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6 Vince Gribbin v Doncaster 18/11/84

MOST GOALS IN A MATCH

13 Lee Anderson v Highfield 20/1/95

MOST POINTS IN A MATCH

30 Lee Anderson v Highfield 20/1/95

MOST TRIES IN A SEASON

34 Mike Pechey 1994/95 Season

MOST GOALS IN A SEASON

141 J. J. McKeown 1956/57

MOST POINTS IN A SEASON

291 J. J. McKeown 1956/57

MOST TRIES IN A CAREER

148 Bill Smith 1950/1962

MOST GOALS IN A CAREER

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417 J. J. McKeown 1948/1961

Club Honours

1956 TOUR MATCH WINNERS

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Good Afternoon

We welcome today the Directors, Coach, Playing Staff and supporters from Oldham to the Recreation Ground.

A tremendous run of seven unbeaten games by Oldham came to an end midweek when Oldham's opponents Keighley Cougars edged the game to win 14 - 24.

Mike Ford must be delighted with his team's recent performances and looking for a win today in order to maintain their position in the top eight.

Memories will still be fresh in the minds of our Players regarding the defeat we suffered in the close competitive game at Oldham earlier in the season. However with the recent improvements in form by ourselves over the last four weeks, a highly competitive game is in store and I am sure just as exciting as the previous game.

Cumbria is well documented for its ability to produce exceptionally talented players and it is a great boost to the Rugby League Development Officer. A joint venture between the Rugby Football League and Copeland Borough Council, with the full support of the two professional Clubs and BARLA. Whitehaven eagerly await the appointment of the Development Officer and intend to work closely with him to expand the development work that the Club has been carrying out over the last four years in the local schools.

Our thanks go to Paul Farrell and the players who have been involved with the schools over this time.

Yours in Sport,

Peter Hannah (Chairman)

The Whitehaven Warriors now have their own Internet site.

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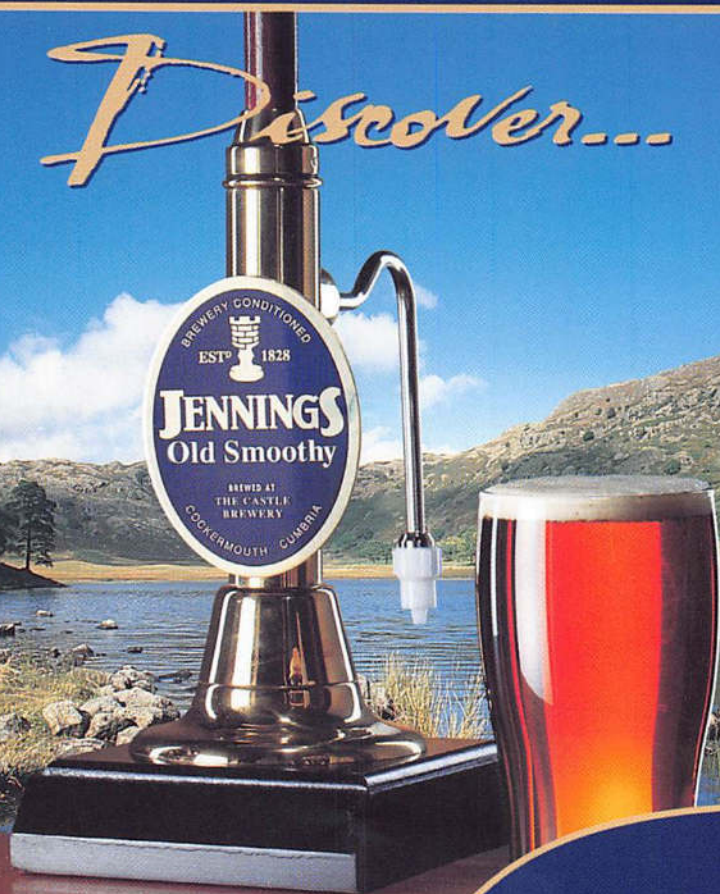
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KEVIN'S COMMENTS

Welcome to the Recre

It was a great win last week for us against York Wasps. We owed them a thrashing after they hammered us at their place last year.

The boys took great pleasure in knocking up the points and running off with winning pay.

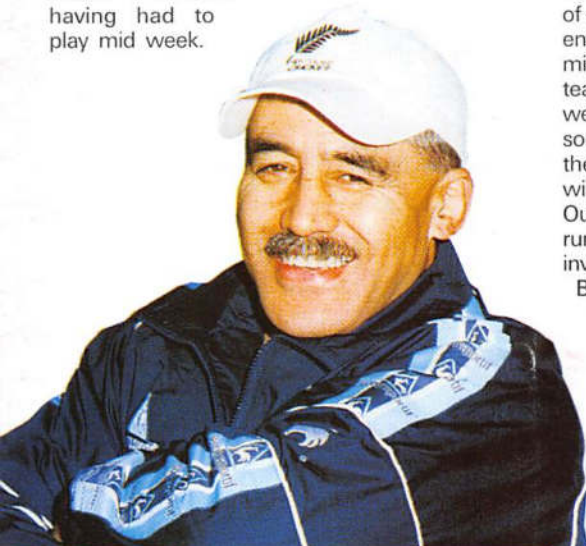
I hope we can have a repeat performance today.

Everything is in our

favour Oldham

having had to

play mid week.



Time will tell.

It will take a miracle for us to make the play offs with ten games left to play even if we won all remaining games we can only make 24 points, I fear not enough to sneak in the back door.

But, we are certainly going to put pressure on all the top teams by winning all remaining matches and then see what happens.

Congratulations to young Gary Smith he is one of a few young debutees lucky enough or good enough to score in his debut game. It was by misfortune to Alan Bone that Gary made the team. Alan failed a late fitness test which meant we had to bring one of the young lads in, after some deliberation Gary got the nod and once on the field didn't look out of place. I'm sure Gary will play a big roll in the future of the club.

Our schools Development programme is up and running again we have 5 schools presently involved and 5 coaches the schools are St Beghs, Moresby, Jericho, St Mary's, and Monkway. All our coaches are qualified senior and club coaches they are yours truly, Aaron Lester, David Fatialofa, Paul Farrell, Alan Davidson.

Anyone interested in more information please contact me at the club Tuesday to Thursday.

Enjoy the game

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TOP teenage prospect Gary Smith made a dream debut for Whitehaven yesterday, scoring a try just 16 minutes after making his entrance as a second-half sub against York.

The former Keils forward learned he was playing less than an hour before kick-off when Alan Bone pulled out with a knee injury, but he showed no sign of nerves in the 44-12 win.

"For a 17-year-old, he did remarkably well when he got out there," said coach Kevin Tamati. "He had played 80 minutes for the A-team on Saturday and had no inkling that he would be playing again until 45 minutes before the game." "I told him not to try to be Superman but just do the simple things right. He came to the game expecting to be 18th man but we went through our options -Steve McCourt, Buck Armstrong, George Suafoa, Andrew Nelson and Gary Smith - and between Peter Smith, Joe Stewart and myself~ we decided to give Gary his chance."

Winger Craig Walsh crossed for a try hat-trick, while second-row Howard Hill also impressed, slotting into the centres after Wesley Wilson suffered hamstring trouble, and taking the B & H Motors man-of-the-match award.

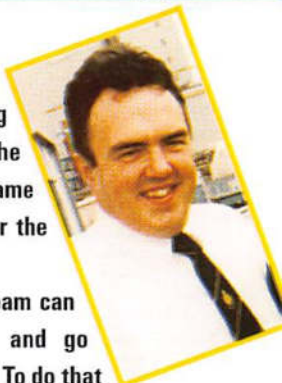
"Craig Walsh was in the right place at the right time for all three tries and good luck to him," the coach added.

"It was a convincing victory for us and the guys carried out the game plan we had set out for the week."

Tamati believes the team can continue to improve and go through May unbeaten. To do that they must win at Leigh and Widnes, but Tamati reckons it is possible - if their attitude is right.

"Widnes at Widnes are a different kettle of fish but I'm confident we can turn them over," he said.

Ralph represents Haven at Murrayfield
Ralph Calvin said it was "an honour for Copeland as well as myself" to have a place of honour at the Challenge Cup final at Murrayfield. As this year's Rugby Football League president he not only saw the Bradford Bulls victory but he also joined the Lord Provost of Edinburgh before the match. "Seeing as rugby league was bringing an estimated £10 million into Edinburgh he was understandably delighted to have the city hosting the event."



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**FACTS, FIGURES AND EVENTS IN THE RUGBY WORLD as at 17th April 2000****WESTON BREAKS DONCASTER TRY RECORD**

Craig Weston of Doncaster Dragons broke the club record for tries in a season with a hat-trick in the 68-12 Northern Ford Premiership home defeat of Barrow Border Raiders taking the Australian's total to 24. The previous record was held by Mark Roache with 21 in 1989-90.

POINTSCORING SEQUENCE

BARRY EATON of Dewsbury Rams has the current longest pointsoring run covering 36 Cup, League and play-off matches. The scrum-half's scoring run began with three goals in the 24-10 Northern Ford Premiership defeat at Leigh Centurions on 27 June 1999.

WINNING RUNS

BRADFORD BULLS are the only club in either division to have won all their matches this season - five Silk Cut Challenge Cup-ties and plus seven wins and one draw in the Tetley's Bitter Super League.

Their last defeat was 8-6 to St Helens in the Grand Final at Old Trafford on 9 October 1999.

KEIGHLEY COUGARS have the longest winning run in the Northern Ford Premiership covering ten matches. Their last

defeat was 28-36 at home to Leigh Centurions on 5 March.

LOSING RUN

LANCASHIRE LYNX have the current longest losing run covering 15 cup and league matches. Their last victory was 18-6 at home to Walney Central amateurs in the third round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup on 30 January.

MILESTONES

Nick Pinkney of Salford City Reds scored his 200th career try in the 20-38 Tetley Bitter Super League home defeat against Halifax Blue Sox. He has scored 54 for Ryedale-York, 101 Keighley Cougars, 24 Sheffield Eagles, 14 Halifax Blue Sox, 4 Salford and 3 England.

Robbie Paul of Bradford Bulls scored his 50th Super League try in the 44-16 home defeat of Wakefield Trinity Wildcats.

Paul Newlove of St Helens needs two tries for a career century of touchdowns for the Saints.

Stanley Gene of Hull FC needs three tries for a career century of touchdowns in the British club rugby. The Papua New Guinea half back has scored 94 for Hull Kingston Rovers and three for Hull.

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TAKING ON THE



Mark Sibson

Today's visitors Oldham Roughyeads come to the Recreation ground today as arguable the form team in the NFP at the moment having won 7 straight games prior to today. Certainly this season has seen the revival in fortunes for this famous club that seemed unlikely at the end of 1997 when the Oldham Bears finished bottom of Super League with massive debts and were wound up. For a while it looked as if Oldham a traditional stronghold of the game would lose its pro club, however Chris Hamilton a local lawyer and Oldham fan was determined for this not to happen and through his and other peoples efforts the Oldham club was reformed and entered the old Division two competition in 1998.

The last two years have been time of re-building at the club but with the arrival of Oldham lad Mike Ford as head Coach this season they are proving themselves as genuine play-off contenders.

After cutting his coaching teeth at Bramley last season

Ford needed little persuasion to take the reins at his home town club and thus far he has done a first rate job, building a squad that is proving very difficult to beat.

The Bramley connection features strongly in the Oldham playing squad starting with Full back mark Sibson who has proved to be not only a solid last line of defence but a skilful attacking number 1 who in recent weeks has taken on the goalkicking duties.

Winger Joey Hayes is another newcomer to the club this term. He has a lot of Super League experience notably with St Helens and is a regular try scorer. The Gibbons brothers, Anthony and Dave are another two ex Bramley Players in the squad. Centre Anthony is a very pacy attacking centre while Dave is a classy footballer who is the regular stand off. Ex Keighley Cougar Pat Rich has been showing good form in the centre position, as well as being the clubs leading goal kicker. A product of North East Rugby League

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who also played for Leeds University RL.

Half back Neil Roden is a recent signing from Wigan ,a young player with great potential who came through the Wigan academy system. Coach Mike Ford has led his team from the front in most games this term though he has sat out the teams last few games allowing Roden to wear the No 7 jersey.

A big factor in the Oldham revival has been the form of the pack. In the front row is Jason Clegg a tough durable prop previously with Bradford . He was outstanding for Oldham when we met them in the Challenge cup here last season. John Hough at hooker has been showing good form and is a real danger man from the Dummy half position. The much travelled Leo Casey is now back with his hometown team after playing for a number of Super League Clubs ,while Andy Proctor,a prop or second row is another Oldham lad who played with Bramley last season.

Wes Rogers ,a strong running second rower ,is another local who was previously with Swinton. Aussie Shayne McMenemy has proved a big hit at the club since signing in February ,while Chris Holland is a young back rower who has claimed a regular place for himself .

So Oldham bring an inform team today and will be looking to build on their win over us earlier this season at Boundary Park. Their last visit to the Recre was in February last season for a fourth round Challenge Cup tie which the warriorsw on by 19-8.



Mike Ford

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In the mid 1950's Oldham R.L.F.C was a force to be reckoned with, winning the Rugby League Championship 1956-57, the Lancashire League 1956-57, 1957-58 and the Lancashire Cup 1956-57, '57-58, 58-59.

Since that time their success has been less dramatic, although their league position so far this season, suggests that they are comfortably within the top eight play-offs at the end of the season.

The result at Oldham early in January this year, when Whitehaven were narrowly beaten 26-22 lends itself to the exciting possibility that home advantage may prove a point. Also bearing in mind the recent improvement in Haven's results, and coming after a convincing display in the last home fixture against York.

In season 1956-57 John McKeown kicked 141 goals, and anyone who saw him play would appreciate the talent that he was. The following year 1957-58 Bernard Gawley the Oldham full-back kicked 200 goals to put him in the top flight of goal kickers, and shows what a fantastic achievement that was.

Thinking of Oldham always brings to mind some of the Cumbrian connec-

tions. I remember Syd Little a second row forward signed from Carlisle Rugby Union. Geoff Robinson the Whitehaven loose forward transferred to Oldham in the late 1950's. Ike Southward the winger from Workington Town signed by Oldham for a then record fee, who later on came back home and played for a short spell with Haven.

Another talented player in my opinion was hooker Alan McCurrie who came to us via Oldham. Proficient at his job and an adventurous acting half-back.

It interests me that today, the player wearing the number nine jersey is still referred to as the hooker. Yet the change in scrummaging rules makes this a mistomener as he now is just the player in the middle of the scrum. The scrum being an excuse to bring the forwards together, out of the way, so that they can lean on each other and have a rest, while the scrum-half puts the ball somewhere in the second row. It then gives the backs a chance to handle the ball while the forwards are otherwise engaged.

Two thirds of the season gone already gone, but with some interesting fixtures still remaining. A strong finish would do everybody a world of good.



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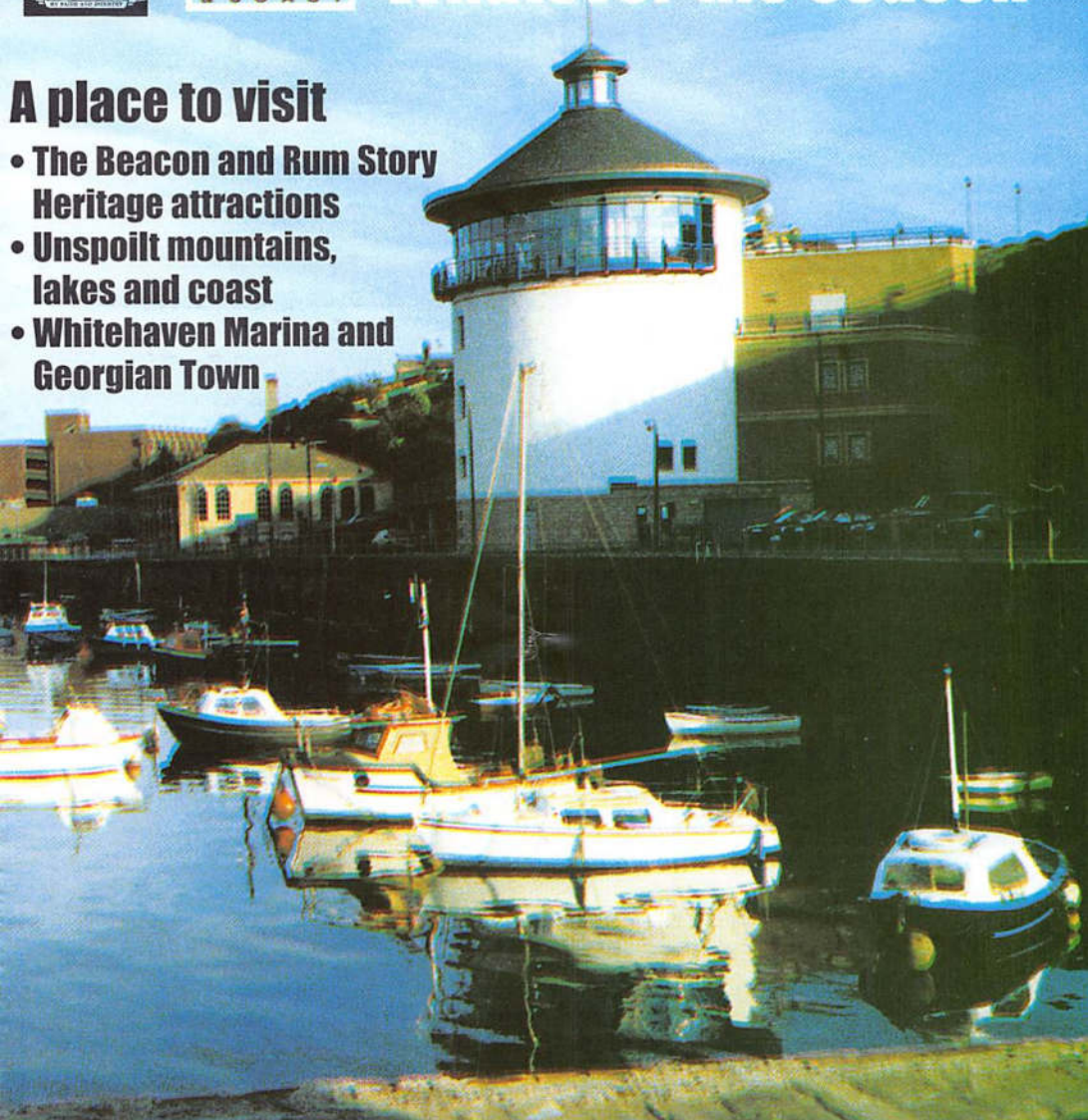


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3

A GIBBONS

K HETHERINGTON

4

P RICH

C WALSH

5

W BARROW

R PURDHAM

6

D GIBBONS

L KIDDIE

7

N RODEN

D VAUGHAN

8

L CASEY

A LESTER

9

J HOUGH

D FATIALOFA

10

J CLEGG

H HILL

11

P FARRELL

A BONE

12

S McMENEMY

G PURDHAM

13

K MANNION

W KITCHIN

14

C HOLLAND

G MORTON

15

A PROCTOR

S MILLER

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THE 13TH WARRIOR

Alan Bone



Today we focus on Alan Bone yet another of the current first team squad who came to Professional Rugby via the academy team.

A Parton lad Alan played most of his junior rugby with Kells featuring at most of the age groups up to under 18s. at the start of the 1998 season he was one of a number of lads including Andrew Nelson Paul O'Neill and Spencer Miller who joined our academy team and it quickly became apparent that here was forward with ability and tremendous work-rate. In particular one game against Huddersfield he caught Stan Martins attention with a tremendous tackling stint and thereafter it was always on the cards that he would be offered a contract. He subsequently signed in

the following winter and could have expected to go into the Alliance . In reality Kevin Tamati gave him an early call up to the first team squad and he made his debut in the Challenge Cup tie against Saddleworth Rangers in the first game of the season . He went on to play in

Just about every game always giving 100%. Not only that he went on to represent Cumbria in last Seasons Academy County Championship : a real tribute to this young man who is still only 20 .

Alan effectively picked up this term where he left off last and it was only last week that he missed his first team game of the season with a knee injury which hopefully will have cleared up today and we will see him back in action.

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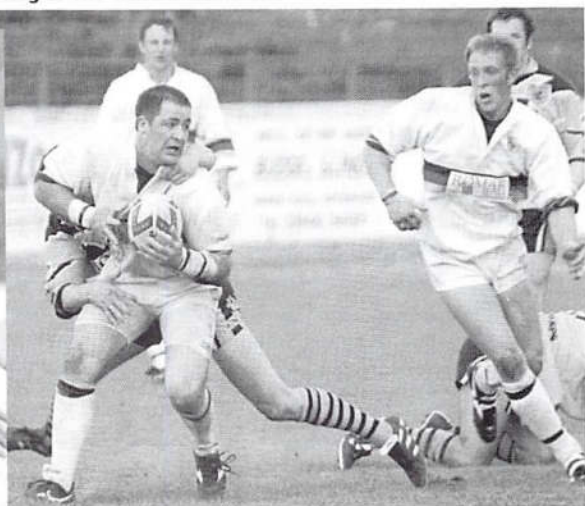
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with MARTYN SADLER

MARTYN SADLER, the editor of Rugby League Express, asks whether it's time to experiment with a new knock-on rule.



Some time ago in League Express I floated the idea that we should look again at the knock-on, and what the consequences of a knock-on should be. Recently, when watching a whole series of games, both in Super League and in the Northern Ford Premiership, I've become more convinced than ever that the knock-on rule needs to be reviewed.

Those readers who have Sky Sports may have noticed their commentators Eddie and Stevo recently getting into arguments about whether a knock-on has actually taken place, as a player drops the ball sideways and then picks it up again. More and more of those incidents seem to happen, leading to contentious decisions by referees that seem to favour one side or the other.

The consequences of a knock-on - that the other side get the ball from the scrum with the ensuing six tackles - and therefore of a mistaken decision, are potentially enormous.

The problem, however, is that the game stops. And it presents us with the biggest disparity between Rugby League and soccer. Whereas in soccer a pass doesn't have to go straight to the player receiving it, in Rugby League it does, and the slightest error in catching the ball leads to a very negative stoppage in play.

I believe that a player who knocks on accidentally, but who regathers the ball

himself, should be allowed to play on. Such a rule would improve the game immensely, and would get rid of one of the biggest anti-climaxes in the game. We would

still have a scrum if his teammate picked the ball up, but if the player who has knocked on the ball regathers it himself, why shouldn't play continue?

Some people may claim we would be reducing the skill element, by allowing a player to get away with dropping the ball. That isn't true, however, because players would still need to catch the ball, and we would in fact be adding a new skill - the ability to recover a dropped ball.

For fans, it would be exciting to see whether a player could do that, and whether the other team could prevent him from regathering the ball.

The rules of the game were invented in the middle of the last century by old boys of

Rugby School, and we have moved a long way from the rules that were originally set out. But, oddly enough, on this rule we haven't, and now is perhaps the time to do so.

If you have any doubts about this proposal, which, admittedly, is a radical one, then just watch today's game, and see how the game loses its momentum with each knock-on.

In my view this proposal deserves a trial, and the obvious place to trial it is in one or more NFP games at the end of the season where both clubs are out of the running for the top-eight play-off series. After all, what would those games have to lose?

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A good win for you last week, who knows maybe Mr. Tamati will eventually be proven correct and the 'Warriors' will make that magical eight. Only jesting 'jambos' you have as much chance of making the play off as I have of being elected Mayor of Copeland. Those coveted eight places seem just about wrapped up already. With only Barrow from our County looking a possibility to snatch a place. Even such a Furness forecast is a long odds bet, considering the Border Raiders are about as consistent, or inconsistent, as a George Best temperance society.

So for us up here in the West of the County it appears to be a case of making the best of the rest, and from here on laying foundations for another blast at it next season. Sorry to sound so sombre, but it's true enough you must agree that the season has peaked and is now in free-fall. I mean look at the attendance at the Recre last week as proof that the entertainment on offer is deemed a passing nuisance for the vast majority. Many seem more intent on enjoying this Summers counter attractions. Interestingly, paint dries a lot quicker during a hot spell doesn't it? And of course I wouldn't disagree that such an aside would be far more exciting than eighty minutes at the Recre. That's enough Warrior bating for today though I'm getting so bored of it, are you? Which somewhat ambiguously brings me on to a pet subject of mine, i.e the attendance returns throughout our game. From a new bright beginning so much boasted of by the NFP hierarchy we now hear little or nothing from the NFP little big men regarding some disastrous looking returns as the Summer joins us with a bang. I overheard one your (Haven) officials proclaiming prior to our Easter Monday clash that he believed the vast majority of NFP clubs "were slowly bleeding to death". He is absolutely correct, but who is capable of applying a life saving tourniquet? For some it may even now be too late.

For instance is the Sheffield situation set in stone, uhh, uhhh, on that one I believe. Batley? Well they had little over 300 for a visit of one of the games top attractions two weeks ago, Heavy Woollen Heaven? No sir, they are more likely to fall in the heavy going at Mount Pleasant, any bets?

But the most likely candidate to 'bite the dust' must be the almost forgotten Lynx. I really can't see them returning for another season. The signs were ominous for this outfit a while back when they were kicked out of Deepdale and into deep s-t at Chorley. How on earth they make ends meet is beyond my comprehension. And it seems a weekly struggle to provide sufficient numbers out on the 'Park', let alone attract any Chorley chaplins to their stadium.

I don't of course have any instant solutions to assist such plights I'm afraid. But one plus factor for me would be to bring back Blackpool. Always a fixture I looked for when they were released. A splendid excursion to behold. It was Rugby League, then Prize Bingo, an Alice in Wonderland ride, and finally rounded off by a stroll along the prom as the wind-blown sand pelted your ruddy cheeks while chomping greasy fish and chips (with added grit and vigour). Yes great days to savour, and I repeat (burrrr, must be the cooking fat) Blackpool should be rocking to the 'Town army' once more. Are you listening 'little big men' of the NFP?



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Ref's Review by Steve Nicholson

Greg McCallum the director of referee's performance returned back from his business trip in Australia, with a few issues sort out. Two main issues were the video referee and on field reporting systems.

Greg issued a statement to coaches and referee's last week to try and reduce both the number of times we use the screen in live Sky matches and for referee's to use their own judgement when dealing with foul play. In recent Sky games some officials have been going back four or five tackles which is permitted. One of the things that Greg was worried about, was that some officials were looking at incidents that have already been seen and judges by the referee, which has been highlighted by not only Eddie & Stevo from Sky but the games major stake holder? You the spectator.

In this case McCallum has told referee's to use the people such as touch judges and coach in the stand to help them rather than let play go on four or five tackles, and then ask the video referee to look at three or four situations at once. Doing this was slightly degrading to the system, which to be honest, worked so well in the past.

McCallum was also concerned about the number of incident that were being placed on report, when after reading the

referee's report it was quite evident that the referee had seen the incident. Therefore should have used his judgement to decide whether the act of foul play warranted a full dismissal or not. The Sin Bin is not the place for acts of foul play, it is for professional fouls, persistent infringements, technical offenses and man to man confrontation. Last weekend we saw four people being placed on report and three being dismissed for alleged foul play, a lot of spectators say that no one get sent off on TV. That theory was blown out of the water on Friday evening when Castleford referee Steve Presley dismissed London Bronco's Anthony Selbold for an alleged high tackle on Leeds Rhino's Iestyn Harris. Hopefully players, coaches and referees will take heed of the advice from Mr McCallum.

It was interesting to read in the Telegraph last week that a football supporter was reported by the referee for racial abuse to Portsmouth player Kevin Harper. This happened during the Walsall v Portsmouth game, the culprit was fined £1,500 by a West Midlands court - rightly so! Racism should not be tolerated in society, never mind in sport. The RFL has a anti racism policy and the Whitehaven club fully endorse that policy, there is no place for it in our great game.

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News And Star

I visited Derwent Park on Wednesday night to see Workington beat title-chasing Doncaster and there were plenty of Copeland connections on show.

Notably, there was Dave Watson who deservedly took the man-of-the-match award. He had a superb game, following on from his outstanding performance against Haven in the Easter derby.

Age has not dulled his skills and he showed guile and impressive strength to conjure his two tries. He has expressed an interest in the Recre' coaching job next season and while there are others I would prefer for that position, as a player he would be a huge asset. Admittedly, at his age it would be a short-term fix but it would be marvellous to see him parade his skills at the Recreation Ground for a season.

He played at scrum-half against Doncaster, Haven's problem position this season. I'm not criticising Lee Kiddie, who has filled in reasonably well at seven, but I would prefer to see him return to stand-off next year.

Another former Recreation Ground favourite Graeme Lewthwaite was also to the fore against Doncaster.

He made two crucial first-half tackles that helped keep the visitors at bay and he still has plenty to offer the professional game.

In the centres were Leigh Smith, who had a year at Haven, and former Kells youngster Steve McGrady, who is holding down a first-team place in his debut season at Derwent Park.

My tip for the top however is another former Kells kid Carl Sice, who came on as a second-half sub.

Doncaster fans were relieved to see the back of impressive number nine Owen Williamson but Sice proved even more of a handful.

He is certainly not the finished article but gave the team plenty of 'go-forward' and may well be set for bigger things.



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Date	Opposition	Venue	R	F	A	Tries	Goals	DG
Dec 26th	Barrow Border Raiders	A	3.00	4	31	Frazer		
Jan 2nd	Workington Town	H	3.30	42	0	Nelson 2, Seeds 2, Lester, Morton, GPurdham, Frazer	Kitchin 3	
9th	Oldham	A	3.00	22	26	Frazer 2, Ruddy, Lester, Kitchin	Kitchin	
16th	Leigh Centurions	H	3.30	24	6	Frazer, Lester, Lynch, Nelson, Seeds	Hetherington 2	
23rd	Lancashire Lynx	A	3.00	12	22	Lester, Hetherington	Purdham, Hetherington	
30th	SCCC 3rd rd v. Shaw Cross	H	3.30	42	0	Frazer 2, Keenan 2, Armstrong, Lester, Seeds	Hetherington 7	
Feb 6th	Widnes Vikings	H	3.30	13	6	Kiddie, Frazer	Hetherington 2	Heth/t
13th	SCCC - 4th rd v. Wigan	A	3.00	0	98			
20th	Rochdale Hornets	A	3.00	22	20	Frazer, Keenan, Hetherington, Walsh	Hetherington 3	
27th	Batley Bulldogs	H	3.30			- Postponed -		
Mar 5th	Swinton Lions	H	3.30	16	20	Walsh, Morton	Hetherington 4	
12th	Hull Kingston Rovers	A	3.00	14	22	Keenan, Walsh	Hetherington, Kitchin 2	
19th	Keighley Cougars	H	3.30	10	56	Walsh, Morton	Kitchin	
	Doncaster Dragons	H	3.30	14	24	Kiddie, Hill, Wilson	Hetherington	
April 2nd	Dewsbury Rams	H	3.30	10	36	Hill, Walsh	Stoddart	
9th	Featherstone Rovers	A	3.00	16	44	Seeds, Hill, Purdham	Stoddart 2	
16th	Hunslet Hawks	A	3.30	2	24		Purdham	
21st	Barrow Border Raiders	H	7.30	30	0	Kitchin, Frazer 2, Seeds 2, Hetherington	Purdham R, Hetherington 2	
24th	Workington Town	A	3.00	18	27	Kiddie, Bone, Kitchin	Hetherington 3	
May 1st	Bramley/Sheffield	A	7.30	22	19	Frazer 2, Hill	Hetherington 5	
7th	York Wasps	H	3.30	42	12			
14th	Oldham	H	3.30					
21st	Leigh Centurions	A	3.00					
26th	Featherstone Rovers	H	7.30					
29th	Widnes Vikings	A	3.00					
June 4th	Rochdale Hornets	H	3.30					
11th	Swinton Lions	A	3.00					
18th	Hull Kingston Rovers	H	3.30					
25th	Keighley Cougars	A	2.45					
July 2nd	Doncaster Dragons	A	3.00					

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