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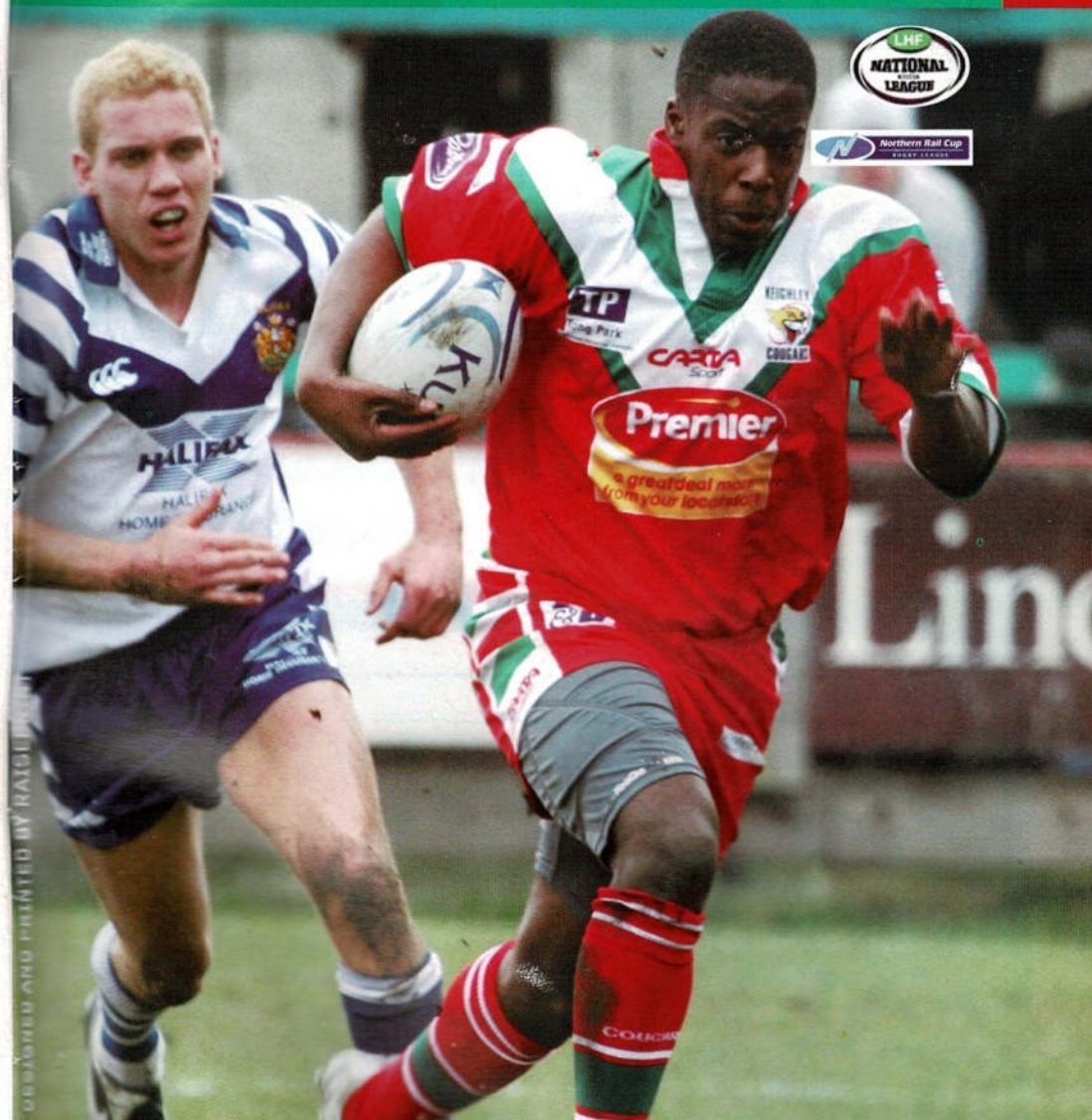
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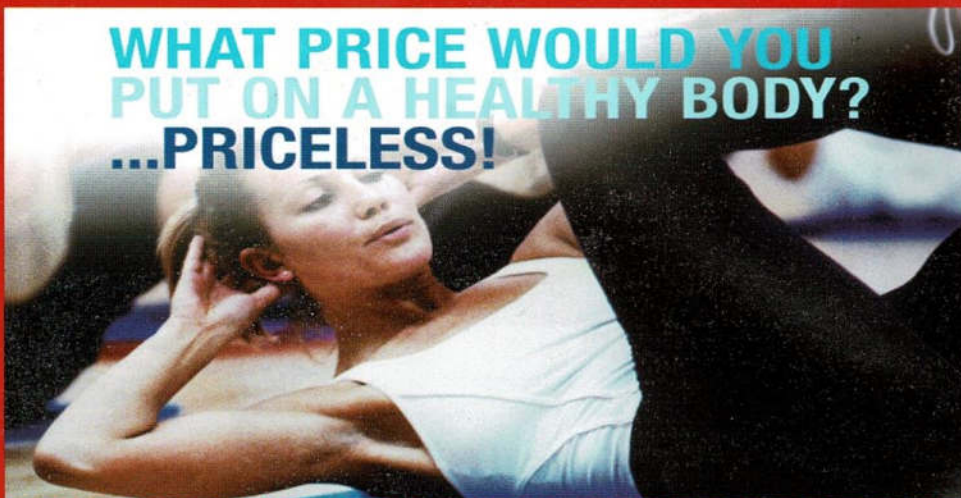
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Today sees our last game in this year's Northern Rail Cup Competition. I say the last game. But not knowing, at the time of writing this feature, how we fared at Rochdale on Wednesday.

If our brilliant young lads can produce the effort they gave against Halifax then and today, with the excellent point scoring it may be a different matter. I must say I felt very proud indeed on Sunday, and do apologise to anyone who saw the Chairman jumping up and down and screaming with delight in the Directors box.

Very unseemly, but given that we all felt that compared with other teams in this competition we had the short straw, having total NL1 opposition. With a scoreline as it was against a team with aspirations of stepping back into Super League this time, maybe quite justified.

Today we welcome Oldham Roughyeds, Chris Hamilton and his officials and players to Cougar Park. In the match away we were denied a drawn point by a last minute drop goal.

This after working hard to get back on terms after an early setback. After getting back to winning ways maybe we can go one better today. Despite them being accompanied by a new coach in Steve Deakin who once did great things with a Cougar team a few years back. Let's hope he has a not too happy return score wise but other than that have a good day my friend.

As we move in to the LHF Healthplan League competition. May I appeal to you the fans to give our new young squad of players your very verbal support and I am sure you will be fully rewarded with entertaining football.

But more important tell your stay away friends of all the new and exciting things that are happening at Cougar Park. This will certainly help the club to move forward with an eye firmly set on National League One at the earliest opportunity.

Enjoy your rugby.

Neil

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Player Profile: Alex Brown

At the start of the season one of Director of Rugby Peter Roe's many scouting missions paid off handsomely when he was able to sign Alex Brown.

The teenage winger was playing in the National Conference for Huddersfield Sharks. Alex didn't take a lot of persuading to join the Cougars set up and he has now formed a superb three quarter partnership with Mick Fogarty.

On signing for the Cougars Alex said: "I thought the time was right for me to sign and after a chat with Peter it sounded a great prospect here at Keighley. I am looking to improve my game every week and this is something I think I'm doing."

"I am playing well at the moment and have formed a great partnership with Mick which we will improve even more. I would like to think as a club we can do well this season."

Name: Alex Brown

Age: 18

Marital Status: Girlfriend Angela

Nickname: Brownie

Position: Winger

Previous Clubs: Huddersfield Sharks, Fartown Juniors

Day Job: Salesman

Sporting Hero: Jonah Lomu

Biggest Influence On Career: Kevin Bower Fartown

If you were stranded on a desert island what would be the one thing you would want with you: A drink of water

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COUGARS' NEW STAR TAKES AWARD

Alex Brown is Keighley Cougars' new wing sensation. The 18-year-old flier was still playing amateur Rugby League until last November but he played a starring role in the Cougars' stunning 38-18 win over Halifax in their Northern Rail Cup Group Five encounter last Sunday.

Although the teenage winger did not reach the score sheet himself, his skills and pace were the decisive factors as the LHF League Two club gained their first victory in the 2006 competition at the expense of their LHF League One neighbours. And that performance was enough to ensure that Alex became the latest winner of a Northern Rail Cup 'Player of the Round' award.

Following each round of Northern Rail Cup matches a panel decides who wins the 'Player of the Round' award by selecting what they consider to have been the outstanding performance.

Keighley's Director of Rugby Peter Roe said: "Alex was the difference between the two sides last Sunday."

"He has formed a great partnership with his centre Mick Fogarty and has made amazing progress since we signed him from Huddersfield Sharks last autumn."

"Alex has been a great signing for the club and he's enjoying his rugby down at Keighley. He's getting better with every game he plays."



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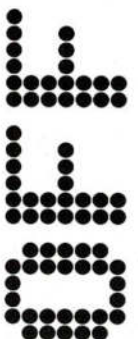
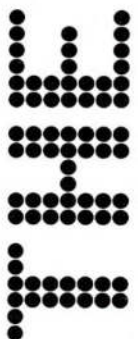
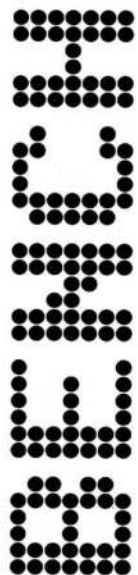
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Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Cougar Park for what is our final Northern Rail Cup group game of this season.

I would like to welcome Steve Deakin and his Oldham players here today and hope the game today, obviously not the result, is as good as our encounter at Boundary Park.

It is pleasing for me to be able to write my programme notes having had two wins under our belts inside a week. The lads were made to work hard over the heavy ground at Odsal against West Bowling in the Powergen Challenge Cup.

We only held a 10-0 lead at halftime but showed superior class in the second half to win 34-0. All credit to West Bowling and I wish them well for the remainder of their National Conference season.

Last Sunday we welcomed Halifax to Cougar Park and put in a tremendous display to take the spoils by 38 points to 18. It must be something to do with maturity but Phil Stephenson is getting better every week and certainly knows were the tryline is and is turning into an outstanding prospect!!!

The Halifax victory also saw a very animated Club Chairman who if he had been able would have back flipped his way down the pitch. And it was also a performance which saw Alex Brown awarded the Player of the Round and congratulations from everyone here at the club go to Alex.

It was a victory we thoroughly deserved and took forward to the rearranged Rochdale game played on Wednesday night. We put in a spirited performance but could not match the Halifax heroics and went down to a 32-16 defeat.

However when you consider it was a side which contained six changes from the Halifax win it was a decent performance. It once again goes to show our significant youth policy at the club bodes well for

the future.

On the development front we are continuing to sign quality players as this week we secured BARLA Under 18 international Eric Johnson from Oldham St. Annes. We also completed the signing of Terry Fitzgerald who has impressed in his trial period with the club.

The search for new players for the Cougars continues through our excellent scouting system. We have also taken a couple of players on loan in Dave Norcross and Neil Cherryholme.

It has been great to see so many fans coming back to the ground with over 1200 here for the Halifax game. The support this club gets will hopefully bear fruit on the field as it has done already on a couple of occasions.

However what I would like from you as fans, sponsors and anyone else who takes a keen interest in the Cougars is to be patient. Rome wasn't built in a day and neither can the rebuilding of the Cougars.

We are slowly getting round to having things done and I would like to thank Woodville Community Centre who came down to the club this week. They helped to give the main stand a tidy up and later will be looking to help us repaint it.

If you think you can help the club in any way just by maybe an hour or so a week it will not be turned away. We are grateful of everything we can get here at the club to help us move forward.

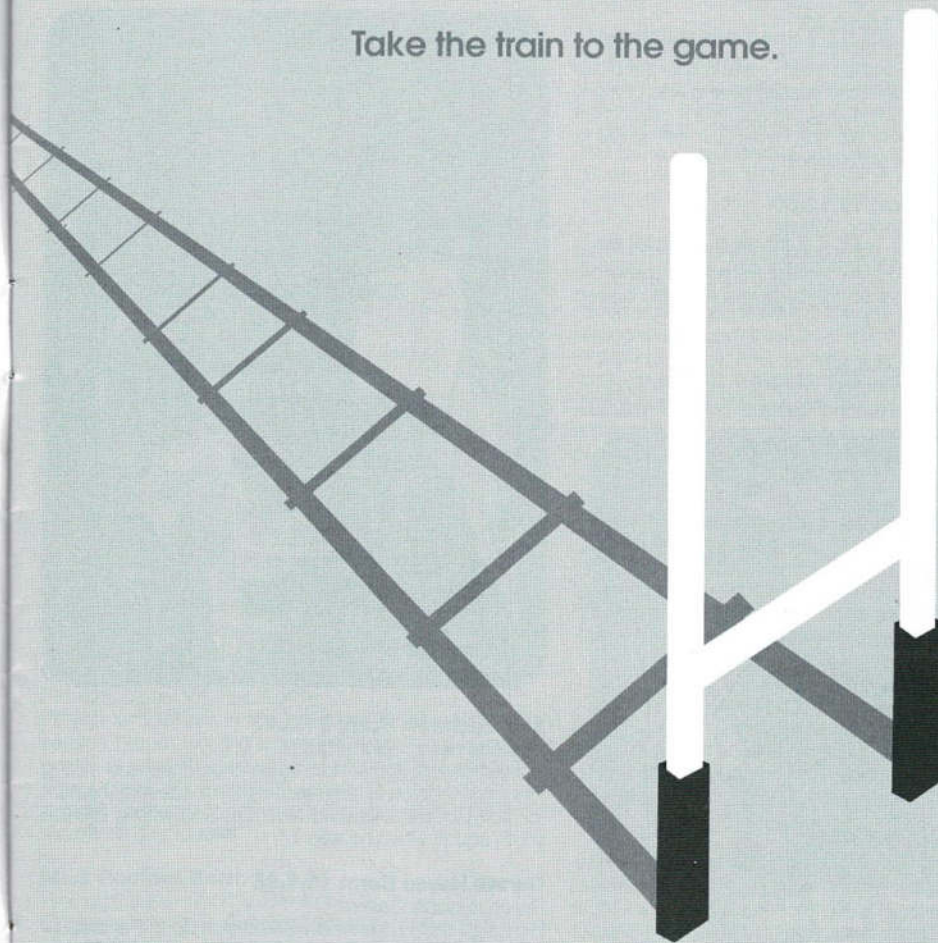
I hope to see you all at Featherstone next week for our Powergen Challenge Cup game with the Rovers. If we can beat them and then draw a Super League team in Round Five it will set us up nicely for the rest of the season.

Enjoy the game

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Director of Rugby

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HALIFAX

Andy Bailey Born: 15.10.82

Previous clubs: Featherstone, Hull FC, Castleford Tigers. Second-row forward signed from Castleford in the close season. Former Featherstone youngster who was brought to Hull FC by Shaun McRae at the age of 21, playing 10 Super League games for the Arlie Birds. Currently studying a law degree at Bradford University.

Gareth Barber Born: 15.12.80

Previous clubs: Warrington Wolves. Local lad who grew up playing alongside Leeds and Great Britain loose forward Kevin Sinfield. Primarily a stand-off, but can fill in anywhere on the back line and also played regularly at hooker in 2005.

Mike Callan Born: 8.8.83

Previous clubs: Warrington Wolves, Leigh, Blackpool. Joined Blackpool in National League Two last year but was released mid-season due to financial difficulties at the club. Man-of-the-match in the game against Oldham in the group stages of the Northern Rail Cup last year.

Ged Corcoran Born: 28.3.83

Previous clubs: Halifax, Limoux, Dewsbury. Grafting forward and a full Irish international, reared at Halifax alongside brother Wayne. Moved across the channel after a contractual dispute but returned last year to help the Rams to the National League Two Grand Final.

Wayne Corcoran Born: 10.7.85

Previous clubs: Halifax. Irish international forward who made his Super League debut aged 18. Two shoulder operations have hampered his progress since, but has talent and could shine if given a run in the side.

Craig Dean Born: 20.10.76

Previous clubs: Halifax, Leigh, Swinton, Chorley. Experienced player who can operate at full-back as well as in the half-backs. Runs a business with team-mate Alan Hadcroft, and will be hoping to earn a contract stretching beyond the Northern Rail Cup.

Andy Gorey Born: 31.10.85

Young, enthusiastic full-back who made eight appearances on the wing last year and will be hoping to establish himself this time around. Former Royton Tigers youngster.

Dean Gorton Born: 16.1.84

Previous clubs: Salford. Back-row forward signed by then Salford academy boss Steve McCormack. Never played in Super League, though he was the club's under-21s player of the year in 2004. Can also play in the three-quarters.

Danny Guest Born: 20.4.77

Previous clubs: Oldham Bears, Keighley, Chorley. Huge 18-stone prop who made the return to Oldham after retiring at the end of the 2003 season following a serious knee ligament injury. Now in his fourth spell with the club.



Alan Hadcroft Born: 31.3.77

Previous clubs: Leigh, Halifax. Robust centre known for his solid defence and strong running, Hadcroft is seen as a ready-made replacement for Jon Goddard. Toured New Zealand with a BARLA youth squad when he was 17.

Gareth Hayes Born: 15.6.85

Previous clubs: Salford. Big Leigh-born prop who worked with John Pendlebury at Leigh under-18s. Went on the NW Counties under-16s Oceanic tour along with current team-mate Wayne Corcoran.

Ian Hodson Born: 23.10.81

Previous clubs: Leigh, Chorley, Swinton. A plumber by trade, Hodson played for BARLA's Great Britain under-18s side in France before turning pro for Leigh, aged 18. Signed initially on loan from Swinton in April 2005, Hodson is an 80-minute player who is happy in the back row and at loose forward.

Chris Hough Born: 30.8.81

Previous clubs: Rochdale, Doncaster, Swinton, Blackpool. Oldham-born scrum-half or stand-off who formed an excellent partnership with Marty Turner last season. Cousin of Roughyeds stalwart John.

PEN PICS

John Hough Born: 14.4.76

Previous clubs: Warrington. First player to commit himself to the new club when it was reformed in 1997. The hooker's contract runs until 2007, which will allow him to complete 10 years with the club. Can also play at loose forward and is adept at acting half-back.

James Kirkland Born: 17.7.85

Previous clubs: Wigan. A product of the Oldham Academy, and a young hooker who should go far in the game. A former Waterhead junior and Wigan Warriors student, Kirkland is a tough tackler and excellent acting half-back.

Chris Maye Born: 28.2.84

Previous clubs: Wigan, St Helens, Halifax, Swinton. Gained Super League experience through a loan spell at Halifax. Was Swinton's top try-scorer in 2004 and he earned himself a spot in the National League division two dream team.

Danny Nanyn Born: 8.10.84

Injury brought a premature halt to the young Wigan-born prop's impressive start to the 2005 season, but the brother of last year's top National League One point's scorer Mick Nanyn managed to pick up where he left off.

Chris Percival Born: 25.12.1979

Previous clubs: Widnes, Leigh. Played for Oldham in the last three games of the 2003 season before signing a two-year deal with Leigh. The centre or wing missed all last season with a broken leg, after scoring 20 tries in 20 games in 2004, six of them against Oldham. After 14 months out, will be looking to recapture his old form.

Mick Redford Born: 24.6.81

Previous clubs: Chorley, Blackpool. Originally from the Leigh East amateur club, Redford can play second row, prop or centre. A wholehearted, crowd-pleasing figure at Blackpool, Leigh-born Redford has played around 100 professional games.

Mark Roberts Born: 9.11.82

Previous clubs: Wigan, Warrington. Joined Oldham initially on loan from Warrington at the back end of the 2004 season. Initially used at centre, where he displays a turn of pace, Roberts also has sufficient upper-body strength to enhance the back row of the pack. Had an injury-plagued season in 2005.

Simon Svabic Born: 18.1.80

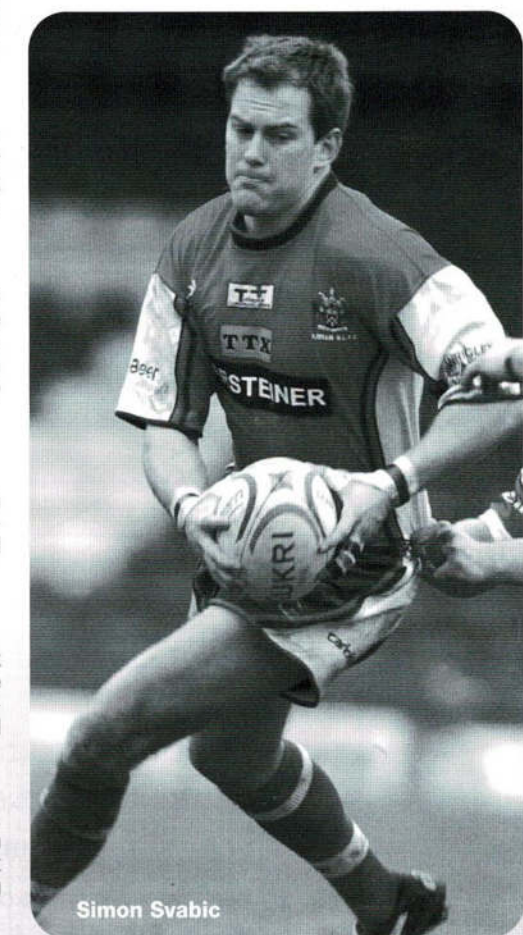
Previous clubs: Oldham Bears, Salford, Leigh. Goalkicking, playmaking half-back who earned Great Britain Academy honours while at Salford. Had a big impact at loose forward last season, and spent time skipping the side.

Alex Wilkinson Born: 9.10.82

Previous clubs: Bradford, London Broncos, Hull FC. Locally-born 22-year-old centre, who has played nearly 40 Super League games. Played junior rugby with Royton Tigers before signing for Bradford Bulls. After a loan spell at Hull he was offered a two-year contract with the Arlie Birds, but chose to go part-time with his home-town club to complete his degree in sports science.

Lee Wingfield Born: 9.6.81

Second row, signed from amateur club Leigh East. Gave up the game in his early teens but returned aged 18 and soon established himself in the first team at East, playing alongside Oldham boss John Pendlebury's brother Gary. As one of BARLA's top back-row forwards, Wingfield has earned four overseas trips — two to Moscow, one to France and one to Australia.



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The Fund will seek to generate income from a number of sources such as the Presidents Ball which was reintroduced in 2005. Significantly it will also receive £1 from every ticket sold for all future Powergen Challenge Cup finals and engage Super League Grand Finals from 2006 onwards.

In addition, every professional club and the Community Game has given its support to earmarking Easter as a major fundraising weekend for the Benevolent Fund. Phil Clarke Trustee and spokesman believes the Fund to be a welcome development stating: "Although serious life-changing injuries are rare in Rugby League, it is critically important that any players who are affected receive the best support possible. The creation of the Fund will begin the process of delivering this."

Clarke added: "The family and community spirit which exists within rugby league will greatly assist the growth and development of the fund over the coming seasons and supporters attending the sport's major events can take satisfaction from the fact that they are contributing directly to this important initiative."

The Fund has already provided help and support to injured players in the form of assistance towards purchasing specially adapted cars, holidays, equipment at the Spinal Injuries Gym and also provides help and support to the families of seriously injured players in the form of accommodation and travel expenses.

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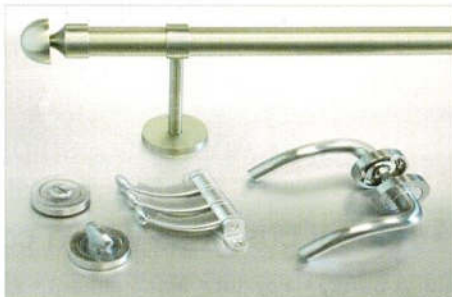
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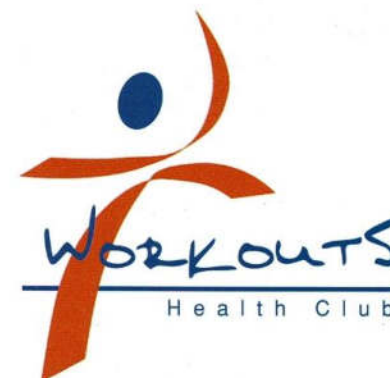
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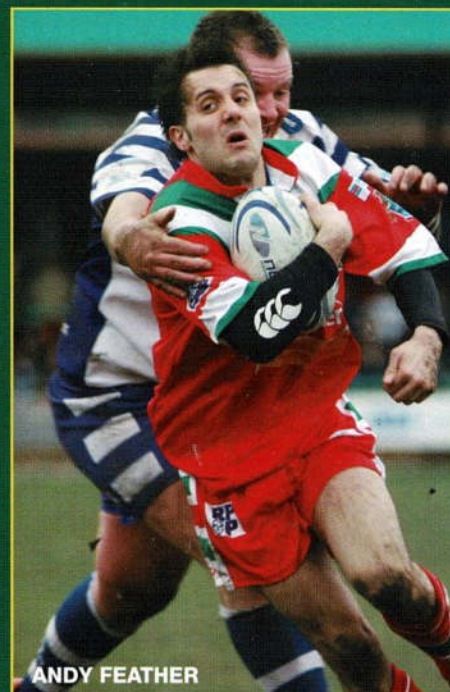
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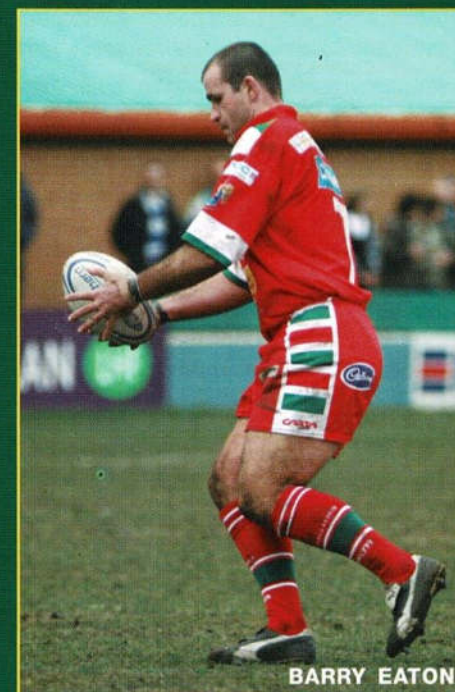
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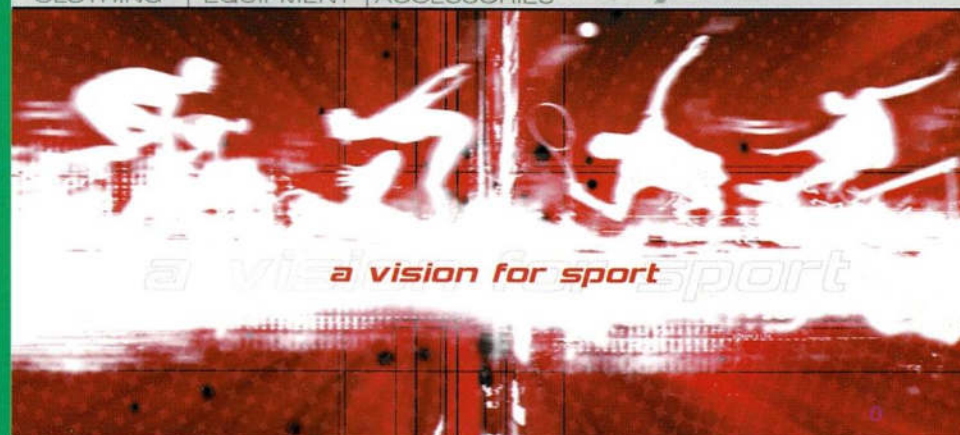
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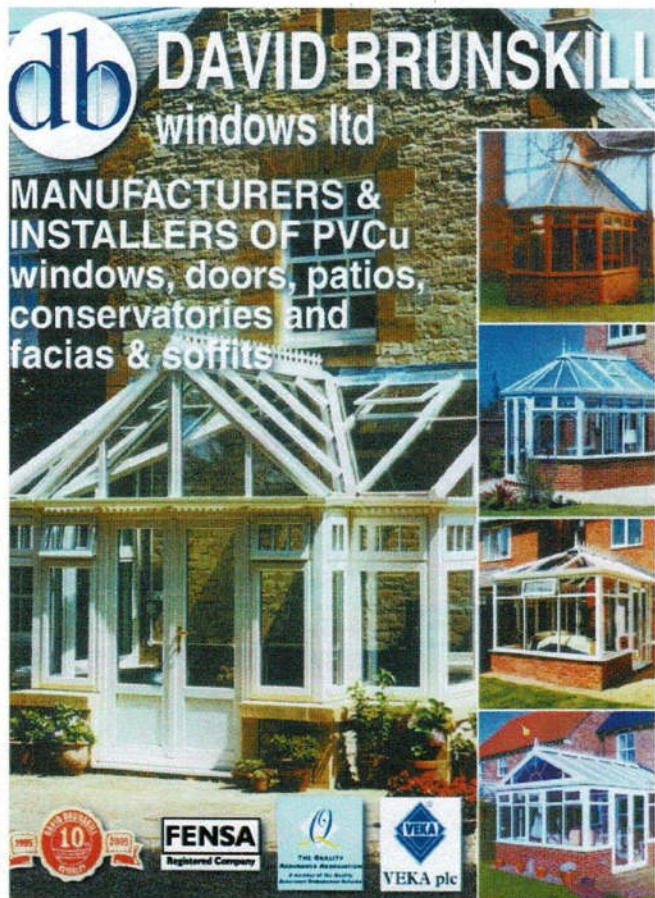
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February

12 Halifax - Away - NRC - Lost: 10-38 Halftime: 10-22
Tries: Sam Gardner, Karl Smith
Goal: Barry Eaton Man of the Match: Barry Eaton

19 Rochdale Home NRC Lost 18-46 Halftime 12-18
Tries: Darren Nixon, Matt Bramald, Phil Stephenson
Goals: Barry Eaton 2 Richard Knight
Man of the match: Jon Wainhouse Attendance: 980

26 Oldham Away NRC Lost 24-25 Halftime 16-14
Tries: Andy Feather, Alex Brown, Phil Stephenson,
Scott Nixon
Goals: Richard Knight 3, Matt Bramald
Man of the match: Toby Williams Attendance: 784

March

5 Rochdale Rochdale Hornets Away NRC - Postponed

15 West Bowling (At Odsal Stadium)
Powergen Challenge Cup Third Round
Won 34-0 Halftime 10-0
Tries: Darren Fogarty, Karl Smith, Terry Fitzgerald,
Phil Stephenson, Toby Williams, Sam Gardner
Goals: Barry Eaton 5
Man of the match Richard Knight Attendance: 802

19 Halifax Home NRC Won 38-18 Halftime: 18-14
Tries: Phil Stephenson, Andy Feather, Sam Gardner, Scott
Nixon, Darren Fogarty
Goals: Barry Eaton 7
Man of the match: Barry Eaton Attendance: 1269

22 Rochdale Away NRC Lost 16-32 Halftime: 12-6
Tries: Alex Brown 2, Gavin Duffy
Goals: Barry Eaton 2
Man of the match: Alex Brown

April

2	Feathestone Rovers	Away	PCC
7	Sheffield Eagles	Away	NL2
14	Dewsbury Rams	Away	NL2
17	Hunslet Hawks	Home	NL2
23	Northern Rail Cup - Final Qual.		
30	Blackpool Panthers	Home	NL2

May

7	Gateshead Thunder	Away	NL2
14	Celtic Crusaders	Home	NL2
21	Hunslet Hawks	Away	NL2
28	Featherstone Rovers	Home	NL2

June

4	Celtic Crusaders	Away	NL2
11	Gateshead Thunder	Home	NL2
18	Blackpool Panthers	Away	NL2
25	Barrow Raiders	Home	NL2

July

2	Featherstone Rovers	Away	NL2
9	Dewsbury Rams	Home	NL2
16	London Skolars	Away	NL2
23	Workington Town	Home	NL2
30	Barrow Raiders	Away	NL2

August

6	Swinton Lions	Home	NL2
13	Workington Town	Away	NL2
20	Sheffield Eagles	Home	NL2
26	Powergen Challenge Cup Final		

September

3	Swinton Lions	Away	NL2
10	London Skolars	Home	NL2
17	Elimination Play Off		
24	Qualifying and Elimination Semis		

October

1	Final Eliminator		
8	Grand Final		

Key:
NRC - Northern Rail Cup
NL2 - National League Two



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Hunslet Hawks v Batley Bulldogs
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Leigh Centurions v Swinton Lions
Rochdale Hornets v Halifax

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We have had not, not two but three £500 winners in THE BIG ONE all from Keighley.

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Easter Monday April 17th versus Hunslet Hawks Kick Off 3 p.m.

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The next time the Cougars are on the prowl is in the Powergen Challenge Cup Fourth Round

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Directions to the Lionheart Stadium: Leaving Cougar Park take the A650 and then the A6177 until you reach the M606. Leave the M606 at junction 1 (signposted M62 Leeds, Hull, The South (M1), Halifax, Dewsbury). At the roundabout take the 1st exit, then join the M62 motorway (signposted Leeds, Hull). Leave the M62 at junction 31 (signposted Castleford, Normanton), then merge onto unnamed road (signposted M62 Hull, Pontefract) bearing left onto Pontefract Road - A655 (signposted Wakefield). At roundabout take the 2nd exit onto the A655 continue on the A655 until you reach Loscoe Lane Roundabout taking 2nd exit onto Havertop Lane (signposted Ackton, Featherstone) B6134. At roundabout take the 2nd exit onto Common Side Lane - B6133 then turn left onto the A645 (signposted Pontefract). Continue forward onto Wakefield Road - A645 entering Featherstone. At traffic signals turn left onto the B6421 (signposted Castleford) travel 300 yards before turning right onto Post Office Road.

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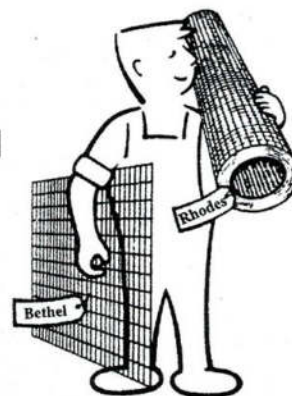
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COUGAR QUIZ

Here we are with the ever popular Cougar Quiz. If you would like to win two tickets for the Easter Monday game with Hunslet Hawks please send your answers on a postcard or sealed down envelope. Mark them for the attention of the Programme Editor to arrive by first post on Monday 10th April to the club address on page three.

The best of luck

Round and oval shaped balls – Which football and rugby clubs share the same ground

- 1 Athletic and Warriors
- 2 Tigers and Airlie Birds
- 3 Latics and Roughyeds
- 4 Rovers and Lakers
- 5 Dale and Hornets
- 6 County and Sharks
- 7 Terriers and Giants
- 8 Tangerines and Panthers
- 9 Town and Fax
- 10 Tynesiders and Thunder

DEVELOPMENT

Did anyone see Jeremy with his Cheshire Cat smile last week!? He managed to produce the winning boys team but not Lee's Primary as was expected. The mighty Ingrow came saw and conquered in what was a great advert for tag rugby league beating Oakworth in the final. My tip for the girls came good with Oxenhope gaining revenge for an earlier group stage defeat against Nessfield to take the girls crown. Altogether 15 teams from 8 schools took part and everyone of them thoroughly enjoyed themselves and deserve great praise for their efforts.

Coaching this week has started in the Ilkley and Bingley Grammar cluster schools, already the coaches are jostling and feeling each other out to see if their teams can win the festivals. All will be revealed in 6 weeks time.

Last weeks year 7 girls festival fell foul of the weather and had to be postponed but Thursdays year 8 girls festival went ahead and showed just how strong our schools are in this development sport. Holy Family justified their favourites tag by winning both their games and advance to the regional stages of the Powergen competition as local champions, Oakbank have a chance of making the regionals as they finished second. South Craven, Skipton Girls and Settle Middle will all have a chance of qualifying for the regionals when they play in the North Yorkshire festival at York in April.

The Scholarship last week had a well earned rest whilst the 1st team went over to Odsal to take on West Bowling. The sprints phase of training has just finished and everyone has benefited massively. On average each scholar has got 0.4secs quicker over 40 metres which is a massive difference. I'm sure they are all looking forward to the next phase which will focus on tackle technique and winning the contact.

I thought I would list all my scholars in this weeks programme, they are all working hard and if you recognise any of them then give them a pat on the back when you see them:-

Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Jordan Aitchison	Matt Bailey	John Walker	Andy Maguire
Martin Broadley	Jack Cawood	Andrew Walker	Richard Leatham
Ben Stead	Jack Copperwaite	Mathew Carroll	Ben Parkinson
Joshua Lynam	Sean Bussingham	Sean Kelly	Richard Barr
Joe Walker	Jack Harris	Andrew Howson	Kris Gott
Robert Hawthorne	Joe Jepson	James H'thwaite	Ben Sagar
Billy Cooper	Gareth Taylor	Chris Morton	Josh Scott
Adam Reardon	Llweleyn Chapman	Patrick Cooke	Kennedy Timewell
Jake Waddington		Greg Worthington	
Tom Carlos		Tom Rushworth	
Joel Williams			

Yours in sport
Matt



Hiya Kids ,

Freddie Here ,Keighley's favourite furry feline . A big welcome to all our young fans and those from Oldham who have made the trip to Cougar Park for today's match.

Freddie
Cougar

Wasn't last Sunday game great ? I was getting so excited watching the boys score all those great tries against Halifax that I got in trouble with Mr Spencer our Chairman who sent me back up to the boot room to calm down, so I'm really sorry boys and girls if you didn't see much of me last Sunday!! I'll be on best behaviour this week.

I've been asked to give a mention to the youngest Cougar Cubs teams the under 8s and 9s, who I've heard have been playing very well recently. A lot of the Cougar first team players like Marco, Andy Feather and Karl all started out playing for the Cubs, so if you want to follow in their footsteps why not get your Parents or Guardian ask in the Cubs 'Cubhouse' Base under the main stand about how to join a team .

Enjoy the Game today !

CCCCCCCCOOOOUUUUUUUUUUUUUGGGGGGG
GAAAAARRRRRRRRS!!

freddie

FUNDRAISING

I am writing this the day after the Halifax game and I'm still dancing (so if there are any errors in this, then I apologise.) Anyway everybody had a good time after the game, and so when it was time to go home I went across to Peter Roe and stuck my hand out to give him a shake and to congratulate him and the team.

However when I shook his hand, bearing in mind that I am not the kind to give limp wristed handshakes, I got hold of his and Peter being the competitive bloke that he is, instantly turned it into a arm-wrestle.

As it turned out I didn't congratulate him, so I thought I'd put it in here. Well here it is, congratulations on a great win to you, Peter, and the whole team for a job well done, more of the same please.

In the last programme I gave brief details of various events that are coming up on of which being a Pie and Karaoke evening. This has now been re-titled as "The Sing, Sup and Scoff Fundraiser".

The singing part is obviously Karaoke and it has been decided to have a cash prize for the best, so please buy you ticket now and remember all proceeds go towards the club and its efforts in building a team to be proud of.

For anyone who would like to go it is being held on Saturday 22nd April 2006 here at Cougar Park in the Hall of Fame Bar. Tickets are priced at £10 and are available from the club, members of the fundraising committee or myself.

Please keep an eye on the notices and also the promo video being shown on match days. Your comments and suggestions regarding any event or the promo video or indeed anything are always welcome. Yes we will listen and take action where anything can be improved.

The ideas keep coming in for new events and old favourites, including a Horse Race night, no date has yet been arranged but it will be son and don't worry you will be the first to know.

Finally if you have missed any of the games you can purchase them on DVD from the club shop priced at £9.99. Don't forget Fathers Day is coming up and if you haven't thought of anything yet why not get him a game with the Cougars.

If you are available to help the club in any way please contact me on 07967 652876 or email jokar@fsmail.net

Joe Karkoszka

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Fundraising Director

COUGARS WEBSITE

Last Friday the ex-players reunion evening at Cougar Park saw the launch of our new History site 'Keighley to Cougars' which will run along side the main Club site. We have added plenty of pictures in the photo galleries with some amazing match pics taken at Cougar Park from many a year back, showing the ground as it was . There are still plenty more pictures to add so keep checking back for new additions. The history site can be accessed from the main club home page.

On the subject of past matches, you can now download (in PDF format) a full list of all games that are available to order on DVD, going right back to 1985. This has been painstakingly put together by our chairman (cheers Neil!!) and runs to some 12 pages including some real classics, as well as season reviews and one off specials.

Also new to download (again in PDF format) is a complete fixture list for the under 21s 2006 season. 'Proud to be a Cougar' will be bringing you all the news and match reports from the senior academy once their season begins. On the site development front, we are in the early stages of developing on-line shopping for Cougar Merchandise and replica wear. So watch this space!!!

Finally if anyone has any Cougar News that we may have missed please e-mail me at keighleycougars@yahoo.co.uk . This is only the e-mail address for any website material ,to contact the club please use the contact link on the sites home page.

Rach

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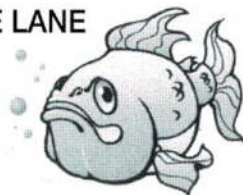


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