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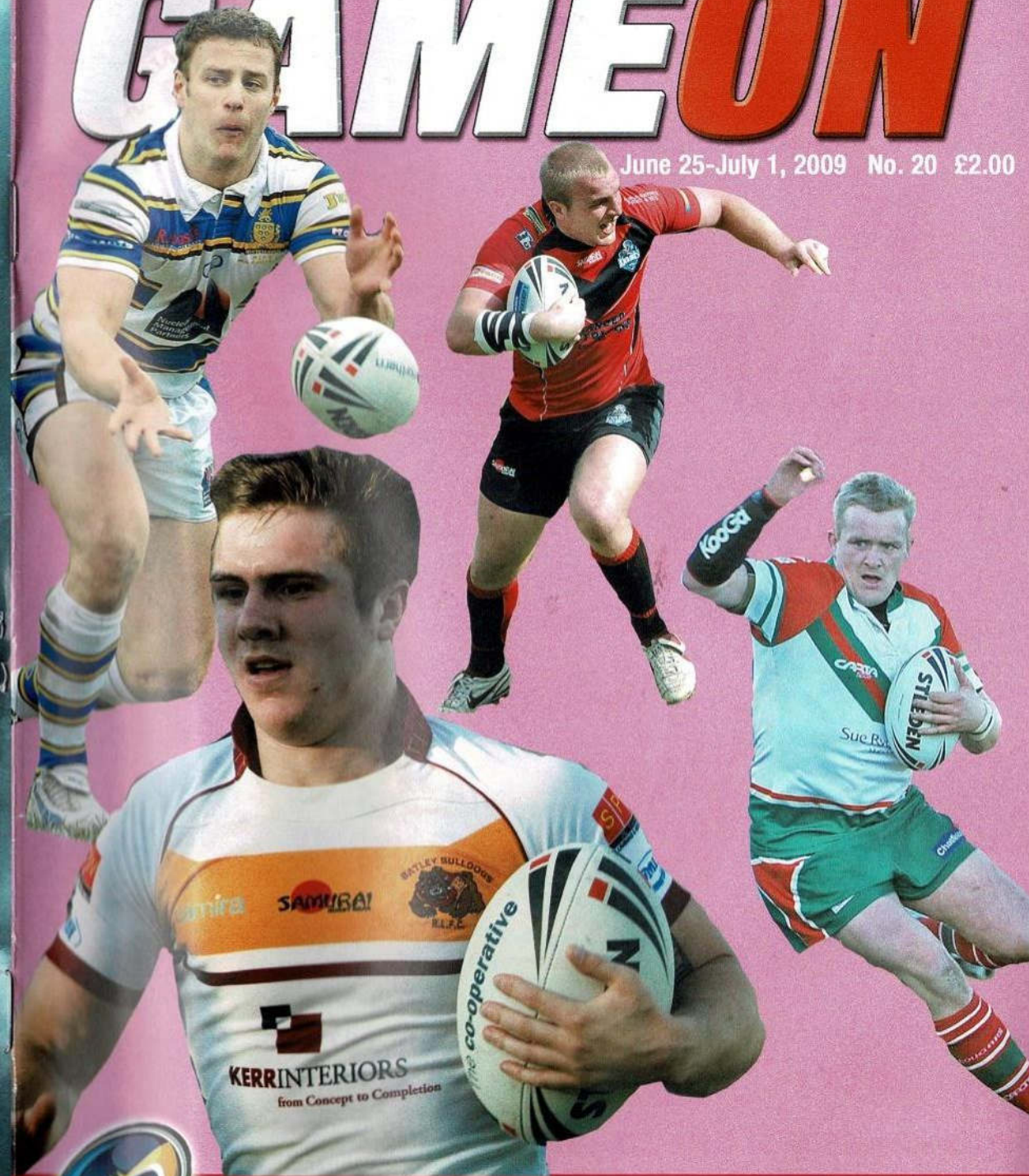
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Lessons in latent support

I HAVE never been to Barrow, but I am sure I am not alone in that fact.

Its location gives new meaning to the phrase 'tucked away' and its link to the rest of the UK comes via the A590.

But the fact it is so cut off from the rest of the UK has its advantages, not least when you are trying to get the local community behind something that makes them proud of their little part of England.

Step forward the Barrow Raiders, the success story of the season. Second in the Championship and in the final of the Northern Rail Cup, they have been like a breath of fresh air for the sport. The town is buzzing and there is now even talk of a shot at a Super League licence.

On page 35 columnist Paul Bennett examines the achievements of the Raiders and the efforts of chairman Des Johnston to achieve success. He talks in detail about Barrow and what they might bring to Super League.

Mr Johnston is also featured on page 6 talking about the amount of Barrow fans he expects will go to the final of the Northern Rail Cup against Widnes.

The Raiders supremo claims upwards of 7,000 will take the 'short' trip to Blackpool and on recent evidence you can't really doubt him.

When the Championship One title hopefuls entertained Wigan in the Challenge Cup this year more than 6,000 packed into Craven Park.

In the Northern Rail Cup semi-final against Featherstone there were nearly 3,000 in attendance.

When you are talking about that kind of support it is no wonder the Barrow chairman is prepared to dig into his pockets to bolster the squad.

In terms of risk and reward it means he knows the club is no bottomless pit because the people of Barrow and the wider Furness area will respond to success.

And ultimately it is a part of the country that has rugby league in its heart and soul. Unfortunately the same can not be said of Doncaster, and their humiliating defeat at the hands of Batley on Sunday was the latest in a long line of body blows.

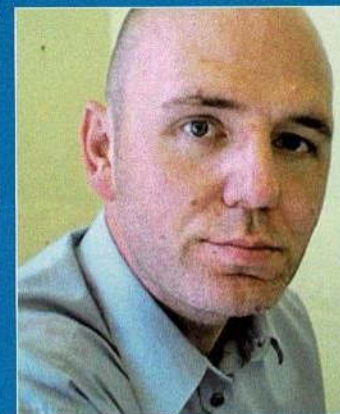
If only the people of Doncaster had come out and supported the club when they had momentum last year and in the early part of this.

We might be talking about a very different scenario for the South Yorkshire club.

On page 7 there is a story about former Mayor Martin Winter trying to put together a bailout package. The signs are positive and hopefully that is a club that can rebuild with slightly more realistic goals.

The sad fact is that without the crowds and latent support there is no point going for broke.

The evidence for that is overwhelming.



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the world according to **SCULLY**

Paul chats to us about the upcoming Co-operative Championship matches and the RAF rugby League teams tour of Australia. Paul also gives us his thoughts on the Northern Rail Cup final on and his special training camps for kids!

SINCE my last blog I have been really busy with things at the club. In fact I seem to be busier now than I was during my playing days! There is so much going on still that it's difficult to keep up with everything, including spending time with my family.

I have been busy with the guys from Activate Sport recently, getting ready for my rugby league training camps for kids that we will be doing during the summer.

These are fantastic and I would urge anyone to come along and take part. We will be helping those interested in playing rugby league to develop core skills all around the country.

I have a total of 11 camps starting towards the end of July and running until the end of August. For more information on how to get your place booked just go to the Activate website (www.activateport.co.uk) and follow the sign up process!

We are about two thirds of the way through the season now and we have the Northern Rail Cup final to look forward to on 12th July at Bloomfield Road in Blackpool.

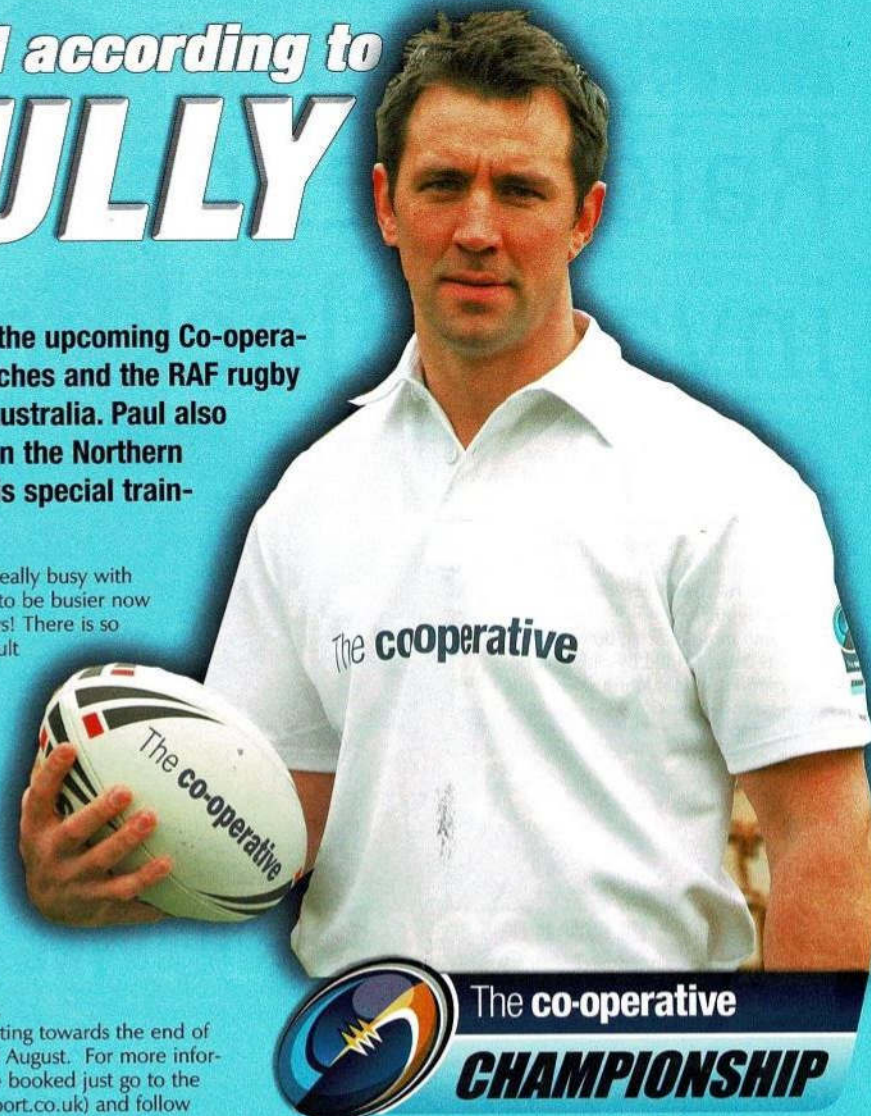
This is the first chance for teams to win some silverware, and it is great to see Barrow Raiders in the final. It's fantastic they have managed to win promotion from league two last year, are flying high in Co-operative Championship and now are able to contest a final against Widnes. Widnes though are doing well themselves in the league and are coming off the back of a pulsating win against Halifax in the semi-final. They will be full of confidence, although my head tells me that Widnes will be too strong and will come away winners. One thing is for sure though- it will be a great game to watch!

I have been reading recently about the RAF rugby league team and their exploits on their tour in Australia. A friend of mine, Damien Clayton, is heavily involved and it's great that we have our finest RAF rugby league team down in Australia battling the 'old enemy' ahead of England playing the Australians in the cricket for the Ashes. The team seems to not be having much luck, and with my experience of playing Australia they always are a tough team to beat. They are ultra competitive but I wish Damien and the lads good luck in their final few games.

We have a full round of Co-operative Championship matches this weekend to look forward to. Whitehaven's player of the month for May, Kyle Amor and his team are up against Leigh, and Featherstone have the long trip to Toulouse to think about, and how they can come up with a plan to beat the high flying French on their own turf! Batley are taking on Northern Rail Cup finalists Barrow, so we will get a good indication of what sort of form Barrow are in. Good luck to all teams playing this weekend.

To register your vote for June's Co-operative Championship player of the month please email your entry to playerofthemonth@generatesponsorship.com

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Raiders expected to invade Blackpool

BARROW chairman Des Johnston reckons the Raiders will take up to 7,000 fans with them to Blackpool for their Northern Rail Cup Final with Widnes.

The Cumbrians booked their trip to the resort next month for what will be their first final in more than a quarter of a century with a 16-10 win over Featherstone on Thursday night.

And with more than 1,500 enquiries for tickets being fielded by club staff on Friday morning alone, Johnston is confident of having a massive following at Bloomfield Road on July 12.

"The club hasn't been in a final for 26 years so this is a huge occasion for us," he said.

"Blackpool is only a relatively short drive away so I'm sure we'll take between 6 and 7,000 fans with us.

"You can feel the excitement in the town already."

Securing their place in the final also took the Raiders a step closer to their Super League dream, as the winner of the competition gets the right to lodge an application in the next round of Super League licences.

"We could be the first club to qualify on that criteria and that is very exciting," said Johnston.

"It would be good to get that boxed ticked at the earliest opportunity but it would only be the first step in a long journey."

Johnston would like broadcasters Sky to consider playing the semi-finals on Saturday evenings in future, believing the game deserves a better billing and more



Andy Ellis took Barrow into the final. He is sure of plenty of support in Blackpool

convenient scheduling for fans.

"We got more than 2,700 for the semi-final which wasn't bad considering it was a Thursday night, which made it very difficult for any Featherstone fans to get here," he said.

"If the game had been on a weekend I think we would have put another 1,000 on the gate. It is something Sky should look at.

"If it was given a 6.30pm kick-off on a Saturday I think the crowds would be a lot bigger. When teams are spread so far apart geographically as they are in our division, that would make it a lot easier on travelling fans."

Meanwhile, the club has received con-

firmed that Liam Campbell's season is over because of his collarbone injury.

And while he is out of contract at the end of the year, Johnston has assured him that he remains in their plans.

"He is absolutely gutted but I've told him he still has a big part to play for us," he said. "He is a very talented player with a big future."

"He is contracted to the end of the year and, assuming his injury heals ok, I can't see any reason why he wouldn't be here next year."

Johnston has also revealed he's in talks about bringing in two players on loan from Super League clubs as he looks to bolster the squad for the season run in.

Nanyn joins Centurions on permanent deal

LEIGH have clinched the signing of Mick Nanyn for 2010.

The former Whitehaven, Widnes and Oldham centre tried his hand in Super League earlier this year by signing for Harlequins RL.

But having failed to make an impression on coach Brian McDermott, Nanyn joined the Centurions on loan in May and

has now penned a deal to stay at the Leigh Sports Village until the end of next season.

"He's got the remainder of this year and next year as well," said coach Paul Rowley. "I'm looking forward to continuing working with him."

Leigh have also snapped up Leigh Miners Rangers teenager Jonathan Pownall.

The full back or centre has

had a fine season in the Gillette National Youth League and has now signed professional terms with the Championship outfit.

"He's a down-to-earth lad, a quietly confident person who is just going to go about his business, sneak up on the rails and make his way up into the first team eventually," said Rowley.

Meanwhile, Leigh will be without Adam Higson for

around another six weeks after it was revealed his broken hand has failed to heal properly.

Higson had been expected to return to full training last week after having the plaster cast on his hand removed.

However, scans revealed the bones have not totally mended and Higson has now been told to rest the injury for another month and a half.



Panthers' double swoop

BLACKPOOL have signed young Widnes duo Dean Thompson and Josh Simm on a month's loan.

Thompson has been loaned out to the Panthers to gain more first team experience whilst Simm (pictured left) has been sent out to prove himself again following recent disciplinary problems.

The second row forward, who has established himself as first teamer this year, was investigated by police following an incident in a local bar with teammate Michael Ostick.

Panthers boss Crompton is delighted to have landed the duo, even if they're on the Fylde Coast for different reasons.

"Obviously one is here for disciplinary reasons and the other to get more first team rugby, and in the meantime we get the use of two very good players," he told League Weekly.

"Dean is a very exciting centre

from Widnes's under-21s, who has won a couple of player of the month awards this season and has scored tries for fun. He'll give us some good strike power.

"Josh has been a very strong second rower in the first team and has probably one of their most consistent back rowers.

"He has had some disciplinary problems with the club but he's a very good young player and hopefully he will set a good example for the rest of my squad."

Crompton admits there is little chance he will get to keep either player beyond the initial month-long spell, but says he is comfortable with that situation.

"They will just freshen us up and give us a boost as we look to stay in a play-off position and maybe even climb up a little."

The pair are set to debut against Workington Town on Sunday.

Ex-Mayor set to save crisis-hit Doncaster

DONCASTER look set to be saved by the town's former mayor.

Martin Winter, also a former hooker with the Dons, is leading a business consortium that have registered an interest in taking over the crisis-hit Championship club.

Winter has reportedly put together a group of at least 10 business people willing to put money into the struggling South Yorkshire side to save them from liquidation.

The Dons' director of rugby Carl Hall has revealed that he had been working to put together his own consortium to keep the club going on a semi-professional basis. But Winter's group promises to bring in more cash for the club and Hall has decided to step aside.

"I've informed the administrator of my interest but will now be withdrawing to leave the way open for Martin," said Hall.

"I've been working hard behind the scenes trying to put a consortium together and I've had the support of several local businessmen.

"I came up with a package which would see the club go back to basics

and players paid match payments only for the next three to five years.

"We would have targeted a mid-table spot in Championship One next season with the aim of getting back, and being competitive, into the Championship in that period - possibly working in conjunction with a supporters' trust.

"Martin is the man to save the club and take it forward. He has the necessary leadership experience and knows all about budgets and things like that."

Meanwhile, the Dons have snapped up three student players to bolster their squad following the departure of several key stars to Championship rivals.

Leeds Met captain Mark McKinley, a 23-year-old loose forward, is joined at the Dons by two players from Loughborough University - second row Stephen Hall, 22, and winger Chris McNamara, 20.

McKinley and Hall were set for their debut against Batley on Sunday whilst McNamara, who had other commitments, should make his bow against Sheffield Eagles this weekend. Sunday's South Yorkshire derby will be held at Featherstone's Chris Moyles Stadium.



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Stunning Widnes flourish

WIDNES will face Barrow Raiders in the Northern Rail Cup final after a sensational 27-22 victory against HALIFAX at The Shay.

In a game packed with drama the Vikings booked their place in an unbelievable last 10 minutes.

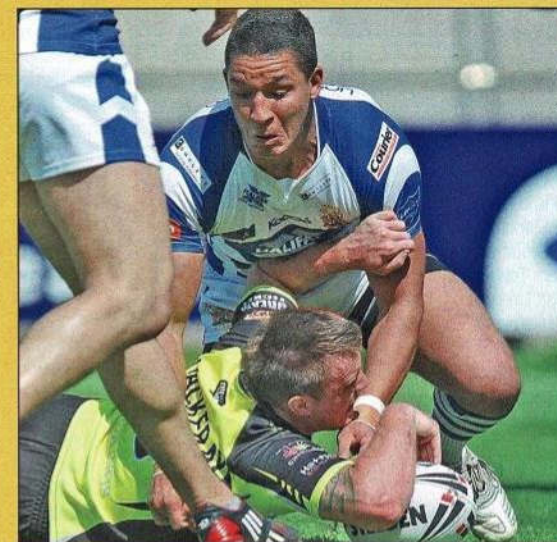
Trailing 20-6 after 51 minutes Fax looked dead and buried. However, a sensational 12-minute spell in the third quarter heralded 16 points and Matt Calland's side looked set for victory at 22-20 up.

But the key moment came on 70 minutes when Ben Black picked up a stray James Webster pass and broke clear, with an open run to the line the Australian scrum-half saw the chance of glory slip away as the ball agonisingly slipped from his grasp with the line at his mercy. A try would have put the hosts eight points clear and surely wrapped up the game.

When Craig Hall rubbed salt in the wounds with a penalty to level matters two minutes later the game was well and truly in the balance.

Hall had a great day with the boot and his towering drop goal under intense pressure four minutes from time gave his side the edge.

It was fitting that the win



Anthony Thackeray crosses for one of his three tries against Fax

came courtesy of the magnificent Thackeray, the stand-off bursting clear from Black's error and he sent the visiting fans into raptures with his 78th-minute try.

Hall missed his only conversion but it hardly mattered as the hooter sounded soon after amid scenes of wild jubilation from the massed Widnes ranks.

Paul Cullen was rightly proud of his team and said: "Halifax have been the best

team in the Northern Rail Cup and the Championship all season, we knew that to come to their ground and win a semi final we'd have to be at our best and the players were. It was a fantastic effort from one to 17."

A dejected Matt Calland was gutted to miss out on a final spot, adding: "We were dropping the ball left, right and centre in the first half. In the second half we got a bit of momentum and got back into

the game but we just didn't finish off our chances."

Meanwhile for the second consecutive cup tie BARROW got out of jail with a try two minutes from time when all seemed lost.

In the previous round a Liam Harrison try in those dying minutes saw off the challenge of Dewsbury, and it was a Andy Ellis touchdown under the posts in the 78th minute that sealed a hard fought 16-10 victory against FEATHERSTONE.

Barrow were hanging onto a 8-4 lead until Rovers struck in the 65th minute with a try from Tom Haughey, converted from the touchline by Kyle Briggs, and at 10-8 there looked no way back for the Raiders.

But one last throw of the dice saw Ned Catic produce a nifty piece of footwork inside the Rovers' 22, and in support was Ellis. The lively hooker headed for the line and, despite defenders hanging on desperately, managed to put the ball over the whitewash.

But delighted home fans had to wait anxiously as referee James Leahy went to video referee James Child for confirmation. He gave the nod and Darren Holt converted and rounded off the scoring with a penalty goal after the final hooter.

Campbell leads demolition job on Dons

BATLEY Bulldogs grabbed 12 tries as they demolished crisis club 70-6 Doncaster, who now find themselves playing home games at Featherstone as their pitch at the Keepmoat Stadium undergoes major work.

Bulldogs winger Johnny Campbell grabbed four of the tries as the in-form Championship club was just far too good in every department.

Dons coach Tony Miller says he has always been realistic through this crisis.

"I knew it was going to be very difficult to stay in this division, but I have to be realistic about things," he said. "We've been beaten in all aspects today, we looked like

a team who have just been thrown together, which is what we are.

"We had players coming back from long-term injury and a few new faces which doesn't help. I thought we defended very well for the first 20 minutes but the fact Batley had 80 per cent of the play definitely took its toll on our lads in the second half.

"I have told the players that they now need to draw a line in the sand. This is the lowest we have hit and we now need to keep improving on a weekly basis."

A sympathetic Bulldogs coach Karl Harrison said: "You have to feel sorry for

Doncaster with what they are going through, but it's a dog-eat-dog game, and we have to be professional.

"Tony Miller and Carl Hall have a really tough task ahead, but the Dons played for the full 80 minutes and kept on going despite getting well beat on the scoreboard.

"Handforth and Mennell are getting a lot of rave reviews at the moment but I have four big mobile front rowers which helps the half backs.

"Craig Potter was also outstanding at right back, but overall a very good team effort."



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- 1 Ian Preece
2 Ben Feehan
3 Dale Cardoza
4 Danny Maun
5 Johnny Campbell
6 Mark Barlow
7 Paul Mennell
8 Byron Smith
9 Kris Lythe
10 Luke Stenclion
11 Kevin Crouthers
12 Mark Toohey
13 Ash Lindsay
14 John Gallagher
15 Anthony Henderson
16 Jon Simpson
17 Craig Potter
18 Jermaine McGilvary
19 -
20 Dave Tootill
21 Nathan Armitage
22 Nat Browne
23 Chris Buttery
24 -
25 Glen Reid
27 Jamie Aitcheson
28 Darryl Cardiss
29 Gareth Greenwood
30 Paul Handforth
33 Danny Samuels
35 Jack Watson

COACH: KARL HARRISON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWWLW

LAST SIX HOME: WLLLWW

TRIES: Jermaine McGilvary 14, Ian Preece 7, Jon Simpson 6, Paul Mennell 5, Danny Maun 5.

GOALS: Paul Mennell 31, Mark Barlow 9. DGs: Paul Handforth

MAN TO WATCH: Johnny Campbell

No. TODAY'S TEAM No.

Full back		
Right Wing		
Right Centre		
Left Centre		
Left Wing		
Stand off		
Scrum half		
Prop		
Hooker		
Prop		
2nd row		
2nd row		
Loose-forward		
Interchange 1		
2		
3		
4		

SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R Laughlton
Touch: S Moss, P Ward
Fourth official: J Asquith

BENNETT'S BET

"Dogs will put up a massive
fight - Barrow by 6"

No. PLAYER

- 1 Gary Broadbent
2 Mike Backhouse
3 -
4 Liam Harrison
5 James Nixon
6 Liam Finch
7 Liam Campbell
8 Brett McDermott
9 Andrew Ellis
10 Lee Dutton
11 Andrew Brocklehurst
12 Martin Ostler
13 Andrew Bracek
14 Paul Noone
15 Chris Young
16 Jamie Butler
17 Scott Kaighan
18 James Finch
19 Chris Larkin
20 Nicky Beach
21 Joe McKenna
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28 Michael Darby
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MAN TO WATCH: Gary Broadbent

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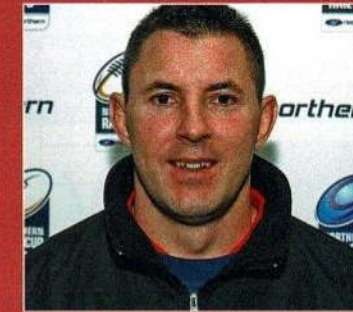
We have improved hugely since last Barrow clash

Good afternoon to everybody, especially the hardcore of Bulldogs fans who turned out in great numbers at our last two away fixtures and especially those who made the arduous and expensive trip to Toulouse. The players and I really appreciate your wonderful support.

I would also like to welcome coach Dave Clark, his staff and players to the Mount and a special welcome to Barrow Chairman Des Johnson.

We played Barrow a few weeks ago up at Craven Park and we were given a lesson in how to play tough, fast-flowing rugby league and we were put to the sword by a ruthless team.

In recent weeks we have worked extremely hard on the training ground and to rectify a few problem areas I thought we had. The players have been outstanding in their ability to take on



Barrow coach Dave Clark

board new ideas I am trying to put in place and they have been rewarded by winning three out of the last four games and were very unlucky not to pick up all three points in France.

Today's game the Bulldogs will have to

raise their game again because I think Barrow are the best team in the competition that I have seen and we will have to be at our very best.

Coach Clark has recruited really well and they are obviously an extremely well coached team.

For me personally I am really enjoying being back in the game and would like to thank Kevin, my brother Paul and the rest of the board for giving me the chance to coach again.

I can assure everybody here today that the Bulldogs will be a different proposition to when we last met a few weeks ago. The players deserve all the credit they are getting at the moment. It is they who are pushing themselves to the limit.

I would just like to finish by wishing the Barrow club all the best in the Northern Rail Cup final.

Hoping for a four-figure gate

WELCOME to everyone from Barrow for what promises to be a quality game of rugby league.

I saw them snatch victory from the jaws of defeat against Featherstone to earn a place in the Northern Rail final and we know we were well and truly beaten at Craven Park, so it will be a difficult game for us.

But the club is on a high. We had a tremendous turnout of support in Toulouse and with the performances we have put in we are hoping for a 1,000 gate today.

Karl has gone public to say our game against Doncaster was the most important one of the season so far and thankfully the players responded to keep us on track and hopefully without any injury problems.

We now need to keep the momentum going as we go in to play Sheffield away and Doncaster at home in July, which could steer us away from relegation and dare we

say, even give us an outside chance of a top six finish!

Toulouse was undoubtedly a tremendous experience for everyone that went. It was new for players and everyone responded such that our preparation for the game was faultless. Karl already had such experience and Joe learnt from it.

Also the players spent time together to strengthen team spirit at the club so well done to all concerned. The support was absolutely tremendous and was a credit to the club.

On our flight from Manchester 89 of the 150 passengers on the plane were a part of our party, which made for a great trip and a big thanks to John McVeigh for organising it.

Other supporters made their own way from Leeds, Bristol and Switzerland to support us, including a stag do. Good luck to Kieran Smiley and all the best for his forthcoming wedding.

Next year it would be nice to fill a 150 seater plane with

our fans and I would be interested to hear other people's thoughts on that but with the cost of beer there, we need to start saving now!

Can we take 150 supporters to Blackpool for the 9 a side competition on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 July where I think we have a chance of winning it and appearing at the Northern Rail Cup Final?

It will be a great weekend of rugby and adult tickets are £9 for all games on Saturday and Sunday at Fylde Rugby Club where the competition takes place with a chance to upgrade the ticket to the final at Bloomfield Road on Sunday at a cost of £5. If people can make it then it should be another good experience at not the same cost of Toulouse. It will be a carnival atmosphere and a good day for adults and children alike.

Last week we witnessed a club struggling to survive and fulfil their fixtures, having to play a home game as if an

away game and having all sorts of organisational and discipline difficulties. In effect doing their best in a turmoil situation.

If Doncaster can complete fixtures and start afresh next season it will be a big effort from those now trying to run the club. When people criticise the running of any club they need to realise how difficult the job is.

Thankfully at Batley we have stability, a solid foundation and continuity as well as our own ground, all of which keeps us going but not without difficulty. Nevertheless we have been at Mount Pleasant since 1880 (I think) and whatever our faults, which may be many, we are still here and at the moment playing great rugby.

So let's give each other a pat on the back and enjoy it and you never know what we can achieve

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Pipers Car Sales	4 Shaun Leaf
	5 -
	6 -
	7 -
	8 -
Praetorian Ltd	9 Craig Cook
Jane Speakman	10 Alex Benson
	11 -
Everlast Waterproofing	12 Craig Lawton
Andy Booker	13 Josh Weeden
Martins Famous Fish Market	14 Scott Jones
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	16 -
	17 -
RTN Motor Spares	18 Craig Holt
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Jill Scarrow	20 Michael Coady
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	22 Andy Speake
Sue Walford	23 Scott Smith
	24 Jake Bassinder
	25 -
	26 Gareth Carey
	27 Albert Rounding
	28 Jamie Bovill
Luffe (The Great Dane)	29 Matthew Carbutt
	30 Wayne Ople

COACH: TONY MILLER

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LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL

LAST SIX HOME: WLLLLL

TRIES: Craig Cook 7, Michael Coady 4, Ross Divorty 4, Gareth Carey 3, Ryan Steen 3.

GOALS: Josh Weeden 11, Andy Speake

8. DGs:

MAN TO WATCH: Josh Weeden

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	Full back	
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	Left Wing	
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	Scrum half	
	Prop	
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	Loose forward	
	Interchange 1	
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SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

No. PLAYER	SPONSOR
1 Jonny Woodcock	AMCO
2 Bolu Fagborun	Tolent
3 Menzie Yere	OSI
4 Mike Roby	Jim Hawsworth, Suzanne Atkin
5 Ashley Thackeray	Anne Collins
6 Brendan Lindsay	Pennine Business Forms
7 Gavin Brown	Sheaf Telecom
8 Jack Howieson	Hanlon & Wright
9 Grant Edwards	Barnsley Industrial Training College
10 Mitchell Stringer	Jayne Whaling
11 Alex Szostak	Jack Smith
12 Ged Corcoran	Hanlon & Wright
13 Dane McDonald	Bethany, Ian & Jackie Swain
14 Andrew Boothroyd	G4S Events
15 Sam Barlow	Redbrook Business Coaching
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18 Saqib Murtza	Zeenat Restaurant
19 Kyle Wood	OSI
20 Matty Brooks	Walkabout Sheffield
21 Aaron Groom	AMCO
22 Ryan Hepworth	Village Shop, Oughtibridge
23 Tangi Ropati	HAS Consultants Ltd
24 Matthew Whitaker	Jack & Laura London
25 James Morrow	Corus Infrastructure Services
26 Nick Turnbull	Hancock & Todd
27 Tommy Trayler	Modis
28 Damian Gibson	Richard & Andrea Brook
29 Peter Green	
32 Danny Mills	
33 Joe Walsh	
34 Eddie Battye	Jill Swire
35 Dan Hawsworth	Mr & Mrs Lee
Michael Haley	

COACH: MARK ASTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWWLW

LAST SIX AWAY: LLLLLL

TRIES: Tangi Ropati 8, Sam Barlow 8, Jonny Woodcock 7, Brendan Lindsay 6, Damian Gibson 6, Menzie Yere 5.

GOALS: Jonny Woodcock 64.

DG:-

MAN TO WATCH: Jonny Woodcock

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: P Brooke

Touch: P Meadows, C Waywell

Fourth Official: T Mahar

BENNETT'S BET

"Desperate Dons have little hope of victory - Sheffield by 40"



Backing the Dons!



CLUBCALL

Doncaster v Sheffield

Corner has been turned after Batley loss

A warm welcome to Sheffield players, supporters and coaching staff. Today's encounter will prove to be a real test for Doncaster.

Last week we got well beaten against Batley and I have spoken to the players and our aim is to improve each game.

Hopefully that's the last of

the players to leave. All the best to those who have left and I understand their reasons and I wish them well.

However I only want players who want to play for Doncaster and are committed to the team.

Over the next few weeks there will be new players coming into the side trying to impress for a contract not

just for this year but for next.

I understand it must be frustrating for the supporters with what has happened at the club as it is for myself and all the other coaching staff.

Myself and Carl have been working real hard to get new faces on board and make the team as competitive as possible.

I would like to say a thank you to my assistant coach Ian Tattersall, who never moans always turns up for training in a positive manner and is a real privilege to work with.

Thanks for your support.

Tony Miller,
Dons Coach

Eagles have potential to go very far

TODAY we have a tough game in front of us against Sheffield Eagles, who have recently been strengthened by adding our ex skipper to their ranks Peter Green plus Mickey Haley. Also, as of this week Craig Cook - it was a bit of a shock and a strange one how it all happened but we all have to except these things and get on with it.

Sheffield have a very strong team and have recruited very well and I for one expect them to be there or thereabouts come the end of the year.

I actually think on there day they could beat anybody and that showed when they went to Halifax and won, and I think with the side they have assembled Mark Aston has high hopes for the second half of the season my prediction is they will at least make the semi's come final time.

Last week's game was not to easy to take in and we were all a bit shellshocked at the final score line but we have set a benchmark of where we are at this moment in time and have to try our best to improve. It's going to take a bit of time as some of the lads have never played at this level but I'm sure

once they get use to the pace and intensity we will all see an improvement in there development in the weeks to come.

It just shows what a bit of hard work and belief can do for you. Batley have turned things around of late and it all makes good for the comp.

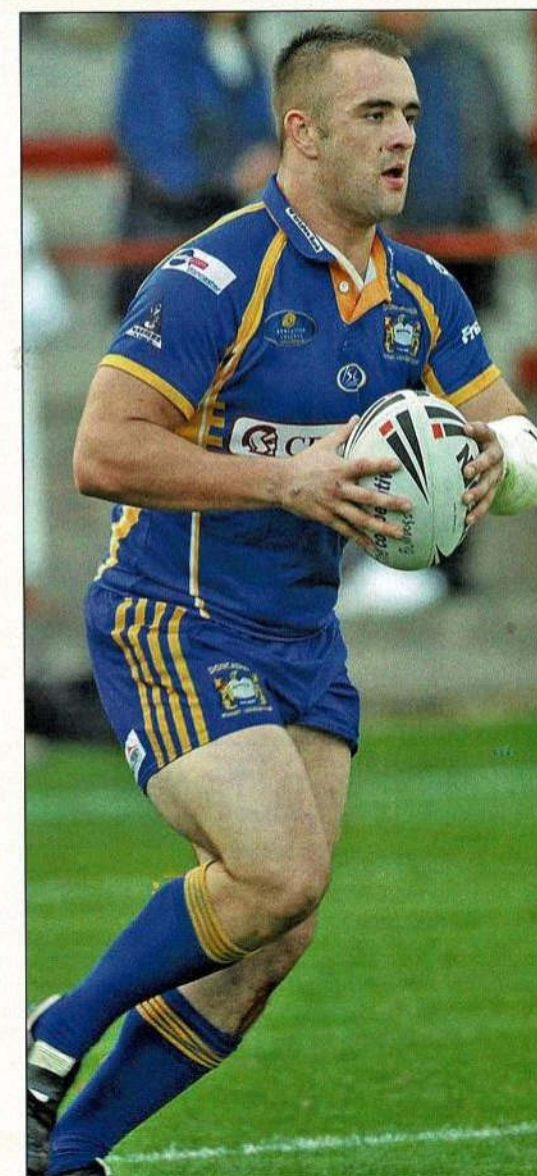
Last of all I would like to thank all the supporters who have come across today and last week it is always the same loyal fans faces I see getting behind this club. You all deserve a big rap for that.

I would also like to thank Big Baz's misses Yvonne and daughter Sharon as well as Shelly for relieving me of my duties selling match day programmes at last week's game.

Our programme seller couldn't make it so I started selling them until the faithful came and took over from me thank god. So once again thanks for getting behind the club and the lads

Good Luck too all the lads and coaching staff. Go and do us proud.

Carl Hall, Director of Rugby/General Manager



Former Don Michael Haley is due to turn out for the Eagles



Gateshead v Halifax



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No. PLAYER

1 Ben McAlpine
2 Danny Wilson
3 Kevin Neighbour

4 Dylan Nash
5 Stewart Sanderson

6 Neil Thorman
7 Luke Branighan

8 Jason Payne
9 Andrew Henderson

10 Tabua Cakacaka

11 -

12 Michael Knowles

13 Russ Aitken

14 Ryan Clarke

15 Matt Barron

16 Puna Rasaubale

17 Chris Parker

18 Robin Peers

19 Nick Youngquest

20 Dave Vernon

21 Ryan McBride

22 Jamie Russo

23 Jonny Scott

24 Paul Franze

25 Kris Kahler

26 Crawford Matthews

27 Scott Woods

28 Mark Dack

29 Rhys Clarke

30 Stephen Welton

32 Jamie Cording (loan)

33 Liam Watts (loan)

34 Nathan Massey (loan)

No. TODAY'S TEAM No.

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Left Wing

Stand off

Scrum half

Prop

Hooker

Prop

2nd row

2nd row

Loose forward

Interchange 1

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SCORERS

Tries

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Pens

DGs

No. PLAYER

1 Miles Greenwood

2 Lee Paterson

3 Jon Goddard

4 Shad Royston

5 James Haley

6 Dwayne Barker

7 Ben Black

8 Matt James

9 Sean Penkywicz

10 Dana Wilson

11 Dave Larder

12 Paul Smith

13 Bob Beswick

14 Mark Gleeson

15 Mark Roberts

16 Said Tamghart

17 Frank Watene

18 Andy Bowman

19 Mick Govin

20 -

21 Neil Cherryholme

22 David Wrench

23 Rob Worrincy

25 Anthony Bowman

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COACH: MATT CALLAND

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWWWL

LAST SIX AWAY: WWWWWW

TRIES: Shad Royston 18, Ben Black 16,
Miles Greenwood 14, Sean Penkywicz
11, Said Tamghart 10.

GOALS: Paterson 69, Govin 24, Black

12. DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Ben Black

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Halloran

Touch: S Moss, P Ward

Fourth official: J Asquith

BENNETT'S BET

"Hurt Fax to make amends for cup exit
- Halifax by 18"

COACH: STEVE MCCORMACK

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLLLL

LAST SIX HOME: WWWLLL

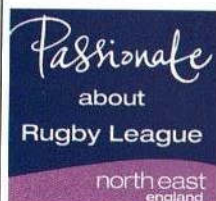
TRIES: Stewart Sanderson 16,
Luke Branighan 13, Ben McAlpine 9,
Dylan Nash 9.

GOALS: Michael Knowles 56

DGs: Neil Thorman, Rhys Clarke

MAN TO WATCH: Nick Youngquest

Getting behind Gateshead...



Gateshead v Halifax

Leigh victory gives us good platform to build

TODAY'S game against Halifax is a big challenge for us. So far this season Matt Calland's side have been the stand-out team in this division.

They are sitting top of the table at the half-way stage and it is a fixture we are really looking forward to.

Our last game against the Centurions gave us a good insight into how well we can play when everybody is pulling in the same direction. To go to Leigh and produce the performance we did was very encouraging and it is important we build on it today.

Over the last few weeks we have had a few injuries and players missing.

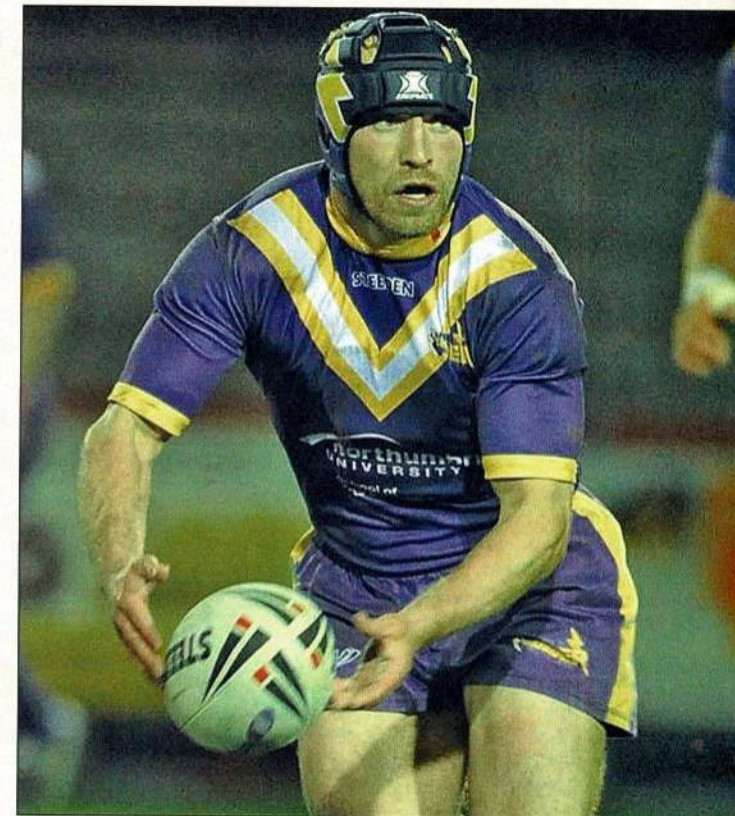
This has obviously had an impact on our results, however with the return of Andrew Henderson and Nick Youngquest along with the loan signings of Liam Watts and Nathan Massey, we have a good squad to pick from for the second half of the season.

On the injury front, Jamie Russo is three weeks off a comeback after an ankle operation.

Jason Payne is still struggling with a pelvic injury and is booked in to see a consultant soon.

Tabua Cakacaka is out of action with an ankle injury picked up at Leigh. Our long term injuries to Danny Wilson (shoulder) and Kevin Neighbour (knee) are progressing well.

Finally, welcome to the directors, coaching staff, players and supporters of Halifax.



Steve McCormack,
head coach

Andrew Henderson is back in contention for a place

Exciting but anxious relegation battle

Whoever introduced the system in Super League that removed relegation obviously doesn't appreciate the excitement of a relegation battle.

But that is what a number of Championship clubs are in. It's going to be a long, three-month struggle for Doncaster and losing heavily to Batley last weekend will not have given them much cause for optimism.

The Bulldogs will no doubt be pleased to have improved their points difference and to have moved four points ahead of us. However, we have all taken great heart from a convincing away win against Leigh. This was the first time that we

ROD FINDLAY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

have been able to field all of the signings from the French league and the skill and commitment of the entire squad shone through. We will be hoping that we can repeat that form throughout the season and we are optimistic that we can move up the table.

Of course today's opponents Halifax don't have the concern of relegation but they will have been stung by a loss to Widnes in the Northern Rail Cup semi-finals. That means that they will join us in

the Northern Rail 9s tournament on the same weekend of the Northern Rail Cup Final - July 11-12. Thunder fans are urged to come and support the team in this competition which is our next opportunity to gain silverware - and a handy £6,000 prize money pot!

It was nice to have a weekend off last weekend but I'm sure by the end of it everyone was missing their rugby league action. We had a spell of six home games in eight weeks and they are a little more spaced out now. It's July 19 before our next home match after today - Widnes.

I hope to see everyone at all of the final three home fixtures.



Toulouse v Featherstone



Saturday June 13th, 2009. Kick off 7pm. STADE DES MINIMES

TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS

SPONSOR	No. PLAYER
SN Diffusion	1 Rory Bromley
Dynadoc	2 Sebastien Payan
Ernes Prestations	3 Sebastien Planas
Demathieu et Bard	4 Damien Couturier
France Boissons	5 Joris Canton
Prosegur	6 Constant Villegas
Copy Sud	7 Nathan Wynn
Immodulair	8 Brendan Worth
Gentlemen du Déménagement	9 Martin Mitchell
Groupe Cailleau	10 Mathieu Griffi
Groupe Carrère	11 Timothy Wynn
SNC Latitudes - Golf de Seilh	12 Mathieu Almarcha
Aux Docks du bureau	13 Eric Anselme
Transports Sarrazain	14 Antoni Maria
Renault Etats-Unis	15 Jerome Gout
Citroën Etats-Unis	16 Olivier Pramill
Océanis	17 Yohan Barthau
Siemex	18 Adrien Viala
Inovans	19 Nicolas Delgal
Airbus Cimpa	20 Sylvain Houles
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Force Distribution	23 Cedric Gay
La Mutuelle	24 Jean-Christophe Borlin
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IPS Publicité	25 Teli Polo
La Dépêche du Midi	Clement Bienes

COACH: GILLES DUMAS

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWW
LAST SIX HOME: LWWWW
TRIES: Rory Bromley 9, Constant Villegas 6, Damien Couturier 5, Nathan Wynn 4, Sebastien Planas 4.
GOALS: Nathan Wynn 58, Couturier 1
DGs: -
MAN TO WATCH: Nathan Wynn

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	Full back	
	Right Wing	
	Right Centre	
	Left Centre	
	Left Wing	
	Stand off	
	Scrum half	
	Prop	
	Hooker	
	Prop	
	2nd row	
	2nd row	
	Loose forward	
	Interchange 1	
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SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R Hicks
Touch: M Maurel, D Vincent
Fourth official: J Vincent

BENNETT'S BET

"French are a strong force at home - Toulouse by 10"

No. PLAYER	SPONSOR
1 Tom Saxton	Peter Smith Motorcycles
2 Waine Price	Bev Coleman
3 Ian Hardman	Patrick & Gemma McNeil
4 Andy Kirk	The Buccaneers Club
5 Jon Steel	Mark Hutchinson
6 Iestyn Harris	Maureen Tennant-King & Emily Harris
7 Andy Kain	Shindigz
8 Tony Tonks	Terry King
9 Jack Lee	Charlie Robinson & Lynne Whitehouse
10 Stuart Dickens	Vic & Sue Johnson
11 Matt Dale	Doug & Barbara Wilford
12 Jamie Field	Blue Lagoon Bar
13 Richard Blakeway	Susan Parker
14 Tommy Haughey	Blue Lagoon Bar
15 James Houston	Study Rovers
16 Joe McLocklan	Gary Crompton
17 Joe Hirst	Howard Lawton
18 Tim Spears	John Lycett
19 Sean Hesketh	Peter Smith Motorcycles
20 Stuart Kain	Rovers Scholarship
21 Steve Dooler	Hollie Bennett
22 Matt Handforth	Charlie Watson
23 Gareth Swift	
24 John Fallon	Capro Contracts
25 Scott Wilson	Chelsey, Charlie & Megan Large
26 Sam Smeaton	
27 Ian Bell	
28 Kyle Briggs	
Ross Divorly	

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Lorne Mosley

COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLWL
LAST SIX AWAY: WWWLL
TRIES: Andy Kain 14, Jon Steel 12, Tommy Haughey 12, Tommy Saxton 8.
GOALS: Stuart Dickens 53, Iestyn Harris 19, Joe McLocklan 9. DGs: -
MAN TO WATCH: Kyle Briggs

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Toulouse v Featherstone

Le travail assidu a été fait mais nous avons besoin de plus

Hard work has been done but we need more

JULIEN LEHUBY, PRÉPARATEUR PHYSIQUE DU TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE RÉPOND À NOS QUESTIONS...

Quand tu as pris en charge la préparation physique de l'équipe au mois de décembre, quels étaient tes principaux axes de travail et objectifs ?

Julien LEHUBY: Tout d'abord, faire passer l'équipe du niveau d'Elite française au niveau plus exigeant du Championship. Il fallait ainsi préparer les joueurs de manière à ce qu'ils puissent tenir un rythme de match élevé, et qui plus est pendant 80 minutes.

Pour cela, comment as-tu organisé tes charges de travail ?

J.H.: J'ai eu la chance d'avoir les joueurs trois mois avant le lancement de la compétition ce qui m'a permis de pouvoir insister sur un gros travail foncier avant d'attaquer sur de la résistance à l'effort.

Aujourd'hui, es-tu satisfait du niveau de forme des joueurs ?

J.H.: Oui car les objectifs que je m'étais fixés ont été atteints bien que l'on puisse toujours faire mieux. On a également peu de blessures à déplorer hors mis celle de Jérôme Gout et c'est en parti grâce à ce travail qui a été fourni même si le facteur chance en fait parti. Pour la fin de saison (qui est encore longue) il faut qu'on élève notre intensité et explosivité.

Comment gères-tu le fait que certains joueurs soient professionnels alors que d'autres travaillent ?

J.H.: C'est une des principales difficultés de la saison avec des joueurs qui enchainent journée de travail - muscu - terrain. Ces derniers se sont beaucoup impliqués et je tiens à les féliciter car ce n'est pas forcément facile tous les jours.

Pour finir, la fin de saison du TO, tu la vois...

J.H.: Dans le TOP 6 et pourquoi pas TOP 4 ce qui nous permettrait de recevoir à domicile le premier match de play-off. Après, une fois qualifié, tout peut arriver ! On en sera plus quant à notre capacité à enchaîner les gros matchs à la fin du mois de juillet qui s'annonce très difficile car on rencontre les quatre premiers coup sur coup (ndlr: Featherstone, Barrow, Halifax et Widnes).

JULIEN LEHUBY, TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE CONDITIONER, ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS...

At the start of the season, last December, what were your aims and goals?

Julien LEHUBY: My first goal was to upgrade the team level from the French Elite League to the Championship which is much more demanding. We also had to prepare the players so that they could sustain the full length of a game with a high rhythm.

To achieve that, how did you organize the work?

J.H.: As the players were available three months before the beginning of the competition, I have been able to make them work hard during the first month and a half before focusing on their endurance.

Today, are you happy with the level of your players?

J.H.: Yes, the players have reached the goals I had set them... but we always can do better. We didn't have many bad injuries (except Jérôme Gout) and I believe this is thanks - partly at least - to the work that has been done, even if we also had some luck. For the end of the season, we have to improve our intensity.

How do you cope with the fact that some players are semi professionals?

J.H.: This is one of the main difficulties for this season, with some players having to work - weights - training all in the same day. Those players have done many efforts and I'd like to congratulate them for that because it must not have been easy every day.

How do you feel about the end of the season?

J.H.: In the top six and why not in the top four, which would allow us to have a first round in the play-offs at home. And after we never know what can happen... We will know more about our ability to put in a winning run against big teams at the end of July as we are going to play the top 4 teams (Featherstone, Barrow, Halifax and Widnes).

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Whitehaven v Leigh



Sunday June 28th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. RECREATION GROUND

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No. PLAYER

1 Craig Benson
2 Ade Adebisi
3 Rob Jackson
4 Derry Ellbeck
5 Craig Calvert
6 Carl Rudd
7 Leroy Joe
8 Marc Jackson
9 Greame Mattinson
10 Karl Edmondson
11 Howard Hill
12 Spencer Miller
13 Scott McAvoy
14 Danny Barker
15 Ryan McDonald
16 Andy Gorski
17 -
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19 Kyle Amor
20 Marc Bainbridge
21 -
22 Matt Tunstall
23 Marc Shackley
24 Greg McNally
25 Jamie Theoharous
28 Chris Smith
31 Dexter Miller
32 Paul Ballard (loan)
33 Soni Radovanovic
34 Tane Manihera
Rachid Ahlalou

COACH: GED STOKES

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWL
LAST SIX HOME: WWLWW
TRIES: Gregg McNally 25, Ade Adebisi
8, John Patrick 5, Craig Calvert 5,
Andy Gorski 5. GOALS: Gregg McNally
60, Carl Rudd 7, Marc Jackson 5.
DGs: -
MAN TO WATCH: Scott McAvoy

No. TODAY'S TEAM No.

Full back

Right Wing

Right Centre

Left Centre

Left Wing

Stand off

Scrum half

Prop

Hooker

Prop

2nd row

2nd row

Loose forward

Interchange 1

2

3

SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J Child
Touch: M Craven, T Bell.
Fourth Official: A Kirkbride

BENNETT'S BET

"Haven to pile pressure
on Centurions - Whitehaven by 2"

No. PLAYER

1 Stuart Donlan
2 Dave Alstead
3 Steve Maden
4 Tony Stewart
5 Nick Stanton
6 -
7 Ian Watson
8 Andy Hobson
9 Dave McConnell
10 Mike Morrison
11 Dave Armitstead
12 James Taylor
13 Aaron Smith
14 Ian Mort
15 Adam Higson
16 Chris Hill
17 Lee Marsh
18 Sam Reay
19 Adam Rudd
20 John Cookson
21 -
22 Jamie Smith
23 Martyn Ridyard
24 Dean Hutton
25 Adam Thomas
26 Jamie Durbin
27 Anthony Rourke
28 Danny Meekin
29 Lee Wingfield

Not allocated a squad number: Andy Ainscough,
Danny Jackson, Danny Meekin, James Richies,
Macgraff Leulalai, Ryan Powell

COACH: PAUL ROWLEY

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWL
LAST SIX AWAY: WLWLL
TRIES: Jamie Durbin 10, Stuart Donlan
9, Ian Mort 9, Steve Maden 5, Martyn
Ridyard 5, Sam Reay 5, Ian Watson 4.
GOALS: Ian Mort 50, Martyn Ridyard
10. DGs: Martyn Ridyard, Jamie Smith
MAN TO WATCH: Sam Reay

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No. PLAYER

1 Johnny Leather
2 Damien Munroe
3 Tom Woodcock
4 Mark McCully
5 Chris Mugan
6 Simon Svabic
7 Chris Forster
8 Peter Fairhurst
9 John Clough
10 John Hill
11 Paul Alcock
12 Kris Ratcliffe
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19 Liam McGovern
20 Tom Wild
21 Andy Marsh
22 Kelron Tucker
23 Daryll Kaye
28 Gareth Langley
29 Scott Winstanley
30 Dean Hatton
Nick Royle
Simon Bissell (loan)
Carl Forber (loan)
Josh Simm (loan)
Dean Thompson (loan)

COACH: MARTIN CROMPTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWLL

LAST SIX HOME: L-WLWLW

TRIES: Johnny Leather 10, Mark McCully 6, David Llewellyn 5, Gareth Langley 5, Dean Hatton 5.

GOALS: Johnny Leather 26, Gareth Langley 12. DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Scott Winstanley

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Scrum half

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2nd row

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SCORERS

Tries

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Pens

DGs

No. PLAYER

1 -
2 Neil Frazer
3 Andrew Beattie
4 Jason Mossop
5 Jamie Marshall
6 -
7 Steve Roper
8 -
9 Jack Pedley
10 Dean Burgess
11 Mike Whitehead
12 Craig Hodgson
13 -
14 -
15 James Robinson
16 -
17 Peter Dobson
18 Kris Coward
19 Scott Burgess
20 Stephen Dawes
21 Mark Routledge
22 Patrick Coupar
23 Martyn Wilson
24 Jarrad Stack
25 Harry Kaufman

Brett Carter (loan)
Marc Shackley (loan)
Marc Bainbridge (loan)
Joe McKenna (loan)

TRIALISTS: Keith Campbell, Alex Daprille
and Adam Ramsden

COACH: DAVE ROTHERAM

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL

LAST SIX AWAY: L-LLLLL

TRIES: Stephen Dawes 9, Tommy Brindle 3, five players on two tries each.

GOALS: Carl Forber 22, Steve Roper 2.

DGs: Steve Roper

MAN TO WATCH: Jarrad Stack

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M Drizza

Touch: M Craven, T Bell

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BENNETT'S BET

"Panthers to reinforce

play-off claims - Blackpool by 8"



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CLUBCALL

Blackpool v Workington

Long break is far from ideal

GOOD afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to the board, staff and supporters from Workington.

Well, it seems an eternity since we last played (five weeks!), and I can honestly say I don't know whether it's going to be a good thing or a bad thing.

What I do know is that the RFL need to review this situation so that it doesn't happen again. It is far too long a break in the middle of the season.

Getting back to the important issue - today's game against Workington - like a lot of businesses in today's tough climate, Workington have had to make cutbacks and release a number of players.

It must be very frustrating for head coach Dave Rotheram, whose plans have been disrupted at a critical stage of the season.

I wish Dave all the best in his rebuilding, although not today! I am sure this will have brought all

the Workington players closer with more unity, which can be used as a dangerous weapon in team sport.

Onto us now.

Well, we have four new players making their debuts today - Carl Forber, against his former club, Simon Bissell from Keighley and Josh Simm and Dean Thompson from Widnes.

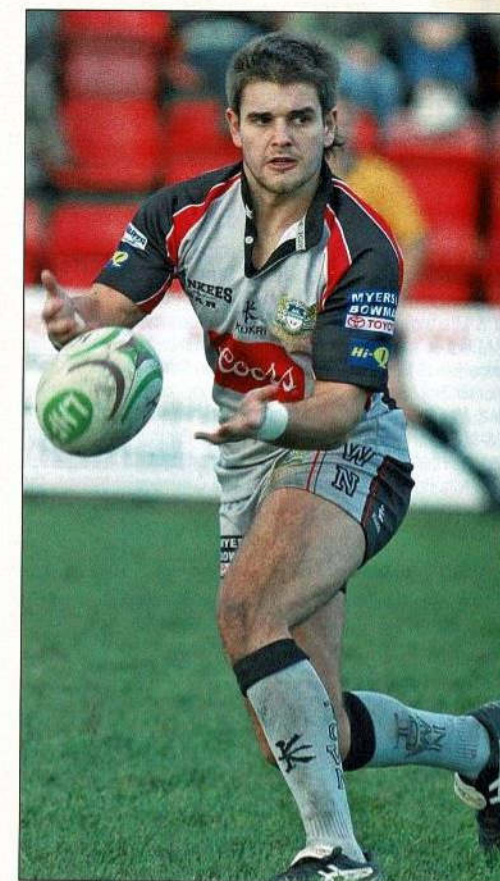
I felt it was the right time to bring fresh blood in, as a few players were taking their positions for granted.

These new players will bring a lot to the team and give us a big push for the second half of the season.

It just goes to show how far we have come, in that we are bringing in quality players on loan and I would like to thank the people involved for making it possible.

Hope you enjoy the game and may the best team win.

Coach Martin Crompton



Carl Forber has joined the club from Workington

Busy times off the pitch

Great news... we're finally playing rugby again after a break of five weeks and I'm sure we've all found Sundays without a game hard work!

During this break we have held a very successful golf day at North Shore Golf Club with another one being arranged in August.

Also during the last five weeks we have signed Simon Bissell, a big prop forward on loan from Keighley, and Carl Forber, a half back from Workington on a permanent deal.

Another great signing has been Nick Royle, the Fylde rugby union flyer and leading try scorer who has initially agreed to play on a short term contract, starting with York on July 5 and ending with Workington away on August 23.

Everyone at the club has obviously been very busy!

Chairman John Chadwick

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WITH only two weeks to go until the first ever Northern Rail 9s competition, there are still tickets available at the ticket office or from our merchandise stand in the supporters bar on match days.

These are only £9 for adults or £5 for children and concessions but if you also want to see the Northern Rail Final at Bloomfield Road on Sunday July 12, those tickets can be upgraded for only £5. Get them now and don't miss this exciting weekend of top-class rugby league!

Also, on the night of Saturday July 11, we are holding our own 9s Celebration Dinner in Blackpool. This will be an evening to remember with a three-course dinner, guest speaker the legendary Alex Murphy plus a compare/comedian.

The total cost is £35 per person or £300 for a table of 10. This event is selling out fast so if you are interested, contact the marketing department on 01253 738971.

And finally, don't miss your chance to buy your Challenge Cup tickets at half price - £13 instead of £26 - until the end of July.

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COACH: BARRY EATON
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LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWW
LAST SIX HOME: WWWLWW
TRIES: Jon Presley 18, Lee Mapals 11, Gavin Duffy 7, Carl Hughes 5, Dan Potter 5.
GOALS: Danny Jones 60.
DGs: Danny Jones, Jon Presley.
MAN TO WATCH: Lee Mapals

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	Full back	
	Right Wing	
	Right Centre	
	Left Centre	
	Left Wing	
	Stand off	
	Scrum half	
	Prop	
	Hooker	
	Prop	
	2nd row	
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	Loose forward	
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No.	PLAYER	
1	Chris Giles	Aztek Safety
2	John Gillam	John & Julie Clarke
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4	Casey Mayberry	Lion Springs
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32	Liam McGovern	
33	Matt Strong	
34	Brett Robinson	
35	Dave Houghton	

COACH: DARREN SHAW

MATCH OFFICIALS
Referee: ASDASD
Touch: ASDASD
Fourth Official: ASDASDASD

BENNETT'S BET
"Cougars should have too much creativity for Hornets - Keighley by 10"

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLWL
LAST SIX AWAY: WLWLL
TRIES: Martin Ainscough 12, Mick Fogerty 6, John Gillam 5, Chris Giles 5, Casey Mayberry 5, Mark Brocklehurst 4.
GOALS: Chris Giles 20, Liam McGovern 17.
DGs: McGovern
MAN TO WATCH: Martin Ainscough

CLUBCALL

Keighley v Hornets RL

The sting in Hornets' tail

GOOD afternoon to Darren Shaw and his players, staff and the supporters who have made the journey over for today's game.

After the disruptions Darren had to deal with before the start of the season he has now started to put together a very formidable outfit and has recently added some more quality to his squad.

And with some of their results this season - they lost to Dewsbury by one point, won at Swinton in the cup, gave a great display at Huddersfield in the next round and beating York in the league - they would certainly be strongly tipped to finish higher in the play-off positions if it hadn't been for their points deduction.

They seem to have the knack of pulling great performances off when they need it most, as we found out last season during their play-off charge.

We were all disappointed and frustrated with the second half, in particular at Dewsbury, where basic handling errors from pushing the pass and not turning clear-cut opportunities into points and switching off defensively meant we paid the price for Dewsbury's willingness to remain patient and wait for their opportunities.

The fact that six of the eight tries we conceded on the night came on the last tackle has certainly been a reminder to us you can not switch off for one tackle

because teams have the quality to punish you. It has seemed like an age since that game and we would have liked to have played again as quickly as possible to put some things right but a two-and-a-half week gap between games is not ideal at this stage of the season.

During the course of the season we will have had seven weekends without fixtures and not played more than three consecutive league games without a weekend off which makes balancing the training schedule during the season very difficult. It is something that, after speaking to a number of coaches, has got to be addressed by the Rugby Football League.

Meanwhile congratulations to

Tom Hall, Dean Muir and Jeremy Crowther for coaching Settle year 8 girls and Settle year 10 girls through to the Champion Schools finals which take place on August 28 in Uxbridge as part of the build-up to the Challenge Cup final.

It is the first time Settle have had a girls rugby team with success and again shows the fantastic work this club does in the community. So well done to Settle and I am sure they will have a great time in London with their respective finals and then being invited to the cup final. Enjoy a good, entertaining game today.

Coach, Barry Eaton

Remember to fly Cougars flag

Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's fixture against Hornets. On their last visit to Cougar Park they blunted our hopes in the play-offs and I expect it will be another keen encounter between the two clubs.

I suppose like me you were very disappointed with our defeat in front of the television cameras when we were at Dewsbury. That kind of thing happens in rugby league and, while everybody at the club was very down in the mouth in the immediate aftermath of the game, we've picked ourselves up since then.

Head coach Barry Eaton has been working very hard along with the players in restoring the spirit in the dressing room and after all that graft we're now ready to get 'back on the horse'.

We do have the return fixture against the Rams to look forward to next month. Sky's cameras will be here at Cougar Park to capture the return fixture and I know that our boys are determined to give a far better account of themselves.

I don't want to take anything away from the Rams' performance that night - they're a good side who played well on the day - but there is a confidence at Cougar Park that our team has far more to offer than we saw two weeks ago.

As part of the fans' contribution to the game against the Rams they can wave the specially commissioned flags that can be obtained from the Cougars shop or office. They cost a modest £4 and are made of sturdy materials.

And don't forget - any fan who buys his or her flag before the game against Dewsbury Rams on July 30 will qualify for



Minister for Sport Gerry Sutcliffe MP
a discount on their match ticket of £1 for the televised game.

Today we also welcome the country's Minister for Sport Gerry Sutcliffe MP to Cougar Park. He is paying a visit as part of the national launch of our Playing for Success classroom - Cougar Pride.

Gerry, who is the Member of Parliament for Bradford South, is very welcome here at Keighley Cougars. We're very proud of the Cougar Pride classroom and I know the centre manager Liz Kidman and classroom assistant Rachel Pressley are looking forward to showing off some of their achievements with the Keighley and District schoolchildren.

The Cougars are also intensely proud of the work they doing in the community and in the last few weeks. We've seen the delivery of the Street Academy programmes backed by both Bradford Council community engagement department and Incommunities Ltd, the biggest provider of social housing the Bradford region.

The Cougar Community Foundation and our club Development staff have every reason to be proud of what they have created as many youngsters who hadn't previously

come into contact with rugby league have now had their first taste of what we believe to be a great family sport.

This kind of activity is time-consuming and involves a great deal of attention from the Cougars staff but we believe the work is worth it as it helps lift the club's profile; the awareness of rugby league as a sport and engages us with more and more people throughout Keighley, surrounding districts and North Yorkshire.

It is now almost a year since we launched the KC Club and we've been reviewing its progress. There's no doubt Keighley and the country have suffered badly throughout the current economic turmoil but the KC Club membership has remained pretty much consistent throughout all the troubles.

Since Elkie Fisher left the Cougars a couple of months ago we've been lucky to have that loyal club servant Anne Self has been running the KC Club's affairs.

Now we're looking to stage some activities for the KC Club members and it would be wonderful if any of the members could give us an idea what they'd like to do. We've held wine evenings and a beer festival for the club and we'd like to know what you'd like to do.

Maybe it would be a rugby league 'Mastermind' or maybe you'd like to go on a trip to a restaurant for a good blow-out.

To let us know you can either telephone Ann at the Cougars Office on 01535 606044 or e-mail media manager John Huxley on john.huxley@keighley-cougars.com. Alternatively you can just pop into the office at Cougar Park and have a chat with us.

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- 8 Dave Ellison
- 9 Gareth Honor
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- Keir Bell
- Bernard Rule
- Jy-Mel Coleman
- John Paxton

Assistant coach: Kevin Reith

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	Scrum half	
	Prop	
	Hooker	
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	2nd row	
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	Loose forward	
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SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

No. PLAYER

- 1 Tom Colleran
- 2 Morgan Starkey
- 3 Lee Lingard
- 4 Craig Bower
- 5 Andrew Tillotson
- 6 Ryan Smith
- 8 Jimmy Elston
- 9 Mike Emmett
- 10 Luke Haigh
- 11 Adam Robinson
- 12 Taron Wildey
- 13 Pat Walker
- 14 Ian Tonks
- 15 Bryn Powell
- 16 Austin Buchanan
- 17 Alex Bretherton
- 18 Chris Spurr
- 19 Liam Finn
- 20 Rob Spicer
- 21 Andy Bostock
- 22 Kane Epati
- 23 Keegan Hirst
- 24 Simon Cook
- 25 Gary North
- 26 Jake Wilson
- 27 Chris Grice
- 28 Liam Crawley
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- 32 Martin Woodhead
- 33 James Walker
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COACH: WARREN JOWITT

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M Kidd

Touch: J Greenwood, S Matthews

Fourth Official: T Mather

BENNETT'S BET

"Harsh lesson for the Skolars against unstoppable Rams - Dewsbury by 68"

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLW

LAST SIX AWAY: LWWWWL

TRIES: Andy Bostock 17, Kane Epati

15, Liam Finn 10, Austin Buchanan

10, Alex Bretherton 9, Bryn Powell 8.

GOALS: Pat Walker 90, Liam Finn 15

DGs: Liam Finn 2.

MAN TO WATCH: Andy Bostock

CLUBCALL

Skolars v Dewsbury

Enfield pupils get taste of rugby league

London Skolars took part in a club open day in conjunction with Broomfield School and Enfield Council.

The day itself was designed to give the children from Broomfield's cluster of primary schools a taste of the culture of sports club participation.

Sports such as athletics, hockey, football, tennis and bowls, as well as rugby league, were available for the children to try.

By Andrew Jackson
Media manager

The glorious weather allowed participants to sample rugby league in all its glory with primary schools St Michael at Bowes, Garfield, Our Lady of Lords and Bowes, as well as host high school, Broomfield, all showing boundless enthusiasm with the ball in hand. Skolars' community rugby league

coach Chad Isles said: "The day is about allowing the kids to sample exactly what out of school hours sport is all about."

"They all understood how committing to a sports club can fun and how it can help you to meet new people and understand the value of an active lifestyle."

All participants were directed towards the Enfield Dragons and Skolars junior setups. Here's to finding a new batch of superstars!

Many thanks to Callum

By chairman Terry Browne

WELCOME to everyone today, especially to our visitors from Dewsbury. It's been a long time without a game.

Hopefully the break will have helped us regroup for the second half of the league campaign although today will be tough against a side that is top of the league.

Unfortunately, the re-grouping will be without Callum Irving, who has announced his resignation as head coach, following a change in his personal and family circumstances, which meant that his continuation in the full time head coach role was unsustainable.

Callum has been with us for 18 months, joining as an assistant to Tony Benson last year, before stepping up to head coach this season. We wish him all the best for the future.

While we consider our longer-term options, Jermaine Coleman (who is recovering from injury and should be back playing in 2010) and Ross Antonioli (who did such good work with the North London Stags this winter) have taken hold of the reins on a temporary basis.

Because of a lack of home games I've not had chance to offer congratulations to Southgate Skolars, who the Padova 9s tournament last month.

It's the third time they've entered the tournament in north-east Italy, winning the Simone Franchini Memorial title after holding off a fierce effort by XIII Catalan juniors in the final.

Three of our first teamers took part - Andre Vine, Jaroslaw Obuchowski and Smokie Junior.

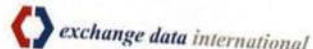
I'm sure a few more of the team will step up in the next couple of years.



Callum Irving has resigned as coach of London Skolars



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30 Andy Saywell

COACH: PAUL KIDD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLWW
LAST SIX HOME: WLWLLW
TRIES: Dave Hull 11, Carl Sneyd 6,
Andy Saywell 5, Gary Hulse 5,
Tommy Grundy 4. GOALS: Carl
Sneyd 51, Graham Holroyd 10. DGs:
Craig Ashall, Graham Holroyd
MAN TO WATCH: Dave Hull

HUNSLET HAWKS

No. TODAY'S TEAM No.

Full back
Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Stand off
Scrum half
Prop
Hooker
Prop
2nd row
2nd row
Loose forward
Interchange 1
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SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

No. PLAYER
1 Nathan Larvin
2 Scott Childs
3 Tom Sheldrake
4 Michael Brown
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COACH: GRAEME HALLAS

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWWL
LAST SIX AWAY: LLWLLW
TRIES: Ayden Faal 10, Michael Mark 7,
Michael Brown 5, Darren Robinson 5
GOALS: Darren Robinson 31, Tom
Sheldrake 11. DGs: Richard Chapman,
Darren Robinson.
MAN TO WATCH: Michael Mark

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G Dolan
Touch: J Page, T Selby
Fourth Official: N Asprey

BENNETT'S BET

"Hawks to pounce on Holroyd-less Lions
- Hunslet by 2"

CLUBCALL

Swinton v Hunslet

Hawks are side with plenty of pedigree

GOOD afternoon and welcome to Sedgley Park for the mid-table clash with Hunslet Hawks, who sit just one place above us and will provide a stern test this afternoon.

The Hawks boast a young squad, many of whom have come from Super League Academy teams, and are capable on there day of beating anyone in this league.

We come into this game fresh after a week off and wanting to build on our last two wins with the majority of the players fit and available

with a big selection headache for the coaching staff. A convincing win would take us above the Hawks.

Also as part of today's fixture we are holding a Charity Lunch which a percentage of proceeds will be donated to the ME Society, Swinton Lions Community Partnership and the Pendlebury Children's Hospital.

I would also like to welcome our guest speaker, Alex Murphy OBE, and sponsors - Swinton Lions Supporters Trust, Premier Building

Services Ltd, Pete Carlin and Co from Thompson & Jones LLP and Alan Marshall of Brian Ellam accountants for today's Charity Lunch.

Welcome also to our local Scout Groups from the Swinton, Pendlebury, and Moorside areas who will today take part in a tag rugby festival after receiving coaching over the past month from our Development Team.

I am sure they are all looking forward to a day out watching the Lions. Our next fixture at home sees us play-

ing Blackpool Panthers, where we are holding our Past Players Reunion with 50 Swinton Lions greats confirmed from the 60s 70s and 80s.

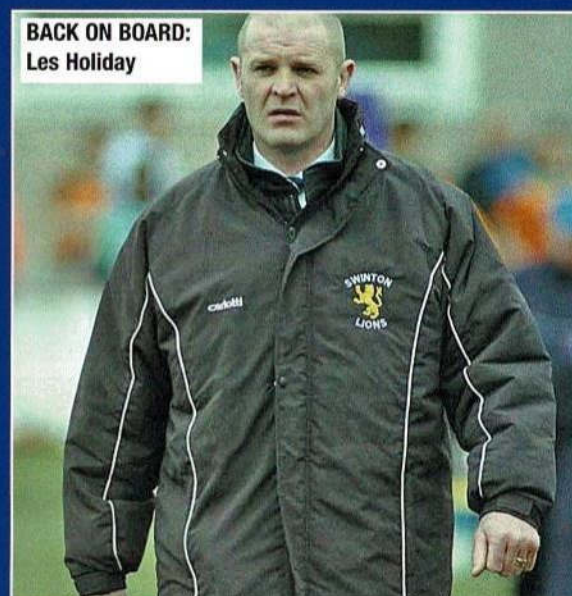
It will be another fantastic day to look forward too and supporters wishing to book Lunch & Crunch can do so by phoning the club on 0871-231-2111.

I hope you enjoy today's game and we strive to secure the victory needed.

Swinton Lions RLFC

Critical we build Town victory

BACK ON BOARD:
Les Holiday



BY HEAD COACH PAUL KIDD

Good afternoon and welcome to Park Lane for this afternoon's crunch game with the Hunslet Hawks.

Our last outing a fortnight ago against an improved Workington side produced exactly what we went there for - that was a much-needed win.

Our display on the day was a little patchy and we must improve today if we are to take the spoils against a strong Hawks side.

I think most coaches will agree the current fixture format of playing two or three then having a free week is proving both frustrating and also challenging in keeping the players focused on the job in hand.

While I am of the opinion the odd week break does not do anybody any harm, giving the players time to recharge their batteries etc, I believe the current struc-

ture needs looking at for next season.

Once again we find ourselves with almost a month gap before our next home fixture due to the Northern Rail Cup final taking place on July 12.

This year's Northern Rail Final will no doubt prove to be a superb advert for National League with two very entertaining sides in Widnes and Barrow reaching the final.

This year over the weekend of the final will also give you the supporters a wonderful chance of not only witnessing a great final but it is the introduction of the newly formed Blackpool nines competition.

As you are probably aware all the Co-

operative teams, with the exception of Barrow and Widnes, will be taking part and I would encourage our own Lions supporters to be a part of our very own Rugby League festival.

I am delighted to have back with me on the coaching staff Les Holiday. I spoke about the possibilities of his return two weeks ago and it did not take him long to make his mind up.

Les is a popular figure throughout the club and I have no doubt his enthusiasm for both Swinton and the game will give the club, on and off the field, a big lift.

We have another tough test next week in travelling to table toppers Dewsbury Rams.

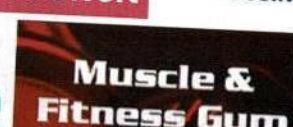
Our next home fixture is on Sunday July 19 against Blackpool Panthers and I look forward to seeing you there.

Enjoy the game.



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1 Danny Ratcliffe
2 Steve Lewis
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4 Dave Clayton
5 Johnny Waldron
6 Adam Mitchell
7 Paul March
8 Danny Ekis
9 Paul Hughes
10 Adam Sullivan
11 Rob Kelly
12 Tom Haberecht
13 Richard Knight
14 Tom Hodgson
15 Chris Clough
16 Jordan Ross
17 Scott Woodcock
18 Steve Grundy
19 Kris Peacock
20 Adam Jones
21 Dave March
22 Tom Stancliffe
23 Adam Endersby
25 Garry Green
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SCORERS

Tries

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COACH: TONY BENSON

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J Leahy. Video referee: J Child.
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Fourth Official: J Downham.

BENNETT'S BET

"Unpredictable Knights to come good - York by 6"

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWWL

LAST SIX AWAY: LW-WWLW

TRIES: Andy Ballard 17, James Coyle 9, Thomas Coyle 9, Marcus St Hilaire 8, Danny Halliwell 8.

GOALS: Andy Ballard 87, Danny Halliwell 3. DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Thomas Coyle

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLLW
LAST SIX HOME: WWWWWL
TRIES: Paul Hughes 13, Danny Ratcliffe 11, Paul March 11, John Oakes 9, Tom Haberecht 9. GOALS: Adam Mitchell 45, Wayne McHugh 13, Richard Knight 11. DGs: -
MAN TO WATCH: Mark Applegarth

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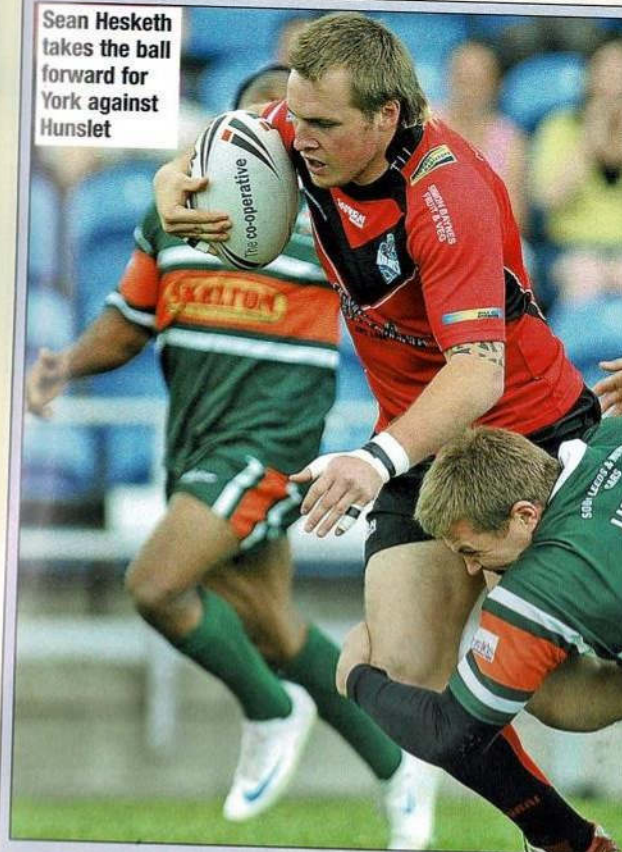
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York v Oldham

Sean Hesketh takes the ball forward for York against Hunslet



Appreciate backing of all our new sponsors

A VERY warm welcome to all in attendance this evening and an especially warm welcome to our match sponsors and their guests - Ryan Gill Bookmakers, SKF(UK)Ltd and The Terrace Sports Bar.

Ryan Gill Bookmakers have been offering first try scorer odds and match specials on all York City Knights matches this season. On top of their comprehensive portfolio of all sports, and special event wagers, where the best odds are always guaranteed.

It is also a pleasure to welcome the directors of Mayfair Security Group, the latest sponsorship partners to the York City Knights.

Mayfair Security have committed to Knights to such an extent that the main stand at Huntington Stadium has been renamed The Mayfair Security Stand.

It is a pleasure to welcome a company with the calibre and standing of the Mayfair Security Group to the club in what we hope will be the beginning of a long-standing partnership.

Once again many, many thanks to all sponsors of the club.

Without your support and generosity it would be an impossible task to keep a progressive, professional club in the city of York.

Simon Moat, commercial manager

Second spot is up for grabs on this big night

GOOD evening and welcome to the Huntington Stadium for the visit of Oldham.

I would like to start by welcoming the players, coaching staff, directors and supporters from Oldham for what is sure to be a fantastic game.

Tonight's game is extremely significant for the Knights for a number of reasons. Firstly a win would take us into second place in Co-operative Championship One and give our chances of promotion a real boost.

Secondly it is the first time we have been shown on Sky Sports since weekly televised games were introduced at this level two seasons ago. We hope this game will help to encourage new supporters to the club as well as encouraging old fans to return.

The Knights fans give the players lots of encouragement and it would be fantastic to see crowds return to the near 2,000 average that we had in our promotion season in 2005.

Prior to today's game 16 schools will be taking part in the girls tag rugby competition and at half time our cheerleading co-ordinator Emma Sellers will be joined by around 50 girls from across the city to perform a special cheer.

As a club we are still extremely active in the local community and we are very proud of the reputation we have. So make sure you give the girls a cheer and make plenty of noise for the Knights.

Enjoy the game!

Ian Wilson, General Manager

Evening of excitement

WELCOME to everyone from Oldham for tonight's top-of-the-league clash.

I love evening games. For some reason it brings a whole different atmosphere to the event, especially this evening when our friends from Sky TV are here to cover the game.

I think the coverage of the Championship is fantastic and all the players and club are looking forward to what will hopefully be a victory on our debut on TV.

The last two weeks have been good to us. We had a very good win at Hunslet where a lot of the things we constantly work on were there for all to see.

The players then had a well-

James Ratcliffe Director of Rugby

earned rest over the weekend which hopefully will see our energy and enthusiasm levels back to their best.

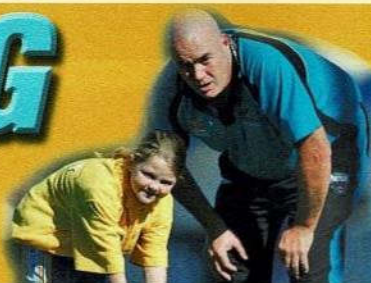
We are now past the half-way point and almost on target to hit our squad goals.

A win tonight will push us into second in the league, if we do win it is then up to the squad to stay there to obtain pole position in the play offs.

I hope the game tonight doesn't let you down and remember to keep making loads of noise.

The players love it!

SPREADING THE WORD



Youngsters who are taking part in London Skolars' Urban Rugby initiative

Skolars add structure to the game in London

AFTER being launched as a pilot in 2008, this season sees the first competition proper of the North London Junior League.

The league has been launched with the support of the borough councils of Haringey, Enfield and Barnet as well as several schools partnerships who will provide the bedrock of participants for the clubs.

The clubs – Arnos Grove Gladiators, East Barnet Bulls, Edmonton Tigers, Hornsey Hawks and Wood Green Warriors – are all based in some of the most challenging areas of the boroughs and offer opportunities to those who are untouched by other sporting opportunities.

The competition will initial-

London Skolars are making a real difference to the lives of kids in some of the most deprived parts of the country. GAME ON reports on how the club is helping to put RL on the map in the capital

ly run at under 11 and under 13 through the winter and will culminate in a grand final series.

The competition will also feed into the Skolars' performance structure and will allow talented athletic North Londoners to develop through community clubs up to a performance level this would be

to follow the example set by Andre Vine and Smokie Junior, who have developed through this system to go on to represent the Skolars first team in the Championship.

Skolars also run a number of successful rugby league derivatives.

Urban Rugby, for example, is in its seventh season and

runs through the summer months.

It is a variation on 13-a-side rugby league but can be played anywhere on any surface from grass to basketball courts.

It has been a tremendous tool both in getting rugby league out into the more deprived areas of North London but also as a recruitment tool to the Skolars junior ranks.

It is hugely popular in the housing estates of Haringey and Enfield where an estate leader is appointed from the location to lead on the project with the support of the Skolars' community coaches.

A summer course of estate urban rugby is now in full swing this will culminate in the



Girls take part in the Tag Rugby festival in Finsbury Park

annual 'estate of origin' finals which take place at Skolars Friday Night Lights event on the eve of the Carnegie Challenge Cup Final.

Meanwhile a Tag Rugby competition is now in its second season and is a vital part of Skolars' commitment to offer rugby league to all competitors.

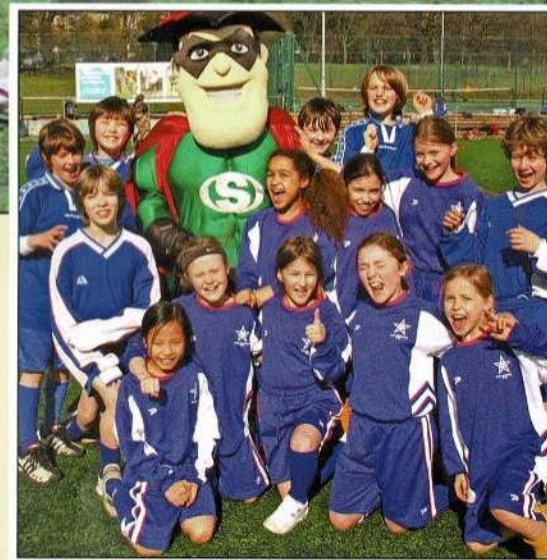
Skolars tag has become an important part of the summer programme at Finsbury Park in North London. The competition runs every Tuesday and is open to both female and male competitors of all age groups and experience.

Skolars are the lead organisation for masters rugby league in London and staged the first ever game of its type

in the capital when the Skolars Masters took on their counterparts from Harlequins Rugby League at New River Stadium as part of the London Rugby League Heritage Day.

To add further glamour to the occasion the game was refereed by former Super League official John Connolly.

Plans are afoot for a rematch as well as to take the Masters on tour around the UK.



Super Skolar helps spread the word to kids of London

Getting fit for park life

FITNESS in the Park is a new initiative for the summer of 2009. It is led by the

Skolars' community coaches and is run on an informal basis.

The project runs in five of the largest parks in the borough of Haringey and utilises the park's natural fitness equipment.

The weekly sessions are based on fun and engaging with a wider section of the North London community for the purposes of raising participation levels and tackling obesity in the borough of Haringey.

KNOW YOUR STUFF?

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP QUIZ

1 Kris Lythe plays at hooker for which co-operative Championship club?

2 What nationality is Doncaster general manager Carl Hall?

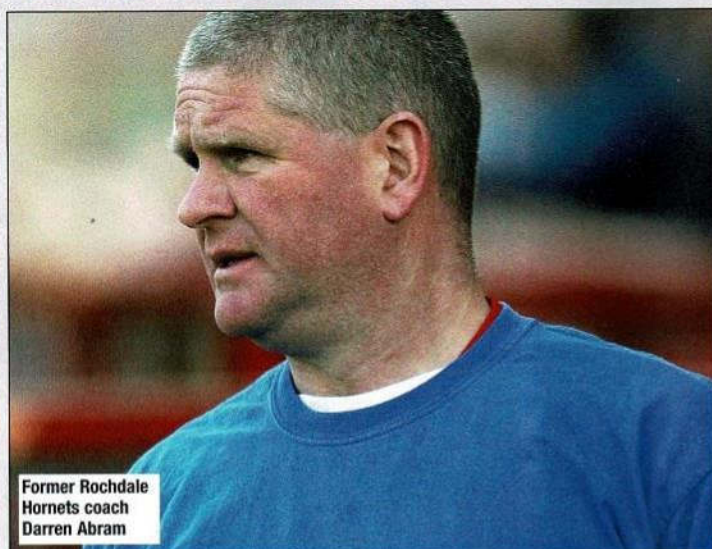
3 Who won the Championship (NL1) in 2003?

4 In what year were Oldham relegated back to Championship One (NL2)?

5 Who served as caretaker coach of Hornets RL between the reigns of Darren Abram and Bobbie Goulding?

6 Who took over from Mark Lee as coach of Blackpool Panthers in 2005?

7 Which former Great Britain captain coached Swinton Lions



Former Rochdale Hornets coach Darren Abram

between 1998 and 2001?

8 For which two current Super League clubs has Swinton skipper Graham Holroyd formerly played?

9 Against which club did Halifax record their record win (88-6) in March 2008?

10 In what year did Oldham sell the Watersheddings?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1 Ken Kelly won the Man of Steel Award in 1981 playing for which club?

2 'Tries the Limit' is the autobiography of which controversial former Great Britain international?

3 In what year did Hull KR's Brian Lockwood win the Lance Todd Trophy?

4 What nationality is former St Helens utility Kel Coslett?

5 In what year did Bradford sign James Lowes from rivals Leeds?

6 Jason Robinson earned which 'comic' nickname whilst playing for Wigan?

7 In what year did Great Britain suffer a record 64-10 defeat to Australia in Sydney?

ANAGRAMS

Rearrange the following phrases to form the names of three London Skolars players

1 OMINOUS JERK

2 HIDE CLASS

3 HUMAN PORTAL

ANSWERS - CHAMPIONSHIP QUIZ: 1. Batley Bulldogs, 2. New Zealand, 3. Salford City Reds, 4. 2006, 5. Shaun Garland, 6. Simon Knox, 7. Mike Gregory, 8. Leeds Rhinos and Salford City Reds, 9. Workington Town, 10. ANAGRAMS: 1. Smoke Juno, 2. Chad Isles, 3. Paul Thorman, 4. Welsh, 5. 1996, 6. Billy Whizz, 7. 2002, 1997, GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: 1. Warrington, 2. Garry Schofield, 3. 1980, 1997, 4. 1996, 5. 1996, 6. Billy Whizz, 7. 2002, 1997, 8. Leeds Rhinos and Salford City Reds, 9. Workington Town, 10.

ON THE MONEY!

Skolars can hold back Dewsbury tide

With a full programme of matches this weekend MIKE OXLEY picks the bones from disrupted form lines



CONGRATULATIONS to both Barrow and Widnes for reaching the Northern Rail Cup final.

There will be a lot of people in Cumbria holding on to some pretty juicy antepost betting slips. One of the biggest rugby league gambles of the year saw Barrow being backed from 66/1 all prices down to 14/1 even before the competition had started.

The result yesterday with Widnes beating Halifax has given the Barrow punters an even better chance of picking up the money with the final now being a toss-of-a-coin affair.

It goes to show if you have the edge or get to know the signings of a local team before the bookmakers catch on to it, it can be pretty prosperous for your back pocket.

After the disruption of the last few weeks through cup competitions, it seems an age since we last had a full weekend of fixtures. But finally we have a full compliment of games for us to take a look at and see if there is any money to be made.

Just glancing over the matches and a few of the games have the look of being very unpredictable and closer than form lines suggest.

The last time Dewsbury met the London Skolars, the Dewsbury man who runs the scoreboard at the Tetley's Stadium put in a request for double time as he had no time to sit down with the Rams racking up 70 points.

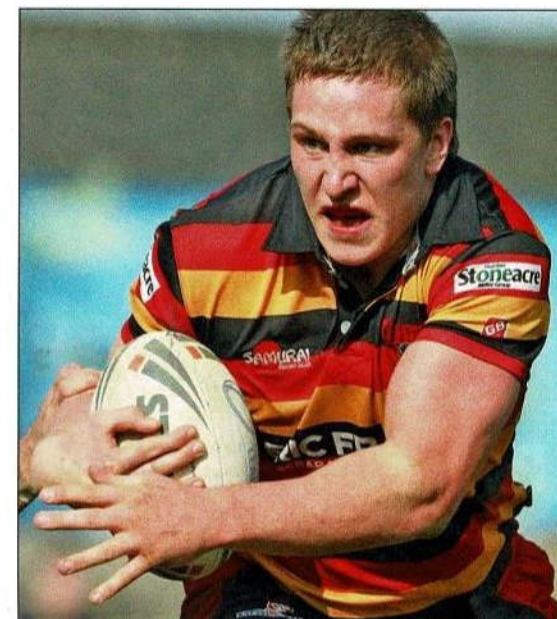
With Dewsbury travelling down to the capital this weekend the handicap will be around 50 points and there is something at the back of my mind that tells me the Skolars will put in a much more spirited performance.

A couple of weeks ago they were only beaten by 16 points against Hunslet and gradually, since the drubbing by Dewsbury, have improved week by week leading to them picking up their first victory by beating Workington at Derwent Park.

I expect London Skolars to stay within the handicap and I would punt any start over 50 offered by the bookies.

With Ian Millward apparently on his way back to Leigh in October, the current season for Centurions looks written off with some very poor performances which culminated with their latest humiliating defeat at home to Gateshead.

When you are out of form and low on confidence, one of the hardest places to visit as an away side is Whitehaven's Recreation



Liam Finn has been one of the stand-out performers for the Rams this season, but will they really pile on the points against London?

ground. The Cumbrians in recent years have been very hard to beat at home and I expect them to chalk up another victory.

Whitehaven would be the first to admit they have had a mixed bag of results themselves this year but I expect them to finish strong and comfortably cement a play-off place. The handicap will be around a 12 points start to Leigh which I expect Whitehaven to cover with ease.

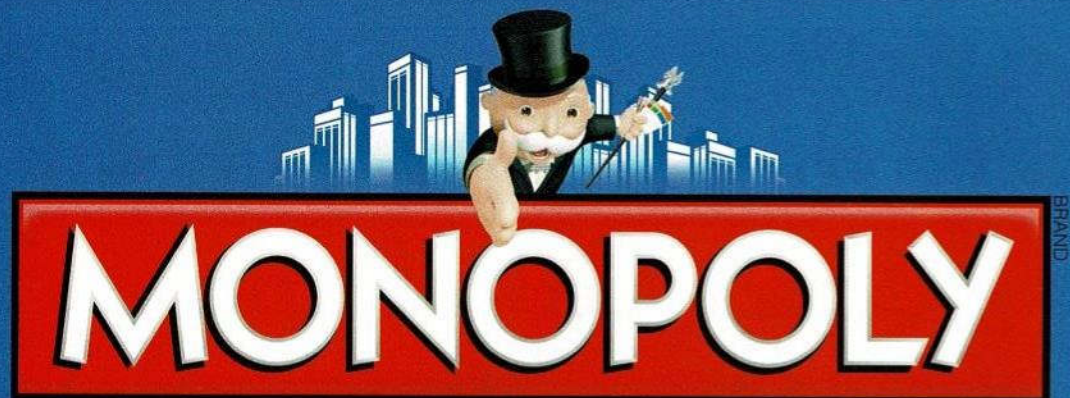
And finally 'where you start is not as important as where you finish' is a quote by Zig Zigler, who is one of America's greatest motivational speakers.

And this applies to Widnes, who after all the troubles at the start of the season, look as though, through the appointment of Paul Cullen, have the nucleus of being the dominant team in the second part of the season.

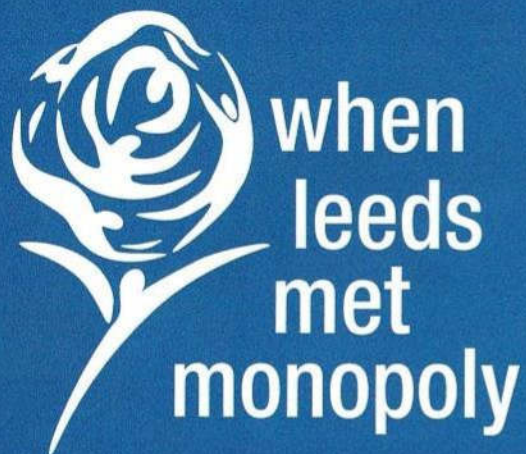
I would suggest that over the next few weeks you stay on the right side of them and invest wisely on them in the handicaps against other teams.

So good luck this week and remember if you ever think you have an edge or value through some good information, make sure you benefit from it through your back pocket.

Contact Mike at michaeloxley@msn.com



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AHEAD OF THE GAME

PAUL BENNETT gives his slant on life in 'the greatest game'

Cumbrians do their talking on the pitch

WELL, Cumbrians have been banging on for years about how they should have a team in Super League.

Now, at long, long, last, it seems like some of them are finally cutting the crap and getting their arses into gear.

It's alright whingeing about how one of the traditional heartlands of the game is being 'ignored' by the RFL in favour of 'new' territories like Wales and the South of France.

The fact of the matter is that both the Catalans and the Crusaders wanted a Super League licence far, far more than anyone up in the far North West.

By refusing to pool resources, Whitehaven and Workington have missed their chance of a joint licence bid. Now, a genuine 'new' Cumbrian force has emerged.

Next month, Barrow Raiders will take part in the Northern Rail Cup Final in Blackpool and, if they win that game, they'll then be eligible to apply for a top flight licence in 2012.

It's gratifying to see Barrow owner Des Johnston largely staying away from public complaints about the game 'betraying' its roots and instead investing his hard-earned cash to bankroll success at Craven Park and get the town interested in its rugby league team once again. It's refreshing to see they've



Major recent signing Ned Catic goes on a run for Barrow against Featherstone

refused to play the 'victim' card like some of the other Championship clubs have since they were snubbed for a licence last time, or simply found themselves not in a position to apply at all.

Where some clubs' so-called Super League ambitions have been merely pipe

dreams (Doncaster anyone?), Barrow's claims seem credible and realistic.

What this all means is that, on July 12, we'll probably see the most meaningful Northern Rail Cup final to date.

It's interesting that it's Widnes Vikings who stand in Barrow's way.

The Vikings have the air of a Super League licence-holder in-waiting, but if that's going to be the case then they're going to have to get their act together over the next few years.

They have the stadium and they have history, but the prospect of introducing them into Super League isn't as sexy and exciting as a second French team or a Cumbrian franchise.

It's a similar story for Halifax too. Both they and Widnes will have to make their case almost undeniable if they're to persuade the RFL to go with such an uninspiring selection.

Hence why it's vital that they dominate the Championship and Northern Rail Cup finals over the next two years to make sure they don't give anyone else a sniff.

Should make for some interesting viewing at Bloomfield Road in a fortnight's time.

Bring on Blackpool, I say! 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside...'

Paul Bennett is deputy editor of League Weekly



GET YOUR FIX...

NORTHERN RAIL CUP

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Keighley Cougars 40, Gateshead Thunder 20

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Sheffield Eagles 38, Hunslet Hawks 16

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Widnes Vikings 20, Oldham 22

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Doncaster RLFC 6, Featherstone Rovers 32

Gateshead Thunder 44, Sheffield Eagles 18

Leigh Centurions 74, London Skolars 6

Whitehaven 52, Batley Bulldogs 30

Blackpool Panthers 16, Keighley Cougars 14

Dewsbury Rams 50 Swinton Lions 0

Hunslet Hawks 10, Halifax RLFC 38

Hornets RL 12, Barrow Raiders 54

Workington Town 10 York City Knights 34

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Batley Bulldogs 18, Doncaster RLFC 22

Featherstone Rovers 10, Leigh Centurions 6

York City Knights 36, Whitehaven 6

Oldham 54, Hornets RL 4

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Widnes Vikings 40, Gateshead Thunder 18

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Batley Bulldogs 40, York City Knights 28

Featherstone Rovers 26, Dewsbury Rams 28

Halifax RLFC 40, Barrow Raiders 10

Whitehaven 26, Workington Town 12

Keighley Cougars 44, Hunslet Hawks 6

London Skolars 12, Doncaster RLFC 40

Oldham 22, Sheffield Eagles 34

Hornets RL 28, Blackpool Panthers 26

Swinton Lions 26, Leigh Centurions 34

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Barrow Raiders 34, Keighley Cougars 7

Gateshead Thunder 46, Hornets RL 22

Leigh Centurions 24, Whitehaven 22

Sheffield Eagles 18, Halifax RLFC 50

Blackpool Panthers 16, Widnes Vikings 46

Dewsbury Rams 34, Batley Bulldogs 14

Workington Town 6, Featherstone Rovers 38

Doncaster RLFC 36, Swinton Lions 28

Hunslet Hawks 14, Oldham 32

York City Knights 58 London Skolars 12

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Barrow Raiders 12, Widnes Vikings 4

Halifax RLFC 50, Blackpool Panthers 28

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

CHALLENGE CUP THIRD ROUND

Keighley Cougars 30, Pia 24

Queens 12, Doncaster RL 16

Siddal 6, Swinton Lions 10

Widnes Vikings 88, Saddleworth Rangers 0

Workington 6, FC Lezignan-Corbieres 18

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

CHALLENGE CUP THIRD ROUND

Barrow Raiders 44, Blackpool Panthers 12

Dewsbury Rams 18, Carcassonne 6

Featherstone Rovers 94, British Army 2

Gateshead Thunder 42, Whitehaven 38

Halifax 80, Loughborough Univ 16

Leeds Met 24, Hornets RL 38

Leigh Centurions 82, Lokomotiv Moscow 6

Oldham Roughyeds 26, Sharston Rovers 8

Pilkingtons 24, Batley Bulldogs 34

Sheffield Eagles 22, Toulouse 6

Wath Brow Hornets 14, London Skolars 12

York City Knights 50, Wigan St Patricks 10

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

CHALLENGE CUP THIRD ROUND

Kells 12, Hunslet Hawks 22

NORTHERN RAIL CUP

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Swinton Lions 31, Workington Town 24

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

London Skolars 14, Dewsbury Rams 42

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

CHAMPIONSHIP

Widnes Vikings 70 Toulouse Olympique 0

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

CHAMPIONSHIP

Barrow Raiders 34, Doncaster RLFC 14

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

CHAMPIONSHIP

Batley Bulldogs 8, Featherstone Rovers 34

Sheffield Eagles 22, Leigh Centurions 23

Whitehaven 42, Gateshead Thunder 18

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Oldham 36, Blackpool Panthers 18

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)

Halifax RLFC 24, Widnes Vikings 14

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

CHAMPIONSHIP

Toulouse Olympique 12, Sheffield Eagles 18

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

CHAMPIONSHIP

Featherstone Rovers 26, Whitehaven 52

Gateshead Thunder 14, Barrow Raiders 38

Leigh Centurions 28, Batley Bulldogs 34

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Workington Town 21, Hornets RL 14

Blackpool Panthers 34, Hunslet Hawks 26

Dewsbury Rams 28, York City Knights 2

Keighley Cougars 34 Oldham 26

London Skolars 16, Swinton Lions 66

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)

Batley Bulldogs 20, Gateshead Thunder 20

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

CHAMPIONSHIP

Whitehaven 40, Toulouse Olympique 26

Barrow Raiders 24, Halifax RLFC 26

Widnes Vikings 28, Sheffield Eagles 20

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

CHAMPIONSHIP

Doncaster RLFC 18, Leigh Centurions 24

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Hornets RL 31 Dewsbury Rams 33

Swinton Lions 36, Keighley Cougars 28

York City Knights 22, Blackpool Panthers 20

Hunslet Hawks 71, London Skolars 0

Oldham 66, Workington Town 14

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

CHALLENGE CUP, FOURTH ROUND

Halifax 20, Widnes Vikings 16

Sheffield Eagles 28, Dewsbury Rams 18

Swinton Lions 22, Hornets RL 28

Wakefield Trin Wildcats 54 Leigh Centurions 0

Hull KR 32, Celtic Crusaders 6

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

CHALLENGE CUP, FOURTH ROUND

Warrington Wolves 56 York City Knights 10

Harlequins RL16, Huddersfield 42

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

CHALLENGE CUP, FOURTH ROUND

Batley Bulldogs 28, Hunslet Hawks 24

Oldham 60, Lezignan 30

Featherstone 54, Wath Brow Hornets 16

Catalans Dragons 40, Bradford Bulls 28

Barrow Raiders 20, Wigan Warriors 32

Keighley Cougars 20, Castleford Tigers 64

Doncaster 18, Gateshead Thunder 32

Hull FC 18, Salford City Reds 22

Leeds Rhinos 18, St Helens 22

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sheffield Eagles 22, Doncaster RLFC 23

Halifax RLFC 72, Batley Bulldogs 0

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

CHAMPIONSHIP

Gateshead Thunder 2, Featherstone Rovers 23

Barrow Raiders 18, Whitehaven 12

Widnes Vikings 8, Leigh Centurions 10

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Hornets RL 18, Oldham 26

Workington Town 16, Hunslet Hawks 24

Blackpool Panthers 12, Swinton Lions 16

Dewsbury Rams 70, London Skolars 0

Keighley Cougars 13, York City Knights 12

MONDAY, APRIL 13

CHAMPIONSHIP

Featherstone Rovers 20, Sheffield Eagles 12

Leigh Centurions 16, Barrow Raiders 25

Sheffield Eagles 22, Toulouse Olympique 60

Doncaster RLFC 18, Widnes Vikings 24

Whitehaven 18, Halifax RLFC 24

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Swinton Lions 42, Workington Town 28

York City Knights 44, Hornets RL 14

Hunslet Hawks 21, Keighley Cougars 18

London Skolars 10, Blackpool Panthers 48

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)

Gateshead Thunder 41, Sheffield Eagles 36

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

CHAMPIONSHIP

Widnes Vikings 40, Batley Bulldogs 18

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

CHAMPIONSHIP

Toulouse Olympique 46, Leigh Centurions 10

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

CHAMPIONSHIP

Halifax RLFC 44, Doncaster RLFC 12

Whitehaven 16, Featherstone Rovers 44

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Oldham 12, Dewsbury Rams 36

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)

Leigh Centurions 16, Featherstone Rovers 30

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

CHAMPIONSHIP

Barrow Raiders 52, Batley Bulldogs 0

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

CHAMPIONSHIP

Halifax RLFC 72, Gateshead Thunder 28

Doncaster RLFC 18, Toulouse Olympique 48

Sheffield Eagles 20, Widnes Vikings 22

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Hornets RL 46, London Skolars 8

Workington Town 6, York City Knights 36

Dewsbury Rams 30, Hunslet Hawks 10

Keighley Cougars 42, Blackpool Panthers 22

Oldham 52, Swinton Lions 36

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)

Featherstone Rovers 26, Halifax RLFC 39

FRIDAY, MAY 1

CHAMPIONSHIP

Widnes Vikings 6, Barrow Raiders 27

Gateshead Thunder 45, Doncaster RLFC 42

SATURDAY, MAY 2

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

London Skolars 10, Oldham 78

SUNDAY, MAY 3

CHAMPIONSHIP

Toulouse Olympique 38, Whitehaven 12

MONDAY, MAY 4

CHAMPIONSHIP

Batley Bulldogs 16, Leigh Centurions 18

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Swinton Lions 22, Dewsbury Rams 35

York City Knights 24, Keighley Cougars 22

Blackpool Panthers 24, Hornets RL 12

Hunslet Hawks 28, Workington Town 12

THURSDAY, MAY 7

CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)

Whitehaven 26, Widnes Vikings 22

SATURDAY, MAY 9

CHALLENGE CUP, FIFTH ROUND

Castleford 34, Halifax 34 - Cas by golden point

Gateshead 34, Oldham 16

SUNDAY, MAY 10

CHALLENGE CUP, FIFTH ROUND

Huddersfield 38, Rochdale 12

Featherstone 8, Warrington 56

Hull KR 34, Sheffield Eagles 24

Batley Bulldogs 4, Salford City Reds 66

THURSDAY, MAY 14

CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)

Leigh Centurions 23, Widnes Vikings 16

SATURDAY, MAY 16

CHAMPIONSHIP

Toulouse Olympique 22, Barrow Raiders 14

SUNDAY, MAY 17

CHAMPIONSHIP

Featherstone Rovers 68, Doncaster RLFC 12

Gateshead Thunder 34, Whitehaven 38

Halifax RLFC 26, Sheffield Eagles 40

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Hornets RL 36, York City Knights 30

Dewsbury Rams 42, Blackpool Panthers 16

Keighley Cougars 32 Swinton Lions 16

Workington Town 18, London Skolars 24

Oldham 22, Hunslet Hawks 16

THURSDAY, MAY 21

CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)

Doncaster RLFC 4, Halifax RLFC 36

SATURDAY, MAY 23</

WHAT A RESULT!



NORTHERN RAIL CUP SEMI-FINALS

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Halifax 22
Tries: Black, Royston 2,
Tamghart. Goals: Patterson 3.
Widnes Vikings 27
Tries: Dodd, Thackeray 3.
Goals: Hall 5. Drop Goal: Hall.
Half-time: 6-14.
Attendance: 3,972.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

Barrow Raiders 16
Tries: Ellis 2. Goals: Holt 4.
Featherstone Rovers 10
Tries: Briggs, Haughey.
Goals: Hirst.
Half-time: 8-4.
Attendance: 2,775.

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

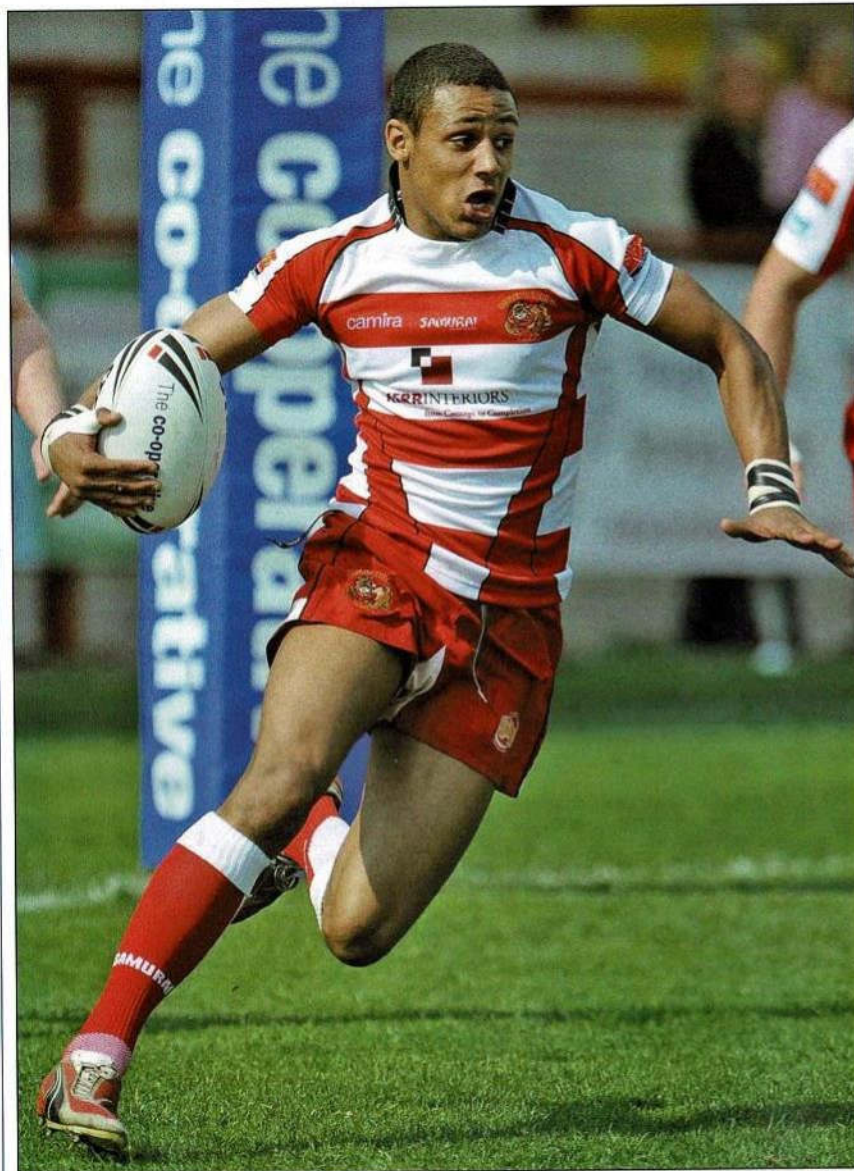
Doncaster 6
Try: Ellery. Goal: Weeden.
Batley Bulldogs 70
Tries: Potter, Greenwood,
Handforth, Campbell 4,
Gallagher, McGillvary, Barlow,
Preece 2. Goals: Mennell 11.
Half-time: 0-22.
Attendance: 565.

RESERVE TEAM DIVISION ONE

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Hunslet Hawks 32
Tries: Glynn, Young, Howey,
Bradley, Stead. Goals: Gordon 6.
Sheffield Eagles 22
Tries: Thackeray 2, Keswick 2.
Goals: Pygot 3.
Half-time: 6-22.

Whitehaven 50
Tries: Fox (S) 4, Fox (R) 2, Smith
(C) 2, Lancaster, Smith (D).
Goals: Watson 3, Jackson 2.
Oldham 18
Tries: Baraclough 2, O'Brien,
Heaton. Goal: Coates



Half-time: 36-4.

FORTHCOMING RESERVE FIXTURES

Thursday, June 25
Featherstone v Dewsbury 7.30pm

Friday, June 26
Barrow v Keighley 2.30pm.
Leigh v Whitehaven 2.30pm.
Oldham v York City 2.30pm.
Sheffield v Doncaster 2.30pm.

2009 Reserve Team First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PD	Pts
Hunslet	11	8	0	3	486	194	292	16
Featherstone	9	8	0	1	377	154	223	16
Leigh	9	6	0	3	369	229	140	12
Whitehaven	9	6	0	3	244	233	11	12
Barrow	10	5	0	5	284	220	64	10
Keighley	8	5	0	3	211	266	-55	10
Widnes	8	4	0	4	308	221	87	8
Sheffield	7	3	0	4	195	270	-75	6
Oldham	6	2	0	4	131	208	-77	4
York	10	2	0	8	180	426	-246	4
Dewsbury	5	1	0	4	120	156	-36	2
Doncaster	8	0	0	8	132	460	-328	0

Batley's flying winger Johnny Campbell, who claimed four tries during the rout of Doncaster on Sunday

STATS SERVICE



LEADING POINTS SCORERS

PLAYER/CLUB	T	G	DG	Pts
Andy Ballard (Oldham)	17	87	242	
Gregg McNally (White)	25	60	220	
Pat Walker (Dewsbury)	4	90	196	
Lee Patterson (Halifax)	7	69	166	
Jonny Woodcock (Sheff)	7	64	156	
Ian Mort (Leigh)	9	50	136	
Michael Knowles (G'head)	6	56	136	
Nathan Wynn (Toulouse)	4	58	132	
Danny Jones (Keighley)	2	60	129	
Carl Sneyd (Swinton)	6	51	126	
Stuart Dickens (Feath)	1	53	110	
Adam Mitchell (York)	3	45	102	
Johnny Leather (Black)	10	26	92	
Ben Black (Halifax)	16	12	88	
Darren Robinson (Hunslet)	5	31	83	
Paul Mennell (Batley)	5	31	82	
Scott Yates (Widnes)	4	33	82	
Paul Noone (Barrow)	1	39	82	
Darren Holt (Barrow)	1	37	80	
Jon Presley (Keighley)	18	1	73	
Shad Royston (Halifax)	18		72	
George Flanagan (Batley)	7	22	72	
Liam Finn (Dewsbury)	10	15	72	
Luke Branighan (G'head)	13	8	68	
James Nixon (Barrow)	17		68	
Andy Bostock (Dewsbury)	17		68	
Stuart Sanderson (G'head)	16		64	
Gavin Dodd (Widnes)	9	12	60	
Chris Giles (Hornets)	5	20	60	
Kane Epati (Dewsbury)	15		60	
Iestyn Harris (Feath)	5	19	58	
Jermaine McGillvary (Bat)	14	1	58	
Andy Kain (Feath)	14	1	58	
Tim Hartley (Widnes)	2	24	56	
Miles Greenwood (Halifax)	14		56	
Carl Forber (Workington)	2	22	52	
Mick Govin (Halifax)	1	24	52	
Andy Ellis (Barrow)	13		52	
Paul Hughes (York)	13		52	
Martin Ainscough (Hornets)	12		48	
Tommy Haughey (Feath)	12		48	
Jon Steel (Featherstone)	12		48	
Joe McLockan (Feath)	7	9	46	
Danny Ratcliffe (York)	11	1	46	
Wayne McHugh (York)	5	13	46	
Dave Hull (Swinton)	11		44	
Lee Mapals (Keighley)	11		44	
Sean Penkwyicz (Halifax)	11		44	
Paul March (York)	11		44	
Ben McAlpine (Gateshead)	9	4	44	
James Haley (Halifax)	6	10	44	
Gareth Langley (Blackpool)	5	12	44	
Liam McGovern (Hornets)	2	17	43	
Joe McLockan (Feath)	6	9	42	
Austin Buchanan (Dews)	10		40	
Said Tamghart (Halifax)	10		40	
Jamie Durbin (Leigh)	10		40	
Ayden Faal (Hunslet)	10		40	
Paddy Flynn (Widnes)	10		40	

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	PD	Pts
Halifax	10	9	0	1	0	393	190	203	27
Barrow	11	8	0	3	3	326	170	156	27
Widnes	13	7	0	6	5	376	278	98	26
Toulouse	11	7	0	4	1	348	302	46	22
Featherstone	11	7	0	4	0	335	271	64	21
Whitehaven	12	6	0	6	3	352	338	14	21
Sheffield	11	4	0	7	7	294	257	37	19
Leigh	11	5	0	6	3	204	285	-81	18
Batley	12	4	1	7	2	300	420	-120	16
Gateshead	11	3	1	7	1	288	419	-131	12
Doncaster	11	1	0	10	3	179	465	-286	6

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	PD	Pts
Dewsbury	10	10	0	0	0	420	131	289	30
Oldham	9	7	0	2	1	362	208	154	22
York	10	6	0	4	3	302	175	127	21
Keighley	10	6	0	4	3	283	235	48	21
Hunslet	10	6	0	4	2	292	214	78	20
Swinton	10	6	0	4	0	309	287	22	18
Blackpool	9	3	0	6	3	220	236	-16	12
Workington	10	1	0	9	3	153	394	-241	6
London Skolars	9	1	0	8	0	92	511	-419	3
Rochdale *	9	2	0	7	5	223	265	-42	2

NORTHERN RAIL CUP 2009 TABLES

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	PD	Pts
Halifax (Q)	4	4	0	0	0	178	66	112	12
Oldham (Q)	4	3	0	1	1	130	72	58	10
Barrow Raiders (Q)	4	3	0	1	0	110	63	47	9
Widnes Vikings (Q)	4	2	0	2	2	110	68	42	8
Keighley Cougars	4	2	0	2	1	105	76	29	7
Gateshead Thunder	4	2	0	2	0	128	120	8	6
Sheffield Eagles	4	2	0	2	0	108	132	-24	6
B'pool Panthers	4	1	0	3	1	86	138	-52	4
Hornets RL	4	1	0	3	0	66	180	-114	3
Hunslet Hawks	4	0	0	4	0	46	152	-106	0

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	PD	Pts
Dewsbury Rams (Q)	4	4	0	0	0	156	52	104	12
York C Knights (Q)	4	3	0	1	1	156	68	88	10
Leigh Cent'ns (Q)	4	3	0	1	1	138	64	74	10
Featherstone (Q)	4	3	0	1	1	106	46	60	10
Doncaster	4	3	0	1	0	104	90	14	9
Whitehaven	4	2	0	2	1	106	102	4	7
Swinton Lions	4	1	0	3	2	85	144	-59	5
Batley Bulldogs	4	1	0	3	1	102	146	-44	4
Workington	4	0	0	4	1	52	129	-77	0
London Skolars	4	0	0	4	0	44	216	-172	0

*Across both the Northern Rail Cup and league campaign, teams will receive three points for a win, two for a draw and one bonus point for losing by 12 points or fewer.

LEADING TRY SCORERS

25	Gregg McNally (Whitehaven)
18	Shad Royston (Halifax) Jon Presley (Keighley)
17	James Nixon (Barrow) Andy Ballard (Oldham) Andy Bostock (Dewsbury)
16	Stuart Sanderson (Gateshead) Ben Black (Halifax)
15	Kane Epati (Dewsbury)
14	Jermaine McGillvary (Batley) Andy Kain (Featherstone) Miles Greenwood (Halifax)
13	Paul Hughes (York) Luke Branighan (Gateshead) Andy Ellis (Barrow)
12	Martin Ainscough (Hornets) Tommy Haughey (Feath) Jon Steel (Featherstone)
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10	Jonny Leather (Blackpool) Liam Finn (Dewsbury) Said Tamghart (Halifax) Ayden Faal (Hunslet) Jamie Durbin (Leigh) Paddy Flynn (Widnes) Austin Buchanan (Dewsbury)
9	Alex Bretherton (Dewsbury) Rob Worrincy (Halifax) Ben McAlpine (Gateshead) Dylan Nash (Gateshead) Stuart Donlan (Leigh) Ian Mort (Leigh) Matt Thomas (Skolars) Thomas Coyle (Oldham) James Coyle (Oldham) Rory Bromley (Toulouse) Gavin Dodd (Widnes) Anthony Thackeray (Widnes) John Oakes (York) Tom Haberecht (York)
8	Bryn Powell (Dewsbury) Tommy Saxton (Feath) Marcus St Hilaire (Oldham) Danny Halliwell (Oldham) Tangi Ropati (Sheffield) Sam Barlow (Sheffield) Ade Adebisi (Whitehaven) Stephen Dawes (Workington)