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Two contenders for the crown

As the regular season approaches its conclusion there are still a number of issues to be resolved with the most notable being the Championship One crown.

Hunslet took a giant step towards the title last week with a close-fought win over Workington Town in front of the Sky cameras and, perhaps just as importantly, almost 1,400 fans. It was encouraging to see a good crowd at the South Leeds Stadium and it's hopefully a sign of things to come for the Hawks.

Oldham are hot on their heels though and a hard-fought win, last weekend, at York sets it all up for a fascinating last couple of weeks before the play-off circus comes to town.

Blackpool, who have had a great season, will be offering no favours to Hunslet next Sunday while Oldham play host to local neighbours Rochdale Hornets.

In the Co-operative Championship Featherstone finally clinched the League Leaders Shield with a great win at Batley.

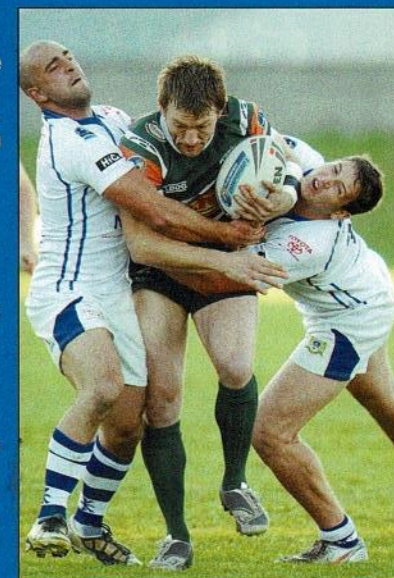
Attention now turns to the play-offs with the Bulldogs and Toulouse still in with a shout of making the season finale.

Both face a testing round of games with the Frenchmen heading to Leigh and Batley visiting second-placed Halifax.

There will be no room for complacency at sixth-placed Widnes, who host Sheffield on Thursday night, with just a one point advantage on the chasing pack.

Can the Cougars finally end the season with a flourish and win their basement battle with Whitehaven? With both clubs now relegated it will be a good opportunity for both to lay down a marker for next season.

Finally we'd like your views on Game On. You could win one of three family tickets to the Grand Finals Day at Warrington on Sunday September 26 if you take part in our online survey at www.cooperativechampionship.co.uk.



Hunslet veteran Richard Chapman is tackled by Workington defenders in the match televised by Sky

Rob Wilkinson, RFL Media Manager

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Halifax are timing themselves for the Grand Final run-in

HALIFAX coach Matt Calland explains to BEN COLLINS how his team may have started slowly but they are hitting form at the right time - when each game is like a cup final.

WITH the play-offs just around the corner, we'll hear many coaches talking about teams reaching their peak at the right time.

There is little point turning it on early in the year if you're going to go missing when it matters most.

And it's a point Halifax coach Matt Calland knows all too well after last season.

After racing off the starting grid with seven straight league wins, Fax took their foot off the pedal in the finishing straight and lost twice to Barrow in the play-offs, first in the qualifying semi-final and then 26-18 in the Grand Final.

So as Fax aim to go one better this year, Calland needs no reminding about the importance of being in top form heading into the business end of the season.

"We learned that last year," he said. "We got off to a great start then couldn't maintain it.

"We had five defeats on the bounce and although we managed to get a couple of wins just before the play-offs, we'd lost all our momentum.

"This year we've done it back to front. We started off slow and it's been a gradual improvement as the season's gone on, and that's the way it should be really.

"Don't get me wrong, you still want to start off well - the hard thing is monitoring the players all through the season so they don't go stale or lose concentration and focus.

"That's what happened last year. We got a bit above ourselves, we started to cut corners, and once you do that, you get beat.

"It's been a different process this year. Now we're getting better and better and we're finally hitting some form."

Fax were dumped out of the Northern Rail Cup at home to Hunslet in March while losing two of their first five league games.

They then suffered two straight league defeats in June but have recovered to win their last four and cement second spot in the Championship table.

"I'm really pleased with the way we've played in the last few games because we've had a tough few weeks," said Calland.

"I thought the second half against Whitehaven we showed some really good form, and we carried that into the Barrow

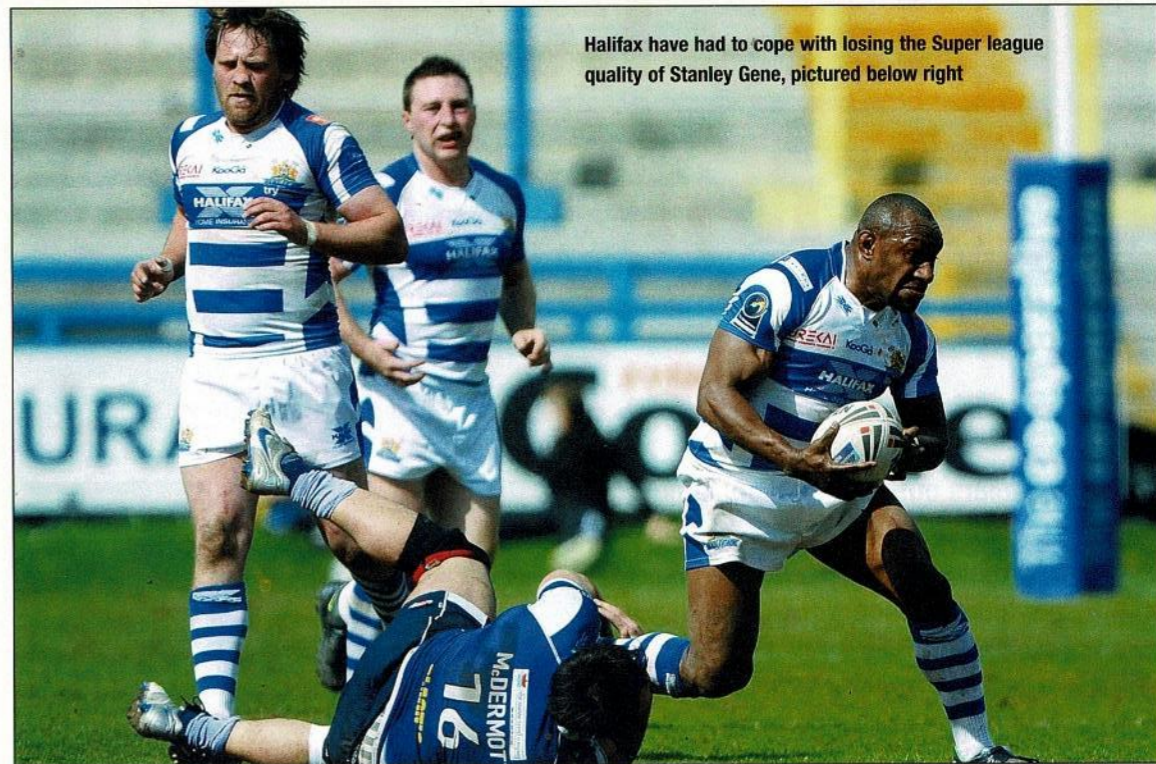


Calland is delighted with the acquisition this season of Sam Barlow from Sheffield

game, where we were absolutely outstanding in the first half, and there's no tougher place than Barrow away.

"We then won at home to Widnes, who were desperate to win. We played Sheffield last week, who'd just beaten Featherstone, and we came from behind for another good win.

"We're still quite a way off where we want to be though. We've not put that 80-minute performance in yet. We're playing for 40, 50 or 60 minutes, never quite 80, so that's



Halifax have had to cope with losing the Super league quality of Stanley Gene, pictured below right

what we're trying to work on going into the play-offs."

Fax now host Batley on Sunday before travelling to Toulouse for their final game of the regular season and they are eager to maintain that winning streak.

"Every game's like a cup final for us now," said Calland. "We need to win every one to finish as high as we can.

"Obviously all the other teams are fighting for the play-off spots so there's going to be some great games in store, and I'm sure there's going to be a few twists and turns with the results as well, before the season finishes.

"We want to finish as high as we can because we know if you finish in the top two, you get two cracks at reaching the Grand Final.

"The players are training really hard and they're really determined to go one better than last year.

"And we've got players hitting form at the right time. Bob Beswick is starting to play well, so too Sean Penkywicz, Ben Black and Luke Branighan.

"If they continue to gel like that and play together then I'm sure we'll go a long way this season."

Fax's recent form has not been down to making sure players stay fresh, though, for Calland has had little opportunity to rotate his squad and give people a breather.

Injuries and player departures have seen to that, with ex-Super League veteran Stanley Gene the biggest loss.

But Calland picked up youngster Sam Barlow mid-season after falling out of favour at Sheffield Eagles while half-back Graham Holroyd has returned to the club after an ill-fated stint with Swinton.

"If you look at everyone's squad, we've probably played the least players out of anybody in the first team, so we've

struggled in that area," he said.

"We haven't got a reserves team to pick from or for players to stay match fit, and we've lost quite a few players, with Stanley Gene the main one and also Mark Roberts.

"But we've got Graham Holroyd back and he's given us that bit of control and experience.

"We've also managed to recruit Sam Barlow, and he's probably been the find of the season. Even though he's only played a few games, he's been absolutely outstanding for us.

"We've struggled to find someone to fill the loose forward role and maybe play as a third prop for us, but he's provided exactly what we've been missing."

Barlow is from Halifax and came through the club's youth ranks before leaving for Huddersfield in 2007 and later joining Sheffield.

But he returned ahead of the transfer deadline, with Fax paying the Eagles an undisclosed fee, and Calland feels Barlow will help reflect the local identity of the club as they aim to make the step into Super League.

"They're the type of players we want to bring here, people who are from the town and really want to play for us," he said.

"It's not about money, they just want to play for Halifax, and it shows in the way Sam plays.

"I thought he was the difference against Widnes and he played really well against Barrow. He's coming up with nearly 40 tackles a game and nearly 20 carries, and when you've got someone working like that in your pack, along with David Wrench, you're going to be hard to beat.

"I think that's where a lot of teams thought they could beat us this year - in the forwards but it's not happened."

Calland feels Barlow will reflect the local identity of the club as they aim to step into Super League

Skolars lived up to their name on a learning curve

LONDON Skolars out-going coach James Massara tells BEN COLLINS how far the Skolars have come - but it's all too late for him to stay on as coach for next season in Championship 1.

It's been a tough year for London Skolars but coach James Massara will be leaving with his head held high at the end of the season.

Massara took charge last November with no players on the books so has had to rely on untried local talent and their first win of the season didn't come until July.

But the Skolars have put in a string of much-improved performances in recent weeks and some players have already committed to next year, with others set to follow.

So although the board has chosen not to retain Massara's services for next year, the London-born coach hopes his legacy will be a squad of local lads who are hungry to develop.

"I love the club and I've really enjoyed working with the players who are here," he said. "I want the best for the club and I hope they go on to bigger and better things.

"I've got a lot of belief in these players. It's an exciting squad for someone to take over. It excites me that they're young and it excites me that they're from London.

"They can improve possibly more than anyone else around. Because of their age, they've still got a lot of improvement in them so the sky's the limit.

"Plus, they're from London so they want to be here and they understand London, which is pretty important.

"We managed to get seven of the blokes back from last year, and then everybody else. But we've had to use around 40 players this year, so everybody else was new to the club. That's taken a heck of a lot of managing and in key positions, we haven't been very settled.

"It's been as much a matter of me knowing what they're capable of than them knowing what I want them to do, but there's a lot of belief about them now."

Massara admits it took time for his young squad to find their feet.

They lost their first 14 games this season to make it a 30-match losing streak for the Skolars in Co-operative Championship 1.

But they finally halted that wretched run at home to third-placed Rochdale in June, with a last-minute converted try giving them a 28-26 victory.

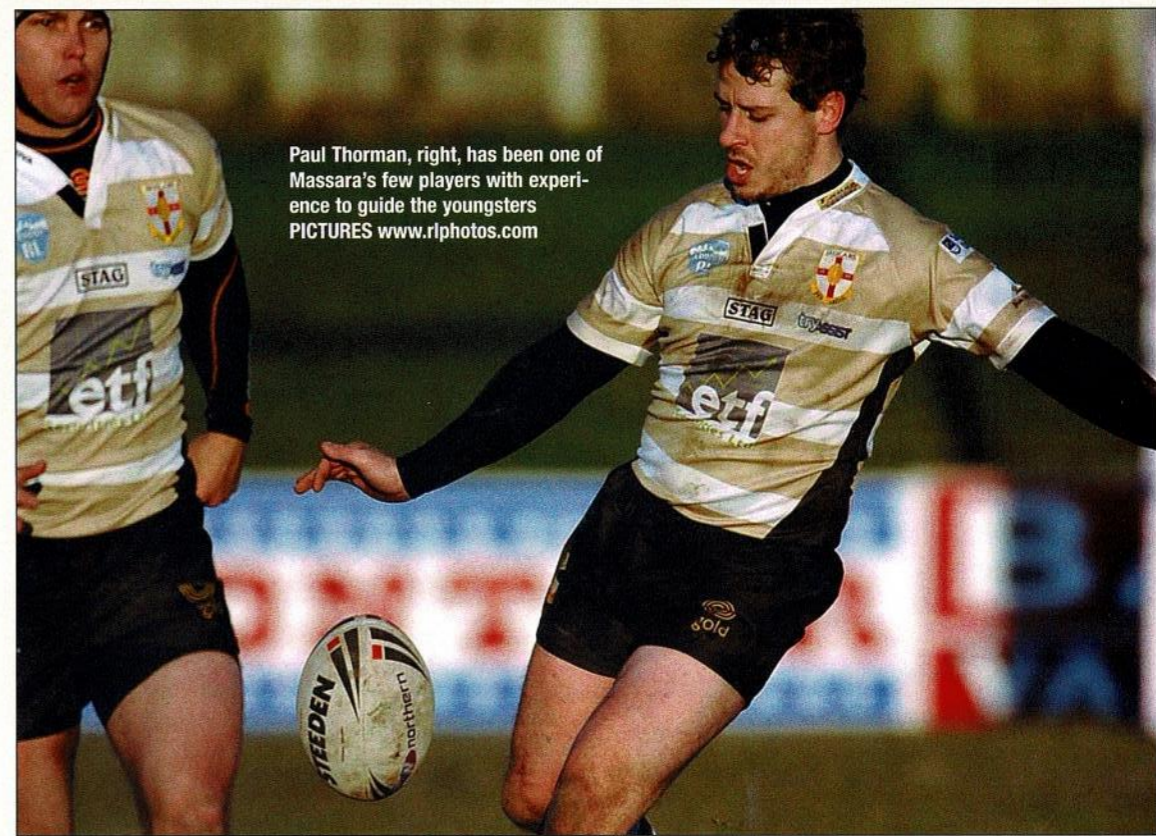


Skolars coach James Massara would have liked to stay on

The Skolars then lost 38-34 at Workington and would have claimed more bonus points at Blackpool last time out but for a converted try after the hooter, which saw the Panthers seal a 54-40 win.

There are now just two games left but the Skolars are hopeful they can finish strongly and add to their seven-point tally.

"Before that Blackpool game, we took five points from a possible nine, and we were disappointed not to come



Paul Thorman, right, has been one of Massara's few players with experience to guide the youngsters
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away with more than that up at Workington, which is a hard place to go," said Massara.

"We're going to make mistakes because we're a young team but we're making fewer and fewer of them, and finding out more and more about each other.

"The difference now is we genuinely enjoy turning up for games. We know what we're good at and we know we can fix things.

"We were having some issues in the first half at Blackpool. Like many other teams, we were struggling with their right-hand side attack.

"But we managed to make a few adjustments at half-time to shut that down and suddenly the game was different. It showed the lessons are being learned.

"Speaking to the lads afterwards, no-one worries us now. We've got a settled team.

"We genuinely believe we can compete with anybody now. It's the end of a long season but I've got players saying they wish they could play 'X' team again and they wish there were five or six games left."

Things are finally coming together for the Skolars yet despite having to build a squad from scratch in the close-season, Massara admits he expected more this year.

But the ambitious coach, who led South London Storm in the Conference last season, is man enough to hold his hands up rather than point the finger at his players.

"The potential in the team's only just coming through now. But I thought we'd be at this stage a fair deal earlier than we were," he said.

"I'll take a lot of the blame for that, to be honest. I'm

not going to stand there and say these players didn't do it - it's just taken longer.

"The question is what changed that made us go out against Rochdale and perform like we did, to get over the line and win.

"There's no easy answers. We prepared the same for Hunslet and Swinton before that but just didn't get ourselves into those games. I think it's a learning process that we've gone through. Then you get a result that gives you confidence and you go from there.

"And that could have happened six or eight weeks earlier and everything might be different."

Skolars now host rock-bottom Gateshead on Sunday in the unusual position of being favourites.

"This'll be the only game of the season we go into with everyone saying we should win so but I'm trying to guard

against that because that's when you end up looking silly," said Massara.

"It's about how we deal with that challenge mentally because if we don't turn up ready, we won't win it.

"We're not at the stage where we can take anyone for granted.

"It's nice to have a two-week lead-up so we've probably done more video work on Gateshead than anyone else this year."

Massara will then prepare for his final game in charge, which has been put back to Friday, August 27 as part of the Challenge Cup Final weekend, although he doesn't know yet what the future holds.

"I would have liked to carry on next year so it's frustrating but that's coaching," he said.

'This will be the only game where the Skolars start as favourites'

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Danny Lockwood

WE ARE at the stage of the season when thoughts turn not just to team awards and the 'life and death' matters of promotion, relegation and championships, but also to the highly subjective awards process.

Each and every club involved in the sport - in fact probably every sport - has its own internal awards event. Player of the Year, Players' Player, Coaches' Player, Supporters' Player of the Year, the Joe Soap Clubman of the Year - and others of almost infinite variety, all dished out to occasional blushes and frequent cheers.

The Young Player of the Year will be called up to ironic wolf whistles, and perhaps not at all professional clubs but certainly in the amateur and junior games, the Most Improved Player will get his nod, before finally bouquets are presented to a couple of the ladies without whom nothing would be possible.

It fair brings a tear to the eye.

Beyond the club level, there will then be the serious stuff of 'All-Star' teams and awards for the top try scorers, goalkickers and all-around points scorers.

I was listening to our bosom buddies Eddie and Stevo, accompanied by Shaun McRae on a recent Super League commentary and a player - I think it might have been Wigan's Pat Richards - was approaching some point-scoring milestone or other. The general consensus was that our star players don't give a hoot about personal records, goals kicked (and percentages of success-to-failure), tries scored, or total points in a season. Apparently they are professional automatons who don't give a second thought to personal glorification or achievement, simply the mission of securing victory for the unit, the team.

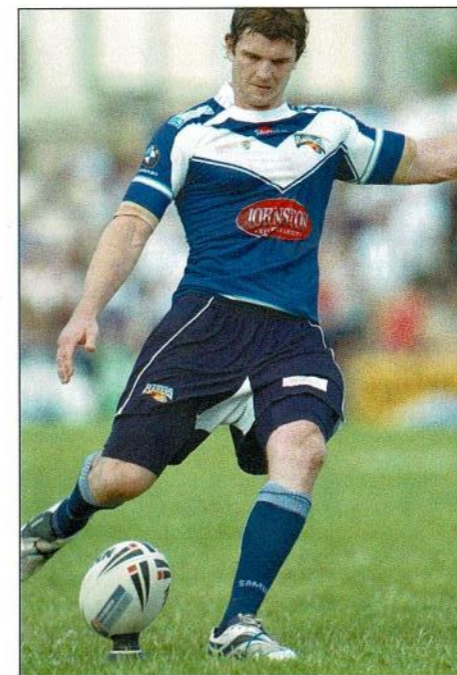
Apparently the only time they realise they have just broken a 99-year-old club record is when some nose-poke journalist comes up and informs them, at which point they shrug their shoulders, and get back to "taking one game at a time", "playing for the full 80 minutes", or feeling respectively "sick as a parrot" or "over the moon".

Well I don't know Pat Richards or Kevin Sinfield, Jamie Rooney or Kyle Briggs, but I would be absolutely flabbergasted if they truly didn't have the faintest idea how many goals or total points they have notched in a season. I am certainly in no position to contradict the Sky commentators and wouldn't wish to.

Maybe that really is the case and it is only we in the media who put any noticeable focus on such record keeping.

I suppose dwelling on the subject could be deemed counter-productive. I recall in the football Premiership last year that as soon as Manchester United's Wayne Rooney hit more than 30 goals and people started talking of him overtaking Cristiano Ronaldo's total of 42 the previous season, that suddenly Rooney couldn't hit a cow's backside with a banjo.

But speaking personally as a former goalkicker, I never placed a ball without knowing precisely how many I'd made - and missed - in the game and even in the season. It made the kick both a matter of personal challenge, pride and motivation, and intensified my focus. I always thought that it worked for me. Or maybe I was just thinking too much like a stats-obsessed journalist...



Ace Barrow
goalkicker
Jamie
Rooney has
counted up
122 goals
this season

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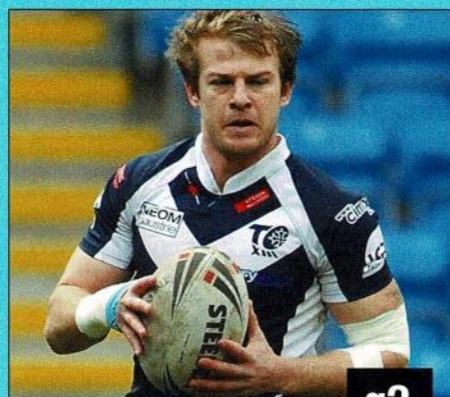
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Do you
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stuff?

QUESTIONS

1. How many times has Hunslet's Waine Pryce scored a hat-trick or more of tries this season?
2. Who is Toulouse's fullback?
3. What is his nationality?
4. What is Toulouse's average home attendance this season?
5. Toulouse centre Vincent Dupont has switched at times to which Super League club?
6. Hunslet were on Sky recently: which game of theirs was televised in 1999?
7. Who did they beat in that match and by what score?
8. Who did Paul March replace as Hunslet coach in 2009?
9. Hunslet's Tommy Haughey has played at three Super League clubs - which ones?
10. Workington Town formed during the Second World War. Within six years they had won two major titles: which ones?
11. Which Aussie clubs did Workington centre Andrew Beattie play for?
12. Oldham player Jason Boults has just completed a milestone for the club: what is it?
13. Of the current Oldham squad who has made the most appearances?



Q2

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Team	Pens Conceded (x1pt)	Sin Bins (x3pts)	Sending off sufficient (x4pts)	Match Bans (x5pts)	Fair Play Total
1 Sheffield	115	2	1	0	125
2 Keighley	126	2	0	0	132
3 Barrow	116	2	0	5	147
4 Batley	142	2	0	0	148
5 Dewsbury	143	2	0	0	149
6 Featherstone	147	2	0	0	153
7 Toulouse	149	0	0	1	154
8 Leigh	148	1	2	0	159
9 Whitehaven	160	2	0	0	166
10 Halifax	165	4	0	0	177
11 Widnes	153	2	0	7	194

Stats are correct after round 19 of The Co-operative Championship on 03/08/2010

THE play-offs to decide the Championship are still to come, and some big rugby league is still to be played to decide who takes the ultimate accolade.

However, finishing undisputed top of the Championship, with no away defeats and two home defeats by extremely close margins, is a special achievement for a club, proud of its heritage, which has virtually reinvented itself as a major force.

Rovers' burgeoning scholarship scheme and reserve grade outfit give the club a real 'centre of excellence' feel, with Danny Evans' reserve grade side going into their last regular game against Leigh with a real chance of making the play-offs.

The significance of Rovers' wonderful season was put into perspective by director Andrew McNeill, who said: "Finishing top, and in such style is a major element in what is becoming the 'you can't ignore us' ethos of Featherstone Rovers. There's plenty more to come and you can be sure it will be exciting."

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Dewsbury Rams v Barrow Raiders



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SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Sue Walford.....	James Haynes	2
The West Riding.....	Stewart Sanderson	3
	Andrew Tillotson	5
	Tom Wandless	7
John Calvert.....	Dominic Brambani	8
Lesley & Lily Whittaker.....	Mike Emmett	9
Vivien Calvert.....	Scott Turner	10
Matthew Dudding.....	Adam Robinson	11
Mount Tabor Church.....	Pat Walker	13
Tony & Mary Diskin.....	Luke Stencheon	14
Sam & Peggy Hill.....	Bryn Powell	15
Dewsbury Rams Study Centre.....	Austin Buchanan	16
The Buzz Room.....	Alex Bretherton	17
Elaine and Peter Holyoake.....	Adam Hayes	19
Jack Addy & Pat Haywood.....	Rob Spicer	20
The Grayson Family.....	Andrew Bostock	21
Peter Brooke & David Kirby.....	Keegan Hirst	23
Phil & Rhoda Andruchow.....	Anthony England	24
Jack Addy & Pay Haywood.....	James Lockwood	25
The Three G's.....	Ayden Faal	26
	Allister McMaster	27
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	James Walker	33
Mr & Mrs Humphrey.....	Danny Addy	35
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Dewsbury Central Station Pub.....	Ed Barber	40
	James Craven	
	Matt Fox	
	Nicky Saxton	

COACH: WARREN JOWITT

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLWWW
 LAST SIX HOME: LLLWLW
 TRIES: Powell (11), Turner (9), Walker (8), Brambani (7), Bostock, Robinson (6)
 GOALS: Walker (49), Brambani (22)
 DROP GOALS: Brambani (1)
 MAN TO WATCH: Dom Brambani

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	Full back	
	Right Wing	
	Right Centre	
	Left Centre	
	Left Wing	
	Stand off	
	Scrum half	
	Prop	
	Hooker	
	Prop	
	2nd row	
	2nd row	
	Loose forward	
	Interchange 1	
	2	
	3	
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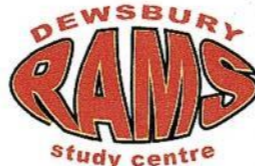
Two teams in form. Rams always push Barrow and could well edge this by 6.

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

COACH: STEVE McCORMACK

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWWW
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLLWWL
 TRIES: Catic (22), Ballard (19), Rooney (14), Campbell (11), Harrison (10)
 GOALS: Rooney (122)
 DROP GOALS: Rooney (1)
 MAN TO WATCH: Ned Catic

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Dewsbury v Barrow

Rams prove pundits wrong

I'd like to welcome everyone to the Tetley's Stadium for our final game of the season and after such a recent upturn in our fortunes it is especially pleasing that we end on home soil and we can give Warren and the boys the send-off that they deserve.

Twelve games into the season and without a win to our name we were doing it tough but following the win at Keighley the confidence in the team seemed to flood back and our current record of five wins out of the last seven games is very impressive indeed and at any other time of the season would have been play-off form.

What is especially pleasing is that even without Keighley's points deduction we have now stayed up on merit and we can plan for another year in the Championship. It is a big step up from Championship 1 and I know Warren rates our survival as the best achievement to date especially in view of the limited budget he has had to work with.

We are already planning for 2011 and the fact that we can do this planning at such an early stage knowing which division we will be in is a big advantage.

With the recent announcement of at least one Championship club gaining a Super League franchise come next March it could be an interesting season and perhaps a much more level playing field. There will be much speculation around this and Hunslet's likely promotion could end up giving us a

couple more local derbies to help swell the coffers next year.

Our home crowds have held up pretty well. The only real disappointment was the Halifax game which

game a season next year that would give us a great boost as well but I know I'm preaching to the converted and competition in the area is tough. Even the amateur game is struggling a little and it was disappointing to hear that Thornhill have had to resign from the conference. They've produced some great players in recent years. James Craven, Alex Bretherton and Andy Bostock all came to us from the club.

Finally, thanks to all the players, officials and coaching staff for your efforts this season, thanks to everyone who turns up to help with the match day operation: stewards, gatemen (or gate people!), programme sellers, back office staff, cheerleaders, timekeeper etc and the ladies who look after visiting officials, players and sponsors both before and after the match. Thanks to the sponsors and those who advertise around the ground

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unfortunately clashed with an England match in the World Cup - although we know we were a lot happier that day than they were. We've had some good vocal support away from home with last Sunday's following up at Whitehaven particularly pleasing. I know that the players and coaching staff appreciate the time and effort you all take in getting to the games, especially with money being tighter for us all and the fact that we are into peak holiday season.

If everyone could try to persuade a friend to come along to at least one

- your support is vital. I really appreciate all the hard work and effort that everyone puts in and the commitment that you give to the club. If I have missed anyone out you know it's not intentional. It's a massive operation to run any rugby club and without you all it just wouldn't happen and without you the supporters there wouldn't be anyone to see the culmination.
 See you all at the Tetley's Stadium in 2011.

Mark Sawyer
 Chairman

Time to look back on the whole season with Warren...

I'd like to welcome Steve McCormack and the players, directors and supporters who have made the journey from Barrow.

They are enjoying another successful season and are aiming to finish in a strong position for the play-offs. They have some quality players in their side, no more so though than my old team-mate Richard Fletcher.

It was great to get a win up at Whitehaven last weekend. That was a very important game for us as a team because we wanted to show every-

body else in this division that we are worthy of staying in this division. All year we have competed, even when we had our injury crisis. We ran all the top sides close. There were only two occasions when we let ourselves down. Take also into account the games we should have won but were out of our control, and we would have been sitting pretty.

Back to today: it should be a very entertaining game as Barrow and us want a strong finish to the season. Barrow are a very big, physical side

but, as we've proved all year, we can match anybody.

I'd just like to thank all you fans for your continued support and patience. Both I and the players appreciate your vital role. I'd also just like to thank our groundsman for his outstanding work on the pitch!

Paul has been nominated for groundsman of the year by Scrubland Weekly.

Warren Jowitt
 Coach

Halifax RLFC v



Batley Bulldogs



Sunday August 15, 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
Complete Building Materials.....	Bob Beswick	13
David/Terry Kendall.....	Mark Gleeson	14
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
	Sam Barlow	
	Graham Holroyd	

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COACH: MATT CALLAND

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWWWW
 LAST SIX HOME: WWWLWW
 TRIES: Royston (24), Worrincy (19)
 Branighan (13), Penkywicz (12),
 Black (11)
 GOALS: Paterson (120)
 DROP GOALS: None
 MAN TO WATCH: Sam Barlow

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J Leahy
 Touch: J Downham, A Sweet
 Reserve Referee: S Bennison

THE INSIDE TRACK.

Halifax in for a difficult afternoon but
 should have attacking edge to win by 8.

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Ian Preece.....	Hopkins Family
2	Lee Greenwood.....	Leyland Paints
3	Mark Barlow.....	Batley Rock'n Roll
4	Danny Maun.....	Stephen & Mandy Fletcher
5	Johnny Campbell.....	Gary Tingle & Lorraine Richardson
6	Paul Handforth.....	Brian Hooley
7	Gareth Moore.....	Batley Nash
8	Byron Smith.....	Study Centre
9	Kris Lythe.....	Benson Family
10	Sean Hesketh.....	Mick Lockton
11	Tommy Gallagher.....	Eddie Toronczak & Family
12	Mark Toohey.....	George & Mary Gommersal
13	Ash Lindsay.....	Amy Fletcher
14	John Gallagher.....	Hick Funeral
15	Anthony Henderson	
16	John Simpson.....	Paul & Dianne Goodhall
17	Craig Potter.....	Johnstone Paints
18	Jack Watson.....	Tracey Grundell & Katie Penn
19	Eddie Kilroy.....	Tracey & Brian Winner
20	Dave Toothill.....	Cellar Bar
21	James Martin.....	Mary Hughes
22	Josh Griffin	
23	Chris Buttery.....	RSM Carriers
24	Alex Brown	
25	Kyle Wood	
27	Jason Walton.....	Paul Hinchcliffe
	Waterboy.....	Peter's Foods
	Physio.....	Revive

COACH: KARL HARRISON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWLWL
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLWWL
 TRIES: Campbell (25), Walton (13),
 Preece, Moore (10)
 GOALS: Moore (110)
 DROP GOALS: Moore (2), Handforth
 (1)
 MAN TO WATCH: Jason Walton

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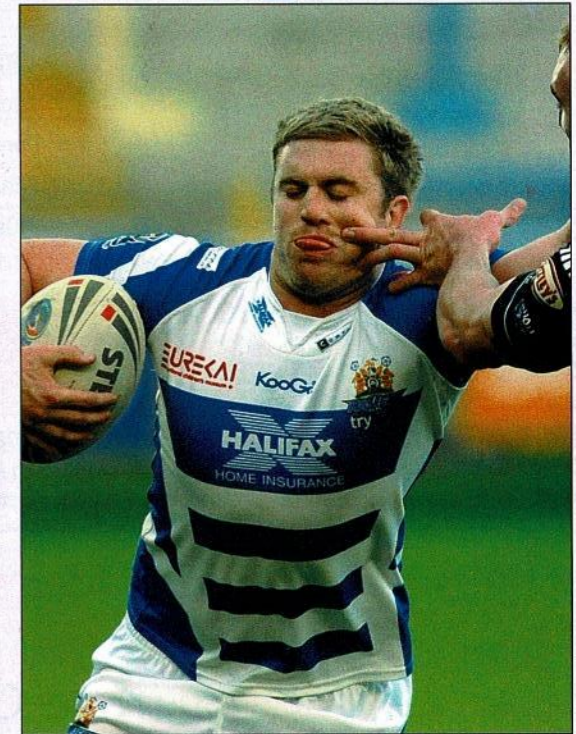
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Halifax RLFC v Batley



Influential half-back Luke Branighan crashes over for a try in Fax's last home game against Widnes Vikings

Fax gearing up for the final push



Bob Beswick, left, has really begun to show his quality for Fax this season while Dylan Nash gets his face distorted!



Keighley Cougars v Whitehaven RLFC



Sunday August 15, 2010. Kick off 3pm. COUGAR PARK

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
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 Rothera.....	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	
	Tom Sheldrake	
	James Hutchinson	

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COACH: BARRY EATON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLWL
LAST SIX HOME: LWLLLW
TRIES: Duffy (11), Presley, Jones (7)
Williams (6), Shickell (5)
GOALS: Jones (74)
DROP GOALS: Jones (2)
MAN TO WATCH: Jamaine Wray

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COACH: GED STOKES

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Halloran
Touch: J Cadogan, J Greenwood
Reserve Referee: A Fossett

THE INSIDE TRACK

Cougars can leapfrog Haven with a win to leave Cumbrians at bottom. Cougars by 20.

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL
LAST SIX AWAY: LLLLLL
TRIES: Calvert (9), Mattinson, Eilbeck (7), Rudd, Fox (5)
GOALS: Rudd (48)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Graeme Mattinson



We're backing the Cougars...



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Keighley v Whitehaven

The Cougars had too big a burden to bear

Welcome today to Ged Stokes and his players and staff and travelling support from Whitehaven for the penultimate game of the 2010 season.

It has been a tough season for both clubs for certain reasons but one thing that can never be taken away from either club is that the traditions and philosophies of both clubs are similar.

They hold their supporters and communities as vital parts of the club and we at Keighley wish Whitehaven all the best in the coming years.

We now know our destiny for next year and the hurdles we had to try and overcome were just too big overall although we gave ourselves some genuine belief that we could overturn the deficit for large chunks of the season.

We are already well under way with retainment of players for next year. Some announcements have already been made and we will be making many more in the next few weeks as the squad of players here at the club have raised their standards of performance and fitness as a whole.

I genuinely believe we have the ability to be amongst the favourites to get promotion this time next season and on a level playing front we will be much more equipped as a club and staff to sustain championship rugby league.

With two consecutive home games to end our season we are hoping to finish really well to thank our fantastic fans for their continued support.

Enjoy the game.

Barry Eaton
Head Coach

Clash of the relegation rivals

GOOD afternoon and welcome to Cougar Park today for our penultimate game, against Whitehaven, in the Co-operative Championship.

I would like to welcome the Whitehaven directors, players and fans to Cougar Park this afternoon. I hope you enjoy your day with us.

It is a sad realisation that both teams will be meeting again next year in The Co-operative Championship 1 as we are both being relegated. Although disappointing I think we must applaud Barry and the players for their commitment and hard work this year and I am sure you will agree they have played some fantastic rugby. We are now very focussed on next season.

I must thank you the fans for being so fantastic this year and really supporting Barry and the players. Also it has been great how you have all responded so enthusiastically to the new board and the various fundraising and fans' meetings we have had. I think some of the ideas you have brought have been great and we have implemented a lot of them. From everyone at

the club a huge thanks to you all for your support.

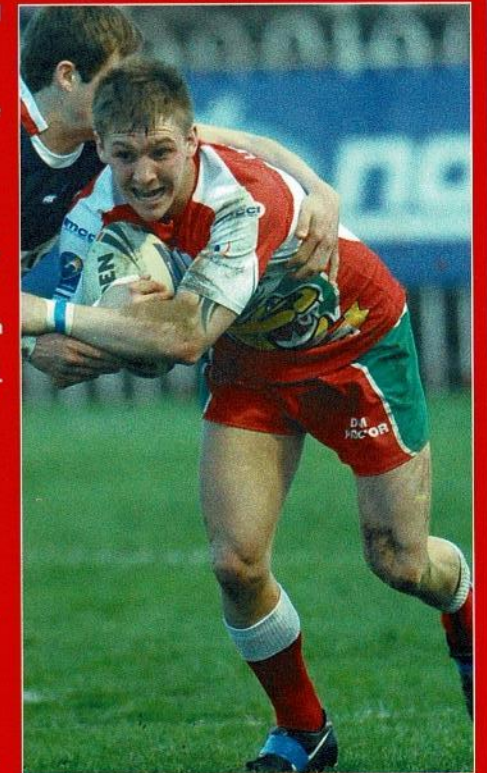
It doesn't stop there though. Next year we need you more than ever as we embark to come straight back into the Championship - so please stick with us and help us to promote the Cougars around the town.

I would also like to welcome today's match sponsors who are The Select Group and Peter and his guests are here today.

Today we will have our season tickets on sale so please take advantage of the early bird offer.

Since our last home game we have held our 1st week of Summer Camp and it has been a resounding success with around 50 children a day. The week consists of rugby skills, healthy living, teamwork and fun games and culminated in a tournament on the Friday. All the children got a t-shirt. I have heard parents saying it is the best childcare going as their children slept like a log when they got home! It has been so successful we have added 2 bonus days in the middle of the school holidays. Call us to book.

Helen Carter
General Manager



Winger Gavin Duffy tops the Cougars' try tally with a respectable 11

Leigh Centurions v Toulouse Olympique XIII



Saturday August 14, 2010. Kick off 6pm. LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE

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

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No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Rory Bromley	Copy Sud
2	Sebastien Payan	Bugbusters
3	Sebastien Planas	André Raynal - Déménagements
4	Vincent Duport	Groupe Cailleau
5	Carlos Mendes Varela	Gallego
6	Constant Villegas	Prosegur
7	Nathan Wynn	ICA Patrimoine
8	Brendan Worth	Transports Sarrazain
9	Martin Mitchell	Renault Etats-Unis
10	Matthieu Griffi	Ermes Prestations
11	Timothy Wynn	Océanix
12	Simon Worrall	Siemex
13	Eric Anselme	Inovans
14	Antoni Maria	Compass Group
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16	Sylvain Houles	Aux Docks du Bureau
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23	Kevin Larroyer	Errea
24	Andrei Olari	Cimpa
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26	Yohann Gigord	Clear Channel
	Maxime Herold	Socotrap
	Mourad Kriouache	IFB
	Cyril Moliner	Sporting Finances
	Antoine Reveillon	Paru vendu
	Jocelyn Vauvelle	Citroën Etats-Unis
	Remi Vigneau	Elffage
	Geoffrey Zava	Equalliance
	Tony Gigot	
	William Barthau	Garage Verniol

COACH: GILLES DUMAS

COACH: IAN MILLWARD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLWL
 LAST SIX HOME: WWLLWL
 TRIES: Nany (16), Donlan (12),
 Alstead, Ridyard (11), Blythe (10)
 GOALS: Nany (95)
 DROP GOALS: None
 MAN TO WATCH: Stuart Donlan

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G Dolan
 Touch: J Ashton, S Kilpatrick
 Reserve Referee: M Hague

THE INSIDE TRACK

Leigh won easily in France and should
 take this by 12 at least.

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLLL
 LAST SIX AWAY: WLWWL
 TRIES: Bromley (14), Mitchell, Duport
 (9), Planas (7), Mendes Varela (6)
 GOALS: Wynn (74)
 DROP GOALS: None
 MAN TO WATCH: Mendes Varela

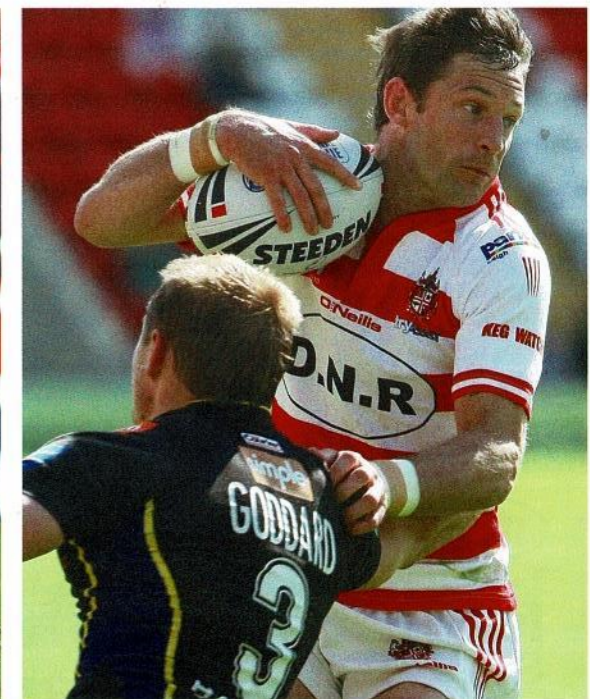
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Leigh v Toulouse



Stand-off Martyn Ridyard, above left, makes a clean break down the middle for Leigh Centurions.

Leigh rollercoaster



Chris Hill, left, in action against Whitehaven. Right, fullback Stuart Donlan tries to step Jon Goddard of Halifax

Supporting the
 Centurions...



Widnes Vikings v



Sheffield Eagles



Thursday August 12, 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
Reg and Lesley Warner	Paddy Flynn	5
Applied Acumen	Anthony Thackeray	6
Widnes Vikings Supporters Club	James Webster	7
Alan Bruce	Steve Pickersgill	8
Leann Fox	Mark Smith	9
Widnes Vikings Supporters Club	Jim Gannon	10
Colin Pheysey Swavesy Newsagents	Lee Doran	11
MB Hydrographic Ltd	Dave Allen	12
VIQI	Chris Gerrard	13
MWEL Electrical Ltd	Thomas Coyle	14
ACS Building Maintenance (07725884913)	Shane Grady	15
Ace Film Catering	Garth Haggerty	16
Ron Rowbottom	Ben Kavanagh	17
Julie Coe - Merry Christmas from Neil xx	Scott Yates	18
	Matt Gardner	19
	Chris Dean	20
	Matt Strong	21
The Jones Family	Dean Thompson	22
	Dave Houghton	23
	Danny Hulme	24
Mullally's Butchers	Anthony Mullally	25
	Liam Farrell	
	Ben Davies	
	Kirk Netherton	
	Kurt Haggerty	
	Shaun Ainscough	

COACH: PAUL CULLEN

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLLLW
 LAST SIX HOME: LLWLWL
 TRIES: Thackeray (19), Grady (13), Gardner (11), Flynn (9), Ainscough (8)
 GOALS: Grady (97)
 DROP GOALS: Coyle (1)
 MAN TO WATCH: Anthony Thackeray

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MATCH OFFICIALS
 Referee: R Laughton
 Touch: T Maher, C Waywell
 Reserve Referee: S Johnson

THE INSIDE TRACK
 Widnes must beware Eagles' excellent away form. Could go either way.

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Jonny Woodcock	AMCO
2	Danny Mills	Edge Telecom
3	Menzie Yere	OSI Ltd
4	John Coleman	Jim Hawksworth & Susan Atkin
5	Ashley Thackeray	Anne Collins
6	Brendon Lindsay	Pennine Business Forms
7	Aaron Groom	AMCO
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	Joe Hirst	Stewart & Liz ELFLet
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
28	Eddie Battye	Jill Swire
29	Mark Renshaw-Smith	Insign Signage & Digital Imaging
30	Dan Hawksworth	Mr & Mrs Lee
31	Andrew Henderson	Jim Hawksworth & Susan Atkin
32	Corey Hanson	

COACH: MARK ASTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWWL
 LAST SIX AWAY: LWWWWW
 TRIES: Cook (18), Yere, Ropati (14), Stringer (10), Rowe (8)
 GOALS: Stringer (31), Bergin (18)
 DROP GOALS: Cook (1)
 MAN TO WATCH: Brendon Lindsay



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Widnes v Sheffield

Vikings appoint a new chief executive

WIDNES Vikings have announced the appointment of Julie Gaskell as their new chief executive after Alex Bonney decided to step down.

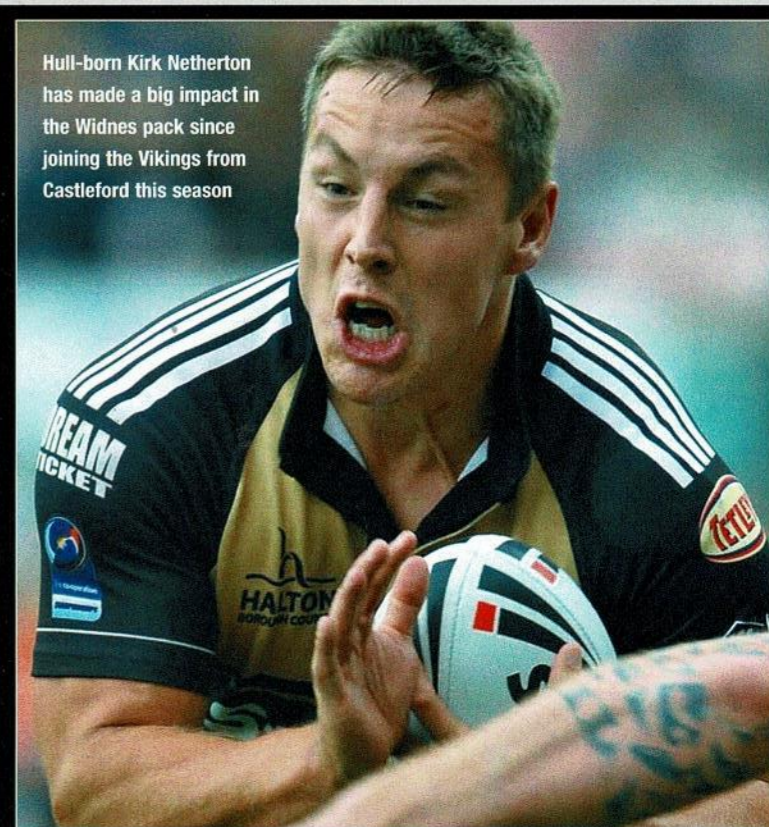
Widnes Vikings Chairman Steve O'Connor said: "Alex has done a tremendous job for the Vikings in the last three years, and he has been an integral part of what we have achieved in that time.

"I personally want to thank Alex for all his hard work and tremendous dedication throughout his period of service at the club.

"Julie has an excellent commercial background in this region and I am confident that she will build on the strong foundations that we have laid since 2007. I believe that Julie has the energy, enthusiasm and expertise to manage the club over the coming crucial period to its full potential."

Ms Gaskell has worked in a number of senior management roles at both United Utilities and the Stobart Group, and more recently has run her own consultancy business. She has significant professional experience in the management and delivery of large-scale sponsorship programmes that have included the Commonwealth Games, the World Firefighter Games and Liverpool's European Capital of Culture Year in 2008.

Julie Gaskell said: "I have already been working alongside Alex and the rest of the management team and I have been impressed by what I have seen. I see my role as continuing the club's progress, ensuring a successful Super League application and making sure that we are in the best possible shape to fulfil our ambitious long-term targets. It is a very exciting challenge for me and I am really looking forward to seeing what we can achieve together at Widnes Vikings."



Hull-born Kirk Netherton has made a big impact in the Widnes pack since joining the Vikings from Castleford this season

MY TERM at the helm has lasted much longer than was originally envisaged. The stewardship of this sporting institution is a role not to be taken lightly. The mixture of a great heritage and a genuine desire to return to the pinnacle of the sport has been a difficult expectation to manage. The reality check of being restricted by the financial constraints of championship funding is always there, whether you have the magnificent support of a financial benefactor, or otherwise. No one can sustainably spend money they don't have, yet the expectation of fans often cause teams to live beyond their means.

There is no easy solution to the current plight of some traditional, great RL clubs. The likes of Widnes, Leigh, Barrow, Halifax and Featherstone try to

compete on a budget of only 8% funding of the league above them. The gap is too big, and everybody knows it.

Widnes have been very fortunate to have the backing of Steve O'Connor, not just for his considerable financial support but also for the direction and vision he has displayed. My instruction was to control costs without interfering with playing budgets and this has been the crux of the role - now that the Super League is once again looming, the club needs to be seen as a genuine contender and this is where Julie's networking skills will come to the fore.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff here at the Stobart. It has been a pleasure working with them all. Your club is in safe hands.

Alex Bonney

Blackpool Panthers v Hunslet Hawks



Sunday August 15, 2010. Kick off 3pm. WOODLANDS MEMORIAL GROUND

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Sue Walford.....	Jonny Leather	1
Derek Way Roofing.....	Damien Munro	2
TLC UPVC Double Glazing.....	Casey Mayberry	3
John Barlow - Timekeeper.....	Mark McCully	4
Norris & Oxley.....	Tom Woodcock	5
Blackpool Supporters Club.....	Carl Forber	6
The Colonial Hotel.....	Tom Hemingway	7
Brennan & Best Joinery & Const.....	Dave Best	8
Chorley Supporters.....	John Clough	9
Shelf Village Bakery.....	Andy Hobson	10
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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1	Nathan Larvin.....	Mark Moore Ceramic Tilers
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4	David Clayton	
5	John Oakes.....	Rodney Gee
6	Danny Grimshaw.....	Jim Irons
7	Paul March.....	Delta Training & Consulting
8	Scott Woodcock	
9	Richard Chapman.....	Tates Solicitors, Leeds
10	Tommy Haughey.....	Kenny Sykes & Big Al
11	Rob Kelly.....	Wet Dog & The Soggy Cat
12	Steve Dooler.....	Phil Ogg
13	David March.....	Delta Training & Consulting
14	Luke Haigh	
15	Adam Sullivan	
16	Neil Lowe	
18	Charlie Wabo.....	Eric Simon
19	George Rayner.....	John & Carol Hawkshaw
20	Joe Helme.....	Kath Ogg
21	Wayne McHugh.....	Phil & Lynn Robinson
23	Jake Wilson	
24	Stephen Brook	
25	Danny Cook	
26	Waine Pryce.....	Company Coaches
27	Scott Childs	
28	Jason Hart	
29	Stuart Kain.....	Manheim Auctions
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	Corey Challenger.....	British Gas
	Ryan Lilywhite.....	Morley Market
	Joey Walkin, Gareth Hynes, Nigel Scott, Michael Kelly	

COACH: MARTIN CROMPTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWW
 LAST SIX HOME: WWWLW
 TRIES: Munro (23), Mayberry, Ainscough (17), Clough (13), Forber (11), Ballard (10)
 GOALS: Hemingway (107)
 DROP GOALS: Leather (1)
 MAN TO WATCH: John Clough

MATCH OFFICIALS

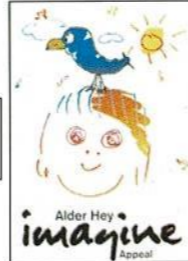
Referee: C Sharrad
 Touch: S Barrie, J Callaghan
 Reserve Referee: K Povah

THE INSIDE TRACK

Free-scoring teams make for an exciting clash. Panthers to gain revenge at home by 8.

COACH: PAUL MARCH

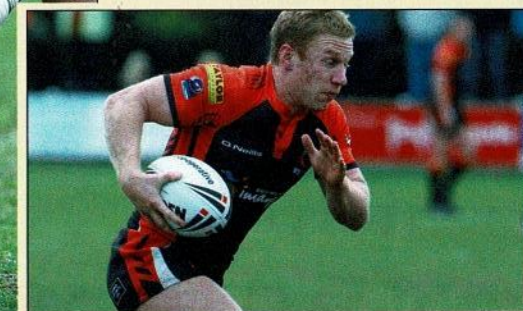
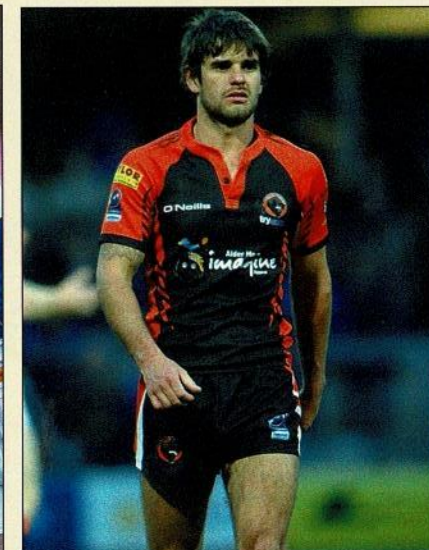
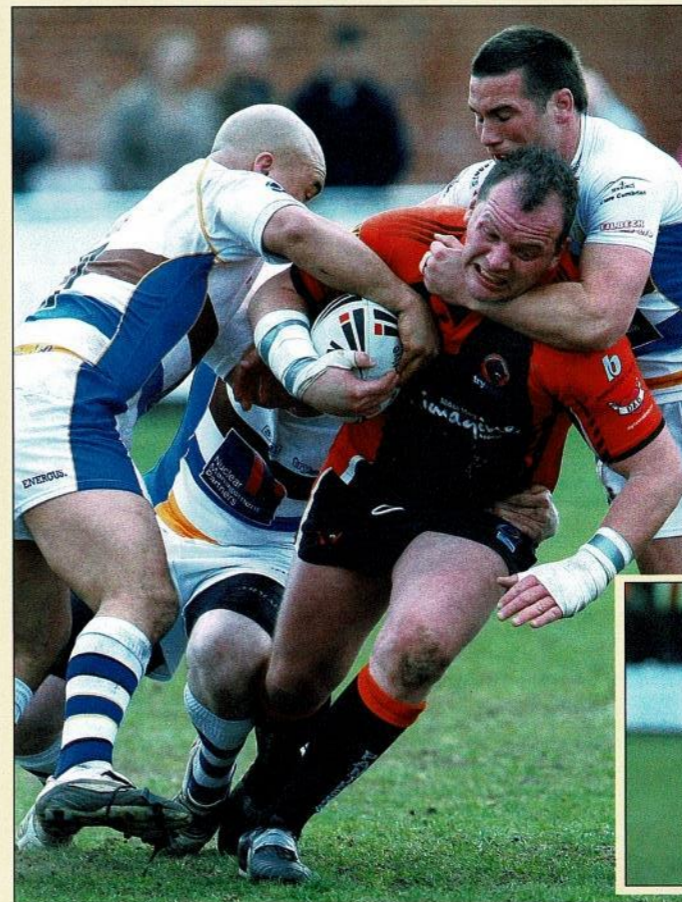
LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWW
 LAST SIX AWAY: WWWLWW
 TRIES: McHugh (27), Pryce (22), Mark (17), P March (15), Haughey (13), D March (11)
 GOALS: D March (46), McHugh (39), Knight (37)
 MAN TO WATCH: Paul March



CLUBCALL

Blackpool v Hunslet

Panthers face test by the best today



Above, prop Andy Hobson brings steel to the Panthers pack while Carl Forber, top right, and John Clough have been getting the headlines with hat-tricks of tries

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to everyone associated with Hunslet to The Woodlands Memorial Ground this afternoon.

I can't believe that this is the last home league game of 2010. To say we've had some unbelievable experiences this season would be the understatement of the century.

On to today's game, well we all know what's at stake. Hunslet could be crowned champions if they get the result but for us it's still a possibility to

claim third which we'll be giving our best shot.

To be fair I think Hunslet are the best team in this competition and what a remarkable job the Marches have done for the club. Hopefully they will have to wait another week for their glory.

In last week's Game On magazine, Hunslet's promotions officer Charlotte Ball stated that Blackpool had been deducted 10pts for salary cap infringements which is totally untrue. We were charged with an operational

rules breach for the record and we've accepted our punishment from the RFL.

May I take this opportunity to thank all my players for their loyalty, support and efforts during a very difficult period. And thanks too to John Chadwick for all the unrecognised work for the club, to all the sponsors who have supported us and to you the supporters.

Martin Crompton
 Head Coach

Oldham RLFC v



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Hornets RLFC



Sunday August 15, 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 Boultis	8
Cagney & Lacey.....	Martin Roden	9
ikreative.....	Dave Ellison	10
John & Lynda McAndrew.....	Kashley Watkins	12
Mick Harrop.....	Joe Chandler	13
Sue & Spanish Roughyeds.....	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 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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COACH: TONY BENSON

Sponsor: G&G Carpets and Bed Centre

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWL

LAST SIX HOME: LWLWWL

TRIES: Fogerty, O'Connor, Onyango (18), Gillam (12), Chandler (9)

GOALS: Ashe (67), McNally (30)

DROP GOALS: Roden (1)

MAN TO WATCH: John Gillam

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M Kidd

Touch: G Hodgson, D Tindall

Reserve Referee: C Dean

THE INSIDE TRACK

Oldham will be wary of neighbours but should nick this one by 10.

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

Liam McGovern
Dale Blackmore
Peter Fairhurst

COACH: JOHN STANKEVICH

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLWLW

LAST SIX AWAY: WWLLL

TRIES: English (13), Gorton (11), Johnson (10), Saywell (9), Smith, Samuel (8)

GOALS: Crook (51)

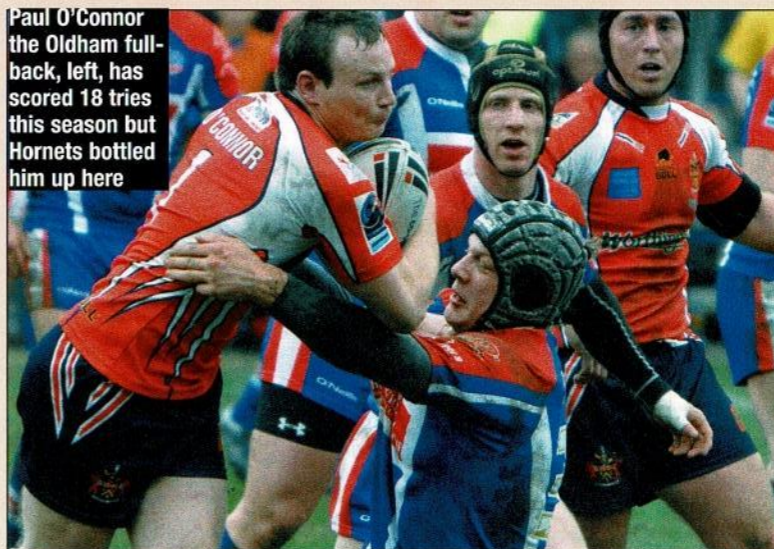
DROP GOALS: Crook (2), Ashall (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Damien Reid

CLUBCALL

Oldham v Hornets

Paul O'Connor the Oldham full-back, left, has scored 18 tries this season but Hornets bottled him up here



Hornets will be out for revenge

**Chris Hamilton
Chief Executive**

HELLO and welcome back to Whitebank Stadium for this afternoon's last home game of the regular season.

Today's visitors, Hornets RL, will need no introduction and the passion amongst everybody involved today - on the field or off it - will be as intense as any of the so called "big" derbies that take place elsewhere.

We won at Spotland on Good Friday and today sees the Hornets needing a win to keep up their own impressive challenge for third spot and, potentially, the chance to come back here in four weeks time for the right to play in a Grand Final.

Like us they have performed almost beyond expectations and to have a chance of finishing third is very commendable.

For our part we got back on track last Sunday at York with a performance that I thought was very encouraging both in defence and attack and at a ground where we have usually found it difficult to get a result. Interestingly the pitch there is narrower than Whitebank and maybe our new home surroundings helped us.

I thought the try that Paul O'Connor scored in the second half was fantastic rugby from the team but fittingly summed up Paul. It started when York kicked on the last

tackle and he fielded it, got tackled and played the ball. After the next player took a drive POC was again on hand to take the next drive.

Not finished there he then got up and supported the next play to get on the end of a pass and score near the posts.

A great team try but epitomised by the 100% effort and commitment of POC who has been outstanding all season.

Indeed from the time he first came to the club and was in need of some confidence he has just got better and better.

After opening the Sponsors' Suite for our last home game this week will see the new Boardroom open for the first time and it will mark another notch in our progress.

We are obviously hoping for a decent crowd today given the circumstances and opposition and the support again last week was loud and proud.

Local derbies inevitably bring more pride and passion into the equation and we will certainly not underestimate Hornets today.

There is still plenty to play for and today could well be a defining weekend in the season given the other games that take place. We will certainly be hoping there could be an upset over on the Fylde coast!

All we can do though is make sure we win our games and as ever you can play your part in that by getting behind the team from start to finish.

Thanks for your support
Enjoy the game.

Delight at top play-off spot

IF ANYBODY said we would have been sitting where we are in the table today, back in January, they would have been booked into a padded room.

Yes, I now accept we've missed the chance to go up automatically and full credit to Hunslet. They deserve their place, and will get it unless something goes horribly wrong over the next couple of weeks.

I'm excited about having secured the top play-off spot with a couple of games to go. It gives us the opportunity to build our game towards the final - and get all the small areas of our game right that have such a big impact on the end result.

In my eyes all we've achieved so far is a very good opportunity to play in the Grand final. A lot of hard work, commitment and sacrifice are now required to get ourselves ready to make the most of it. Nothing will be taken by chance and no stone left unturned in preparation for our battle to get to the Championship.

Over the next couple of games we will certainly be out to win but our focus will be on how we play, and how we line up to the agreed improvements each week.

I suspect there will also be the odd change on the team sheet as we get the strongest squad of at least 21 battle-hardened, and settle on our best 17.

All in all it's going to be an exciting few months ahead for the Roughyeds Club and their mighty and loyal following.

**Tony Benson
Head Coach**



South Wales Scorpions



v York City Knights



Sunday August 15, 2010. Kick off 1pm. THE GNOLL

PLAYER	No.
Craig Richards	1
David James	2
Lee Williams	3
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
Dalton Grant	27
Harri Greville	29
Elliot Kear	31
Lloyd White	33
Ben Flower	34
Casey Bromilow	
(on loan) Jamie Thackray	

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COACH: ANTHONY SEIBOLD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWLWW

LAST SIX HOME: LLLWWW

TRIES: Parry (17), White (7), Gay, Williams, Roets (6)

GOALS: White (41), Wildbore (26)

DROP GOALS: None

MAN TO WATCH: Steve Parry

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Leatherbarrow

Touch: I Curzon, S Mikalauskas

Reserve Referee: D Sharpe

THE INSIDE TRACK

Scorpions capable of upsetting York and should make home advantage count, winning by 8.

COACH: DAVE WOODS

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWWL

LAST SIX AWAY: LLWWLW

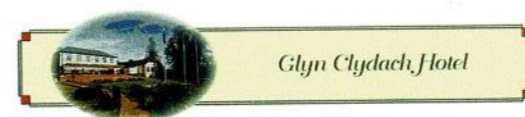
TRIES: Waterman (22), Ratcliffe (12), Lineham (11), Tuffour (9), Schofield, Wilson (7)

GOALS: Waterman (88), Ratcliffe (17)
MAN TO WATCH: Jack Lee

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
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	Aldie 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
	Jack Lee	Dylan Slater
	Chris Clarke, Danny Hill, Danny Bell, Steve Lewis (Spon: York RL Refs), Mark Falkingham, Jack Stearman (Spectacular Driveways) Ryan Esders	

PROUD TO BACK THE SOUTH WALES SCORPIONS!

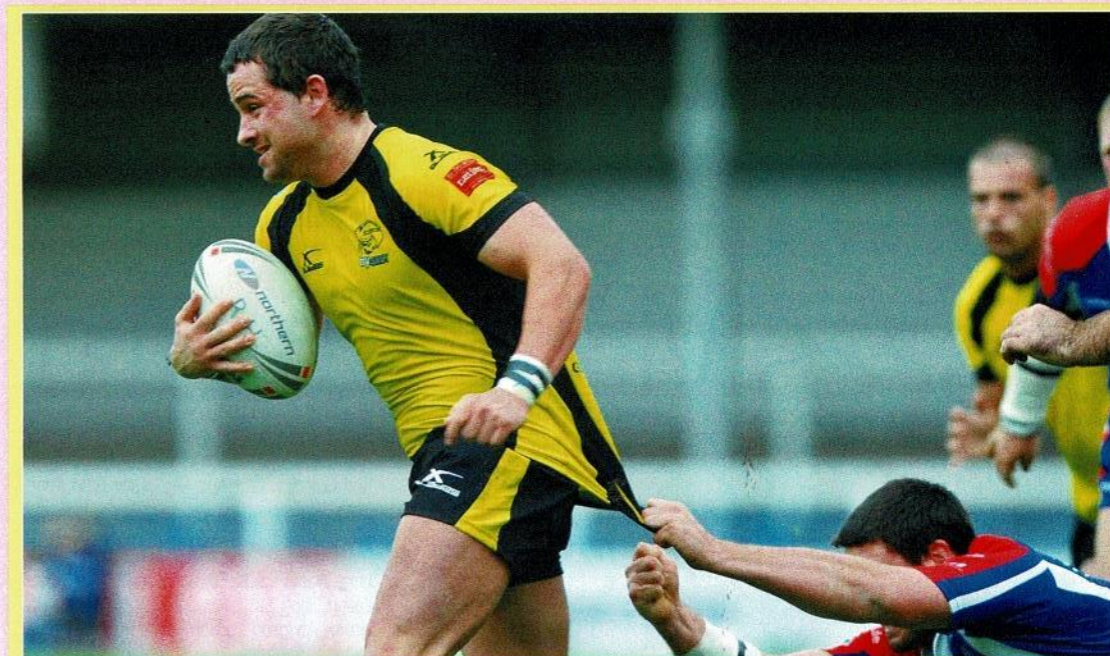
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Scorpions v York

Greater than our expectations...



Scorpions centre Lee Williams, pictured in action against Rochdale Hornets, has scored six tries so far this season

SOUTH Wales Scorpions' coach Anthony Seibold believes that his side has exceeded all expectations in 2010 as they approach their final home game of the season against York City Knights.

The Scorpions need just one point to clinch a play-off place in the Co-operative Championship 1, an outstanding achievement for a club playing their first season, with 95 per cent Welsh-born players, many of whom are in their first year as a professional.

"As a club we have over-achieved this year," he said.

"I need to give the players credit for their enthusiasm, effort and application although they know the job is not done yet.

"We have two massive games to go and our destiny is in our own hands with regards going any further this year.

"We are not yet ready to rest on what we have achieved, it is all in front of us and we start with York City

Knights.

"With the club only coming into being in early January and hosting an open trial with over 110 applicants here in South Wales in mid January, we have come a long way.

"In some respects it seems like yesterday and in many others it seems like years ago.

"We have worked really hard as a staff to improve the guys physically and improve game understanding and awareness and individual skills. I am sure that the supporters will have seen a marked improvement since our early games.

"I want to thank my assistant coaching staff in Dan Clements and Hywel Davies who are both new to this level of rugby league from a coaching perspective and have been a massive help to me, and also the players this season.

"Ian Gibbons as our strength and conditioning coach has done a terrific job as we had a very late start to pre-

season and he has implemented his experiences from full-time professional sport. All three deserve thanks for their hard work and support so far this year.

"I would also like to express my thanks to Phil Davies our chairman for his support and guidance. He is great for the game of rugby league here in Wales. Mark Rowley as General Manager has been a great source of support in 2010 as has John Brennan and Rob Buckley along with the rest of the board. Ian Golden has also been a great support in the office as admin and media officer for the Scorpions.

"A big thank you too to all our supporters - including our supporters club led by Andy Birchall - for all their efforts, travel and support this season. As a new club it is a big step for supporters to jump on board and leave past loyalties aside and I thank you for supporting the Scorpions in 2010."

2011 Season Tickets are now available.



London Skolars v Gateshead Thunder



Sunday August 15, 2010. Kick off 2pm. NEW RIVER STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
	Joshua Welsh	1
	Dave Arnot	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
Canavan Builders.....	Chris Cunningham	22
	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
	Jaroslaw Obuchowski	
	John Paxton	
	Michael Sykes	
	Neil Thorman	
	Sam Gee	
	Kris Hodson	
	Jy-Mel Coleman	
	Cariern Clement-Pascal	

COACH: JAMES MASSARA

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLWLLL
 LAST SIX HOME: LLLLWL
 TRIES: Adebisi (12), Coleman, Thomas (6)
 GOALS: Thorman (46)
 DROP GOALS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Ade Adebisi

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: D Merrick
 Touch: J Darbyshire, S Matthews
 Reserve Referee: R Dolan

THE INSIDE TRACK

Skolars' form looks much better and they're likely to outscore Gateshead by 20 at least.

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

COACH: CHRIS HOOD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLLLLL
 TRIES: Wilson (7), Neighbour (5), Brown, Bate, Atkinson (4)
 GOALS: Neighbour (10), Clarke (9)
 DROP GOALS: None
 MAN TO WATCH: Michael Brown



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Skolars v Gateshead

Teams with targets

HELLO and welcome to Chris Hood and his Gateshead team.

Today's game is going to be a very interesting challenge.

I have heard a lot of people making us favourites today but I am sure a quick look at both of our teams' recent results is going to be no gauge of today's battle.

Chris Hood is a shrewd and experienced coach who I am sure will have his team raring to go.

They have a goal to get back into plus points after their points deduction in the off season and I am sure they have targeted this game as the one to get them there for some time now.

We have some goals of our own, one of which is to make it into double figures on the league table.

In the last programme notes we talked about the mood and belief in the camp.

A great indicator of this change is the genuine disappointment and anger that not getting at least a bonus point away at Blackpool

brought.

Their converted try on the break, 37 seconds after the hooter, meant we took nothing away from a game we could have won.

Being 'in a game' with the likes of Blackpool is a good indication of how far we have come recently.

I hope everyone enjoys what I am sure will be a hard-fought game.

James Massara
Coach

Tribute to Massara

WELCOME to everyone today, especially our guests who have made the long trip from Gateshead.

Whilst the first team has had a couple of break weeks in the month, August has already been a busy month for the club. City Touch was again a success and Urban Rugby is going well. Those two events reach completely different areas of the community in the capital, and both are vital to what we are trying to achieve.

A warm welcome today to Arriva, who have been one of our key sponsors for many years now.

Although we have an important game against Oldham in a fortnight, there are a couple of events that may make it feel like the end of the season.

It's our first home game since we announced that we would be looking for a new head coach for 2011. James will continue for the rest of this season and I'd like to thank him

for his great attitude and professionalism since the announcement was made.

I'd also like to acknowledge the strides that he has made with the team, especially over the last few weeks.

However, we're still going to finish next to bottom, a long way from ninth place, and we need to take action to ensure that we can compete at the top of this division.

Secondly, today sees the departure of the Hann family. Peter, Irene and Ross have all done sterling work on match days over the last few years and they will leave a big gap in our volunteer structure.

Douglas, Ross and Stuart have also played for us at a number of levels. Ironically, given today's opposition they are moving to Durham. I'd like to thank all them for all their help over the years.

Terry Browne
Chairman

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Workington Town v

Swinton Lions



Sunday August 15, 2010. Kick off 3pm. DERWENT PARK

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

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No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
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
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	

COACH: PAUL KIDD

COACHES: GARY CHARLTON & MARTIN OGLANBY

LAST SIX RESULTS: LDWLWL
 LAST SIX HOME: LLWLWW
 TRIES: Kaighan (13), Low (11), Stack, Marshall (9)
 GOALS: Kaighan (47), Holt (33)
 DROP GOALS: None
 MAN TO WATCH: Aaron Low

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: W Turley
 Touch: B Logan, T Owen
 Reserve Referee: P Wharton

THE INSIDE TRACK

Swinton on a losing run but still competitive enough to turn Town over. Lions by 6

LAST SIX RESULTS: DLLLLL
 LAST SIX AWAY: WLWLL
 TRIES: Foxen (14), Joseph (11), Dodd (10), Hawkyard, Wilson (7)
 GOALS: Dodd (53)
 DROP GOALS:
 MAN TO WATCH: Phil Joseph



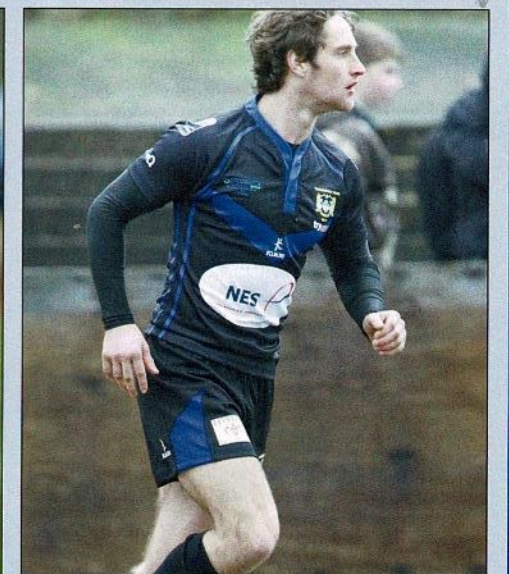
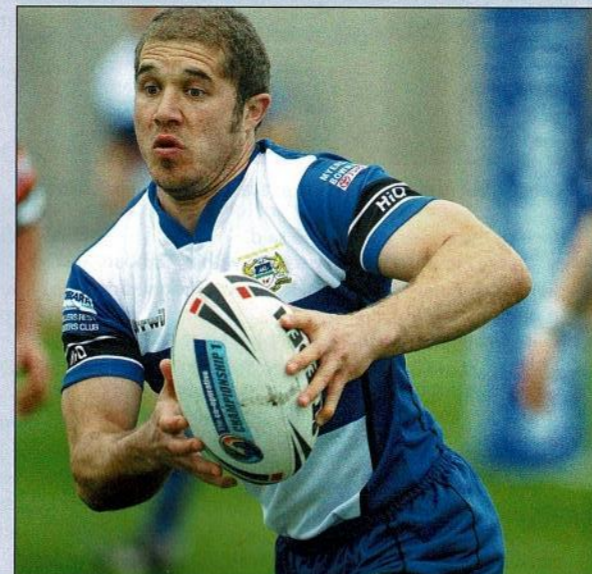
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Workington v Swinton

Town in the mix for the play-offs



One of Workington's top scorers this season has been Aaron Low, main picture. Jamie Marshall, bottom left, has figured in the list too while Brett Carter, bottom right, has been kept busy on the wing or as fullback



Paul to hang up his boots



But not yet...Co-operative Championship fans be warned: Robbie Paul will only be coming to a rugby league ground near you for another year. The 34-year-old talks to Game On.

Report by **BEN COLLINS**

LEGENDARY half-back Robbie Paul joined Leigh on a two-year deal in the close-season and when it expires at the end of next season that will be time for the curtain to drop on a glittering career.

Paul came over from New Zealand aged 18 in 1994 and has confirmed he plans to draw the curtains on a glittering career after his 17th season.

"That's me," he said. "I'm aiming for that to be my final year. I'm doing a degree in Sports Marketing and Public Relations, and I finish that next year so I see that as my pathway after the game.

"I've been saying that for a long time. If you still feel strong enough and fit enough, you keep playing, and that's been the curiosity for me. But I think next year will be my last one."

Paul is enjoying a new lease of life since joining Leigh from Salford and has played a pivotal role in steering the Centurions into the higher echelons of the Championship after they were handed a relegation reprieve last year.

"I'm loving playing at the moment," he said. "It's a very stimulating environment.

"Ian Millward's a great coach. He's constantly thinking outside the box and he challenges you a lot so if you're surrounded by that kind of energy you get caught up in it.

"Mental exhaustion can actually outweigh physical exhaustion. If you're mentally stimulated then it helps you feel strong. It's been a breath of fresh air really.

"The boys spent most of last season looking down the barrel of a shotgun, looking at loss after loss, after loss.

"But as this season's unfolded and we've been pretty successful, everyone in the camp has been extremely positive. There's a new-found belief and you develop a culture of winning.

"Our training is right up there with Super League clubs, and it is tough - all the players' wives will attest to that.

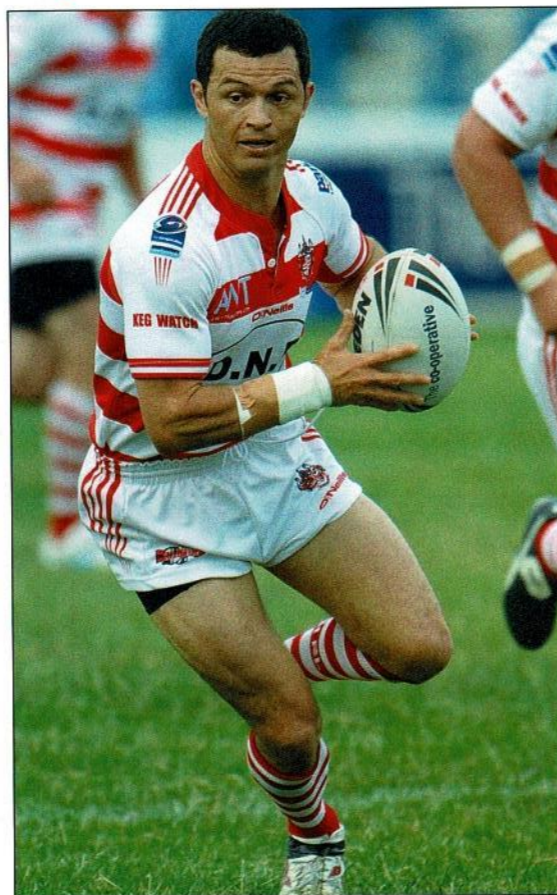
"The boys are in six times a week and the coaching staff have to take into account that some people work every day so they have to pull back on the physical side, but everybody's enjoying it."

While Millward's return to the Leigh hot seat represented a coaching coup, Paul was the big-name recruit on the field.

And the former Bradford star has lived up to expectations until being sidelined for three weeks through an unusual injury.

Described euphemistically as a groin problem, the chirpy Kiwi had no qualms about admitting he had, in fact, ruptured his right testicle.

"I took a knock down there three games in a run and the final blow was innocuous so the damage must have been



Robbie Paul is planning one more season with Leigh Centurions

done in the earlier games," he said.

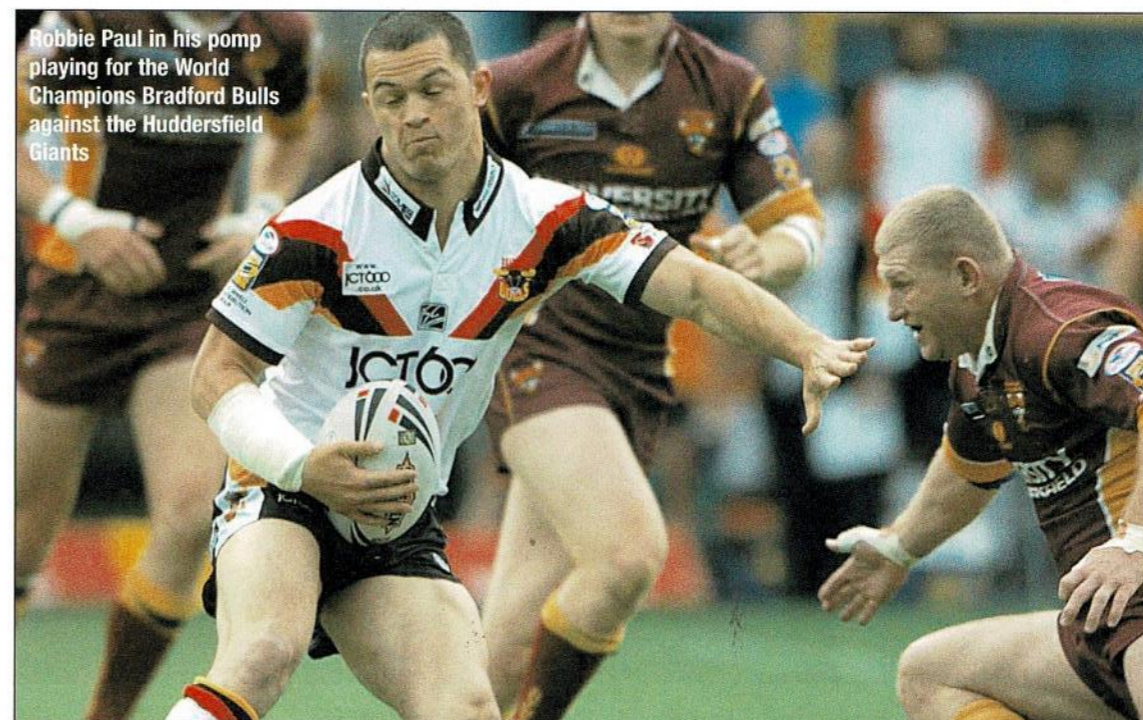
"You're supposed to have the op within 72 hours and I didn't have it for another week so I was lucky I didn't lose it to be honest.

"But you get used to having at least one operation a year and now I'm back playing and back enjoying it."

Leigh's form has stuttered at times, though, as they were upset by eventual winners Batley in the Northern Rail Cup semi-finals and last time out they lost 30-6 at home to Dewsbury, who secured their survival with that victory.

The Centurions are now eager to avoid any more slip-ups as they head into the play-offs.

"Sometimes when you're caught up in success, especially early in the season, I think we maybe took our position for granted," said Paul.



Robbie Paul in his pomp playing for the World Champions Bradford Bulls against the Huddersfield Giants

"But this competition is very interesting for the fact that it doesn't take much for the opposition to get out there and perform at their best.

"One week they could be playing terribly then the following week they play out of their skin.

"There are some games we'd rather not remember but those are the games that show you truly where your weaknesses are and teach you to be disciplined.

"If it's just going to be one-way traffic you're not going to learn anything and you're not going to grow as players or as a team."

The Centurions finish the regular season away to Sheffield Eagles but next up is the visit of Toulouse this Saturday.

"It's a massive game for us for many different reasons, mainly because we want to finish in the top four at least," Paul added.

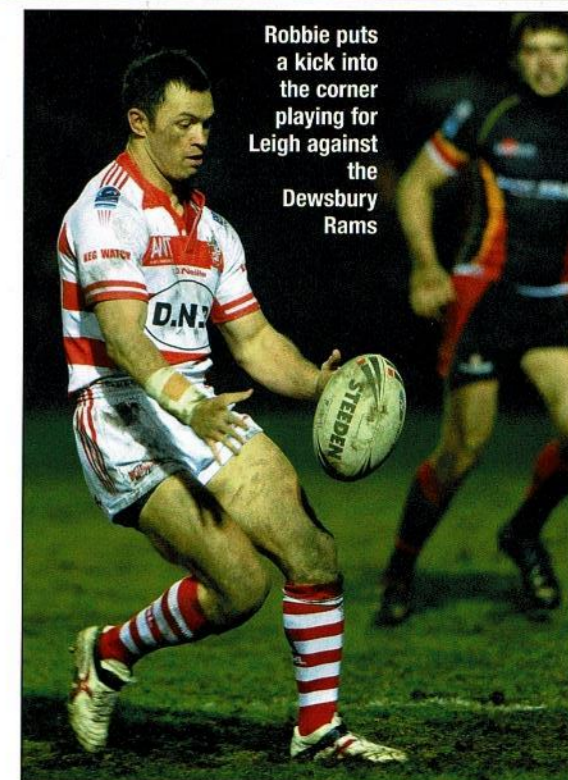
"Before we lost against Dewsbury we were going for second spot but now we're under a bit of pressure to get third or fourth.

"The higher we finish the easier it is to get through to the Grand Final and that's definitely where we want to be.

"It ticks another of the boxes for Super League criteria but more than that, we'd like to be successful.

"To come from last season when we were basically relegated - only a technicality kept us up - then it would show the strides we've made to move forward, both as a club and individuals."

Paul, who still lives in Mirfield, continues to do TV work for the BBC and is getting married at the end of the year.



Robbie puts a kick into the corner playing for Leigh against the Dewsbury Rams



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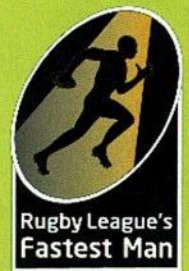
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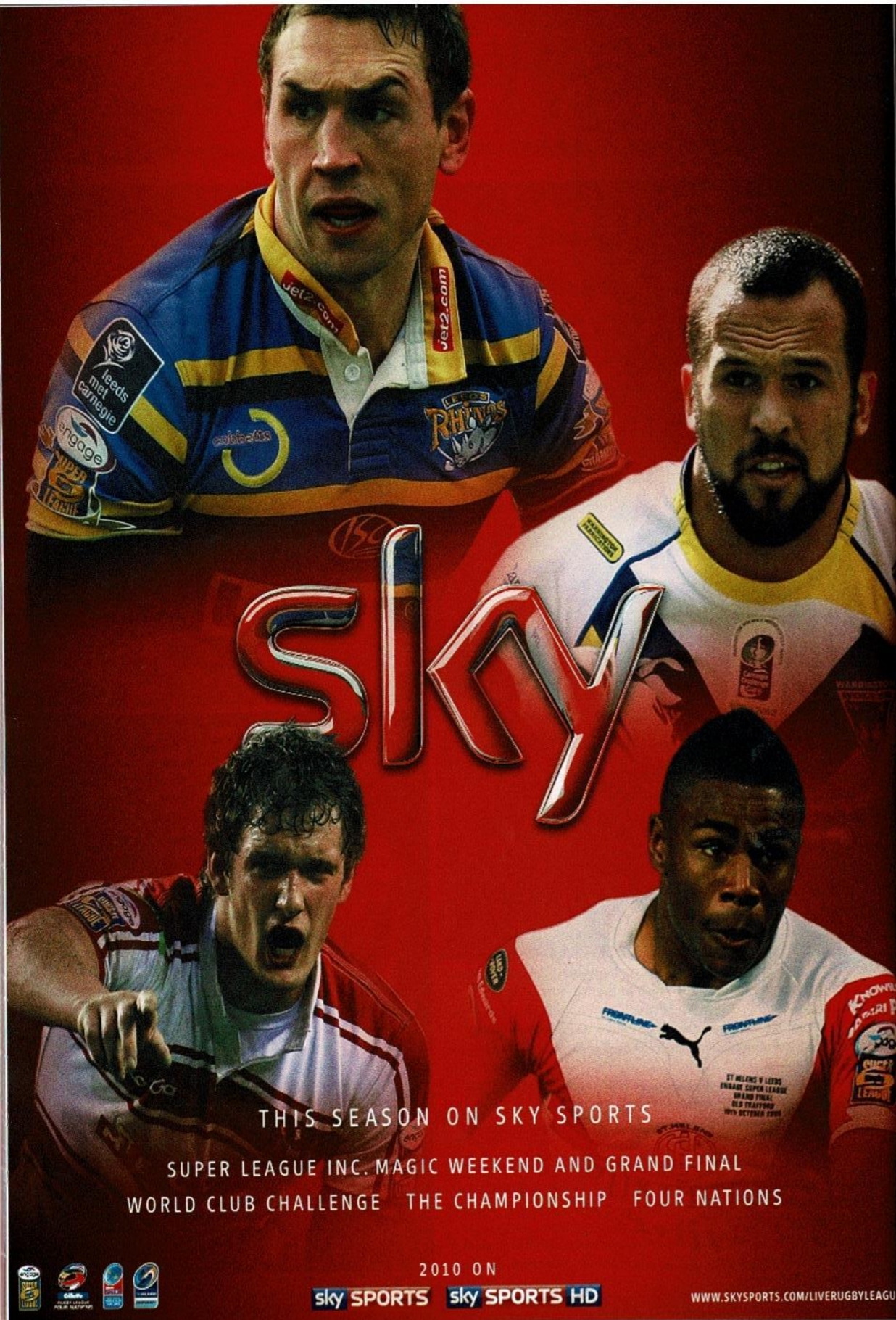
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Few win every one of away matches

FEATHERSTONE Rovers are over the line and the Co-operative Championship leaders shield is heading for the trophy cabinet.

It was perhaps fitting that Daryl Powell's team sealed the title away from home. The 34-26 win at Batley Bulldogs made it a clean sweep of away victories. The team's only two defeats have come at the Big Fellas Stadium.

The Bulldogs made Featherstone battle hard with only one score between the teams for most of the game. Young centre Zak Hardaker scored a hat-trick of tries for the Rovers.

Halifax are in a good position to take second place after a 38-24 win at Sheffield Eagles. It took Fax's winning run to four games but there was no happy return to Bramall Lane for the Eagles after three away victories.

Halifax shared their seven tries around, for the Eagles there was a double each for centres Menzie Yere and Tangi Ropati.

Matt Calland, the Halifax coach, was pleased by the win



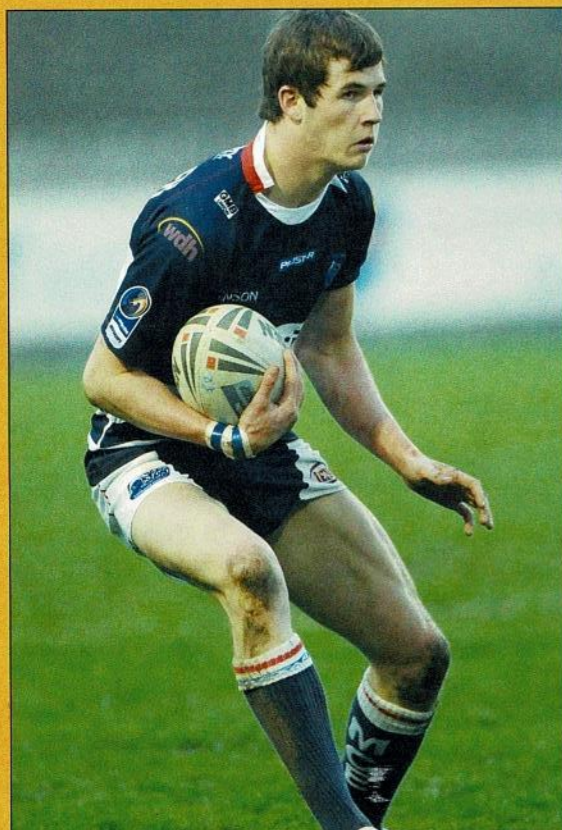
but clearly has an eye on things to come, saying: "That should give us confidence and keep our momentum building as we go towards the play-offs."

Barrow Raiders got their weekend off to a good start with a 54-0 crushing of Keighley Cougars. That boosted the Raiders' points difference and lifted them into third place above Leigh Centurions.

Ned Catic continued his impressive form with a try double and there was also a brace for Andrew Ballard, and Liam Harrison.

In the other Saturday game Widnes Vikings gave their play-off hopes a massive boost with a 44-30 win at Toulouse Olympique.

Vikings denied the French side a losing bonus point, which could be critical when the top-six is finally decided. Leading 32-8 at half-time the Vikings had to weather a determined fightback by Toulouse.



Zak Hardaker grabbed a hat-trick of tries at Mount Pleasant as Featherstone beat Batley 34-26

COMING UP...

THE focus in the Championships switches to who will take second place and which teams will squeeze into the top six.

Halifax are at home as they seek to strengthen their grip on the runners-up spot when they face Batley Bulldogs – with the Dogs still in the top 6 chase themselves. Barrow Raiders face a test at in-form Dewsbury Rams with Leigh Centurions, who they edged out of third spot, in action 24 hours earlier.

Ian Millward's team seek to bounce back after indifferent results when they face Toulouse Olympique at the Sports Village on Saturday night. The Thursday night live Sky Sports game sees fifth play sixth as Sheffield Eagles travel to Widnes Vikings.

The Vikings can move level on points with Sheffield with a win. They also have a game in hand on their rivals.

Thoughts may switch to next season when the relegated teams meet as Keighley Cougars entertain Whitehaven.

In Championship 1 Hunslet Hawks are edging closer to automatic promotion. The Hawks face a tough trip to Blackpool Panthers who haven't let the 10 points deduction dampen their form.

If Oldham are to prevent Hunslet taking the title they have to win their home game against Rochdale Hornets. It adds an extra dash of spice to a great traditional derby.

South Wales Scorpions will be looking to cement a play-off place when they host fourth-placed York City Knights.

A possible play-off finish will also be in the thoughts when Workington Town (who hold the final spot) face Swinton Lions.

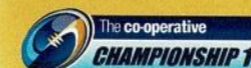
The bottom two clash when Gateshead Thunder make the long trip to the capital to play the Skolars.

The win lifts Widnes into the top six, three points behind Sheffield who they meet on Thursday night.

Centre Stefan Marsh scored two of Widnes' eight tries with Antoni Maria claiming a double for the home team.

Whitehaven, with several young players in their 17, battled hard but couldn't deny visitors Dewsbury Rams a 48-10 victory.

Half-back Dominic Brambani was the stand-out performer for the Rams, claiming two tries as did prop Keegan Hirst.



IN Championship 1 Hunslet Hawks keep a grip on top place after a hat-trick of tries from Wayne McHugh helped them to a 24-14 win over Workington Town.

The centre's third try came in the final minute after a close battle played out in front of the Sky Sports cameras.

The win put pressure on

Oldham and the Roughyeds responded with a 33-18 win at York City Knights.

Leading 18-14 at the break Oldham stretched their lead in the final 40 minutes to keep them three points behind Hunslet.

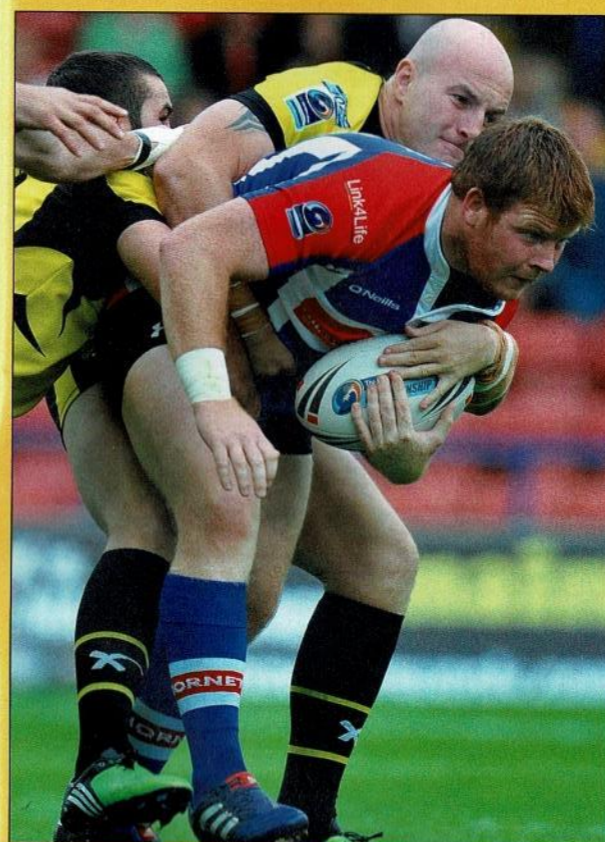
Rochdale Hornets move above York to take third place with a 24-16 home win over Swinton Lions.

In a close affair both teams scored three tries with Paul Crook's six successful kicks, from eight attempts, giving Hornets the edge.

Defeat was a blow to Swinton's play-off hopes as South Wales Scorpions moved up to sixth with a 22-8 win over Doncaster. The win was the Scorpions ninth victory in their first season in the league.

There was no respite for Gateshead Thunder as they were hit 78-10 by visitors Blackpool Panthers.

The Seasiders scored 14 tries with hat-tricks for Eddie Vaughan, Carl Forber and John Clough.



Paul Crook, pictured being tackled above. Crook's six goals proved crucial in the Hornets victory over Swinton

Whitehaven (4) 10
T: D Skee 1, G Mattinson 1. G: D Skee 1
Dewsbury (24) 48
T: J Craven 1, A Buchanan 1, D Brambani 2, K Hirst 2, R Spicer 1, A Robinson 1. G: P Walker 8. Att: 504

Batley (16) 26
T: D Maun 1, G Moore 1, J Walton 1, J Gallagher 1, A Lindsay 1. G: G Moore 3

Featherstone (18) 34
T: Z Hardaker 3, S Dickens 1, M Dale 1, R Divorly 1. G: L Finn 5. Att: 1,422

Sheffield (8) 24
T: M Yere 2, T Ropati 2, P Green 1. G: S Brown 2
Halifax (16) 38
T: S Royston 1, L Paterson 1, D Nash 1, B Black 1, D Larder 1, S Penkywicz 1, D Maloney 1. G: L Paterson 5. Att: 1,473

Toulouse (8) 30
T: C Varela Mendes 2, A Maria 2, E Anselme 1. G: N Wynn 5
Widnes (32) 44
T: D Craven 1, D Gaskell 1, S Marsh 2, M Gardner 1, P Flynn 1, A Thackeray 1, M Smith 1. G: D Craven 6. Att: 983

Barrow (36) 54
T: A Ballard 2, A Blackwood 1, L Harrison 2, J Rooney 1, K Carlile 1, M Oslter 1, N Catic 2. G: J Rooney 7
Keighley (0) 0
Att: 1,404

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	B	PTS
Featherstone	19	17	0	2	683	314	349	2	53
Halifax	18	14	0	4	616	463	153	2	44
Barrow	17	12	1	4	567	310	257	1	39
Leigh	18	11	1	6	514	358	156	4	39
Sheffield	18	9	1	8	464	487	-23	3	32
Widnes	17	8	0	9	525	440	85	5	29
Batley	18	7	0	11	445	432	13	7	28
Toulouse	18	8	0	10	446	573	-127	3	27
Dewsbury	19	5	0	14	409	499	-90	8	23
Whitehaven	18	2	0	16	226	667	-441	4	10
Keighley	18	4	1	13	310	642	-332	3	8

* Keighley deducted 9pts for going into administration

South Wales (16) 22
T: L Williams 1, A Bateman 1, L Wildbore 1, L Mills 1. G: L White 1, L Wildbore 2
Doncaster (8) 8
T: R Lunt 1. G: A Doebeck 2. ATT: 492

Rochdale (12) 24
T: D Smith 1, D Gorton 1, D Donoghue 1. G: P Crook 6
Swinton (10) 16
T: G Dodd 1, C Harvey 2. G: G Dodd 2. Att: 502

Gateshead (4) 10
T: M Garside 1, M Barron 1. G: R Clarke 1
Blackpool (40) 78
T: E Vaughan 3, D Thompson 2, T Woodcock 1, C Fober 3, T Hemingway 1, J Clough 3, M Keavney 1. G: T Hemingway 11. Att: 554

York (14) 18
T: W Reittle 2, J Stearman 1. G: D Ratcliffe 3
Oldham (18) 33
T: P O'Connor 1, L Onyango 1, J Gillam 2, N Roden 1. G: M Ashe 6 DG: N Roden 1. Att: 770

Hunslet (12) 24
T: W McHugh 3, P March 1. G: D March 4
Workington (8) 14
T: S Kaighan 1, J Robinson 1. G: D Holt 3. Att: 1,369

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	B	Pts
Hunslet	18	16	0	2	766	257	509	1	49
Oldham	18	15	0	3	602	406	196	1	46
Hornets	18	10	0	8	600	428	172	6	36
York	19	11	0	8	599	518	81	3	36
Blackpool**	18	14	0	4	755	324	431	2	34
South Wales	18	9	0	9	536	418	118	5	32
Workington	18	8	1	9	460	420	40	6	32
Swinton	18	7	1	10	444	559	-115	4	27
Doncaster	19	7	0	12	472	576	-104	4	25
London Skolars	18	1	0	17	358	830	-472	4	7
Gateshead	18	1	0	17	214	1070	-866	1	-2

* Gateshead deducted 6pts for going into administration

**Blackpool deducted 10 points for operational breach

