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WELCOME TO THE SCORPIONS' LAIR

Welcome to The Gnoll for what I think will be a very close game against a side similar to us right now.

We've played Oldham twice this season with an exciting draw in our first game of the season at home in the Northern Rail Cup, and then a good win in the boiling hot sun (remember that, that's the sun and the game!) in May at their place.

Oldham have struggled this season from the standards they expect, as have we. We both want to lift our games and something has to give today from one of the sides. As I said, we beat Oldham back on May 26th and that was our last win to date. However we have only played four matches since and the stop start nature of this league has been hard to build momentum. I know Oldham will say exactly the same thing.

So it's a big welcome to everyone from Oldham, from Chairman Chris Hamilton and his board, the players, staff and supporters. We hope that you have a good stay in Neath and a pleasant journey home.

Onto next week and it's back down to London where we will make another attempt to take to a pitch and face them after the game up there last time was called off by the referee due to a badly prepared field. But I'm sure all has been solved now and we look forward to the clash.

After that, it's the big one. We're back here on Sunday 5th August when we take on North Wales Crusaders in what will be a match to remember. We could and should have won up there and I know the boys are determined to win this one. It's a big Welsh derby and the side know that it's the honour of the region that's at stake. It's certain to be big day so make sure that you have the date booked and that you're down here cheering on South Wales.

After the game we have a Supporters Club AGM upstairs in the bar. We'll be able to give you some flyers and posters there for you to help advertise our next match, but please attend anyway.

Enjoy today's game.

Phil Davies, Chairman, South Wales Scorpions RLFC



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FROM THE BOSS - DAVE CLARK

Welcome back to The Gnoll for another big game for us in a run of matches against sides at the lower end of the league table.

We've played two top four teams over the last couple of weeks and tried our best. Now we've five games against the lower placed sides.

These are going to be just a tough and we know that we can't lie back but we believe these are teams at our current playing level and are games that we can really compete in.

The boys were hurting after Sunday and that's a good thing but I've told them there's still an opportunity to make a mark on this league and ask some questions on some of the experienced sides.

I think we were always going to find it tough last Sunday. Workington are top of the table and we're near the bottom, but there were spells in the game when we played some really good Rugby League, completed sets of six and scored a couple of good tries and I was proud of them for their efforts.

We got good field position through the game but at the end of the day, Workington were the best side we've played this year. They were technical, were good going forward and outplayed us and there's no doubt that they will be promoted.

Welcome to everyone today from the great club that is Oldham Roughyeds. Like us, you've had a tough season but I know that you're also ready to bounce back and will be difficult opponents today.

The senior coaching staff and players were talking recently and we have been concerned at our player turnover this year. Some of this was our choice, players not fitting in for one reason or another, some of it was enforced on us with players leaving and some frankly letting us down badly.

But the group of players we have today, those who are on the website as the current crop, are the most committed bunch this year. We will be doing things differently next year and planning has already started which is completely different to previous years of the Scorpions.

Enjoy the game today and make sure that you're back in two weeks' time for the BIG derby against North Wales Crusaders. We lost up there and were very disappointed about that, especially when you look at how hard some of the players worked. This is our chance to even the score. We have played the last couple of weeks with 90% Welsh players, like a Welsh side should be, and while we have brought in the odd Wigan player or two, this is where we want to be.

So please turn up on Sunday 5th August and be proud to be a South Welshman. I know I am.

Dave Clark - @dclarkscorpions on Twitter



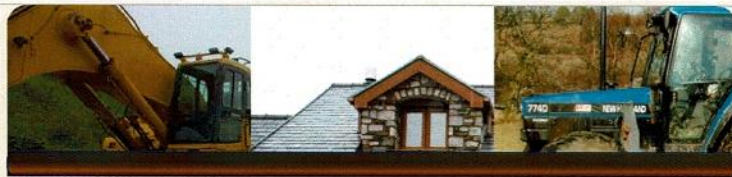
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WHO ARE OLDHAM ROUGHYEDS?

With three League Championships, one First Division title, three Challenge Cup wins, seven Lancashire League triumphs and nine Lancashire Cups to their name, Oldham are one of rugby league's most famous names.

As one of the original 22 clubs to start the Northern Rugby Union in 1895, success arrived quickly for the Lancashire outfit.

They won their first League title by heading the First Division in 1905 and further League success followed in 1910 and 1911, when they twice beat Wigan in the Championship final. Indeed, in 1910 they won three trophies, adding the Lancashire League and Lancashire Cup to their sideboard.

As for the Challenge Cup, though, it was not until 1925 that they followed their 1899 success, finishing runners up three times (in 1907, 1912 and 1924) before laying the ghost to rest when they beat Hull KR 16-3 in the final at Headingley.

They lost in the Challenge Cup final again the following year to Swinton but gained revenge in 1927 when their fourth final appearance in a row ended in a 26-7 romp at Wigan.

It was another 30 years before they enjoyed more glory, the signing of players like Alan Davies, John Etty Sid Little and Derek 'Rocky' Turner leading to their last Championship title in

1957, along with numerous county honours.

However, that was their last major success, although they have won the Second Division three times in 1964, 1982 and 1988 and the Divisional Premiership twice, in 1988 and 1990.

They added Bears to their name as one of the founding members of the Super League in 1996, but they were relegated in 1997 and, to add insult to injury, they went bankrupt as well.

However, they re-formed as Oldham Roughyeds in 1997 and reached the Northern Ford Premiership Grand Final in 2001, only to lose to Widnes. They were relegated in 2006, though, after only one win and have been there since, despite reaching the Grand Final three times.

In 2009, Roughyeds were told they would no longer be able to use Oldham Athletic's Boundary Park. The club went to Oldham Council for help. Oldham Council bought Whitebank Stadium from Oldham Town and sold it to Roughyeds.

The 2010 season saw a transition with the five home games were played out of town at Sedgley Park, Whitefield. Roughyeds' first game at Whitebank took place on 9 May 2010 with the opposition being York City Knights. The first time Oldham had played on their own ground in Oldham borough since 1997.



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A VIEW FROM THE STANDS

Well here we are again back at The Gnoll for another Championship 1 game.

Today is a must win game for us, we have beaten Oldham once this season in the rearranged fixture away.

Oldham have had mixed fortunes this season. They started off well but have lost far too many games and could be close to missing out on a play-off spot.

Our season has not been one to remember so far we started out with high hopes but these have faded.

I know some supporters have their own thoughts as to why this has happened and here is mine.

This season we have had 58 players (50 in the league) with only nine of them having played 10 or more times.

How can expect to challenge not only for promotion but to win a game when you have not got a settled team that knows what each other will do?

If you look at 90% of teams in our league, they win games not because they have better players but they have players that have played five, six or seven and more games together week in week out. It is not the quality of our players as we know we have some of the best in the league.

That is why today we HAVE to win and to carry the same on to the next game away at LONDON SKOLARS.

By doing this we all hope the boys will be ready for the game on the 5th August that will be waiting for them.

SUPPORTERS CLUB AGM

All South Wales Scorpions fans are cordially asked to remain at the ground at full-time today game as the Supporters Club AGM is being held.

This will start at 5pm in the Platinum Suite.

This meeting is for all supporters, whether they are Supporters Club members or not, to put their

voice across and have a say in things such as away travel and events.

It will also give supporters a chance to be elected on to a new extended committee, so this is your chance to really have your say in what goes on at the club.

WHEN NORTH AND SOUTH COLLIDE

There is a date that I am looking forward to and I hope that many many more supporters are aswell.

Sun 5th Aug KO: 15:00, The Gnoll, Neath
South Wales Scorpions v North Wales Crusaders

This will be the second WELSH DERBY. As a lot will remember North Wales Crusaders won the first at Wrexham 34-22.

We need plenty of support for this game, we are SOUTH WALES AND WE ARE PROUD

AWAY MATCHES

If you want to travel to a Scorpions away match this season, please contact the supporters club committee to find out availability.

BE A MATCH DAY MASCOT

Does your child have a favourite player? Would they like to meet them?

If so why not let them be the mascot for the Scorpions. They will meet the players, run out with the team, get a signed certificate and signed photo of themselves with their favourite player.

Please contact Andy for details (The PA announcer) OR email Neil Goodman
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LOVE RUGBY LEAGUE

Our new column from the popular website, written by James Gordon.

The issue of player signings never seems too far away, particularly in the world of social media.

Players that are rumoured targets of clubs, are often pestered by fans, keen to know what the future holds for their team.

It represents somewhat of a problem for clubs, however, who may find their own hopes of launching a successful PR and marketing campaign around a particular signing, damaged by an early leak of an embargoed press release, news from a source close to the club, or worse still the player himself announcing news of his move.

A low-key recent example was the news that Jamie Ellis (pictured below) was on his way from Hull to Castleford, a move that was common knowledge long before the Tigers officially announced it, particularly as Ellis himself had tweeted about it a few weeks earlier.

While the capture of Ellis was never going to sell thousands of replica shirts, Castleford seemingly had lost control of the agenda with regards to his signing.

The question is - do players have a responsibility to their future employees not to discuss their whereabouts? Or do clubs need to adapt their PR strategy to appreciate the fact that players now have a public domain all to themselves?

Social media training has been offered at clubs like Warrington and Castleford, and it will no doubt become more widespread, as clubs look to protect their own interests, and ensure that players don't have too much of a hold over them. That said, players having Twitter accounts can be a great way of marketing any club, and this needs to be exploited.

Moving on to embargoed press releases, which must surely now rank as one of the more pointless



features of modern day journalism. They are often in place to ensure local newspapers can get hold of the story before going to print, while also ensuring that by the time the paper comes out, the news isn't old.

However, in the fast-paced world of social media, and online journalism, news is no longer restricted to reading the newspaper at breakfast, or the evening version upon your arrival home from work. It's 24/7 - all embargoes do is deny the club in question the limelight on the evening they send out the email, instead risking a leak on social media from either ignorant professionals (usually the BBC!) or fans who invariably find their way on to email lists through running "fan sites".

By setting an embargo of 6am, sure the local newspaper is happy, but your news soon becomes overawed by further breaking news stories of that day. For all clubs that are fighting for attention of the customer, it is important to ensure any media work is aligned with a wider marketing strategy. Player announcements and the like are an excuse to get the club in the spotlight like no other, and ensuring the potential of each announcement is maximised is key in to turning that in to ticket sales and other revenue.

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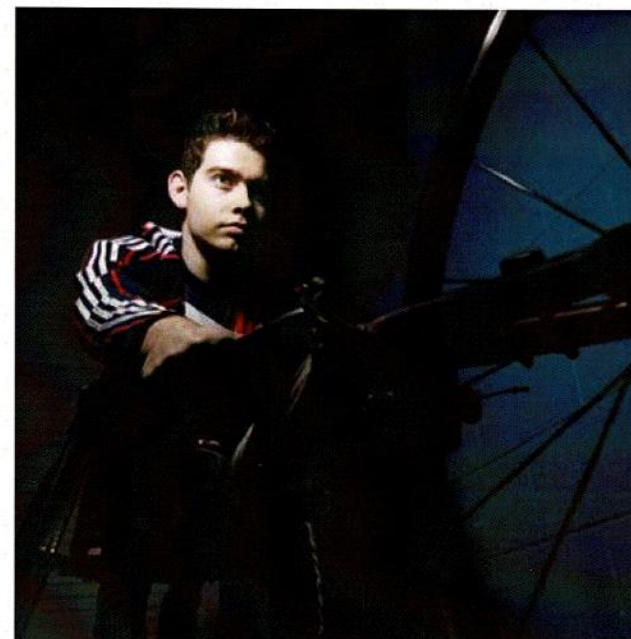


PURSUING A SPORTING DREAM

Wheelchair racer Louis Speight is used to overcoming obstacles to achieve his goals and the 21 year old student is aiming to compete at the Paralympic Games in London this summer as well as graduating from Leeds Metropolitan University. Louis made the draw for the fifth round of this year's Carnegie Challenge Cup and we caught up with him to find out how he combines his studies with his sporting ambitions.

Louis, originally from Doncaster, is currently the Men's European record holder at 100m-800m in his T33 class as well as the world U23 record holder at 100m-400m and is ranked in the top 2 in the world at senior level at 100m-800m. Louis explains his aims for the coming season. He said: "My ambition is to try and make London 2012 where I'll have to compete in the T34 class. I've based all of my training at Leeds Met and love the challenge that wheelchair racing presents."

Louis is currently in the final year of his BSc (Hons) Sport degree at Leeds Metropolitan University and is looking forward to graduating as he strives for selection for this year's Paralympic Games in London. He says: "I've really enjoyed my time studying at University and the opportunities that gaining a qualification have afforded me. It's been a real challenge to combine my course with my training schedule; however, I'm a firm believer that hard work pays off. I've received



great support from staff and coaches at the University which have made my studies possible and my sporting success is only possible due to the excellent support mechanisms which are in place."

"My ambition is to try and make London 2012 where I'll have to compete in the T34 class. I've based all of my training at Leeds Met and love the challenge that wheelchair racing presents."

Talking about his sporting inspiration Louis identifies Mohammed Ali as his sporting hero. He said: "During the time he competed Ali faced a lot of prejudice and obstacles which he had to overcome, yet still

went on to be recognised as one of the greatest sportsmen of all time. In my own life, I've had to overcome a lot of barriers and love the tenacity and single-mindedness Ali showed in pursuing his goal."

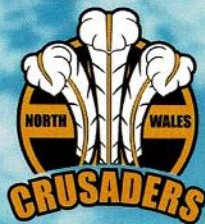
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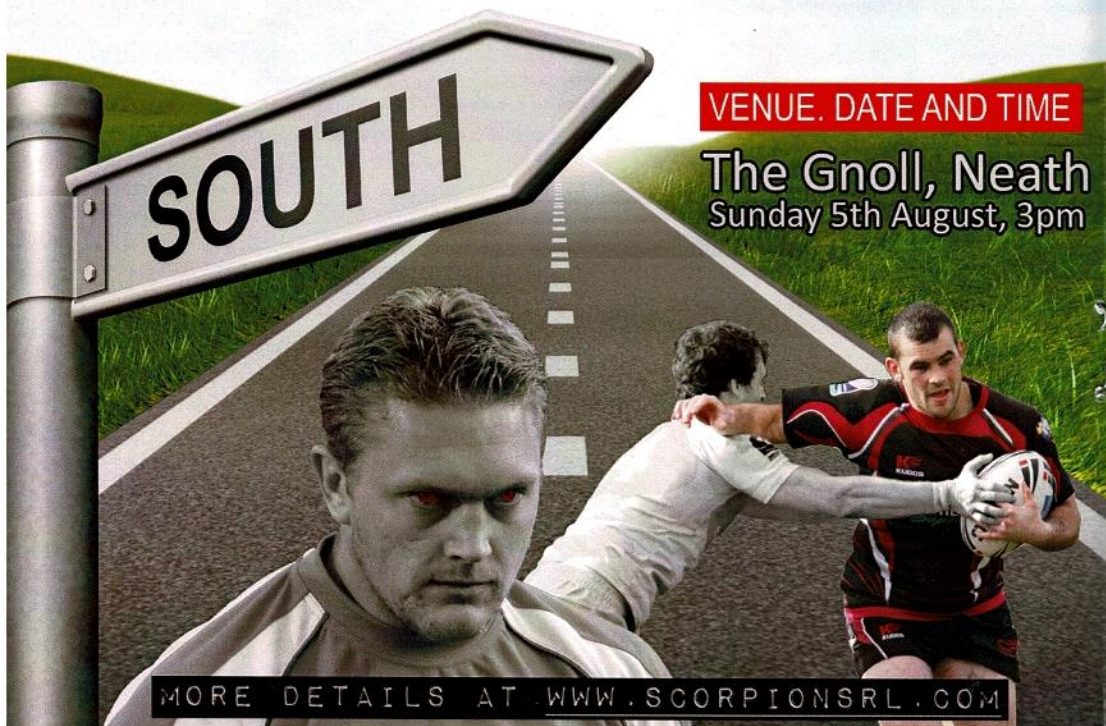
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SOUTH WALES HORNETS (home games at Blackwood Bulldogs kick-off 2.30pm)

Saturday, Apr 21 - St Albans Centurions (a) 36-28
Sunday, May 6 - Hemel Stags (a) 6-52
Sunday, May 13 - Warrington Wizards (h) 22-25
Saturday, May 19 - Bristol Sonics (a) 29-28
Saturday, May 26 - Nottingham Outlaws (a) 28-44
Saturday, Jun 2 - Nottingham Outlaws (h) 42-32
Saturday, Jun 9 - Huddersfield Underbank (h) P-P
Saturday, Jun 16 - Kippax Knights (a) 16-52
Saturday, Jun 23 - Warrington Wizards (a) 12-56
Saturday, Jun 30 - Hemel Stags (h) 22-26
Saturday, Jul 21 - Coventry Bears (a)
Saturday, Jul 28 - St Albans Centurions (h)
Saturday, Aug 4 - Huddersfield Underbank (a)
Sunday, Aug 12 - Bristol Sonics (h)
Saturday, Aug 18 - Bramley Buffaloes (a)
Sunday, Sep 2 - Kippax Knights (h)
TBA - Bramley Buffaloes (h)
TBA - Coventry Bears (h)

UNDER 16 ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP (home games at Caerphilly RFC)

Sun 6th May - Huddersfield Giants (a) 0-64
Sat 2nd Jun - London Broncos (h) 26-16
Sat 9th Jun - Wigan Warriors (a) 10-30
Sat 23rd Jun - Midlands Academy (h) 40-14
Sat 28th Jul - London Broncos (a) - 2.15pm
TBC - Widnes Vikings (h)
TBC - Warrington Wolves (h)

UNDER 18 VALVOLINE ACADEMY (home games at Caerphilly RFC kick-off 2.30pm unless stated)

Sat 31st Mar - Widnes Vikings (a) 20-58
Sun 15th Apr - Featherstone Rovers (a) 26-50
Sat 21st Apr - Leeds Rhinos (h) 10-64
Sun 6th May - Huddersfield Giants (a) 12-66
Sat 12th May - Widnes Vikings (h) P-P
Sat 19th May - Wigan Warriors (a) 22-40
Sat 26th May - Featherstone Rovers (h) 40-26
Sat 2nd Jun - London Broncos (h) 22-58
Sat 23rd Jun - Sheffield Eagles (h) 36-50
Sat 30th Jun - Wakefield Trinity Wildcats (a) 0-52
Sat 14th Jul - St Helens (a) 0-82
Sat 18th Aug - Leeds Rhinos (a)
Mon 27th Aug - London Broncos (a)
Sat 1st Sep - Castleford Tigers (h)
Sat 8th Sep - Salford City Reds (h)
TBC - Warrington Wolves (h)

UNDER 15 ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP (home games at Caerphilly RFC)

Sun 6th May - Huddersfield Giants (a) 22-28
Sat 2nd Jun - London Broncos (h) 30-14
Sat 9th Jun - Wigan Warriors (a) P-P
Sat 23rd Jun - Midlands Academy (h) 38-8
Sat 28th Jul - London Broncos (a) - 1pm
TBC - Widnes Vikings (h)
TBC - Warrington Wolves (h)

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Huddersfield Underbank Rangers	11	10	0	1	460	108	352	1	31
Warrington Wizards	12	10	0	2	433	210	223	1	31
Coventry Bears	10	6	0	4	264	218	46	1	19
Nottingham Outlaws	12	5	0	7	272	444	-172	2	17
Kippax Knights	10	4	0	6	226	268	-42	2	14
Bramley Buffaloes	9	3	0	6	172	242	-70	2	11
South Wales Hornets	9	3	0	6	213	343	-130	2	11
St Albans Centurions	12	2	0	10	196	444	-248	4	10
Bristol Sonics	11	0	0	11	148	465	-317	2	2



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Saturday: 26/05/2012
Bridgend Blue Bulls 72 Cardiff Demons 10

Saturday: 02/06/2012
Cardiff Demons 30 Valley Cougars 64

Saturday: 09/06/2012
Dyffryn Devils 26 Bridgend Blue Bulls 44
Bonymaen Broncos 84 Cardiff Demons 14
Valley Cougars 34 Titans 26

Wednesday: 13/06/2012
Valley Cougars 16 Bonymaen Broncos 36

Saturday: 16/06/2012
Dyffryn Devils v Valley Cougars P-P
Bridgend Blue Bulls 10 Bonymaen Broncos 48
Titans 42 Cardiff Demons 6

23/06/2012
England Lionhearts 56 Wales Dragonhearts 8
Titans v Dyffryn Devils P-P

Saturday: 30/06/2012
Bonymaen Broncos 18 Titans 0
Cardiff Demons 18 Dyffryn Devils 0
Bridgend Blue Bulls 32 Valley Cougars 48

Wednesday: 03/07/2012
Bridgend Blue Bulls 58 Titans 22

Saturday: 07/07/2012
Bonymaen Broncos 46 Valley Cougars 18
Dyffryn Devils 36 Titans 50
Cardiff Demons 0 Bridgend Blue Bulls 18

Wednesday: 11/07/2012
Valley Cougars 18 Dyffryn Devils 0
Bonymaen Broncos 22 Bridgend Blue Bulls 22

Saturday: 14/07/2012
Bonymaen Broncos 18 Dyffryn Devils 0
Titans 12 Bridgend Blue Bulls 62
Valley Cougars 18 Cardiff Demons 0

Sunday: 22/07/2012
Wales Dragonhearts vs Ireland Wolfhounds

Saturday: 28/07/2012
Cardiff Demons v Bonymaen Broncos
Bridgend Blue Bulls v Dyffryn Devils
Titans v Valley Cougars

Saturday: 04/08/2012
Valley Cougars v Bridgend Blue Bulls
Titans v Bonymaen Broncos
Dyffryn Devils v Cardiff Demons

11/08/2012
Scotland Bravehearts v Wales Dragonhearts

Sunday 19/08/2012 - Grand Final

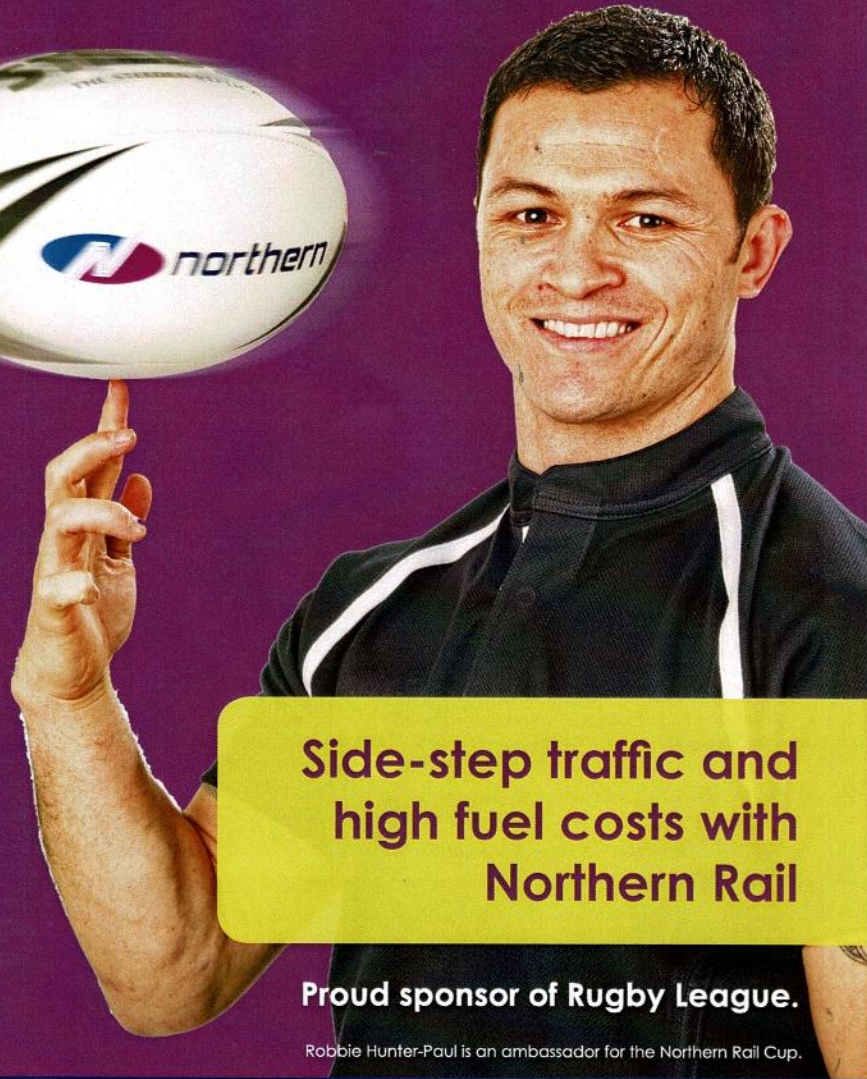


WELSH PREMIER TABLE 2012

	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	DIF	PTS
Bonymaen Broncos	8	7	0	1	348	96	252	15
Valley Cougars	7	5	2	0	216	170	46	10
Bridgend Blue Bulls	7	4	2	1	300	188	112	9
Titans	7	2	5	0	164	270	-106	4
Cardiff Demons	7	2	5	0	134	292	-158	4
Dyffryn Devils	6	0	6	0	78	224	-146	0

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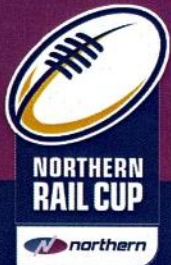


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DONCASTER turned the Championship One league leaders' race into a three-horse affair with Sunday's excellent 28-24 win over long-time table toppers Barrow.

Led superbly by the vastly experienced Paul Cooke, Tony Miller's men edged out their Cumbrian opponents in an excellent advert for the game at this level.

The result means that Workington top the table going into this weekend's fixtures, but they are level on points with the Raiders, with Doncaster just two behind, with all having won 11 of their 13 matches to date.

All three now look certain to be among the four promoted sides at the end of the season, but each of the trio will be desperate to top the table if they can.

Each of the three clubs have provided their own success stories in 2012.

Workington Town have been building solidly towards this kind of achievement for three years now, under joint coaches Gary Charlton and Martin Oglanby.

They haven't overspent in recent seasons, allowing them to this year add some serious quality and experience in the likes of Peter Lupton, Jamie Thackray and Mark Calderwood.

With locals like Brett Phillips, Elliot Miller and Graeme Mattinson also superb, they have usurped long-term rivals Whitehaven in 2012 and look well set for further progress.

Doncaster is a similar story in many ways, having consciously spent sensibly in

recent seasons, sticking to a strict win/loss payment approach.

They too added quality in the shape of playmaker Cooke, whose extra money was jointly funded by supporters and an off-field role in the local community. The former Hull FC and Hull KR player has been outstanding for them in the matches that have mattered most this year.

Barrow came into this season after surviving a huge financial crisis that threatened their very existence in the winter.

But player coach Darren Holt managed to assemble arguably the strongest squad in the competition, and they have led the table almost from the start until Sunday's defeat at Doncaster.

Halfback Liam Campbell must be among the contenders for Championship One Player of the Year given his performances this season.

It is a perfect time for Premier Sports to extend their excellent Championship coverage to include Championship One for the next two weeks.

Having already screened North Wales v South Wales on Easter Monday, they will now show Barrow versus Whitehaven this week, and Doncaster against Workington Town next Thursday.

Both should be excellent clashes, with all four clubs eager to show why they will be good additions to the newly expanded Championship in 2013.

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ONLY time will tell if Huddersfield's decision to get rid of Nathan Brown mid-season proves the right one.

One thing his exit does show though is that player power is alive and well in rugby league. Brown, it appears, had lost the confidence of his players. They revolted.

With a calamitous run threatening to destroy the team's season the Aussie was forced to tear up his game plan ahead of their Challenge Cup semi final with Warrington Wolves last Sunday.

The team had said they were uncomfortable playing the way the boss wanted, with Scott Grix at stand off, Greg Eden at full back and Kevin Brown at loose forward.

They wanted to revert to last year's formation, which had Grix was at full back and Kevin Brown at number 6.

Having felt many of his side weren't even trying in the previous week's heavy loss at Castleford the beleaguered coach acceded to their demands.

Ironically Grix went on to have a shocker in the 33-6 loss to the Wolves and Kevin Brown wasn't a great deal better.

Would they have done any worse if they had stuck to their boss's plan, the one that saw them top the table after the first 12 rounds of the season?

Who knows, but in admitting he had let the players force his hand Brown had made himself a dead man walking.

Even if the Giants had booked a place at Wembley then the players would have been proven right, and his authority would have been critically diminished.

Some may argue the loss, and its comprehensive nature, proves Brown's tactics might have been right all along. But you can have the greatest ideas in the world but they

count for little if the troops aren't following orders.

So when news of his exit came through on Monday it was sad, if not shocking.

He was off at the end of the year anyway, to St Helens and his assistant Paul Anderson was primed to step up.

So it made sense to bring the succession plan forward a little. There's not the same disruption in-season sackings often create.

But what does the debacle say of the Brown, and of the Giants board and the playing group at the Galpharm?

And how well does it bode for Anderson? This is his first top job.

Brown has vast experience in the NRL and undoubtedly transformed the Giants into a top-four team in his stay.

If the players can throw their toys out of the pram for him, and the board react in turn, then they'll surely expect to get their own way with their rookie manager.

It all makes you wonder who is really running the show.

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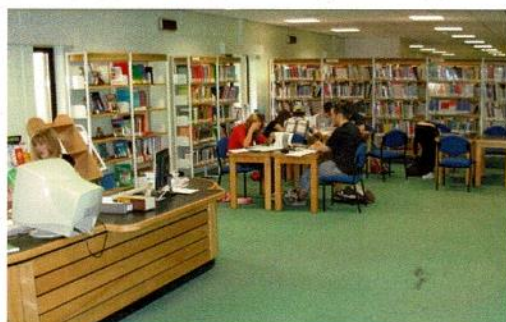
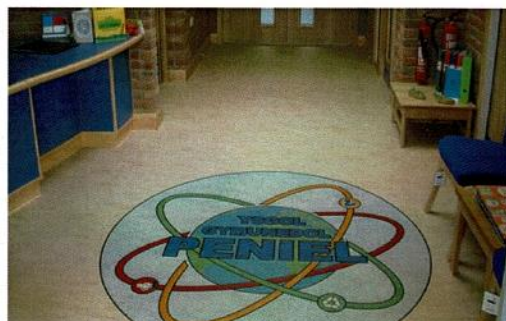


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FEBRUARY

Northern Rail Cup
Sun 12th Feb KO: 15:00, Spotland Stadium
Rochdale Hornets v South Wales Scorpions P-P
Sun 19th Feb KO: 15:00, The Gnoll, Neath
South Wales Scorpions 36 Oldham RLFC 36
Sun 26th Feb KO: 15:00, The Gnoll, Neath
South Wales Scorpions 30 London Skolars 38

MARCH

Sat 3rd Mar KO: 19:00, Stade des Minimes
Toulouse Olympique 44 South Wales Scorpions 30
Cooperative Championship 1
Sun 11th Mar KO: 15:00, Gateshead IS
Gateshead Thunder 30 South Wales Scorpions 32
Sun 18th Mar KO: 13:00, The Gnoll, Neath
South Wales Scorpions 10 Workington Town 40
Sun 25th Mar KO 15:00, (Challenge Cup)
Wath Brow Hornets 22 South Wales Scorpions 24

APRIL

Sun 1st Apr KO: 15:00, Keepmoat Stadium
Doncaster RLFC 46 South Wales Scorpions 12
Mon 9th Apr KO: 17:00, Wrexham FC
N Wales Crusaders 34 South Wales Scorpions 22
Challenge Cup
Sat 14th Apr KO: 15:00, The Shay
South Wales Scorpions 28 Halifax RLFC 84
Sun 22nd Apr KO: 15:00, The Gnoll, Neath
South Wales Scorpions 0 Whitehaven RLFC 34

MAY

Sun 6th May KO: 15:00, The Gnoll, Neath
South Wales Scorpions 24 Barrow Raiders 42

Northern Rail Cup

Wed 9th May KO: 20:00, Spotland Stadium
Rochdale Hornets 26 South Wales Scorpions 48
Sun 20th May KO: 15:00, The Gnoll, Neath
South Wales Scorpions 32 Rochdale Hornets 30
Sat 26th May KO: 13:00, Whitebank Stadium
Oldham Roughyeds 30 South Wales Scorpions 35

JUNE

Sun 10th Jun KO: 15:00, Recreation Ground
Whitehaven RLFC 34 South Wales Scorpions 18
Sun 24th Jun KO: 15:00, The Gnoll, Neath
South Wales Scorpions 32 London Skolars 36

JULY

Sun 1st Jul KO: 14:00, The Gnoll, Neath
South Wales Scorpions 30 Doncaster RLFC 44
Sun 15th Jul KO: 13:00, Derwent Park
Workington Town 50 South Wales Scorpions 10
Sun 22nd Jul KO: 15:00, The Gnoll, Neath
South Wales Scorpions v Oldham Roughyeds
Sun 29th Jul KO: 15:00, New River Stadium
London Skolars v South Wales Scorpions

AUGUST

Sun 5th Aug KO: 15:00, The Gnoll, Neath
South Wales Scorpions v N W Crusaders
Sun 12th Aug KO: 15:00, Spotland Stadium
Rochdale Hornets v South Wales Scorpions
Sun 19th Aug KO: 15:00, The Gnoll, Neath
South Wales Scorpions v Gateshead Thunder

SEPTEMBER

Sun 2nd Sep KO: 15:00, Craven Park
Barrow Raiders v South Wales Scorpions

Admission to home games only £12 per adult, £7 for concessions. £3 for juniors aged 12-16 and free for juniors aged 11 and under. Visit our website for full stats and reports.

2012 CHAMPIONSHIP 1 LEAGUE TABLE

		P	W	D	L	PF	PA	DIF	BNS	PTS
1	Barrow Raiders	14	12	0	2	489	273	216	2	38
2	Workington Town	13	11	0	2	475	204	271	2	35
3	Doncaster	13	11	0	2	535	274	261	0	33
4	Whitehaven	13	8	0	5	349	318	31	1	25
5	Rochdale Hornets	12	6	0	6	330	291	39	1	19
6	Oldham Roughyeds	13	4	1	8	299	355	-56	5	19
7	North Wales Crusaders	13	5	0	8	346	442	-96	3	18
8	London Skolars	12	3	1	8	303	388	-85	3	14
9	South Wales Scorpions	12	3	0	9	257	450	-193	2	11
10	Gateshead Thunder	13	0	0	13	202	590	-388	2	2

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Greg Burke	9				
Greg Callow	4	1			4
Liam Carberry	1				
Phil Carleton	9				
TJ Collin	1				
Dominic Crosby	1				
Matthew Crow	1	2			8
Andrew Cunningham	1				
Curtis Cunningham	3	1			4
Ryan Curtis	1				
Neil Dallimore	6				
Alun Wyn Davies	6				
Courtney Davies	2	1	3		10
Geraint Davies	7				
Rhys Davies	2				
Gil Dudson	4				
Dale Evans	1				
Connor Farrer	1				
Lewis Fox	1	1			4
James Gahan	2				
Ben Gilbert	3				
Rhys Godwin	1				
Dalton Grant	13	3			12
James Greenwood	9	5			20
Keiran Harrison	3				
Jason Howells	1				
David James	17	7			28
Kevin James	7	4			16
Karl Jones	1				
Ryan King	2	1			4
Scott Leatherbarrow	4	1	4		12
Shae Lyon-Fraser	1				
Alistair McDonald	5				
Joe McKenna	6				
Jacob Morgan	1	1			4
Tom Morgan	6	4			16
Nathan Mossop	15	12			48
Jack Murphy	1	1			4
Jamie Murphy	4	2	13		34
Shaun Owens	11	1	3		10
Yannic Parker	5				
Steve Parry	17	10			40
Rodney Peake	9	4			16
Rory Pitman	1				
Alan Pope	7	1			4
Paul Prescott	2	1			4
Lewis Reece	10	4	6		28
Jamie Rooney	7	2	23		54
Louis Singleton	1				
Tom Spencer	2	1			4
Chris Vitalini	16				
Liam Watton	1				
Loz Wildbore	5		8	1	17
Callum Wilkinson	6				

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