Said chairman Chris Hamilton: "Oldham apart, few teams have away followings in this division yet two of our four games at Whitebank have topped 1,000 and we were nearly there again with 923 against Blackpool last Sunday.

"Every other club in the division would die for the crowds we are now getting at Whitebank."



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)

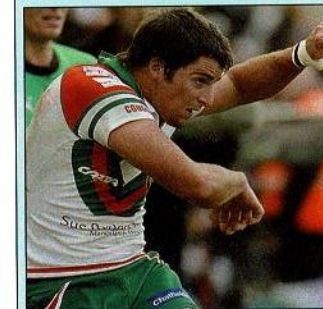
COACH: MATT CALLAND
PLAYER: DANNY JONES



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 Boult (Oldham)
- 11 Mike Whitehead (Workington)
- 12 Tommy Haughey (Hunslet)
- 13 Craig Ashall (Hornets)

COACH: JOHN STANKEVITCH
PLAYER: WAYNE ENGLISH



Danny Jones

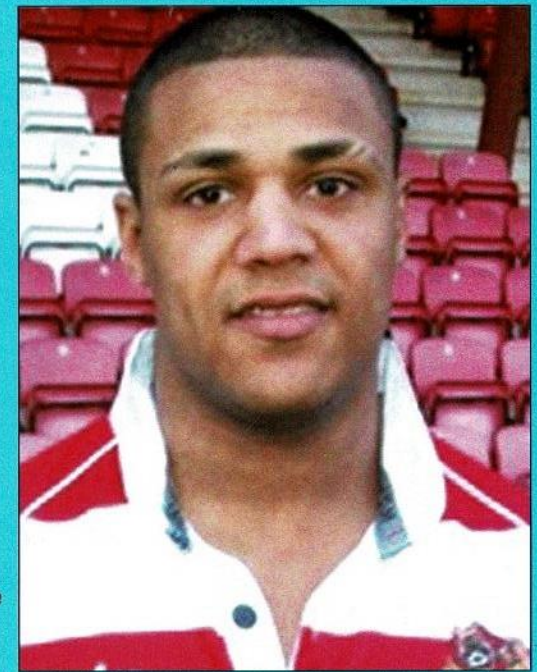
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Do you know your stuff?

QUESTIONS

- 1) Who was the first coach of Gateshead Thunder?
- 2) In which year did they win a Super League franchise?
- 3) This was at the expense of which two Welsh clubs?
- 4) Who plays at The Gnoll?
- 5) Who owns the ground?
- 6) Who is their coach?
- 7) Which Featherstone player has made it into the team of the month for May?
- 8) Who plays scrum-half for Swinton Lions?
- 9) Which country has he played for?
- 10) He has played for half a dozen Lancashire clubs but only one Yorkshire club. Name this club.
- 11) Who does flying fullback Johnny Campbell play for?
- 12) Why did his current coach know he was a good signing?
- 13) Campbell has scored 20 tries this season but one Championship One player has scored more. Who is it?



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1) Shaun McRae 2) 1998 3) Swansea and Cardiff 4) South Wales Scorpions 5) Neath RFC 6) Anthony Selbold 7) Tommy Saxton 8) Ian Watson 9) Wales 10) Halifax 11) Batley 12) Batley coach Karl Harrison was assistant coach at Campbell's previous club Salford 13) Damien Munro

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Widnes on track to retain the Rail Cup

WIDNES Vikings are determined to keep a tight grip on the Northern Rail Cup as they move closer to the final again.

The holders booked their ticket into the semi-finals with a 26-12 win over Barrow Raiders in a repeat of last year's final.

Recent poor results in the Championship were shunted to the side as winger Dean Gaskell and on-loan hooker Kirk



Netherton each scored two tries in the game shown live on Sky Sports from the Stobart Stadium.

Vikings coach Paul Cullen praised the hard work his team had put in at training and added: "This is the best we have been for a month."

The win earned Widnes a home draw with Keighley Cougars who steamed through with a 32-6 win over Championship 1 side York City Knights.

The Knights were in the game trailing 14-6 at half-time but the Cougars dominated the final 40 minutes. Danny Jones extended his scoring sequence to 46 games with six goals.

After starting the season with a nine-point deduction the Northern Rail Cup is providing a boost for the Cougars with coach Barry Eaton saying: "To reach the semi-finals, after all the adversity we went through in the winter, is a massive achievement."

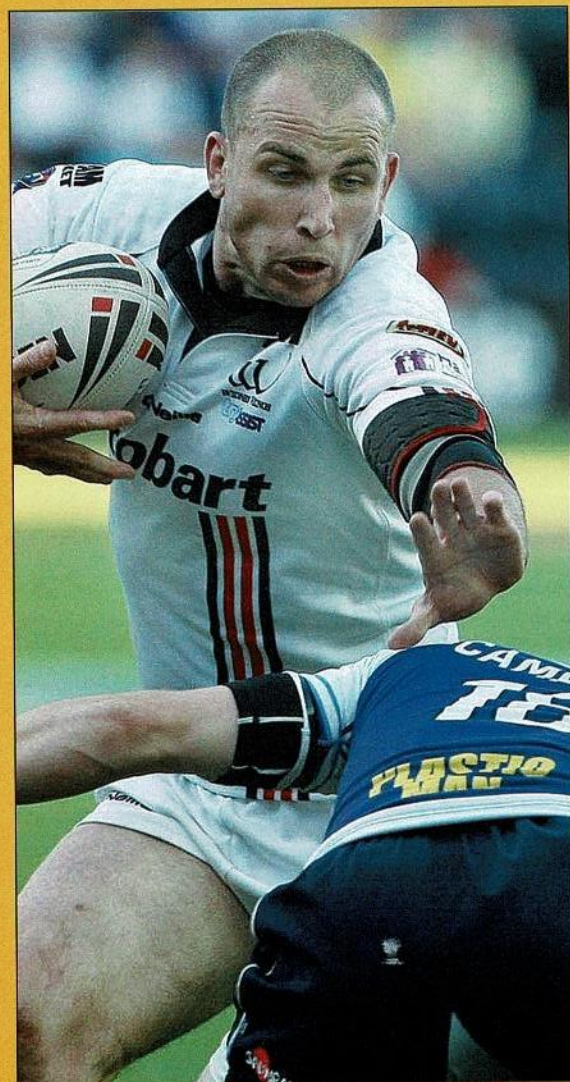
Leigh Centurions came through 42-6 at Championship 1 pacesetters Hunslet Hawks but they were made to work hard and only led 12-6 at the break.

Centre Mick Nany was the star for the Centurions with two tries and seven conversions for a personal haul of 22 points.

Leigh are the Cup favourites and have a home draw against Batley Bulldogs in the semi-finals.

The Bulldogs made good use of playing down their sloping pitch in the first half to take a 24-4 lead over Sheffield Eagles at Mount Pleasant.

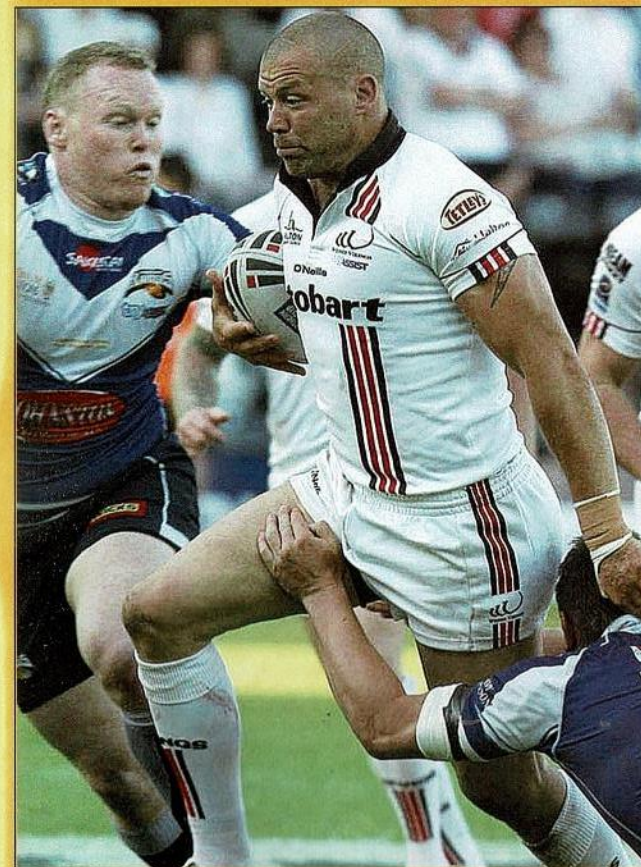
It proved too much for the Eagles who pulled back two ties but ran out of steam according to coach Mark Aston as



Viking Jim Gannon hands off Barrow's Liam Campbell

COMING UP...

ENGLAND'S clash with France at Leigh Sports Village may be the headline fixture but it's a busy week in the Co-operative Championship with 11 games and the fixtures throwing up some intriguing clashes. Batley Bulldogs and Leigh Centurions have a chance to size each other up ahead of their Northern Rail Cup semi as they meet at Mount Pleasant. After this quarter-final battle Widnes Vikings and Barrow Raiders meet again at the Stobart Stadium with league points at stake. Keighley Cougars fresh from their Cup win entertain Dewsbury Rams and Sheffield Eagles hope to bounce back with a trip to Whitehaven. In Championship 1 there's a clutch of games that could affect the top four places with new leaders Oldham seeking to hold on to top spot as they face Doncaster at home. Hunslet Hawks have a tough trip to in-form Rochdale Hornets and Blackpool Panthers will seek to get back to winning ways against visitors Workington Town. South Wales Scorpions could move up a place if they can end Swinton Lions' recent revival.



Jordan James gets into the action for the Vikings after coming off the bench against Barrow

they went out of the competition 26-16.

Aston said: "Batley and us were two very well matched sides and Karl Harrison (Batley's coach) has them playing very well.

"Batley had a simple but very effective game plan and their kicking game is probably one of the best and that's why they are getting results."



In the Championship the only game of the day saw Halifax continuing their good run with a 28-8 win over Dewsbury Rams.

It keeps third-placed Halifax well in the hunt by narrowing the gap between them and leaders Featherstone Rovers to four points.

For Dewsbury the search for the elusive first league win goes on - 12 games now.

The Rams led 8-6 at half-time but four tries after the break made it three points for Halifax.



In Championship 1 Oldham move into top spot replacing Hunslet Hawks who were involved in the Northern Rail Cup.

The clash between second and third-placed clubs at the start of the day saw Oldham finish 40-26 winners over Blackpool Panthers.

It is now back-to-back defeats for the Panthers after opening the season with eight straight wins.

On-loan half-back Greg McNally took the honours for Oldham with a try and seven goals.

Swinton Lions continued their mini revival by beating struggling Gateshead Thunder 34-12. The Lions were always ahead in the game but made the game safe with four second-half tries.

Gateshead have now lost ten straight games and continue to have problems scoring with 12 points in this game around their average in Championship 1.

NORTHERN RAIL CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Batley Bulldogs 26
T: J Campbell 1, S Hesketh 1, A Lindsay 1, C Potter 1. G: G Moore 5
Sheffield Eagles
T: D Mills 1, C Cook 1, D McDonald 1. G: B Lindsay 2. Att: 708

Hunslet Hawks 6
T: W McHugh 1. G: D March 1.

Leigh Centurions 42
T: D Alstead 1, M Nany 2, J Emmitt 1, J Taylor 1, M Morrison 1, A Nicholson 1. G: M Nany 7. Att: 770

Keighley Cougars 32
T: T Sheldrake 1, D Williams 2, J Wray 1, A Shickell 1. G: D Jones 6.
York City Knights 6
T: M Duckworth 1. G: L Waterman 1. Att: 712

Widnes Vikings 26
T: T Kohe-Love 1, D Gaskell 2, K Netherton 2, S Grady 1. G: S Grady 1.

Barrow Raiders 12
T: N Catic 2. G: J Rooney 2. Att: 1,718

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

Halifax RLFC 28
T: J Goddard, B Black 2, S Bannister 1, S Gene 1. G: L Paterson 4
Dewsbury Rams 8
T: S Turner 1. G: E Barber 2. Att: 1,851

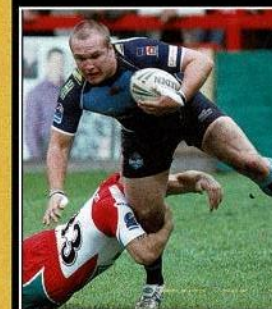
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	B	PTS
Featherstone	12	11	0	1	437	186	251	1	34
Leigh	12	9	1	2	372	192	180	2	31
Halifax	12	10	0	2	394	310	84	0	30
Barrow	9	6	1	2	297	158	139	0	20
Sheffield	12	5	1	6	304	333	-29	2	19
Widnes	10	5	0	5	338	258	80	3	18
Batley	11	4	0	7	229	268	-39	4	16
Toulouse	11	5	0	6	248	362	-114	1	16
Whitehaven	11	2	0	9	170	377	-207	3	9
Dewsbury	12	0	0	12	200	358	-158	7	7
Keighley	12	3	1	8	239	426	-187	2	4

* Keighley deducted 6pts for going into administration

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP 1

Gateshead Thunder 12
T: K Neighbour 1, R Peers 1. G: K Neighbour 2
Swinton Lions 34
T: R Flocks 1, R Foxen 1, D Heaton 1, L Wingfield 1, N Rigby, D Wilson.
G: R Flocks 5. Att: 253

Oldham RLFC 40
T: P O'Connor 1, L Onyango 1, M St Hilaire 1, G McNally 1, J Chandler 1, D Ellison 1. G: P O'Connor 1, G McNally 7.
Blackpool Panthers 26
T: D Munro 2, T Woodcock 1, T Hemingway 1, K Haggerty 1. G: T Hemingway 3. Att: 923



Lee Waterman, left, has been a prolific scorer for York

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	B	PTS
Hunslet	11	10	0	1	454	143	311	0	30
Oldham	12	10	0	2	383	266	117	1	31
Blackpool	10	8	0	2	447	164	283	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	11	6	0	5	294	317	-23	1	19
Doncaster	12	4	0	8	278	402	-124	3	15
London Skols	12	0	0	12	202	570	-368	2	2
Gateshead	12	1	0	11	150	642	-492	1	-2

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