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- 5 JON GODDARD
- 6 ANDY GOREY
- 7 SIMON HAUGHTON
- 8 JOHN HOUGH
- 9 NICK JOHNSON
- 10 CARLOS MATAORA
- 11 DAMIAN MUNRO
- 12 DANNY NANYN
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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Today we offer our friends from Oldham a very warm Craven Park welcome. Our result last week to say the least was a huge disappointment to us all. Our team spirit and commitment are no longer our strengths as like last season. The players are giving too many penalties away and then having to work overtime in defence. We show lack of control on the pitch and we are giving the man with the whistle too many opportunities to march us 10 metres back, thus putting pressure and frustration on ourselves. Looking from the Grandstand, it seems to me that the game plan set out by coach is not being carried out on the park by the players or being enforced by the captain. To all, our supporters who made the journey over to Doncaster, 'a very big thank you'. We must have made up 10% of the crowd and you let it be known you were out there, well done. The club says 'welcome' to our latest capture from 'down under' Ryan Tandy. From his game against Doncaster he looks to be all we expected from reports we have required, the pairing of Ryan and Andy Fisher will hopefully, give us the strength and controlled aggression that has been our weakness for much of this season. A very big plus for this club is to see Jamie Butler and Ryan Wood taking the step up to the pro ranks, both putting in a true workman like performances, showing a pride in wearing a Barrow shirt, 'good on you both, well done'. We are in contact with local players and are hoping to bring more talent to the club, that will in our opinion produce stars of the future. Let me take this space to say 'a very big thank you' to all our sponsors for this season, 'please keep supporting a truly great club'. We can go on and get stronger every day.

To all you out there, are you looking for a good night out, well how about supporting the Phil Jackson dinner? Tickets available from the rugby shop. The Phil Jackson book, will soon be on sale, don't miss the advanced sales are going very well!

Till next time, bye - Peter

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Paddy
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North West Evening Mail



Today is a crucial day for Barrow with the visit of Oldham a game that neither team can really afford to lose. It is a great pity that two teams go down this season, the team that gained promotion, Barrow or whoever, were up against it from day one. Trying to get the right players up to Barrow is not always an easy task and with no disrespect to our local players, you have to have seasoned players on board from outside our boundary. And this always turns out to be a costly exercise, but then again we must have three or four on board. No team in the world can field an all local team whatever sport and be successful. Ian Millward has soon become history at Saint Helens who are on a roll after only two games with Darren Anderson in charge, YES the show goes on, and Millward like many others becomes yesterdays man. Don't get me wrong, i believe he did a good job at Saints but then again who wouldn't with the quality of players at their disposal. I had to have a chuckle watching the Super-League show on BBC 2 on Sunday .Harry Gratton asked Gary Scholfield and commentator Dave Woods who would win the Challenge Cup and also the Grand Final. Scholfield said Leeds for the Grand final, and Saints for the cup. Doesn't make sense to me, If you believe a club can win Super-League why go for another club to win the Cup ? the mind boggles. Don't forget your tickets for the 55 cup winners re-union dinner on July 8th at the Lisdoonie Hotel (£20) the evening will see the surviving team members meeting once more with Phil Jackson coming over from Australia. The guest speaker is Alex Murphy OBE, a legend in his own right. The evening also sees the launch of Keith Nutters book on Phil Jackson A Prince amongst centres Priced £19-99.

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The COACH Peter Roe

Well there is only one way to go now and that is up. But I am so disappointed that we dropped to the bottom of the table last Sunday.

After a fairly close first half at Doncaster, a way was found which I believed would possibly see us win the game. The players were given very precise instructions at half-time and the way we played in the second half left me thinking that they just didn't pay attention.

There is no point in having a coach if players are not prepared to listen to his instructions.

So it means the time has come for the players to stand up and be counted because we are staring down the gun barrel of relegation.

Maybe there is a mental problem, a lack of self belief. But if the players will not listen, then I have a real problem.

Do some of our players lack the ambition to take their game forward? In that case they should not play for the club again.

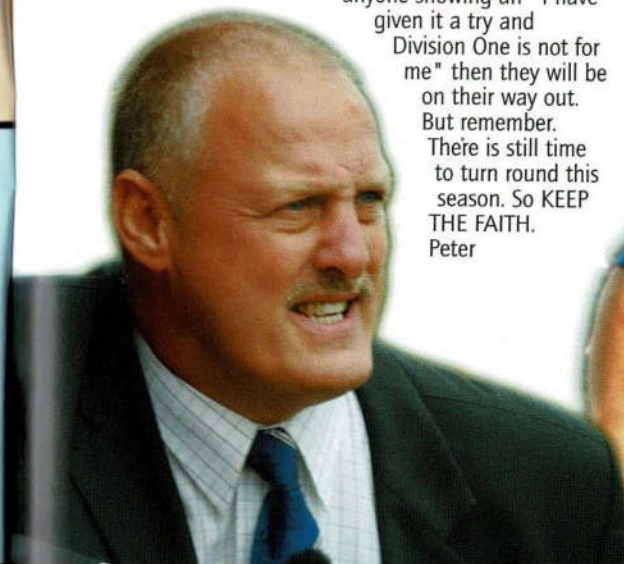
Against Rochdale we showed for a lot of the way the passion that is needed to win matches. We did it for three-quarters of the game against Castleford and for half of the game at Doncaster. But what worries me is that I have yet to see that passion for a full 80 minutes.

It means that as we welcome Gary Mercer and his Oldham players and officials today, this is a Cup Final. They are a bit like ourselves but they are no mugs and Gary has turned round their fortunes a bit.

So it will come down to who wants the win the most. It had better be us. We must complete our sets of six and we must not give away silly penalties when their six is coming to an end.

I think you will like new recruit Ryan Tandy. He was the best forward on the field last Sunday. I also thought Ryan Wood did OK on his debut and Paul Wilcock tried very hard.

But if I think there is a hint of
anyone showing an "I have
given it a try and
Division One is not for
me" then they will be
on their way out.
But remember.
There is still time to
turn round this
season. So KEEP
THE FAITH.
Peter



The CAPTAIN Darren Holt

Hello Again,

Nice and short today as well as straight to the point. It's been a bumpy few weeks down at the club with results as well as performances not going too well. Reactions from our supporters have been fully justified both as a team and personally. My showing against Featherstone was unacceptable, not just as captain, but as a player as well. The reasons for it are irrelevant but thankfully I'd like to think that there would never be a repeat performance.

There has been a call this week for a bit more honesty down at the club between the playing staff. I believe that our performances at the minute are being spoiled by continuous petty and unprofessional errors including discipline problems. To address these problems, everyone has to be honest with each other and be able to accept criticism and praise where it's due. This is not a witch hunt by any means but at the end of the day we are a professional club and are answerable to the supporters who pay to watch us.

What I do find very disappointing is the fact that when things aren't quite going as well as they should, people from inside the clubs set-up are quick to criticise people and players. What is even more disappointing is that they choose

to do it from behind closed doors. There is no better person to have at the helm of the club than Peter Roe, so I say let him worry about the teams problems at the moment and stick to what you know.

Cheers
Holt



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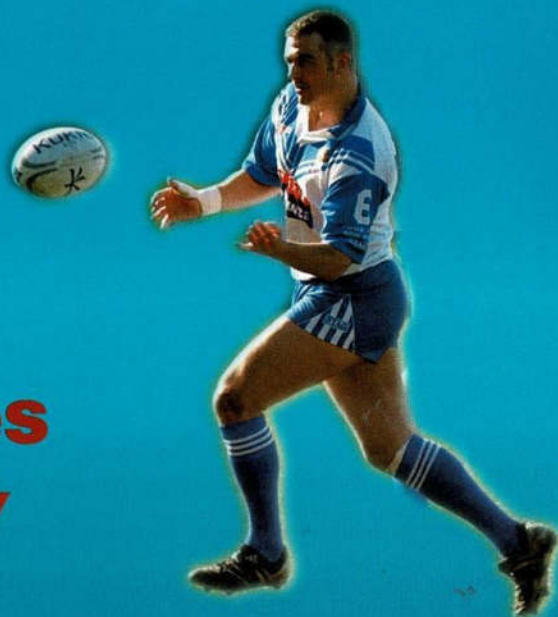
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TODAYS VISITORS

Gareth Barber is a local born player, who started his professional career with Super League club Warrington Wolves before Oldham brought him back to his hometown. Primarily a stand off Gareth can fill most positions in the back line. He has been used effectively as an impact player coming off the bench to exploit tiring defences. Barber represented the National League under 21 side that defeated their Super League counterparts in 2001.

Ricky Bibey was a surprise signing for 2005 from Super League giants St Helens. Rick has a rugged style of play with a ruthless streak, just what is required for making inroads into the tough defences of National League One. At the tender age of 23, young by prop forward terms, Ricky already has two Challenge Cup winners medals, with the remarkable record of beating St Helens when with his former club Wigan, and then doing the reverse beating Wigan when with St Helens. He has also had a loan spell with his hometown club Leigh Centurions.

Martin Elwood Local 20 year old second row or centre Martin Elwood signed from Super League club Huddersfield Giants.

Martin who was on the verge of a first team call up last season when Steve Molloy first looked at him with regard to strengthening his squad for the run in to the play offs, but sadly injury dashed his chances.

At around 6'4" and 16st Martin has power as well as pace, he is eager to further his career and for this reason wants to get some first team rugby under his belt.

Martin was brought up on a strong rugby background at North Chadderton school and was also reared in the Royton Tigers youth set up.

Will Cowell has played 18 times in Super League for Warrington Wolves, mostly as a substitute.

The 23-year-old Cumbrian, a product of that prolific provider of rugby league players, Kells. He left Wilderspool permanently to join Oldham originally on a one-year contract which he has extended for another year on two occasions.

He plays full-back, wing or centre, Although he prefers full-back he has shown great form in the early part of 2004 as a winger. Former Warrington coach Daryl van de Velde, spoke well of Cowell before he was invited to join the Roughyeds.

Gavin Dodd A product of the Royton Tigers youth set up, who later had a spell with Bradford Bulls academy team. Gavin is primarily a Full Back, but has established himself as a winger in the past couple of season's.

8 Fast on the break, and unpredictable at times, makes Dodd a scorer of spectacular tries.

Gavin represented Great Britain students in Australia and New Zealand four years ago, and was selected in the GB under 21 squad two seasons ago.

Tere Glassie was signed at the begging of the 2005 season along with his fellow Cook Island internationals, Carlos Mataoro and Jonathon Wilson. Tere has had experience in the

top grade in Australia as well as the Batacard Cup Comp in New Zealand, he arrived at Oldham from the Newtown Jets, the team that Oldham Hall of Fame player Martin Murphy had a spell with. He has played most of his Rugby in the second row being a very mobile forward, but his versatility also ables him to play in the front row.

Jon Goddard came to Oldham on loan in the 2002 season on the high recommendation of Graham Steadman, the then Castleford boss. Goddard was reared in Castleford youth and schools rugby before going to Wheldon Road to play for the Tigers academy side.

During his two seasons in their Alliance team he played three times in Super League, against Wakefield at home and against Bradford and London, both away, in 2001. Jon swept the board at the Oldham awards last season taking all but the Roughyeds Kids player of the year award. A very competent Full Back who was selected in the 2004 mythical NL1 team for that position, he is equally at home in a centre berth.

Andy Gorey is completing the second year of a two year contract in the 2005 season. A versatile back who has played most of his rugby in the academy at full back, but he is also a competent half back. He is enjoying the more demanding training rigours of the first team squad and is itching for his first senior run out.

Simon Haughton from Rugby Union club Orrell. 29 year old Simon is more renowned for his stint with Wigan Warriors, where he was known for his barnstorming runs and prolific try scoring record. He has 5 GB caps including a man of the match performance against Australia at Old Trafford, and has also represented England on more than a dozen occasions. His domestic stint with the Warriors brought him every award going including a Super League Grand Final winners ring, Challenge Cup finalist, Regal Trophy winner, Division One Championship medal and 2 winners medals from the Premiership prior to the advent of Super League.

John Hough The first player to sign for his home town club when the new Roughyeds were formed by Chris Hamilton and his fellow directors in the autumn of 1997. He has just signed a new contract to take him to the end of the 2007 season, which will allow him to complete 10 years with the club.

John is an hooker well renown now in National League circles, he originally joined the Roughyeds from Warrington Wolves. An astute worker from acting half back, he is also capable of filling in at Loose Forward.

Nick Johnson signed for Oldham towards the end of the 2003 season for the run in to the play offs, on a loan deal from Bradford Bulls. Nick is the younger brother of Gavin. He spent most of the 2003 season on long term loan to London Broncos. Nick smashed the Oldham Roughyeds try scoring record last season, beating the record set by Mark Sibson. He has pace to burn, a safe set of hands and is a dynamic finisher. No-one would be surprised to see him extend his try scoring record even

further in the 2005 season.

James Kirkland is another off the academy conveyer belt. A front row partner along with fellow team mates Adam Sharples and Danny Nanyin, who have also progressed into the ranks of the first team squad. James has the opportunity to deputise the senior hooker's in the team, an opportunity made vacant by the retirement from playing of Keith Brennan.

Carlos Mataora is one of three Cook Island internationals brought to Oldham for the 2005 season. He played in the victorious Cook Island team which thrashed the NZ Maoris in the final of the Pacific Rim Cup. Carlos is equally at home in the stand off role or in the front row at hooker. Known in the Cook Island team for his robust style of play he is also an astute goal kicker.

Damian Munro is a quality addition to the Roughyeds 2005 squad. At 28 years old he has had plenty of experience both in Super League and at the upper end of the National League. He was with two National League 1 Grand Final winners sides, in Widnes and Leigh. Born in Oldham he is the son of former Oldham favourite Geoff, who is the only Oldham player to score a hatrick of hatricks. Damian is no stranger to try scoring himself as he notched up 42 in 46 games for the Centurions during a two year spell.

He is equally at home in the centre, on the wing or at full back.

Danny Nanyin has risen from the Academy ranks, and is now on the verge of making a first team berth his own. After making his first team debut in the 2004 season, only an untimely injury prevented him from adding to his number of NL1 appearances. The younger brother of Whitehaven's Mick, Danny's style of play would be best described as pocket battleship. He is expected to feature in the first team more often during the 2005 campaign.

Paul Norman Although not the bulkiest of front row forwards, Paul is a player who always makes the gain line and is no stranger to the top end of a tackle count. He started his pro career with the Oldham Bears, where he made 12 appearances before the demise of the club in 1997. Since then he provided sterling service to Leigh Centurion. Always willing to do the hard graft required by the front row of the pack. Paul's experience will be invaluable to the Roughyeds in the 2005 season. He has an incredible work rate both in attack and defence.

Mark Roberts joined Oldham on loan from Warrington Wolves at the end of the 2004 season. He was then the first player to commit to the Roughyeds for the 2005 season. Used last year mainly as a centre, where he can display his devastating turn of pace, he also has the upper body strength to enhance the back row of the pack.

Adam Sharples is another of Oldham's academy team production line. A front row forward who made a couple of handfulls of appearances in the first team in 2004, he was not found wanting even when up against the so called more experienced men in the National League 1. A late comer to the

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game of Rugby, he has applied his studious mind to the technicalitys of the sport and his physique is not found lacking. Adam is also expected to add to his tally of first team run outs in 2005.

Simon Svabic began his career with the former Oldham Bears club Academy side, where is half back partner was Bradford's Paul Deacon. Since those days he has played Super League with Salford and also at the top in the National League with Leigh Centurions.

He signed for the Roughyeds to begin the 2003 campaign. His preffered position is stand off, where he can demonstrate his silky smooth ball skills, but he is also at home in the full back position.

Marty Turner joined Oldham for the start of the 2005 season. He is a 23 year old scrum half signed from North Queensland Devils the Melbourne Storm feeder team in Australia. Indeed he had just broken into the Storm first team deputising for the impressive Matt Orford, when he and a team mate suffered injuries in a road traffic accident. Since his recovery Marty showed up well again for the Devils earning himself the tag of "Best Back" for the season. Being a New Zealander he has also had Bartercard Cup experience. He is the clubs overseas quota player for 2005. The Roughyeds hope he will be a star of National League one this year.

Alex Wilkinson Local born Alex, toured with the Great Britain schoolboys to Australia in 1999 and with the England Academy to New Zealand and Australia in 2001. He played his junior rugby with the Royton Tigers club and was snapped up by Super League giants, Bradford Bulls. Whilst at the Bulls he had a loan spell with London Broncos where he chalked up 6 Super League appearances, before going on loan to Huddersfield where he added another 13 SL games to his tally, he had a similar amount of games on loan at Hull F.C. where he impressed the Humberside high flyers enough for them to offer him a two year contract. Alex decided he wanted to complete his degree and when part time rugby was the only option he chose his own town club. Primarily a centre he has linked up previously with Oldham wing flyer Nick Johnson during his spell with the Bulls academy.

Jonathon 'Dana' Wilson 21 year old "Dana" is the third of Oldham's Cook Island internationals. He played alongside, team mates Carlos Mataora and Tere Glassie in the successful Cook Island team which won the Pacific Rim Cup, thrashing the New Zealand Maori's in the final, after also beating Tonga and Fiji on the way. He has played Rugby League since he was twelve and always in the front row, where he says he enjoys the physical confrontations. He is expected to provide the Roughyeds side with go forward in what should be a formidable pack in 2005.

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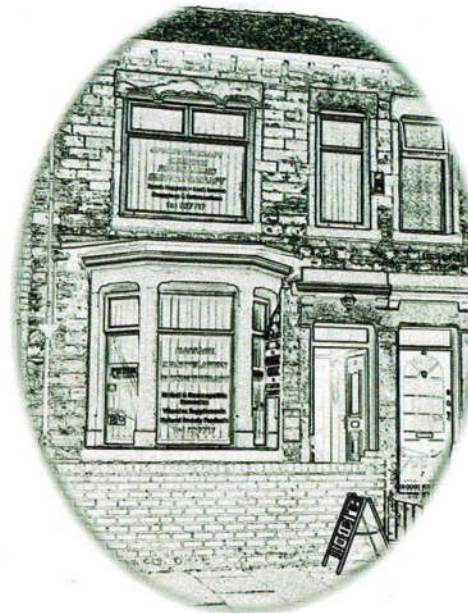
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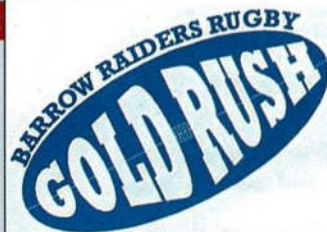
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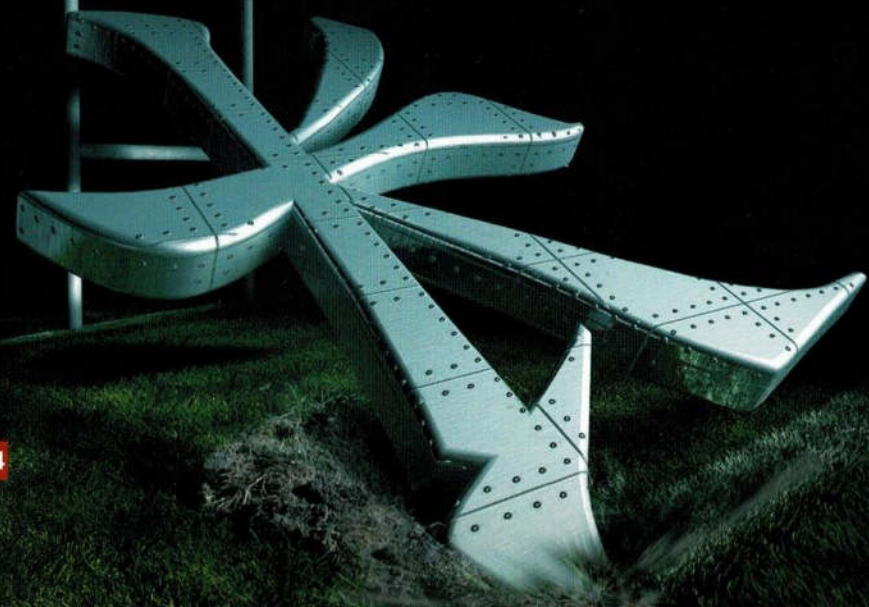
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JACK GRUNDY (Second Row)

John James "Jack" Grundy has his place in the history of Barrow RLFC as the only player to have lifted the Lance Todd Trophy whilst wearing a Barrow shirt. One of the club's all-time greats, Jack made almost 400 first team appearances (predominantly as a bruising, rugged, running second row forward). His 111 tries from the pack positions (including 27 in a single sea-

JACK GRUNDY'S BARROW RLFC CAREER DETAILS

Signed from : St Helens RLFC on 15 August, 1950.
First Team Debut : 19 August, 1950 v Wakefield Trinity (at home).
Last First Team Appearance : 31 March, 1961 v Leigh (at home).
Positions played: Second Row (366 times), Loose Forward (7 times), Left centre (Once).

FIRST TEAM STATISTICS

Season	Apps	Tries	Goals	Points
1950/51	41	9	1	29
1951/52	43	27	0	81
1952/53	40	15	0	45
1953/54	36	7	0	21
1954/55	41	13	0	39
1955/56	31	11	0	33
1956/57	36	12	0	36
1957/58	32	5	0	15
1958/59	27	7	0	21
1959/60	33	6	0	18
1960/61	14	0	0	0
Totals	374	111	1	335

** The above details are for competitive first team matches only. They do not include 'A' Team, Friendly or Charity games.

son in 1951/52) indicate just what an incredibly gifted attacking player he was in an era when many of his contemporaries were lumbering giants. No other Barrow forward has a higher career total of tries for the club - indeed he his the 8th top try scorer of all time for Barrow. Jack began playing the sport with New Church Tavern ARLFC and then joined St Helens in

1948. After just a couple of years at Knowsley Road he transferred to Barrow and what a signing he proved to be. Jack played for the club in the Challenge Cup Finals of 1951, 1955 and 1957 and during his ten and a half years as a craven Park regular he represented Lancashire (11 caps), Northern RL (1 cap), British Empire XIII (4 caps) and Great Britain (13 caps).



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So here we are nearly at the half-way point of the season and for one of the few times this season Peter Roe has the luxury of selecting the team rather than the team selecting itself because of injuries etc. Hopefully the 'fish' will have been at training this week and be available for selection after his 'run-in' with the disciplinary committee. We all thought four matches was a bit severe, after all Andy was only protecting Darren from getting a good hiding off three Castleford players. You'll know better next time Andy - and I bet he didn't even buy you a pint!

Second only to Shane's dazzling display last week at Doncaster, we the Supporter's all thought that Ryan had a good game - which one? All three of course Tandy, Wood and Campbell. I can't remember so many players with the same name playing for Barrow since the 'Paul's' - no not Henry and Robbie - Evans, Salmon, Lupton and Jones. Perhaps our marketing team can speak to the Irish super-company 'Ryanair' about a sponsorship deal.

The biggest talking point for some after the Doncaster game, was not that it was another heavy defeat or individual performances or even a couple of iffy refereeing decisions; no it was the fact that the Doncaster supporters bar had a no-smoking policy. Sad to see so many speccies puffing away outside on the car park - good job it wasn't raining!

When was the last time Barrow had four internationals in its playing squad at the same time? Added to the current list of Freddy Zitter (France), Dave Clark and Barry Pugh (both Wales) we have Anthony Horton; who has been called up to represent South Africa in the Middlesex 9's (or is it 7's) on the weekend of 16/17th July. Good luck in that Anthony and the forthcoming international games that South Africa have lined up. The World Cup in Australia perhaps isn't as far away as it seems.

And finally ... just to mention about my Aunt Mabel (and perhaps a few more 'wrinklies' you might know out there). Aunt Mabel has just come out of hospital having had both

of her hips replaced; while in Furness General she was given some new improved drugs to help ease her arthritis in her hands, new glasses after an eye test revealed she couldn't see further than the end of the bed and the batteries were replaced in her deaf-aid that she has had since she was sixty. On visiting her at home Aunt Mabel was going through her list of ailments but finished off by saying "but at least I can still drive" pointing outside to her brand new Nissan Micra, supplied by Motorbility.

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Spirited First Half, Disappointing Second

This game was marked down at the beginning of the season as a game that Barrow could possibly get a vital two points from. With this in mind there was an expectant crowd of 1008 hoping that the Raiders could get their second win in the league.

For the first time this season, Peter Roe had over 20 players to pick from for this game but only made a few changes to the team that lost to Widnes. Jason Roach replaced James Nixon on the wing and Jon Williamson started at stand-off as Richard Colley moved to loose forward. Paul Raftery was also brought in at prop forward instead of Stuart Dancer.

So the game began in earnest and after some tough pressure, Featherstone had crossed the line within eight minutes. Some excellent passing between the forwards Nathan Sykes and Steve Dooler eventually got the ball to centre Danny Maun who crossed over.

The visitors squandered another try scoring opportunity on 14 minutes when Richard Newlove mistimed the pass and threw the ball out of play.

However eight minutes later, Featherstone did cross the line again through Carl Hughes. Newlove's pass found Bryn Powell who passed to Hughes allowing the hooker to find a gap in the defence to cross for their second try. Liam Finn scored the conversion and Featherstone lead 10-0.

The home crowd would have been forgiven for thinking this was going to be another whitewash, but it took just six minutes for the Raiders to reply and score a try through Freddy Zitter against his former club. On the last tackle, Darren Holt passed out to Mike Whitehead who passed to Zitter who dived his way over the line. Holt scored the conversion, so Barrow were just four points behind at 6-10.

The Raiders then started to believe in themselves and attacked the Featherstone line more. They could not find a way through though, but managed to get the scores level after two penalties right on half time.

The first was awarded on 33 minutes after Featherstone were guilty of stealing the ball in the tackle. Holt scored that to bring the home side to within two points. Then Barrow received another penalty in the 40th minute for Danny Evans lifting in the tackle. Holt again scored and the scores were level 10 all at half time.

So the Raiders had the edge after that comeback and went in to a standing ovation from the home fans for the break. In the second half, Roe's men would have to play like they did at the end of the half in the hope of snatching the two points.

However, that is not what happened. The second half turned out to be a massive disappointment for home side with Featherstone running in another five tries to Barrow's one.

It was second half substitute Andrew Georgiadis who made the difference in the centre of the park. Barrow could not control him as he was involved in a number of the visitor's tries.

Only an excellent tackle on the line from Richard Colley stopped Georgiadis going over six minutes after the restart knocking him out of play. But two minutes later Featherstone did score. This time Newlove went over receiving the kick from Finn. Finn converted so Featherstone were 10-16 up.

The visitors were on the score sheet again on 52 minutes when Hughes scored his second of the match. Powell made a good break through the Barrow line and passed to Hughes who ran over to score under the posts. Finn scored the easy conversion and the gap was getting wider between the teams at 10-22.

It would continue to wider as well, as five minutes later it was Powell's turn to go over. Georgiadis made a magnificent break and passed to Newlove who then found Powell who scored. Featherstone were 10-26 ahead.

With ten minutes to go Featherstone went over again, after Barrow had managed to go thirteen minutes without conceding again (or scoring themselves), dashing any hopes of another late comeback by the Raiders. Substitute Andy McNally was the try scorer this time after some good interchange again. Finn made no mistake with the extras to give the visitors a 10-32 lead.

They were not finished yet and three minutes later, they went over again. Josh Weedon putting more points on the board after running from half way to place under the sticks. Finn converted again and the score read 10-38.

Barrow managed a late consolation try through Adrian Mulcahy, converted by Joel Osborn, but the damage was already done and the score finished Barrow 16; Featherstone 38.

Barrow: 1. J. Osborn, 2. J. Marshall, 3. S. Irabor, 4. F. Zitter, 5. J. Roach, 6. J. Williamson, 7. D. Holt, 8. P. Wilcock, 9. D. Clark, 10. P. Raftery, 11. M. Whitehead, 12. R. Campbell, 13. R. Colley, 14. J. Butler, 15. D. Fisher, 16. C. Archer, 17. A. Mulcahy.

Featherstone: 1. N. Batty, 2. D. Kirkmond, 3. D. Maun, 4. R. Newlove, 5. B. Powell, 6. J. Weedon, 7. L. Finn, 8. I. Tonks, 9. C. Hughes, 10. N. Sykes, 11. S. Dooler, 12. N. Lowe, 13. A. Hughes, 14. A. McNally, 15. D. Evans, 16. A. Georgiadis, 17. J. Carton.

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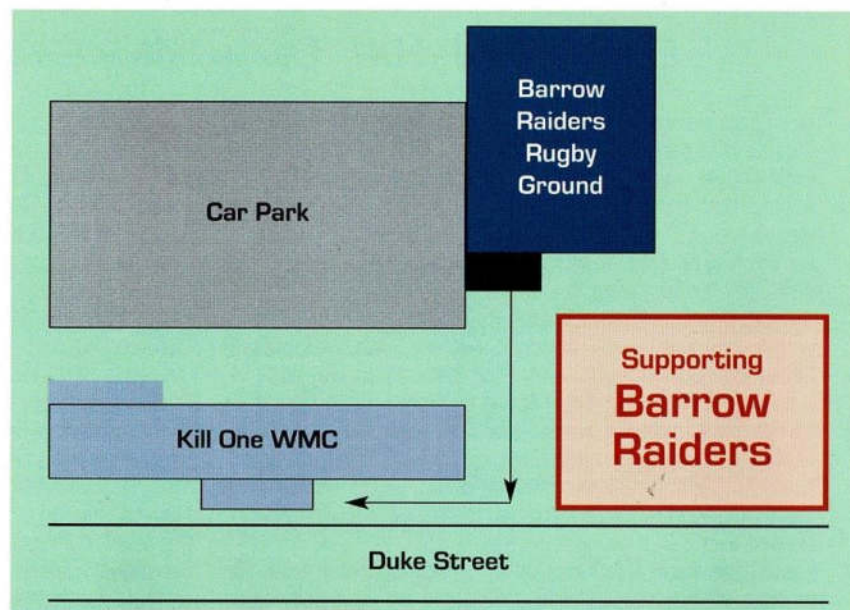
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Player PROFILE

Mike Whitehead

This weeks player profile is a player who has really improved and come into his own this season with the Raiders. He was signed a few seasons ago after a spell with Wigan's academy team. He has improved that much this season that he is one of the first names out of everyone's mouths when asked who is having a good season. Today's player profile is Mike Whitehead.

1. Where did you first start playing your rugby?

Walney Central when I was six years old.

2. How old were you when you turned professional?

I was 15 when I first signed for Wigan.

3. So how did you end up at Barrow?

I just came here on loan and I ended up signing for them.

4. Last season you played in Division 2 with the Raiders, now you're in Division 1. What do you think are the main differences between the leagues?

Speed. The size of the forwards are a lot bigger as well.

5. If you weren't playing rugby league, what would your profession be?

I'd be a golfer. Just travel round the country playing golf all day in the sun.

6. Who else do you support in rugby league?

No-one, just Barrow.

7. What are your personal hopes for the future?

To stay in this league and not get relegated, but not get into the playoffs.

8. How do you see Barrow's season so far?

I'm disappointed really. It's been a big disappointment for the whole team.

9. Who do you think has had a good season so far?

Freddy Zitter's playing really well at the moment.

Rugby Talk

ON ONE level we should not be surprised at the lopsided scoreboard that left Bradford Bulls fans disconsolate as they trudged out of Odsal last Sunday. Super League has, in recent years, shown a remarkable tendency for freak results.

Saints themselves have taken a hammering or two - even with a full side - but we've also seen the rampant Rhinos reduced to gibbering wrecks on their travels. London can put 60 or 70 on a team when in the mood, Hull have done the same.

What was strange about this scoreline is not the combatants, but the location. Getting the thick end of 70 points put on you in front of someone else's baying home crowd is one thing. Having to swallow that medicine in front of your own faithful is quite something else. That, more than anything, makes the experience more difficult to expunge from the battered psyche.

Have an arm-wrestle with a handbag snatcher in the town marketplace and a black eye is a badge of honour. Get worked over by a burglar in your own kitchen and it takes a different kind of coming to terms with.

There's too much talent and pride throughout the Bulls organisation to let that mauling derail the train completely, but it put into stark focus the comment of former Widnes coach Neil Kelly when we spoke on Monday. "I'm glad they have given Brian (Noble) a two-year contract extension," he said. "That will help with their rebuilding process."

'Ned' Kelly is currently defensive coach to the Ulster rugby union team and a talent wasted outside rugby league. I found his remark interesting.

The Bulls in a rebuilding phase? Well we know Ian Millward's Wigan team is rebuilding - literally. They're having to sew dismembered limbs back on at the JJB. But in sporting terminologies 'rebuilding' is another way of saying that a team isn't going to win anything this year, and maybe not for a while. I hadn't reduced the Bulls to the 'rebuilding' category. And you'd never get an Ian Millward or a Brian Noble saying that in public; it may not even have occurred to them in the way it would to a third party.

I'm not even sure 'rebuilding' exists as a conscious process - it's a label reserved, I suspect, for dominant teams who have somehow slipped from the summit - for whatever reason.

The challenge modern coaches have, as much as attracting the munificence of lady luck with the injury list, is instilling that mystery ingredient that evokes winning form; the intangible spirit that can miraculously transform the same 13 blokes from whipping boys one week into world beaters the next - and then putting a lid on it.

Saints, Warrington and Widnes have lately been blessed by it; others - Wakefield particularly - have seen it breeze in and out of the camp with a puzzling fickleness. Messrs McNally, Noble, Millward et al would probably give if not their right arms, a substantial donation from their wage packets, to have the answer to that question.

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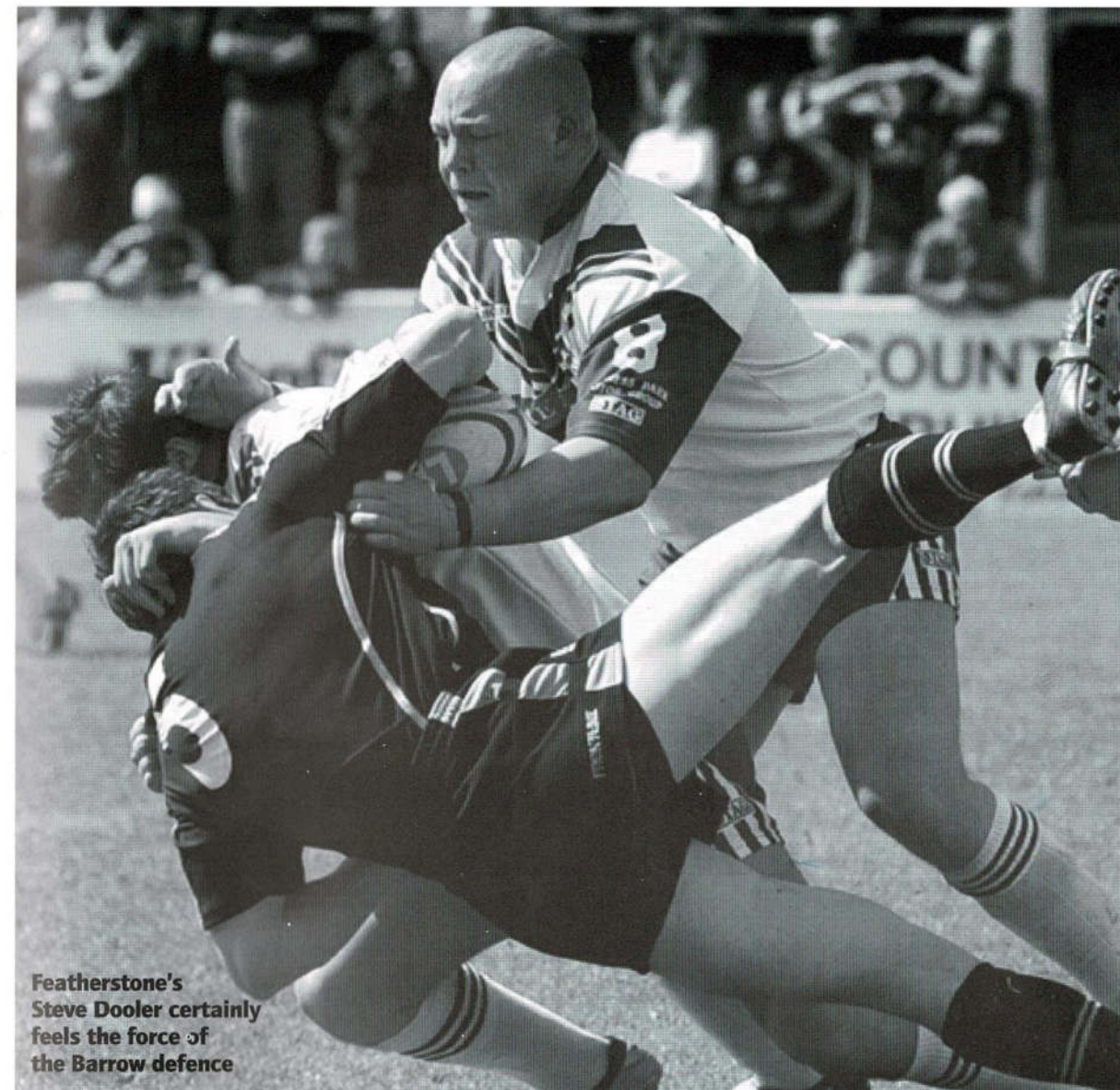
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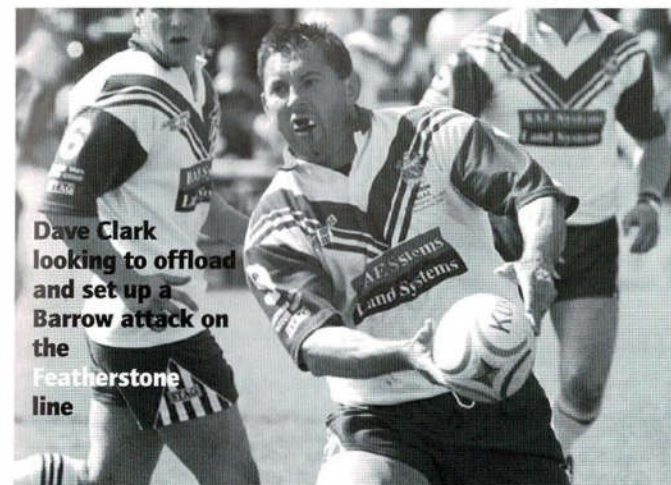
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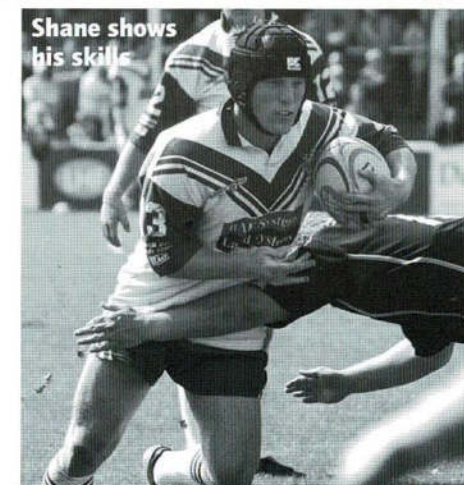
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Quiz

Please note ALL ANSWERS ARE TRUE OR FALSE.

- 1 During the 1930s Craven Park regularly hosted whippet and greyhound racing.
- 2 After moles seriously damaged part of the Holker Street pitch in the 1960s, Barrow AFC used Craven Park for a fourth division league game V Plymouth Argyle.
- 3 Blackpool Borough joined RFL in 1954.
- 4 In a bid to boost attendances during the Merseybeat boom of the 1960s, Craven Park hosted pop groups to play live before kick off and during half time for a short period.
- 5 Former Barrow forward Hugh Waddell was once a professional flower arranger.
- 6 Barrow winger Nicky Beach was once on the books of Chesterfield FC.
- 7 Barrow won the second division title in 1977/8.
- 8 Frank Foster was Barrow coach for 10 years between 1973 and 1983.
- 9 Former player Darren Carter once kicked 17 goals for Barrow in a single first team game during the 1990s.
- 10 The last Barrow player to score 6 tries in a single game was stand off Steve Rea in 1992.
- 11 Forward Andy Fisher was at one time a Yorkshire Area Light Heavyweight boxing champion.
- 12 Current director Geoff Worrall once ruined a Barrow A team photograph which was being taken by the Evening Mail by turning his back on the camera at the very last second and dropping his shorts.
- 13 Whitehaven went almost 20 years between the 1960s and 1960s without winning a single RL challenge Cup tie.
- 14 Barrow signed star centre Ian Ball from Sale RU club in 1978.
- 15 Former Wigan, Leigh, Workington and Huyton player Geoff Fletcher was famous for wearing a wig at all times except when he was playing.
- 16 Huddersfield player of the 1980s Graham Swale was suspended by his club for stealing the above mentioned Fletchers wig for a joke.
- 17 Runcom Highfield player of the 80s Mark Shaw gave up on his RL career when he joined successful rock band Primal Scream.
- 18 Barrow had a coloured South African winger during the early 1960s called Duncan Pikoli.
- 19 In the early 90s Barrow were in negotiations to sign the then schoolboy sensation Sean Long but the deal collapsed when coach Rod Reddy told Long he would have to cycle to visit his parents in St Helens from Barrow as part of his training regime.
- 20 Former Barrow forward of the 70s Mick Murphy is now a millionaire who owns several hotels.

ANSWERS
1 True 2 False 3 True 4 True 5 True
6 True 7 False 8 True 9 True 10 False
11 False 12 False 13 True 14 False 15 True
16 True 17 False 18 True 19 False 20 True

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CHANGING HOMES

SHEFFIELD Eagles' clash with Workington Town this weekend is the latest of a series of National League matches to be taken 'on the road'. The Eagles will entertain their Cumbrian counterparts at the nearby Woodbourn Athletic Stadium, due to the temporary unavailability of their Don Valley home.

It is not the first time that the Eagles have made the switch, and they are certainly not the only National League club to find a short-term new base.

National League One side Oldham are no strangers to that situation. Since their chairman Chris Hamilton reformed the club in 1997, they have been forced to play at a host of alternative venues, often outside their own town.

They spent a season at neighbouring Rochdale's Spotland, and one at Ashton United FC.

Last Sunday, they hosted Hornets at another new ground - the Sedgley Park home that Swinton Lions now play their games from. It was a last minute move as well, as the Roughyeds' thoughts of late have understandably been focused on the financial difficulties the club has encountered.

They will also take on Featherstone and Halifax at Park Lane over the course of the next month.

Oldham were forced to switch because their usual Boundary Park home - as is so often the case at football stadiums - is unavailable as the pitch is being reseeded.

Rochdale are also undergoing the same problem, though rather than switch their matches to other venues, they are instead having a lengthy stint away from Spotland.

NL2's Blackpool Panthers are another club to have found a different ground to stage their home matches this year, using Preston Grasshoppers' pitch during the Northern Rail Cup.

And Gateshead Thunder staged a recent home game at nearby Newcastle Falcons RUFC.

It isn't, of course, ideal for the clubs involved, and as Oldham found during Sunday's derby win over Rochdale, the attendance figure can be affected significantly.

But it is often a case of 'needs must' at this level. And it also provides Rugby League supporters with the chance to tick off a couple more grounds they have visited while following their team around the country.

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Date	Opposition	Comp	FA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
13 Feb	Cathead	NRC	H 28-35	J Osborn	J Roach	A Muft	F Ziner	P Jones	P Robinson	D Holt 4G	S Dancer	C Archer	P Wilcock	K Hensip	G Osborn	B Hugh	A Mulcahy	A Fisher	D Fisher	S Knox
20 Feb	Whitehaven	NRC	A 0-44	F Ziner	J Roach	P Jones	A Muft	J Nixon	A Mulcahy	D Holt	A Fisher	C Archer	P Wilcock	S Knox	M Whitehead	P Robinson	K Hensip	C Roe	S Dancer	G Osborn
27 Feb	Workington Town	NRC	A 18-28	J Osborn	J Roach	P Jones	F Ziner	J Nixon	J Williamson	D Holt	S Dancer	C Archer	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	K Hensip	P Robinson	A Muft	C Roe	A Fisher	A Mulcahy
6 March	Workington Town	NRC	H 12-54	J Osborn	J Roach	P Jones	A Muft	F Ziner	A Mulcahy	D Holt	A Fisher	D Clark	S Dancer	G Osborn	M Whitehead	P Robinson	C Roe	C Archer	P Wilcock	R Coley
13 March	East Hull 3rd round	PCC	H 42-22	J Osborn	J Roach	P Jones	F Ziner	J Nixon	A Mulcahy	D Holt 5G	A Fisher	D Clark	S Dancer	M Whitehead	S Knox	P Robinson	R Coley	P Wilcock	G Osborn	A Muft
20 March	Whitehaven	NRC	H 2-42	J Osborn	J Roach	A Muft	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	G Osborn	M Whitehead	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
23 March	Cathead Thunder	NRC	A 29-20	J Osborn	J Roach	P Jones	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 4G-DG	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
28 March	Whitehaven	NRC	H 11-24	J Osborn	J Roach	P Jones	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G-DG	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
3rd April	Sheffield 4th round	PCC	H 33-26	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G-DG	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
10 April	Barley Bulldogs	NRC	A 30-50	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G-DG	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
17 April	Rochdale Hornets	NRC	H 24-20	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G-DG	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
24 April	Castleford Tigers	NRC	H 22-36	F Ziner	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
8 May	Widnes 5th round	PCC	H 8-50	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
15 May	Halifax RLFC	NRC	A 26-48	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
22 May	Featherstone	NRC	H 16-38	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
5 June	Doncaster Dragons	NRC	A 12-42	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
12 June	Oldham	NRC	H 12-42	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
26 June	Hull KR	NRC	A 12-42	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
3 July	Whitehaven	NRC	A 12-42	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
10 July	Barley Bulldogs	NRC	A 12-42	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
24 July	Rochdale Hornets	NRC	A 12-42	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
31 July	Castleford Tigers	NRC	A 12-42	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
7 Aug	Halifax RLFC	NRC	A 12-42	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
14 Aug	Doncaster Dragons	NRC	A 12-42	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
21 Aug	Featherstone Rovers	NRC	A 12-42	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
27 Aug	FINAL	PCC	A 12-42	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
4 Sept	Oldham	NRC	A 12-42	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
11 Sept	Hull KR	NRC	A 12-42	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
18 Sept	LHF Play offs	NRC	A 12-42	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton
27 Sept	LHF Play offs	NRC	A 12-42	J Osborn	J Roach	A Mulcahy	F Ziner	J Nixon	R Coley	D Holt 3G	A Fisher	D Clark	P Wilcock	M Whitehead	G Osborn	P Robinson	J Williamson	D Fisher	A Mulcahy	A Horton

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