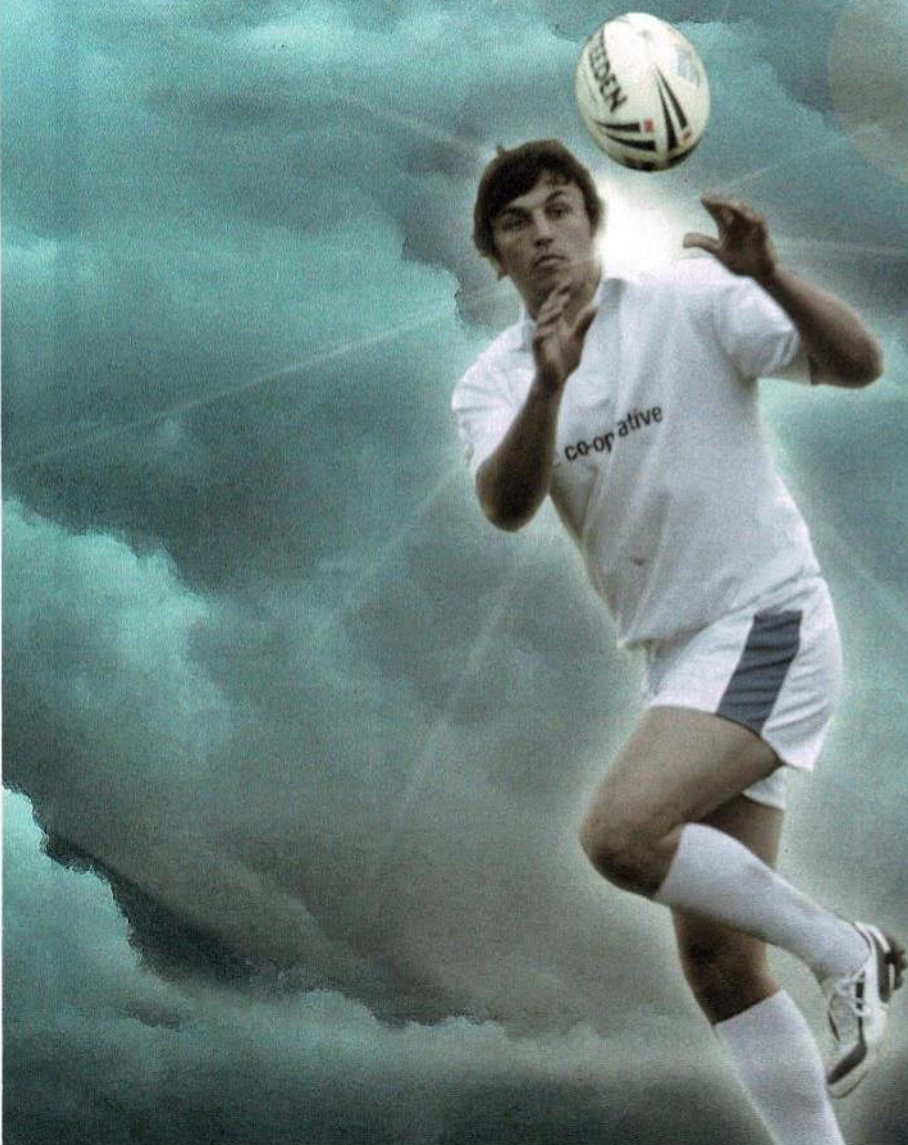


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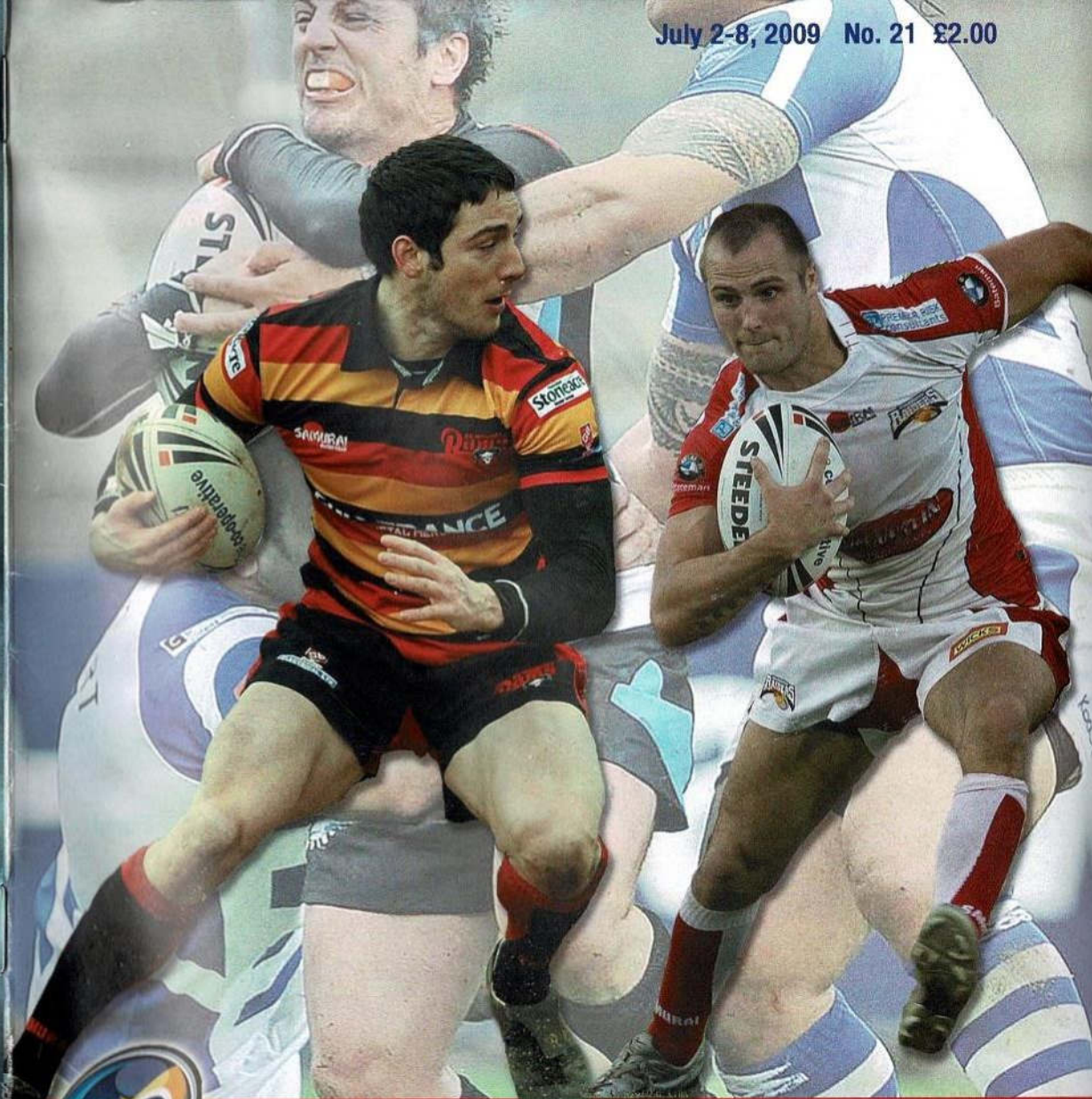
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A real roller coaster ride!

WOW - what a season this is turning out to be. Not only have the newly promoted Barrow Raiders taken the Northern Rail Cup competition by the scruff of the neck and earned themselves a fabulous place at Blackpool, but now the other new boys in The co-operative Championship top flight, Gateshead Thunder, have set the league battle alight by toppling early runaway leaders Halifax.

But what a difference a week, and a result makes! From the highs of reaching the cup final, Barrow then get a thumping at Karl Harrison's resurgent Batley. What action!

The last two weeks have been a massive wake-up call for Matt Calland's men at The Shay. For the first two months of the campaign they looked virtually unbeatable and indeed twice took the spoils from Widnes Vikings - a club not without its troubles in the early stages.

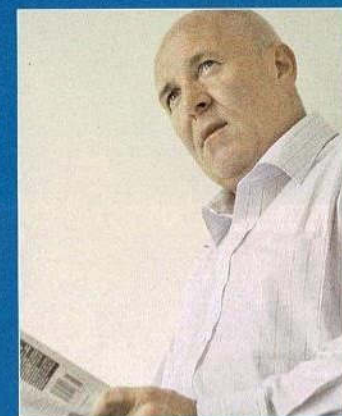
And at a time when even the bookies were treating 'Fax like lepers, such was the apparent superiority of their domination, along came Paul Cullen's Vikings with a stunning semi-final win to earn a place at Blackpool. Even though no one at Halifax would have ever taken the result for granted, with a home 'semi' they could have been forgiven for not practising their 9-a-side skills.

And yet with just over a week to go, that's the bottom line - they will be lining up alongside the other Northern Rail 9s hopefuls in the Championships' first ever festival weekend. And while the second tier clubs and their fans might not find a building of the magnificence of Edinburgh Castle or Holyrood when they park their cars and coaches in Blackpool, they will have the Tower, miles of golden beaches and one of the biggest and best amusement parks in Europe as side-shows to The co-operative rugby league family's very own 'magic' weekend.

There is still a long way to go in the race to settle the play-off spots in both The co-operative Championship and Championship 1 competitions. Of the many and various 'truisms' that sporting clichés throw up, never has it been more clear that it isn't how you start a season, but how you finish it, that counts.

It's a fair bet that there are more than a few twists in the tail - and the tale - of the 2009 season before we count down to the Grand Final prize.

For now, let's come together to make 'Blackpool rock' next weekend in a real party atmosphere with every club in our competition able to play its own part. And let's just keep our fingers crossed that the summer weather plays its part too!



Danny Lockwood, Publisher

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the world according to **WILKO**

In this instalment of 'The World According to Wilko' read about the Saints' top-flight action, Jon's BBC Radio Five Live commentary and this week's top Championship ties

I'm lucky to be part of a great Saints side and we kept ourselves on track last weekend with a 30-0 win at home to Celtic Crusaders. It was a strong top-versus-bottom tie with the Crusaders really going for it, but we put up a good challenge and thankfully came out on top.

Lee Gilmour deserves a special mention too as he opened the game with his 50th try for Saints after a quick feed from Leon Pryce – well done mate!

The Rhinos are still hot on our heels too after their close encounter with Bradford. Bradford versus Leeds is always a tough encounter, being a local derby, and the match went right down to the wire.

Last Sunday I was on Radio Five Live to talk about the Warrington game and what a game! As a Hull lad I like to keep an eye on my home town, even if it was FC not KR.

Warrington were behind until a brilliant try from Chris Riley brought it back level just before half time. It was a good result for Warrington as it keeps them right in the hunt for a top-eight finish.

This week we head to Salford. They've had a tough season so far but as it's their first back in Super League it was perhaps to be expected, but they've had some good results this season and are a very dangerous team. It will be good to catch up with my mate Robbie Paul and former teammate Willie Talau and the Willows is always a tough place to play at with a passionate crowd.

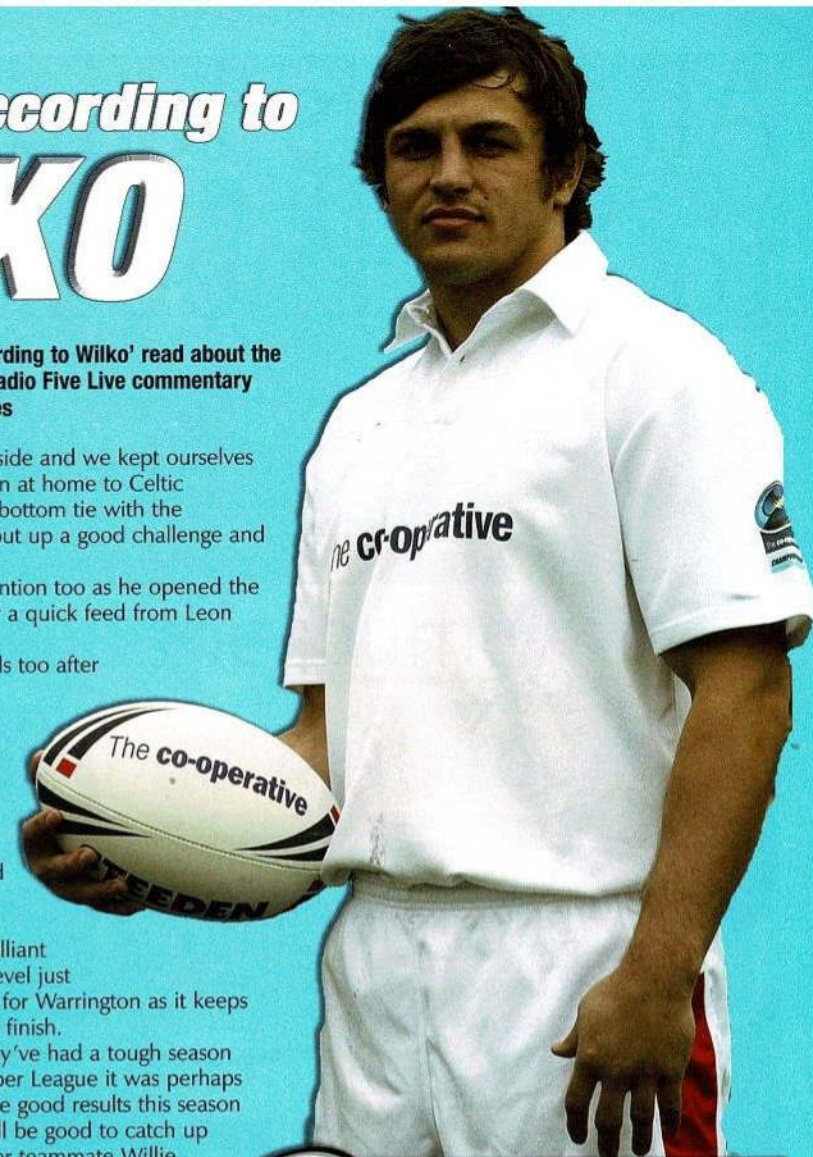
I bet confidence is high at Widnes after they beat league leaders Halifax away from home two weeks ago in the Northern Rail Cup. They'll be eager to continue this and get a result this weekend against bottom side Doncaster. Although Doncaster have only got six points from 12 games this season I reckon Tony Miller will rally his lads for their trip to The Halton Stadium and play their part in the contest.

The other Northern Rail Cup final side, Barrow, take on Toulouse this Thursday after their surprise defeat to Batley last week. I think the lads at Barrow will want to build up momentum ahead of the Northern Rail Cup Final in Blackpool next week, so Toulouse will need to be on top form.

I think it illustrates how competitive the Co-operative Championship is this season as only six points separate the top seven sides. We want healthy competition in sport so this is great to see, and I'm sure the players and fans are enjoying it each week.

Good luck to all the sides playing this weekend, especially Saints!

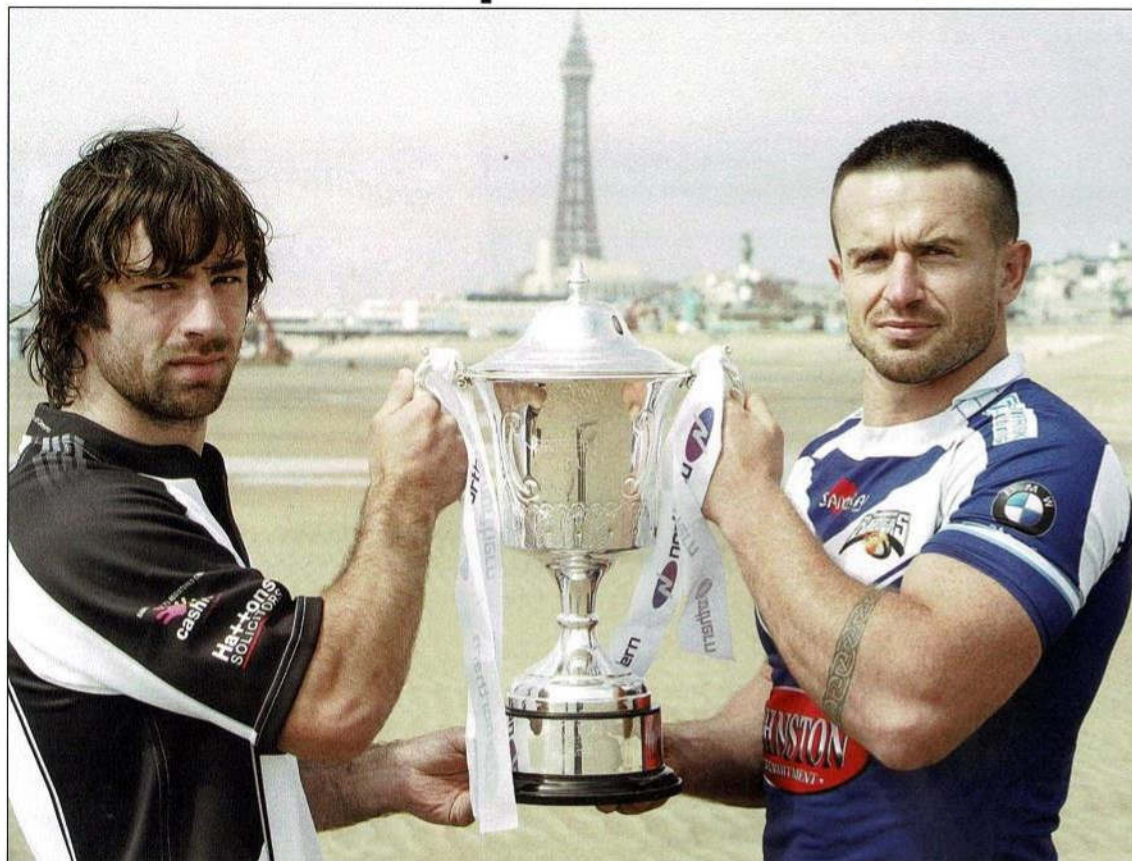
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All roads lead to Blackpool...



A towering match in prospect when Widnes and Barrow meet – and Blackpool is opening its arms to the RL family!

The RFL have confirmed a kick off time of 5:15pm for the Northern Rail Cup Final between Barrow Raiders and the Widnes Vikings next Sunday, July 12, at Bloomfield Road, Blackpool.

And it looks like being a massive sell-out, with just a few tickets left!

As of Tuesday this week Widnes were fully sold out, most of the clubs had sold their allocation and Barrow just had 90 left, with chairman Des Johnston saying they could have filled much bigger grounds than Blackpool! The RFL have held some tickets back for 9s fans wanting to go see the finalists in action.

Red Hall bosses have teamed up

with the Visit Blackpool tourist organisation to provide rugby league fans heading to the seaside resort for the Northern Rail Cup Final and 9s weekend with an array of amazing offers for leading tourist attractions in the town.

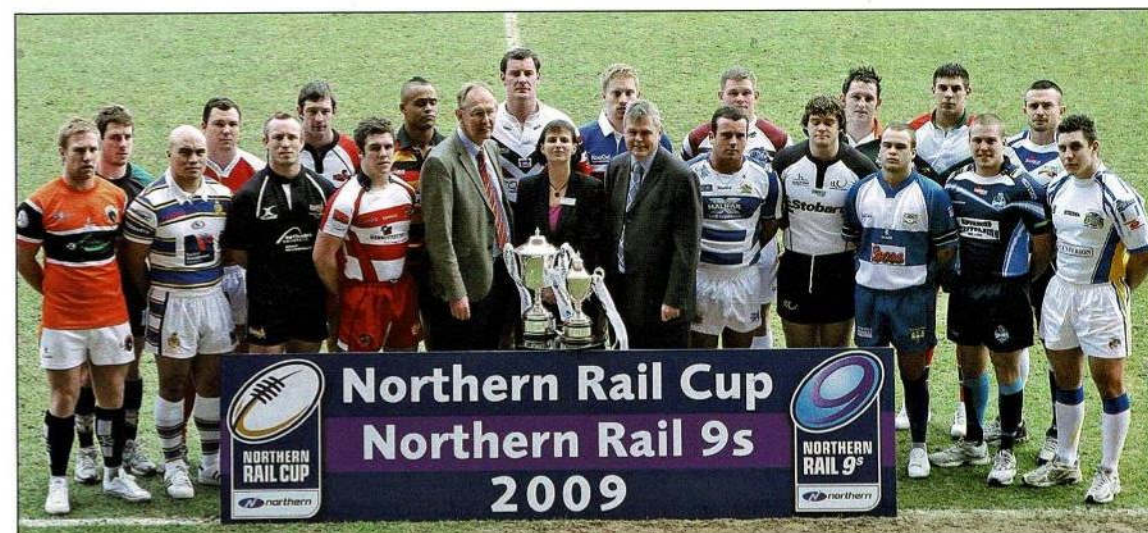
Supporters can download the vouchers for attractions including Blackpool Pleasure Beach, the Sealife Centre and Blackpool Zoo as well as deals for a number of bars and restaurants in the town by visiting www.visitblackpool.com/rugby

To help fans source accommodation in the town over the weekend of rugby, Visit Blackpool have set up a website portal specifically for the

Northern Rail Cup and Northern Rail 9s which can be accessed via www.conferencebookings.co.uk/delegate/BCTRUGBY2009

The Northern Rail Cup Final will be televised live on Sky Sports.

Meanwhile weekend tickets for the Northern Rail 9s event which runs on 11 and 12 July at Fylde RUFC are only available from co-operative Championship clubs and are priced at £9 for adults and £5 for concessions. Should supporters wish to upgrade to a Northern Rail Cup Final ticket prior to the event they should contact the RFL on 0871 226 1313 with an additional £5 (Adults) and £2 (Concessions) charge.



Many started the journey – and everyone will finish it, too!

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Swinton Lions
Hornets RL
Blackpool
Panthers
Dewsbury Rams

GROUP B
Batley Bulldogs
Keighley
Cougars
Hunslet Hawks
Doncaster

GROUP C
London Skolars
Leigh Centurions
Gateshead
Thunder
York City Knights

GROUP D
Whitehaven
Workington
Town
Featherstone
Rovers

GROUP E
Oldham
Sheffield
Eagles
Halifax
RLFC

THE draw for the inaugural Northern Rail Nines competition has been made. All English Championship sides – with the exception of the two Northern Rail Cup finalists Barrow and Widnes – were entered into the draw, which was made on BBC Radio Manchester's Rugby League Extra Show. The 18 teams were drawn into five groups – three consisting of four teams and two groups of three teams.

Championship leaders Halifax, still smarting from their semi final defeat to Widnes, are in Pool E along with Oldham and Sheffield Eagles. Elsewhere, Cumbrian rivals Whitehaven and Workington have been drawn in the same group – Pool D – along with Featherstone Rovers.

Pool A will see a local derby clash with Swinton Lions and Hornets RL in the same group.

The tournament – brand new for 2009 – will be played at Fylde

RUFC, the home of Blackpool Panthers, on the weekend of July 11 and 12.

Each side plays three games in the group stages on day one.

The teams in the four team groups will play round robin, while the teams in the three-team groups will get their three games by playing the teams in the other three-team group.

The top two sides from each four-team group will progress to Sunday's Northern Rail Nines Trophy competition whilst the bottom two will enter the Plate competition. For the sides in the three-team groups, just the top side will be qualifying for the Trophy competition with the remaining teams contesting the Plate.

The competitions then takes a knock-out format with all games up to the final being played at the Panthers' home. The finals of both will be played as curtain raisers to the Northern Rail Cup Final.



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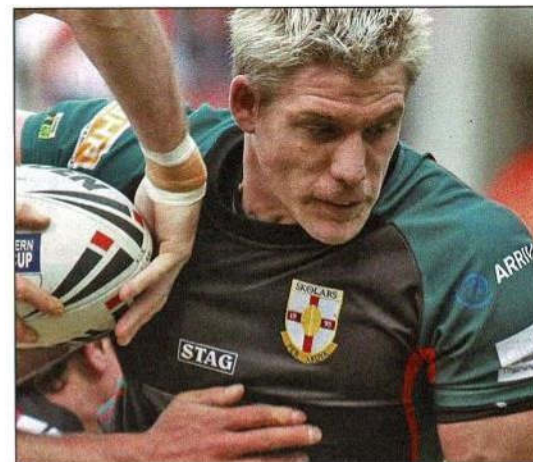
Lighting up again

London Skolars will host Keighley Cougars on the eve of the Carnegie Challenge Cup Final (Friday August 28) in a repeat of last year's successful Friday Night Lights fixture which attracted a sell-out attendance of 1,427.

Skolars have extended the capacity of their ground to 2,000 and are going all out for another sell-out as they hope to attract a club record crowd for a second consecutive year and avenge the narrow 14-18 loss they suffered at the hands of the Cougars in 2008.

Skolars chairman Hector McNeil said: "Friday Night Lights continues to go from strength to strength and with the invention of the Skolars staff they're coming up with some really fun and exciting initiatives for the event itself."

"We're confident it'll be another sell out and are looking forward to opening up both sides of our ground for the first time."



Also included in the day's entertainment will be a steel band and BBQ, Skolars girls, fan games and competitions, the always popular real ale festival as well as the finals of the Skolars 'Urban Rugby' programme - Estate of Origin!

Urban Rugby is in its seventh season and runs

through the summer. It is a variation on 13-a-side 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.

Halifax tie up stars long-term

HALIFAX have announced new contracts for four more first team regulars in the past week. Hooker Mark Gleeson, utility star Bob Beswick, goal kicking winger Lee Paterson and back rower Mark Roberts have all followed coach Matt Calland and pivots Sean Penkywicz and Ben Black in pledging their futures.

WIDNES have extended the loan deals for Warrington duo Kevin Penny and Steve Pickersgill. Since their arrival at the Stobart Stadium, the duo have impressed Vikings

coach Paul Cullen – their former boss. The pair will now remain at the Championship club for the rest of the season, although they can be recalled by the Super League outfit "at any time".

GATESHEAD say they've got a great relationship going with Super League club Castleford Tigers after taking yet another player on loan. Forward Anthony England has moved to the North East for a month, joining Tigers teammates Jamie Cording and Nathan Massey at the Thunderdome. Earlier

in the season, Gateshead had taken Joe Arundel and Jonny Walker on loan too. "Gateshead Thunder are very grateful to Castleford Tigers for the loan of another player," said chief executive Rod Findlay.

LEIGH have been boosted by an investment from five local businessmen ahead of naming Ian Millward as new coach. The ambitious Championship outfit have their sights set on a place in Super League in 2012. And they have now been boosted by the formation of a new group –

the Leigh Corporate Club – which they hope will attract much-needed capital over the next few years.

FEATHERSTONE fear key forward Jamie Field could miss the rest of the season. The former Super League star has been out of action since dislocating his shoulder in the Northern Rail Cup quarter final win over Oldham. And whilst Rovers initially hoped Field would be back in action within a month, there are growing concerns that he could be out for the remainder of the campaign.

LOOK WHO'S BACK...

Former Wigan and St Helens coach Ian Millward is to return to England next season after agreeing a three-year contract with Leigh Centurions.

Millward, 48, who enjoyed a successful stint at Leigh in 1999, is to quit his role as assistant coach with Canberra Raiders to succeed Paul Rowley at the Sports Village in 2010.

"Ian took Leigh from a lowly-placed club to the top four before being released to take over at St Helens in the 2000 season," said chairman Arthur Thomas.

"He created history at Saints, winning two premierships, two Challenge Cups and a World Club Challenge in a six-year term."

"I would like to thank Paul Rowley for his services during the interim period and he will continue at the club as a coach working alongside Ian."

Millward said: "Leigh gave me a start back in 1999 and I will endeavour to repay the club and its supporters with success in the coming seasons."

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Leigh and in Super League and the other reason behind my decision was to be closer to my three children, who still live in England and to allow my wife Marion to live closer to her parents."

"I am also appreciative of Canberra Raiders' decision to release me from my current contract at the end of the 2009 season to allow me to take up the Leigh appointment."



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Barrow v Toulouse



Thursday July 7th, 2009. Kick off 7.30pm. CRAVEN PARK

BARROW RAIDERS

TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE

SPONSOR	No. PLAYER
Advance Roofing Supplies	1 Gary Broadbent
Johnston Recruitment	2 Mike Backhouse
	3 -
Premium Solutions	4 Liam Harrison
Furness Heating Components	5 James Nixon
Jimmy Redfern Associates	6 Liam Finch
The Infield Hotel	7 Liam Campbell
Saunders Transport	8 Brett McDermott
The Marine Travel Company	9 Andrew Ellis
Mike Sear	10 Lee Dutton
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Abbey House Hotel	15 Chris Young
Larry Hunt, Cross Keys	16 Jamie Butler
Coniston Holidays	17 Scott Kaighan
Jimmy Redfern Associates	18 James Finch
Kevin Hodgson	19 Chris Larkin
Paul Turner (NWEM)	20 Nicky Beach
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E.P. Access	25 Sevania Koro
Jimmy Redfern Associates	27 Darren Holt
S & M Leisure (kit)	28 Michael Darby
Nigel and Alison Atkinson	32 Ruairi McGoff
Alastair McGregor	35 Matt Storey

COACH: DAVE CLARK

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWL

LAST SIX HOME: LWWWWW

TRIES: James Nixon 17, Andrew Ellis

14, Liam Finch 7, Liam Campbell 7,

Liam Harrison 7, Chris Larkin 6, Ned

Catic 6. GOALS: Paul Noone 41, Darren

Holt 37. DGs: Darren Holt 2.

MAN TO WATCH: Zeb Luisi

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: G Hewer

Touch: S Barrie, P Wharton

Video referee: TBC going to press

BENNETT'S BET

"Raiders to avenge defeat
across the Channel - Barrow by 8"

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

COACH: GILLES DUMAS

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWWL

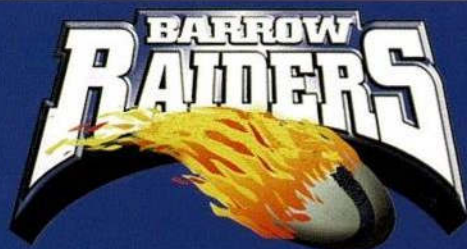
LAST SIX AWAY: LWWLW

TRIES: Rory Bromley 9, Damian
Couturier 7, Constant Villegas 6,
Nathan Wynn 4, Sebastien Planas 4.

GOALS: Nathan Wynn 58, Couturier 3

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Damian Couturier



CLUBCALL

Barrow v Toulouse

A warm welcome – but not too warm...!



B onsoir et bienvenue au stade de Mark Coward au Craven Park chacun – mais particulièrement nos visiteurs de Toulouse.

The trip to France earlier in the season was highly enjoyable, apart from the result.

I just hope the team and officials from Toulouse Olympique travel back over the Channel with similar sentiments!

The team really need to win this game and to get back into playing the way we all know they are capable of in preparation for the final of the Northern Rail Cup.

That would give the club a tick in the box in one of the categories for the next round of Super League franchise applications and is one of the few that does not require loads of cash throwing at it. (Note from Chairman – have you ever looked at the wages bill?)

The club, and in particular our groundkeeper Dick, got a bit of a back-handed compli-

ment during the Sky commentary of the Northern Rail semi-final game when favourable remarks were made as to the condition of the pitch and the work of the groundsman.

This was followed up by the commentator saying "but that's his job anyway."

Well to put the record straight it isn't his job – it's his hobby, because most people regard jobs as paid employment and Dick does it for now.

He, like the people who sweep the terraces or run the refreshment outlets, does it without any reward other than the occasional word of thanks to help the club along. Enjoy the game.

David Sear,
vice chairman



Toulouse beat Barrow 22-14 in the south of France in mid-May

A different attitude from our last meeting

H opefully Toulouse will be facing a very different Barrow team to the one they encountered out in France.

The personnel will be largely the same but our attitude and performance should be completely different as we look to avenge our defeat over there.

A significant number of Raiders supporters made the trip to France and were let down by a team that just did not perform on the day.

Having the full day to relax and take in the sights and local brews may have been a good way for the travelling fans

COACH DAVE CLARK

to build up to the match, but for the players I feel that hanging about all day probably took the edge off our preparation.

This evening we can make amends, although the weather forecast is for temperatures more akin to the south of France.

We were not at our best on Sunday against a resurgent Batley team. In the process a couple of players picked up

injuries which, depending on how they respond to treatment during the week, will leave the squad stretched thinner than I would like.

The chairman is well aware of the fact that we need to strengthen the squad and is constantly trying to bring players into the club.

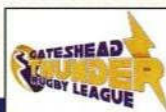
That is no excuse for performances which are not acceptable as the small squad we have still contains the firepower and ability to deliver the goods.

We need to get back to our best and where better to start than at home in front of the Sky cameras.



Fev v Gateshead

Sunday July 5th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. THE CHRIS MOYLES STADIUM



FEATHERSTONE ROVERS

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

COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWLW

LAST SIX HOME: LWLLWW

TRIES: Andy Kain 15, Jon Steel 12, Tommy Haughey 12, Tommy Saxton 8, Ian Hardman 8.

GOALS: Stuart Dickens 58, Iestyn Harris 19, Joe McLocklan 9. DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Ian Hardman

GATESHEAD THUNDER

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

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Ben McAlpine	
2	Danny Wilson	
3	Kevin Neighbour	Accent Magazine & North East Times
		Lady Cross Quarries
		Schooner Inn
		The Wheatsheaf Pub
		James & Matthew Wells
4	Dylan Nash	
5	Stewart Sanderson	
6	Neil Thorman	
7	Luke Branighan	
8	Jason Payne	
9	Andrew Henderson	Brack Office Solutions
10	Tabua Cakacaka	Rob & Jackie Gardner
11	-	
12	Michael Knowles	PCL Travel
13	Russ Aitken	
14	Ryan Clarke	Thunder Storm
15	Matt Barron	
16	Puna Rasaubale	
17	Chris Parker	The National Blood Service
18	Robin Peers	Peters Super League Pies
19	Nick Youngquest	
20	Dave Vernon	
21	Ryan McBride	O'Brien Sandwiches, Team Valley
22	Jamie Russo	
23	Jonny Scott	
24	Paul Franze	La Gabbia Restaurant
25	Kris Kahler	
26	Crawford Matthews	Lesley Gosling PR
27	Scott Woods	Dean Taxis 0191 444 4 444
28	Mark Dack	
29	Rhys Clarke	CLA Risk Solutions
30	Stephen Welton	

COACH: STEVE McCORMACK

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLW

LAST SIX AWAY: LDWLLW

TRIES: Stewart Sanderson 16, Luke Branighan 14, Dylan Nash 12, Ben McAlpine 10.

GOALS: Michael Knowles 61

DGs: Neil Thorman, Rhys Clarke

MAN TO WATCH: Luke Branighan

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R Laughton

Touch: B Armstrong, G Wallace

Fourth official: I Jefferson

BENNETT'S BET

"Rovers to sneak battle of in-form sides - Featherstone by 8"

CLUBCALL

Featherstone v Gateshead



Last word from me ... and a big thank to all

As ever, we give a massive welcome to Gateshead Thunder who last week toppled the Championship leaders Halifax.

I congratulate them on the massive strides they have made so far this year and wish Thunder all the very best in continuing to establish and develop their northerly rugby league mission.

In very much the same spirit, Rovers had a great win away from home in the Co-operative Championship's French outpost in Toulouse last weekend.

The euphoria was marred by an attack on one of the Rovers' Associate Directors Ian Large. Ian was admitted to hospital - we wish him a speedy recovery and a safe trip back home.

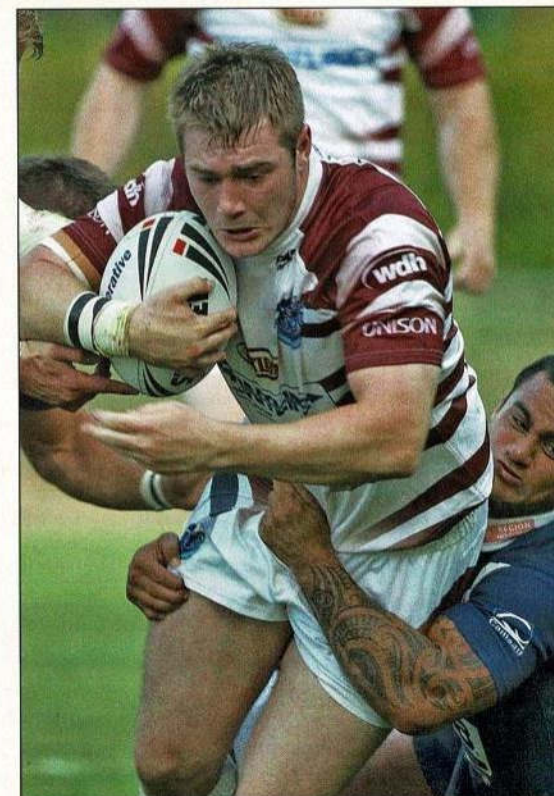
As most of you are probably aware, I am stepping down from Club Directorship and this is my last set of notes.

May I take this opportunity to thank the legions of volunteers (including all the Directors who are unpaid) who devote much of their time to this club.

A big thank you too, to all the staff (both on and off the field) who have also helped the club to become more professional in its many and varied activities.

I would also like to acknowledge the Rugby Football League, as they have also helped massively in this respect.

I am delighted that since I joined the Board, soon after the club came out of administration, it has grown and many



ACTION from Rovers' fantastic win in Toulouse last week which reinforced the club's top four credentials

things are now done in a very professional manner.

The journey has been full of triumphs and disasters but it wouldn't be rugby league if it were not like this.

My major disappointment was when promotion and relegation was scrapped from

Super League.

Sport is about winning and losing and to be denied annual access to the top flight is to me fundamentally wrong.

Steve Evans,
Chairman



Halifax v Leigh



Friday July 3rd, 2009. Kick off 8pm. THE SHAY STADIUM

HALIFAX RLFC

LEIGH CENTURIONS

SPONSOR	No. PLAYER
Halifax Independent Supporters Trust	1 Miles Greenwood
Laura Fairbank	2 Lee Patterson
Duncan Mitchell	3 Jon Goddard
Chadwick Lawrence	4 Shad Royston
Chadwick Lawrence	5 James Haley
Neil Lomas	6 Dwayne Barker
Roger & Sue Harvey	7 Ben Black
Megaman Energy Saving Lamps	8 Matt James
Riley & Co Accountants	9 Sean Penkywicz
Liz Smith (Matthew Walker)	10 Dana Wilson
Windsor Yarns	11 Dave Larder
Halifax Past Players Association	12 Paul Smith
Complete Building Materials	13 Bob Beswick
David/Terry Kendall	14 Mark Gleeson
Steve Shurety - EMB Ltd	15 Mark Roberts
Sue Illingworth	16 Said Tamghart
Complete Building Materials	17 Frank Watene
Calderdale Service Area	18 Andy Bowman
Chadwick Lawrence	19 Mick Govin
	20 -
AA Moving Solutions, A Mogford	21 Neil Cherryholme
Peter & Gillian Clayton	22 David Wrench
Elizabeth Posner	23 Rob Worrincy
Calderdale Service Area	25 Anthony Bowman

COACH: MATT CALLAND

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWLL
LAST SIX HOME: WWWWWL
TRIES: Shad Royston 18, Ben Black 16, Miles Greenwood 15, Sean Penkywicz 13, Said Tamghart 10, Rob Worrincy 10. GOALS: Paterson 73, Govin 24, Black 12. DGs: -
MAN TO WATCH: Sean Penkywicz

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SCORERS

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Pens

DGs

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J Leahy
Touch: R Everitt, A Sweet
Fourth official: S Williams

BENNETT'S BET

"Centurions should expect Fax backlash - Halifax by 20"

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Stuart Donlan	LISA
2	Dave Alstead	Professor & Mrs Dale
3	Steve Maden	Warburtons
4	Tony Stewart	Super-Leigh Lottery
5	Nick Stanton	Hattons Solicitors
6	-	
7	Ian Watson	C&S Tyres
8	Andy Hobson	David Lloyd, Bolton
9	Dave McConnell	Dr Doublet-Stewart
10	Mike Morrison	O'Neils Sportswear
11	Dave Armitstead	Ask Platt Office Supplies
12	James Taylor	Brick Design
13	Aaron Smith	David Lloyd, Bolton
14	Ian Mort	Professor & Mrs Dale
15	Adam Higson	LISA
16	Chris Hill	Civil Solutions Ltd
17	Lee Marsh	Warburtons
18	Sam Reay	David Lloyd, Bolton
19	Adam Rudd	David Lloyd, Bolton
20	John Cookson	Padken Steel Erectors
21	-	
22	Jamie Smith	JR's Taxis
23	Martyn Ridyard	
24	Dean Hatton	
25	Adam Thomas	
26	Jamie Durbin	Ask Platt Office Supplies
27	Anthony Rourke	
28	Danny Meekin	
29	Lee Wingfield	Hamilton Fabrication

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

COACH: PAUL ROWLEY

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLLLL
LAST SIX AWAY: WLWLLL
TRIES: Jamie Durbin 11, Stuart Donlan 9, Ian Mort 9, Steve Maden 6, Martyn Ridyard 5, Sam Reay 5, Ian Watson 5
GOALS: Ian Mort 53, Martyn Ridyard 10. DGs: Martyn Ridyard, Jamie Smith
MAN TO WATCH: Steve Maden

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Halifax RLFC v Leigh

Leigh will be looking for revenge for cup-tie

Good evening everyone. I'd like to start by welcoming the players, coaches and officials from Leigh to The Shay for tonight's Championship game.

They may have finished on the wrong side of the scoreboard when they visited us last month in the Northern Rail Cup quarter finals, but they have some quality players in their ranks who will be looking to make amends this time round.

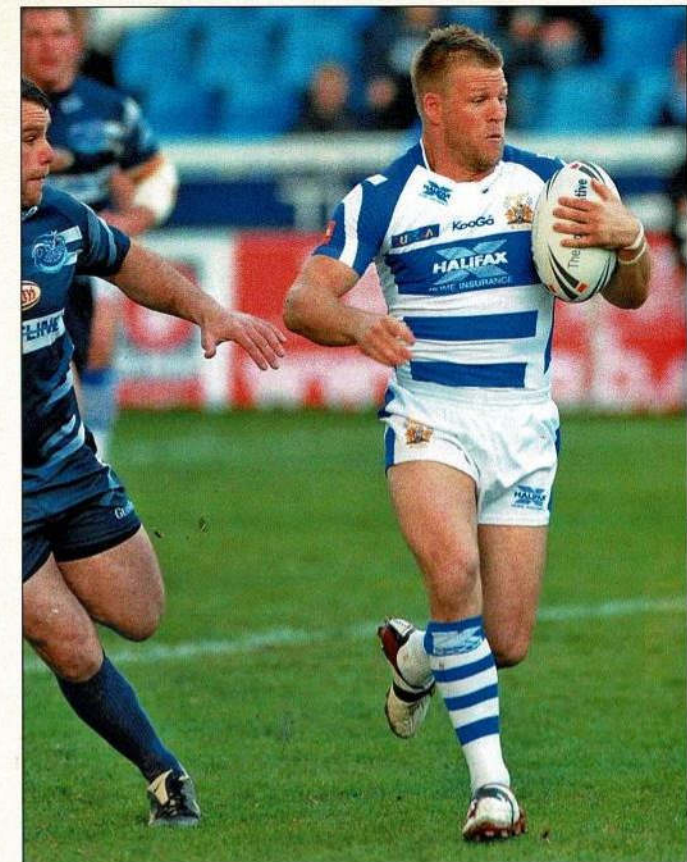
From our perspective, it's definitely been a mixed couple of weeks. Everyone at the club was very disappointed by the manner of our exit from the Northern Rail Cup against Widnes, especially as we felt we had done enough to win

the game. In the end, we weren't clinical enough and ended up paying the price for that.

There was a lot of talk about Ben Black's dropped ball after that game, but, as I said in the press, it's a team game and we win together and lose together. We all have to take responsibility for what happened.

Ben's been fantastic for us this year and I am sure he will continue to be fantastic for us over the next two seasons after he signed a contract until the end of 2011. More disappointing than the Widnes game in some ways was last week's defeat at Gateshead.

Our opening 40 was disgraceful and the players were told that at half time.



Ben Black - been in great form through season

We certainly improved after the interval and with a little more luck could have come away with the win, but in the end if you give yourself a 32-0 deficit to overcome, the odds are always against you.

The fact Barrow lost

at Batley limited the damage on the league ladder, but the way we played was certainly a concern.

The play offs are not that far away now and we need to start getting back to our best, starting tonight.

There has been a lot

of action behind the scenes in the past few weeks with Lucas Smith, Summer Penkywicz and Miley Roberts all being born - congratulations to you all.

Enjoy the game,
Matt Calland
Coach

Great atmosphere, but bad for the ticker!

These are exciting times, but not good for the blood pressure.

The Northern Rail Cup defeat two weeks ago was a disappointment in its result, but as an advert for this sport was a winner.

The excitement levels were maintained from start to finish, and a crowd approaching 4,000 generated an atmosphere which confirmed that the completed Shay Stadium will be a great place to watch rugby league. The volume lev-

els reminded me of Thrum Hall! I'm no fan of grounds with running tracks between stand and pitch, but a much smaller crowd at Gateshead last week also generated atmosphere in the context of a classic game of two halves.

I confess to wishing I were somewhere, anywhere, else at 32-0 down at half time. In the event the bonus point, combined with a brilliant Batley performance, consolidated our place at the top of The co-operative Championship. All of

which demonstrates the quality of the competition and the entertainment on the field.

Today we welcome Leigh Centurions to the first Friday evening match at The Shay since Melbourne Storm.

The fixtures have not come out as we planned, but your board wanted to try a series of Friday games in the second half of the season to gauge supporters' liking for it.

Next season, we anticipate that it will be easier to sell corporate packages in the new

facilities on a Friday, but of course our regular supporters are the 'bread and butter' of the club, so tell us which day you prefer.

Finally, please remember the 'Respect' campaign. Increased gates have increased complaints to the club from very few to a number. Rugby league is a family game. Let's keep it that way.

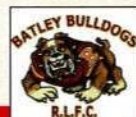
Enjoy the game,

Michael Steele
Chairman



Eagles v Batley

Friday July 3rd, 2009. Kick off 8pm. DON VALLEY STADIUM



SHEFFIELD EAGLES

BATLEY BULLDOGS

SPONSOR	No. PLAYER
AMCO	1 Jonny Woodcock
Tolent	2 Bolu Fagborun
OSI	3 Menzie Yere
Jim Haworth, Suzanne Atkin	4 Mike Roby
Anne Collins	5 Ashley Thackeray
Pennine Business Forms	6 Brendan Lindsay
Sheaf Telecom	7 Gavin Brown
Hanlon & Wright	8 Jack Howieson
Barnsley Industrial Training College	9 Grant Edwards
Jayne Whaling	10 Mitchell Stringer
Jack Smith	11 Alex Szostak
Hanlon & Wright	12 Ged Corcoran
Bethany, Ian & Jackie Swain	13 Dane McDonald
G4S Events	14 Andrew Boothroyd
Redbrook Business Coaching	15 Sam Barlow
Albion Detection Systems Ltd	16 Trevor Exton
Buckingham Insurance	17 Tom Buckenham
Zeenat Restaurant	18 Saqib Murtza
OSI	19 Kyle Wood
Walkabout Sheffield	20 Matty Brooks
AMCO	21 Aaron Groom
Village Shop, Oughtibridge	22 Ryan Hepworth
HAS Consultants Ltd	23 Tangi Ropati
Corus Infrastructure Services	25 James Morrow
Hancock & Todd	26 Nick Turnbull
Modis	27 Tommy Trayler
Richard & Andrea Brook	28 Damlan Gibson
Vice Presidents	29 Peter Green
Edge Telecom	30 Michael Haley
Jack & Laura London	32 Danny Mills
Mr & Mrs Lee	34 Craig Cook
Jill Swire	35 Dan Hawksworth
Insign Signage	34 Eddie Battye
& Digital Imaging	37 Mark Renshaw-Smith

COACH: MARK ASTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWW
LAST SIX HOME: LWLWW
TRIES: Tangi Ropati 10, Damian Gibson 9 Menzie Yere 9, Sam Barlow 8, Craig Cook 8, Jonny Woodcock 7, Brendan Lindsay 7.
GOALS: Jonny Woodcock 75. DG:-
MAN TO WATCH: Menzie Yere

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No. PLAYER	SPONSOR
1 Ian Preece	Hopkins family
2 Ben Feehan	Mavis, Mac & Jack
3 Dale Cardoza	Wayne & Pauline Aston
4 Danny Maun	Fletcher family
5 Johnny Campbell	Laurie & Andrew Grailey
6 Mark Barlow	Batley Rock & Roll
7 Paul Mennell	Batley Nash
8 Byron Smith	Kev & Brian
9 Kris Lythe	The Benson family
10 Luke Stencheon	Leyland Paints
11 Kevin Crouthers	Brian Hooley
12 Mark Toohey	George & Mary Gomersal
13 Ash Lindsay	Study Centre
14 John Gallagher	
15 Anthony Henderson	RSM Carriers
16 Jon Simpson	Benson family
17 Craig Potter	Protec Security
18 Jermaine McGilvary	Gary Tingle & Lorraine Richardson
19 -	
20 Dave Tootill	George & Alan Wainwright
21 Nathan Armitage	Kirsty, Gemma, Nix, Laura & Karen
22 Nat Browne	Stanningley U-14s & U-17s
23 Chris Buttery	Flanagan Transport
24 -	
25 Glen Reid	
27 Jamie Aitcheson	John Miller
28 Darryl Cardiss	
29 Gareth Greenwood	
30 Paul Handforth	
33 Danny Samuels	
35 Jack Watson	Mary Hughes

COACH: KARL HARRISON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWW
LAST SIX AWAY: WLLLLW
TRIES: Jermaine McGilvary 14, Ian Preece 7, Jon Simpson 6, Paul Mennell 6, Danny Maun 6.
GOALS: Paul Mennell 38, Mark Barlow 9. DGs: Paul Handforth
MAN TO WATCH: Ash Lindsay

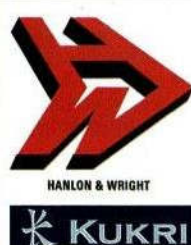
MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R Hicks
Touch: M Beadle, C Dean
Fourth official: D Tindall

BENNETT'S BET

"Spirited Bulldogs to pick up another vital point - Sheffield by 2"

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Pressure now is to keep on moving up

WE'VE made it into the top six - now we have to stay there. And I want to keep moving up - so tonight's game with Batley Bulldogs is going to be a real test.

I know we put 78 points on Doncaster but the weekend before Batley ran up 70 ... so don't start looking for form guides. It was a good performance by the team against Doncaster - taking into account the problems they have at the moment.

We were clinical - particularly in the second half. Before the game we talked about how the Dons were going to come out with commitment and a good attitude in the first 20 minutes and we needed to be disciplined.

We didn't play the smartest but we did the little things and it paid dividends at the end. It's a good feeling and it is in our hands now, we're in the top six and need to keep chipping away at the teams above and put the pressure on them. There were 14 tries in

the Doncaster win - that's good and the lads were in a great mood after the game. That's what I wanted but I didn't let them get carried away.

We have had a quick turn round with playing Batley tonight. We will be buzzing, Batley will be buzzing - they got a great result at the weekend, so all is set for a really cracking game tonight.

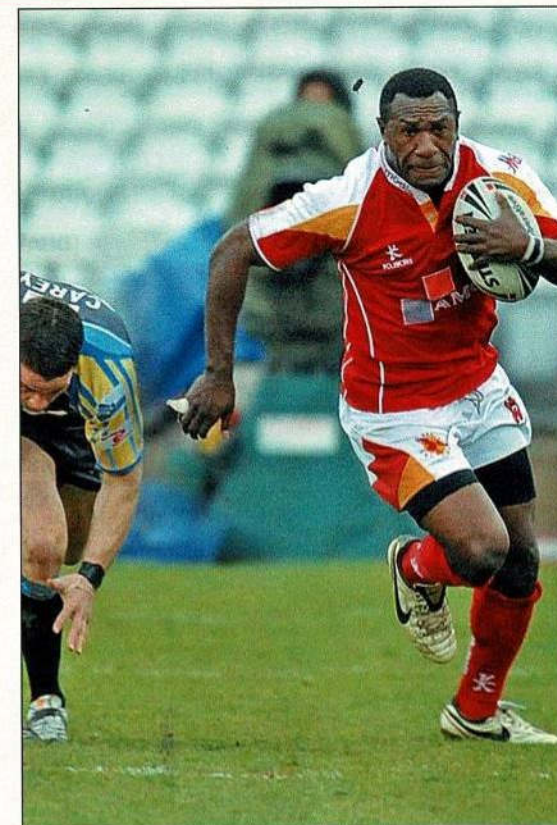
I watched Batley in their, win over Doncaster and they were clinical in their approach. They do the simple things and do them well. Their coach Karl Harrison has done a good job in turning them round.

But tonight's game is about us. We have to look at how we do things and do some things better than we did against Doncaster.

I know we have had a bad run of injuries but we've been able to add some players - Peter Green, Mike Haley and Craig Cook.

There's competition for places. The lads know that if

Sheffield v Batley



Menzie Yere and the boys thrashed the Dons - but so did Batley

they're not hitting the levels they will be out of the team.

And we've got a good group of people who are all working for each other.

I've challenged the players who are not in the team to be strong enough to go up to their mates and say 'you've

had a good game but I'm having that shirt back off you'.

That's the competition that we want in the squad.

Enjoy the game tonight.

Mark Aston

Mark Aston was interviewed by Jim Collins and is sponsored by Nick Firth Tiles

Ilkeston are travelling in right direction

Sheffield Eagles have confirmed Ilkeston Co-op Travel as their Official Travel Partner. Now fans and associates of Sheffield Eagles, who book with Ilkeston Co-op Travel, will be actively supporting the club too, because a percentage of the profit will go towards funding for the club. All fans have to do is visit the Ilkeston Co-op Travel team at Meadowhall Retail Park or call them on 01142 44422 and mention the Sheffield Eagles supporters deal. Further details are also available at www.sheffieleagles.com.

Pictured receiving a signed Eagles shirt from Tangi Ropati and Brendon Lindsey is Louise Stock, manager of the Meadowhall shop.

The club is hoping to start a Sheffield Eagles Supporters Club and have arranged a meeting for Wednesday 8th July at Carbrook Hall, 537 Attercliffe Common, Sheffield, S9 starting at 7.30pm. Contact Ray Green on 0114 2610326 or email ray.green@sheffieleagles.com.

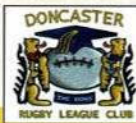


ON SALE - 25 Years of Sheffield Eagles, a publication celebrating the history of the club. On sale from the club shop - £2.50 each. ALSO JUST IN - hoodies, mugs, mouse mats, etc



Widnes v Doncaster

Saturday July 4th 2009. Kick off 6pm. STOBART STADIUM HALTON



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No. PLAYER

1 Loz Wildbore
2 Dean Gaskell
3 Richard Varkulis
4 Toa Kohe Love
5 Danny Mills
6 Anthony Thackeray
7 James Webster
8 Iain Morrison
9 Mark Smith
10 Jim Gannon
11 Lee Doran
12 Richard Fletcher
13 Lee Paterson
14 John Duffy
15 Tim Hartley
16 Gavin Dodd
17 Ben Kavanagh
18 Matt Strong
19 Michael Ostick
20 Sam Thompson
21 Scott Yates
22 Paddy Flynn
23 Shane Grady
24 Josh Simm
25 Anthony Mullally
26 Steve Bannister
27 Brett Robinson
Kevin Penny (loan)
Jon Grayshon (loan)
Craig Hall (loan)

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SCORERS

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DGs

COACH: PAUL CULLEN

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LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWWW

LAST SIX HOME: LWLWWW

TRIES: Paddy Flynn 10, Gavin Dodd 9, Anthony Thackeray 9, James Webster 7, Toa Kohe Love 7.

GOALS: Scott Yates 33, Tim Hartley 24, Craig Hall 18. DGs: Craig Hall

MAN TO WATCH: Anthony Thackeray

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G Dolan
Touch: C Waywell, P Ward
Fourth official: P Meadows

BENNETT'S BET

"Disorganised Dons heading for disaster - Widnes by 72"

No. PLAYER

1 -
2 Dean Colton
3 -
4 Shaun Leaf
5 -
6 -
7 -
8 -
9 Craig Cook
10 Alex Benson
11 -
12 Craig Lawton
13 Josh Weeden
14 Scott Jones
15 -
16 -
17 -
18 Craig Holt
19 Ryan Steen
20 Michael Coady
21 Garry Ellery
22 Andy Speake
23 Scott Smith
24 Jake Bassinder
25 -
26 Gareth Carey
27 Albert Rounding
28 Jamie Bovill
29 Matthew Carbutt
30 Wayne Ople

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COACH: TONY MILLER

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LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL

LAST SIX AWAY: LWLLLL

TRIES: Craig Cook 7, Michael Coady 5, Ross Divorty 4, Gareth Carey 3, Ryan Steen 3.

GOALS: Josh Weeden 11, Andy Speake 8. DGs:

MAN TO WATCH: Craig Lawton

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Widnes v Doncaster

Respect is key

Paul Cullen, Head Coach

This evening's game against Doncaster is a very important fixture and one which we are focussing on intently. Whilst Doncaster may have struggled recently, following their well documented financial problems, we cannot afford to disrespect them going into the game as we have seen what happened when we didn't give the likes of Batley, Leigh and Whitehaven the respect they deserved earlier in the season.

The game will also give the opportunity for one or two of the squad to push their claims for a place in the Northern Rail Cup Final at Blackpool.

A number of our senior players have already cemented their places in the 17 following their performance at Halifax but, there is still an opportunity for players to impress.

Talking about Halifax, I thought the support we had there was amazing. The fans were certainly loud and proud throughout the game, especially for the period when we were trailing towards the end.

I'm sure that they sucked Craig Hall's drop goal over at the end!

The players had a week off following the victory, resuming training last Sunday, and it's fair to say the semi took a lot out of them.

With Halifax losing at Gateshead last Sunday, trailing 32 - 0 at one stage, it shows what a tough game our semi was and our week off came at a good time. But now we're back in full training and looking forward to the challenges that the rest of the season has in store.



Iain Morrison on the charge in the semi final win over 'Fax

League before Cup for team

Good evening and welcome to the players, officials and fans from Doncaster for this co-operative Championship fixture.

All of the talk off the pitch has been of the Northern Rail Cup, both the semi final victory over Halifax and the forthcoming final against Barrow.

The support at The Shay was tremendous and the fact that we sold 250 DVDs of the game shows what a thriller it was.

Fans have been out in force since then with 3,800 tickets sold here at the Stadium in less than a week and we could have sold more.

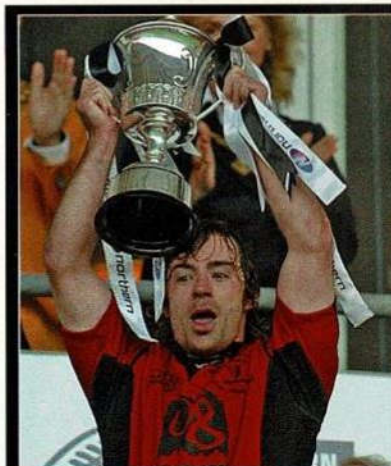
Thanks must go to the administration staff, our scholarship students and volunteers who helped the sales of tickets go smoothly.

Alex Bonney Chief Executive Officer

However, whilst Blackpool has been to the forefront of our minds, for the players and coaching staff it has been Doncaster which is top of their agenda and three points tonight will help increase the pressure on Barrow and Halifax at the top of the table.

It is also the 4th July and we have brought together some great entertainment including our Halton Schools Choir who will be blasting out some American classics from the likes of Hannah Montana, High School Musical and Camp Rock.

Unfortunately Mark Smith's pleas for American Pie went unheeded!



RETURN: Mark Smith lifted the Northern Rail Cup with Widnes in 2007 and will be looking to do so again next weekend.



Blackpool v York



Sunday July 5th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. FYLDE RUFC

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No. PLAYER

1 Johnny Leather
2 Damien Munroe
3 Tom Woodcock
4 Mark McCully
5 Chris Mogan
6 Simon Svabic
7 Chris Forster
8 Peter Fairhurst
9 John Clough
10 John Hill
11 Paul Alcock
12 Kris Ratcliffe
13 Rob Draper

14 Martin Keaveney
15 Mel Alker
16 Ian Hodson
17 David Llewellyn
18 John Boland
19 Liam McGovern
20 Tom Wild
21 Andy Marsh
22 Keiron Tucker
23 Daryll Kaye
28 Gareth Langley
29 Scott Winstanley
30 Dean Hatton
Nick Royle
Carl Forber
Simon Bissell (loan)
Josh Simm (loan)
Dean Thompson (loan)

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No. PLAYER

1 Danny Ratcliffe
2 Steve Lewis
3 John Oakes
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 Stancilffe
23 Adam Endersby
25 Garry Green
26 Luke Watling
27 Danny Grimshaw
28 Mike Mitchell
29 Mark Applegarth
30 Carl Barrow
34 Wayne McHugh

The Raylor Centre
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Rodney Gee
Team Electric Services
James Dixon
Smith Wilson
Delta Training & Consulting
Millers Famous Fish & Chips
Stabler International
Ken Walker & Co Accounting
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Sheard Packaging
Chris Hearld
British Thornton
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Evolution Tattoo Studio
Yorkshire Building Society
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D & M Building & Paving
Julie's Bakery

Balfour Beatty
Acupuncture For Health
HC Engineering
Brian Watson
Mrs Watson
Laura Dixon

Monk Bar Model Shop

COACH: PAUL MARCH

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Leatherbarrow
Touch: G Jones, J Callaghan
Fourth Official: W Johnstone

BENNETT'S BET

"In-form Knights to enjoy day
by the seaside - York by 8"

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLW

LAST SIX AWAY: LWLWLW

TRIES: Paul Hughes 14, Danny Ratcliffe 11, Paul March 11, John Oakes 10, Tom Haberecht 10. GOALS: Adam Mitchell 47, Wayne McHugh 13, Richard Knight 11. DGs: -
MAN TO WATCH: John Oakes

CLUBCALL

Blackpool v York

Play-off aim is on course

After such a long lay-off without any competitive matches, I was a little concerned the boys would be a bit rusty last week.

But as we all saw, that was far from the case! We really came out of the blocks and never stopped working, giving us a very well deserved victory which could have been even bigger if it hadn't been for the driving rain during most of the match making handling more difficult.

I felt confident by half-time that we had the game sewn up and I just asked the lads to finish them off.

Apart from a couple of lapses of concentration in the second half, that is exactly what we did!

I was especially pleased with all the new lads who came in during the break, with Dean Thompson showing his class and Carl Forber doing some great work with his boot!

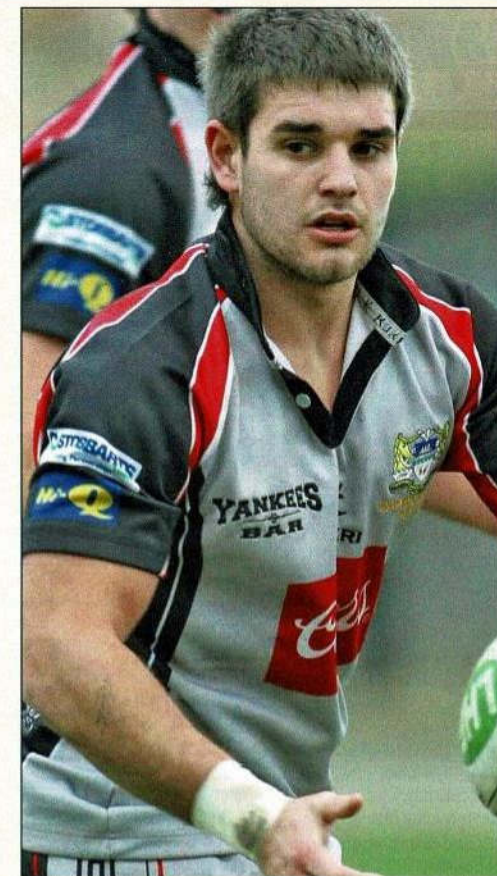
The quality of these new signings shows how committed we all are here at Blackpool, with our aim of consolidating a play-off place virtually there.

This week however will be a different ball game altogether. York are really motoring at the moment and they are not in second place for nothing.

They had a great win against Oldham on their home televised Sky game last Thursday and we are certainly going to be in for a very tough match. But if the team perform as they did last week, there is no reason why we can't come away with all the points.

Finally, I want to offer a warm welcome to all the players, staff and supporters who have made the long journey from York and hope you all enjoy the game.

Martin Crompton
Coach



Recent arrival Carl Forber has impressed Crompton

Good to be home again

IS this a record - two home games on the run?

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the officials, players and supporters of the York City Knights.

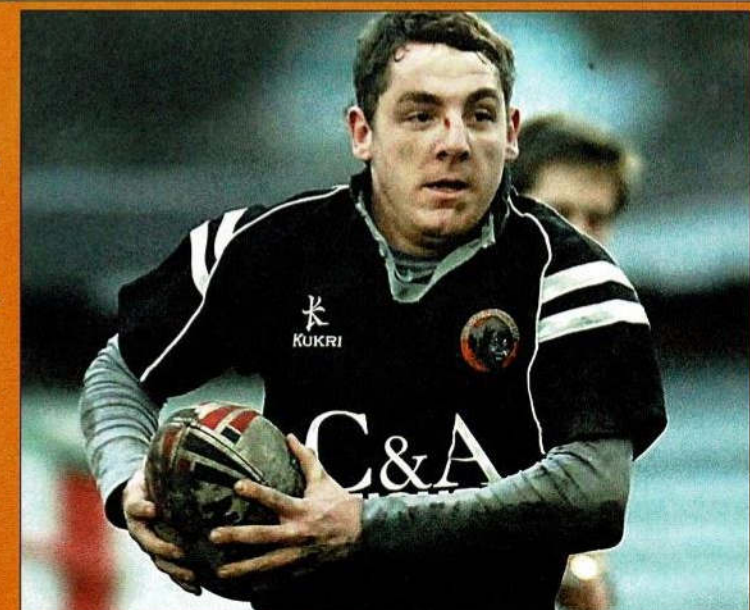
I'm sure most of us watched York beat Oldham on their last home game that was televised on Sky and we are certainly expecting a tough encounter today.

Last week saw us play some good football in the victory over Workington in atrocious conditions and let's hope we continue in that vein today.

We host the inaugural Northern Rail Cup 9's Competition over the weekend of 11th and 12th July and at the draw last Thursday live on GMR radio, we have been grouped with Swinton, Dewsbury and Rochdale.

Enjoy the game and hope to see you also next week at the 9s.

Chairman John Chadwick



Try machine Johnny Leather is likely to be in the Blackpool side that will have home advantage in next weekend's inaugural Northern Rail 9s.

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Rams v Swinton



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No. PLAYER

2 Morgan Starkey
3 Lee Lingard
4 Craig Bower
5 Andrew Tillotson
6 Ryan Smith
8 Jimmy Elston
9 Mike Emmett
11 Adam Robinson
12 Taron Wildey
13 Pat Walker
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
29 Allister McAllister
30 Chris Hall
31 Chris Green
32 Martin Woodhead
33 James Walker
34 Josh Tonks
35 Adam Hayes
36 James Lockwood
37 Sam Dolby
38 Tom Wandless
39 Billy Maxwell
40 Loz Wildbore

COACH: WARREN JOWITT

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWW

LAST SIX HOME: WWWWWW

TRIES: Andy Bostock 17, Kane Epati 15, Bryn Powell 11, Austin Buchanan 11, Liam Finn 11, Alex Bretherton 9, GOALS: Pat Walker 100, Liam Finn 15, DGs: Liam Finn 2.

MAN TO WATCH: Liam Finn

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: W Turley
Touch: D Sharpe, D McNeice
Fourth official: S Moss

BENNETT'S BET

"Rams too hot for resurgent Lions to handle - Dewsbury by 12"

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 Wayne English
2 Barry Hamilton
3 Dave Hull
4 Dean Gorton
5 Marlon Billy
6 Graham Holroyd
7 Richard Hawkyard
8 Paul Southern
9 Phil Wood
10 Bruce Johnson
11 Mike Wainwright

12 Danny Heaton
13 Marty Moana
14 Craig Ashall
15 Gary Hulse
16 Alex McLurg
17 Tommy Grundy
18 Gareth Hayes
19 Neil Rigby
20 Adam Bibey
21 Rob Line
22 Darren Bamford
23 Ben Williamson
24 Paul Crook
25 Matt Ashe
26 Chris Frodsham
27 Chris Tyrer

28 Dave Newton
29 Carl Sneyd
30 Andy Saywell

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COACH: PAUL KIDD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: WWWLLW

TRIES: Dave Hull 12, Carl Sneyd 7, Andy Saywell 5, Gary Hulse 5, Craig Ashall 6, Neil Rigby 5. GOALS: Carl Sneyd 58, Graham Holroyd 10. DGs: Craig Ashall, Graham Holroyd
MAN TO WATCH: Richard Hawkyard

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DEWSBURY RAMS
study centre

CLUBCALL

Dewsbury v Swinton

We're quietly getting on with the job in hand

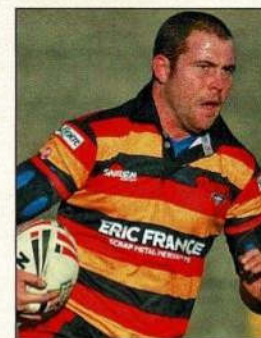
Hi, welcome to the Tetley's Stadium on what I hope will be a glorious summer's afternoon for what proves to be a very competitive encounter with the Swinton Lions.

Swinton had a good result last week by beating an in-form Hunslet which makes this game a very tough one, no doubt Swinton will be looking to be the first team to beat us and after the last time we played them they will have taken plenty of positives out of that game.

As a team it is very important that we keep our feet firmly on the ground, our heads down and quietly get on with the job in hand, which starts today.

It was a good all round hit out down at the Skolars, our ball control in the first quarter wasn't satisfactory and we will be looking to amend that this week.

I thought defensively the team had a massive game



Rob Spicer - a man in form

with solid work from Rob Spicer, Taron Wildey, Adam Robinson, Keegan Hirst as well as James Lockwood impressing on his second run out with the first team, which was very promising and shows that he has a big future at the club.

Loz Wildbore also had an impressive debut adding something to the team that we have been missing, I think he is a great signing for us and

the best is yet to come from him. He has a big character and he is great to have in the dressing room, which this team thrives on.

Bryn Powell was yet again in outstanding form proving to be too strong for the opposition and causing collateral damage to the opposition with his blockbusting runs.

Taz made his presence felt in attack, but more so in defence which made me think I'm glad I'm not taking the ball in at him or any of the other pack members!

It's great to see the travelling hardcore fans at the game. It means so much to me and the team and your great support is one of the reasons we are in the position we are. Long may it continue and bigger may it become!

James Walker is on the mend and it shouldn't be long before he's back on the field after his ongoing problems with his shoulder and a torn calf.

Simon Cook has had a recurrence of his groin injury, imagine if these two players were fully fit how strong the squad would be and how strong my selection headache would be, although I already have a headache at the moment with everybody vying for a place in the side.

I'd just like to congratulate Rob Spicer on winning our in-house player of the month.

Rob has proved to be a worthy signing and one of the main cogs in the engine room department of this team.

I'd like to thank Tony Healey for all the help he has given this season helping Shaun, our kitman, out. Blokes like Tony are hard to come by and it is very appreciated what Tony does for the team.

Enjoy the game, see you after in the bar (feel free to buy me a beer, don't be shy I am very approachable, thank you...)

Warren Jowitt, Coach

We're living in daydream land!

At the start of the season back in February if anyone had said to me that by the beginning of July we would have lost just two games and both of those in knockout competitions then I'd have been asking them if they took to daydreaming.

However, here we are with just the two defeats at Sheffield and Barrow and a 100% Championship 1 record. But it's not how it looks now but how it is in eight games time.

We've a run of really tough games ahead of us starting with the visit of Swinton this afternoon. When we were at Sedgley Park earlier this season it was a close game for much of the 80 minutes and we only made sure of the points late in the game. Swinton have put some good results together recently and have emerged as genuine promotion contenders and they will pose a real threat.

Mark Sawyer, chairman

Former Rams player Les Holliday is now back in a coaching capacity at the club and his vast experience is sure to rub off on the players. They are a club looking to go forward and negotiations are well under way to secure a return close to their roots.

In its time Station Road Swinton was a place of legends and for home fans with long memories a place where dreams of Wembley came unstuck two years in a row. Unfortunately the ground was unable to cope with the new legislation following the tragedies both at Hillsborough and Valley Parade and another fine old stadium was lost to the game.

Having been in a similar position and homeless not that long ago we know that nothing beats having a home of

your own with the valuable additional income opportunities that it can offer you being vital for the day to day running of the club.

Doncaster are of course tenants at the Keepmoat Stadium and they find themselves in administration once again.

Others such as Rochdale, Widnes and Swinton themselves have also suffered a similar problem and clubs without other income generation opportunities just can't survive on gate receipts alone.

Our own attendances continue to hold up well with over 1,700 another good attendance for the televised game against Keighley although this was well beaten by the 3,000+ at York for the visit of Oldham just over a week ago.

It would be a great achievement if we could finish the season with a four figure average attendance and hopefully this afternoon will keep us on track to do just that. Enjoy the game.



Hornets v Hawks



Sunday July 5th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. SPOTLAND

HORNETS RUGBY LEAGUE

HUNSLET HAWKS

SPONSOR	No. PLAYER
Aztec Safety	1 Chris Giles
John & Julie Clarke	2 John Gillam
Ray Walton	3 Mick Fogerty
Lion Springs	4 Casey Mayberry
	5 -
J Heaton & Son	6 Martin Ainscough
	7 -
Interbake Ltd	8 David Best
Sue & Dave Butterworth	9 Janan Billings
Ian Coop	10 Paul Raftery
Ray & Maureen of Heywood Market	11 David Cunliffe
Hartley Thomas Wright	12 Ian Sinfield
The Loyalists	13 Wayne Corcoran
	14 Adam Thomas
John Mac & Company	15 Martin McLoughlin
Claire Murgatoryd	16 Mark Brocklehurst
Grant & Dougie	17 Andy Isherwood
	18 -
Megan Tann	19 Craig Johnson
Tin2net Ltd	20 Dail Cunliffe
Ian Nield	21 Tommy Gallagher
	22 Paul Anderson
	23 Liam Grundy
	24 Chris Hough
Shaw Mitchell & Co	25 Dayne Donaghue
Accountants	
	26 Leroy Rivett
	32 Liam McGovern
	33 Matt Strong
	34 Brett Robinson
	35 Dave Houghton

COACH: DARREN SHAW

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWLLL
 LAST SIX HOME: LWLLWW
 TRIES: Martin Ainscough 13, Mick Fogerty 6, Casey Mayberry 6, John Gillam 5.
 GOALS: Chris Giles 20, Liam McGovern 17. DGs: McGovern
 MAN TO WATCH: Martin Ainscough

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	Prop	
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	SCORERS	
	Tries	
	Conv	
	Pens	
	DGs	

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M Drizza
 Touch: K Povah, L Todd
 Fourth Official: T Selby

BENNETT'S BET

"Hornets to pick up rare win on home turf - Hornets by 6"

No. PLAYER	SPONSOR
1 Nathan Larvin	Elliot and Ewan Boiston Green
2 Scott Childs	
3 Tom Sheldrake	Adie and Ron Jinks
4 Michael Brown	Eric Simon
5 John Richardson	GMB Union
6 Darren Robinson	Gary Martin-Selby Road Tyres
7 Stuart Young	
8 Joe Helme	Paul Gray
9 Richard Chapman	Kenny Sykes
10 Ben Lawton	Phil Ogg
11 Joe Howey	South Leeds & Hunslet Cars
12 Jason Hart	Eric Simon
13 Mark McKinley	
14 Chris Redfearn	Skelton Skips
15 Andy Robinson	
16 Mark Moxon	Bob Tate
17 Steve Brook	South Leeds & Hunslet Cars
18 Ayden Faal	Geoff Gray
19 Ben Walkin	Skelton Skips
20 Antony Thewliss	
21 Dan Cook	Wetheralds Ltd
22 Scott Watson	
23 Jonny Wainhouse	Dennis/Hannah Butterfield
24 Charlie Wabo	Tates Solicitors
25 Michael Mark	Phil Ogg
26 Nico Slain	Paul Gray
27 Gareth Firm	Wetheralds Ltd
28 Steve Dooler	GMB Union
31 Tony Williams	The Dirty Dozen
Leonard Van Voorthuysen	
Craig Fawcett	

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

CLUBCALL

Hornets RL v Hunslet

Plenty going on behind the scenes, despite break

Hello and a warm welcome to Spotland Stadium, home of Hornets Rugby League Club, and an especially warm welcome today to the supporters, players and directors of the Hunslet Hawks.

It seems like a lifetime since we last played at home but that's not to say we haven't been busy behind the scenes.

The most obvious change since our last home fixture is that Jim is no longer chairman. The pressures of a demanding employer and moving house meant that Jim felt he couldn't devote the time he wanted to do the job properly and took the brave decision to step down. We all wish Jim the best for the future.

After Jim stood down I was approached by our president Paul Ormerod if I would be willing to take on the role and after speaking with Joe Pitts and getting the support from our commercial partners at Sponsorbank I allowed my name to go forward to the rest of the board and at the last board meeting I was elected chair.

The mid-season break has not meant there's been nothing going on at the club, quite the opposite. Hopefully you have seen the 'award-winning' Hornets float in the Milnrow and Norden carnivals where we received a fantastic reception, especially Hercules, and fingers crossed some of the people from the parades have come along to the game today.

Another superb success we have had was our sell-out 'Burning Love' curry night, which saw Raj's Restaurant on Edenfield Road full of Hornets fans enjoying a great night of entertainment thanks to top Elvis tribute artist Lewis Gates and our comedy/vocal compere Paul Chance.

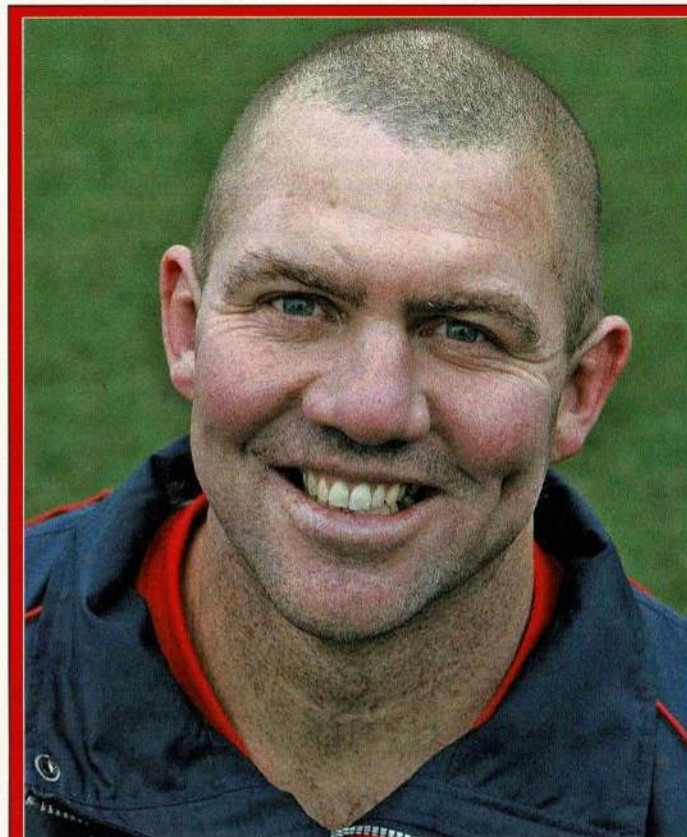
We have to thank both Lewis and Paul, who both refused a fee to help out their local club and host Raj Snr, who donated £100 to the cause. There has been so much good stuff going on at the club recently, such as the launch of the new Hornets U-17s team thanks to the efforts of the town's amateur clubs, which is a sure sign of the improved relations that have now been developed.

The new lottery goes from strength to strength, and of course we have the upcoming elections where any member can put their name forward to be elected and of course vote on the make-up of the board.

We'd like to thank today's match sponsors too, The Dawn Group.

Finally, please don't forget we have the Blackpool 9s coming up where we have a real chance of some silverware and tickets are available in the foyer and office at a bargain price, along side the new 'Half Season' season ticket which comes with a string of benefits, so please help the club and dig deep!

Mark Wynn, Chairman



We need to regain that spirit

Let's not mention our last performance against Keighley Cougars, the less said the better!

We now need to seriously kick on and learn from our mistakes.

We have got to find that spirit and professionalism that we took to the Challenge Cup game against Huddersfield Giants and channel it into every remaining game.

While we do have eight games left this season and it is still a mathematical possibility for us to reach the play-offs, it's increasingly looking less likely and we are now going to have to rely on other teams to lose whilst winning our remaining games.

Injuries have plagued us this sea-

son, as you all know, and what with our latest casualty Steve Roper breaking his ankle in what was practically his first match for us, this isn't looking to improve.

This isn't an excuse, we should still be performing as we know we can every minute of every game.

Having said this, we are hoping to lift a trophy at the upcoming Blackpool 9s competition next weekend, so we hope to see you all over there, giving us your much-needed and much-appreciated support as you always do.

Darren Shaw, coach



HORNETS RL - WE'RE BACK AND BUZZIN'!



Keighley v Skolars

Sunday July 5th 2009. Kick off 3pm. COUGAR PARK



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No. PLAYER

1 George Raynor
2 Sam Gardner
3 Dan Potter
4 Oliver Pursglove
5 Gavin Duffy
6 Jon Presley
7 Danny Jones
8 Andy Shickell
9 James Feather
10 Simon Bissell
11 Will Cartledge

12 -
13 Carl Hughes
14 Jermaine Wray
15 Craig Brown
16 Brendon Rawlins
17 Scott Law
18 Greg Nicholson
19 Craig Fawcett

20 Daley Williams
21 Ryan Smith
22 Lee Mapals
23 James Hutchinson
24 Luke Sutcliffe
25 Wayne Sutcliffe

Non-numbered:
Ryan Benjafield
Damien Reid
Dan Belcher
James Haythornthwaite
Tim Bibby
Tom Hall
Ben Sagar
Jack Copperwaite
Karl Gunney

COACH: BARRY EATON
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LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWWW

LAST SIX HOME: WWLWWW

TRIES: Jon Presley 19, Lee Mapals 11, Gavin Duffy 7, Carl Hughes 6, Dan Potter 5, George Raynor 5.

GOALS: Danny Jones 68.

DGs: Danny Jones, Jon Presley.

MAN TO WATCH: Andy Shickell

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

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Pens

DGs

No. PLAYER

1 Frank Reid
2 Corey Simms
3 Olly Fountain
4 Oliver Bloom
5 Austen Aggrey
6 Jermaine Coleman
7 Paul Thorman
8 Dave Ellison
9 Gareth Honor
10 Glenn Osborn
11 Matt Thomas
12 Dene Miller
13 Jaymes Chapman
14 Graeme Spencer
15 Bobby Wallis
16 Tony Williams
17 Chad Isles
18 Orriesso Agbareh
19 Leigh Nissen
20 Paul Hyder
21 Ben Joyce
22 Danny Burke
23 Andre Vine
24 Smokie Junior
25 Jaroslaw Obuchowski
26 Olu Iwenofu
27 Keir Bell
28 Bernard Coleman
29 Jy-Mel Ruleman
30 John Paxton

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Assistant coach: Kevin Reith

Sportstraders

INTERIM HEAD COACH:

JERMAINE COLEMAN

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLWLLL

LAST SIX HOME: LLLLLL

TRIES: Matt Thomas 9, Austen Aggrey 3, Olu Iwenofu 3, John Paxton 3, Olly Fountain 3.

GOALS: Paul Thorman 20. DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Jaroslaw Obuchowski

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: D Merrick

Touch: S Daniel, D Butler

Fourth Official: J Asquith

BENNETT'S BET

"Cougars have firepower to blow struggling Skolars away - Keighley by 42"

CLUBCALL

Keighley v London Skolars

An unknown quantity

Today we welcome the Skolars for our first meeting this season, with today's game at home and then we travel down to London for the last league game of the season on the eve of the Challenge Cup Final.

Last year we were the lucky ones who got the opportunity to play the Skolars then go to the final, and they requested that it was us who do the same this season.

We were only too happy to agree as we get the benefit of the final the next day and our supporters will I'm sure travel down

in their numbers to support us then take in the final as well so I would like to thank all at the Skolars for requesting the fixture again.

On to today's game though, and the Skolars are a bit of an unknown quantity, especially as they have just forged strong links with the Harlequins club where by they can take players on loan for a week at a time, which could potentially massively strengthen them.

Some teams have played the Skolars twice already before this link was granted by the RFL,

whereas we have not played them at all yet so we may well find ourselves up against a lot different personnel than other teams have already faced, depending on how many loanees they take from Harlequins.

This only re-confirms that we must take care of ourselves and what we are capable of doing week-in week-out and though we put a lot of things right last week there are still lots of areas where we need to improve as a group before we will be totally satisfied.

Today we may welcome back into the squad Brendon Rawlins

after his long and drawn-out visa application process.

After we got the nod for Brendon to carry on his career with the club we were not aware or prepared for the delays in obtaining the paperwork for his visa, but thankfully that has now been sorted and though his first appearance is long overdue this year we have all been massively boosted by his arrival and he will hopefully give us a big lift as we enter the final third of the season. Enjoy the game.

Coach, Barry Eaton

Returning their hospitality

Good afternoon and welcome to today's co-operative Championship One fixture against London Skolars.

Everybody from the Riverside Stadium is very welcome here at Cougar Park as we remember well the hospitality given to us when we went to London on the eve of last year's Carnegie Challenge Cup Final.

Incidentally we're scheduled to do the same thing again on Friday August 28 and if last year's visit to North London is any indication it looks being a wonderful evening's entertainment again, right through the game to sharing a drink with the Skolar fans.

Last Sunday we were honoured when Gerry Sutcliffe MP, the Minister for Sport, was the guest of honour at the official launching of the Cougar Pride 'Playing for Success' classroom here at Cougar Park.

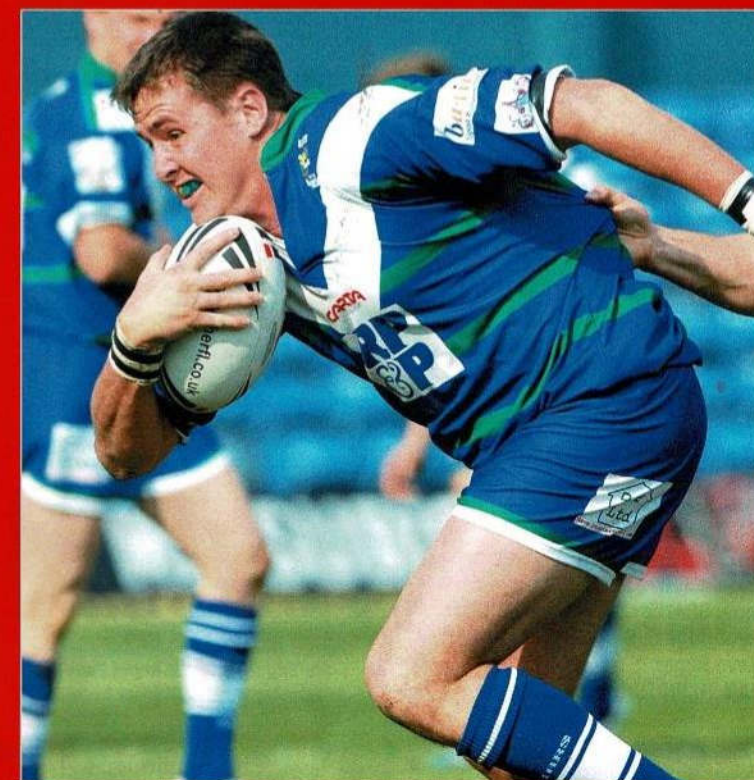
He was accompanied on his visit to the facility by Keighley MP Ann Cryer, who is also a trustee of the Cougar Community Foundation.

It was a wonderful day out for everybody concerned and set the blue seal on the work undertaken during the last two years by centre manager Liz Kidman and assistant Rachel Pressley.

The other big news of the week was our Australian prop Brendon Rawlins was given his work permit.

Brendon went home to Australia to complete what seemed to be formalities in February after winning an appeal against the RFL's decision but his application became lodged in the system, taking until last week to emerge.

The good thing is that he's back now and I've no doubt that the popular Australian who has found a special place in the affection of the Cougar public will be glad to be back in action as well as



Brendon Rawlins - the popular Aussie returns - finally!

back 'home'. Congratulations too to our Scholarship forward Wasim Sahim on his call up for the British Asian Rugby Association training squad in preparation for their game against the Great Britain Lions Under-18 team next month.

We're very proud of Wasim's achievement and he is a great credit to our club and his family.

Helen Carter, General Manager

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Workington v Oldham



Sunday July 5th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. DERWENT PARK

WORKINGTON TOWN

OLDHAM RLFC

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
Chris Frodsham
Brett Carter (loan)
Marc Shackley (loan)
Marc Bainbridge (loan)
Joe McKenna (loan)
TRIALISTS:
Keith Campbell
Alex Daprilie
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DGs

COACH: DAVE ROTHERAM

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL
LAST SIX HOME: WLLLLL
TRIES: Stephen Dawes 8, Tommy Brindle 3, five players on two tries each. GOALS: Carl Forber 22, Marc Bainbridge 5, Steve Roper 2. DGs: Steve Roper
MAN TO WATCH: Marc Bainbridge

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Halloran
Touch: T Crashley, C Hancock
Fourth official: J Dixon

BENNETT'S BET

"Hurting Roughyeds to get back to winning ways - Oldham by 30"

No. PLAYER

1 Paul O'Connor
2 Andy Ballard
3 Danny Halliwell
4 Paul Reilly
5 Lee Greenwood
6 James Coyle
7 Thomas Coyle
8 Paul Highton
9 Gary Sykes
10 Jamie l'Anson
11 Dave Allen
12 Tommy Goulden
13 Rob Roberts
14 Richard Mervill
15 Jason Boults
16 Wayne Kerr
17 Craig Robinson
18 Neil Roden
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23 Chris Baines
24 Marcus St Hilaire
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LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWLL
LAST SIX AWAY: W-WWLWL
TRIES: Andy Ballard 17, James Coyle 9, Thomas Coyle 9, Marcus St Hilaire 8, Danny Halliwell 8.
GOALS: Andy Ballard 90,
Danny Halliwell 3. DGs: -
MAN TO WATCH: Andy Ballard

CLUBCALL

Workington v Oldham

Your support is genuinely appreciated by us

Needless to say everyone was extremely disappointed by last week's performance.

It goes without saying that when we have disrupted the squad to the extent we have half-way through the season; we are very much on the back foot.

Nevertheless we can play much better than we did at Blackpool.

At the time of writing we

By Dave Bowden
Workington chairman

are still assessing loan players and there will be ins and outs I'm sure even this week as we build up to the Oldham game.

Of course the season has been something of a nightmare so far.

But the steps taken will ensure we can regroup and

put the club on a strong footing. Thanks to the fantastic support we had at Blackpool.

We have some great fans who understand exactly what we're having to do this year.

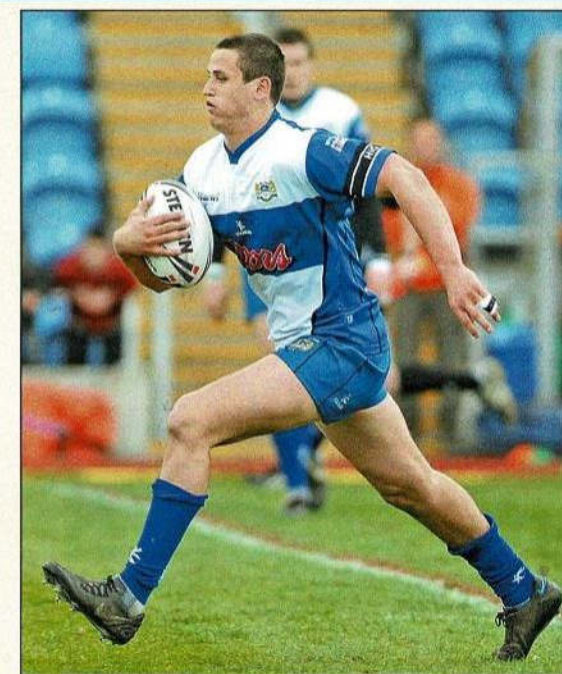
When we do emerge out of this difficult but necessary period, it will be worth it just for you alone.

And to our sponsors today, who have stuck with

us through the ups and downs also, a big thank you to you all. You really have made the difference in ensuring we are in a position to kick on.

Today we will have to show great character and resilience if we are to provide any competition against one of the strongest squads in the division, I expect all our players to do that today.

Pats on the back for some of our top men



Jarrad Stack - one of Town's unsung heroes

The last home game against Swinton showed what this team is capable of. The commitment and enthusiasm right through the 80 minutes was there for all to see.

Although we lost the game you, the supporters, got behind the players when it mattered most. I know the boys felt the encouragement that was given throughout.

I'd like to mention players for their personal contributions who I feel deserve a pat on the back.

Jack Pedley divided his time between scrum half and hooker where he scored one try and created another with his speed and agility. Jack has settled into his role well and each week his perform-

ance improves.

Kris Coward has started the last two games and made a real impact. Kris is big, skillful and fast - all the attributes of a front rower. He has certainly learned how to play his role and he is another on an upward curve.

Jarrad Stack, Mike Whitehead and Paddy Coupar continue to put in big physical performances. These three play the game tough and get through a significant amount of work in both attack and defence.

We have recently signed Chris Frodsham from Swinton on a permanent basis. Chris is 21 years old and can play either stand-off or full-back.

He has been well schooled in his

career coming through the ranks at St Helens from scholarship to academy, representing both Lancashire and England at under 17s. He will make his debut this afternoon.

Today we welcome Oldham to Derwent Park. I know that Tony Benson will be looking to avenge last week's defeat at York.

For those of you heading for Blackpool for the 9s and the final next week enjoy your festival of RL - hope to see you there at what should be an enjoyable weekend.

Enjoy today's game.

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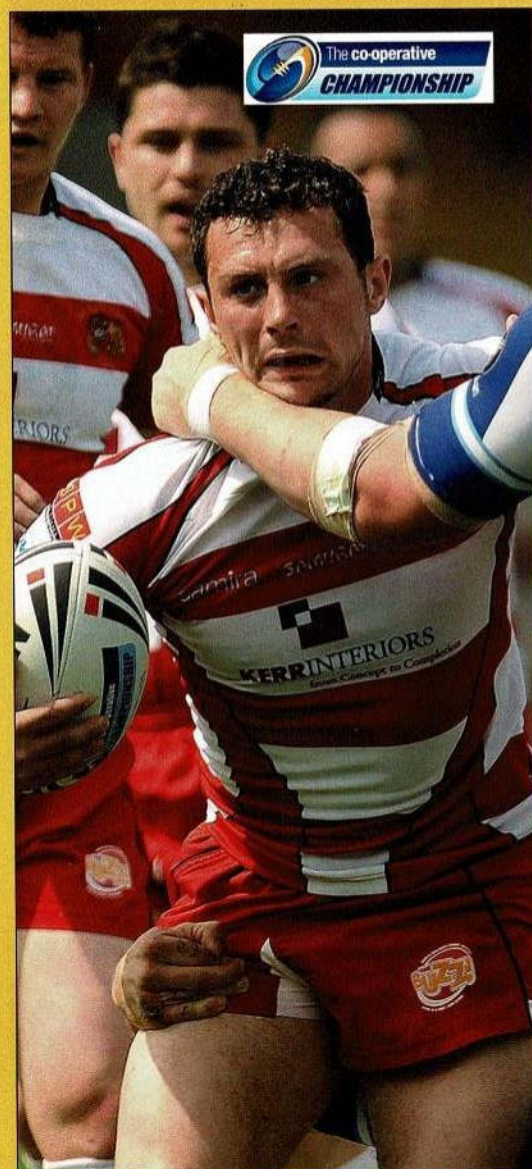
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ACTION REPLAY

Upsets aplenty as underdogs bite back



Ash Lindsay bagged a brace for Batley as they brought Barrow crashing down to earth



IT WAS a toss-up who sprung the biggest surprise in the Championship last Sunday afternoon as the two front-runners both fell unexpectedly at the unlikely of hurdles.

It seems only a few weeks ago that both Gateshead and especially Batley were struggling to keep pace with the teams in the lower half of the table.

Indeed the only consolation for both Halifax and Barrow coaches Dave Clark and Matt Calland was that their closest contenders also lost.

Gateshead coach Steve McCormack punched the air with relief after his team ran up a 32-point first-half lead, then hung on for dear life as Matt Calland roused his men for a second half charge.

"We knew what Halifax's strengths were and they have three or four hookers in the side so are always quick from dummy half," said McCormack.

"We defended that well in the first half but then allowed them to score a few tries from around that area in the second which was disappointing.

"Every game is important to us now. It was good to get a win at home and to beat the top of the table side was a big turnaround for us after the heavy defeat at their place.

"Everyone is working together and it's shown in the last two weeks. We knew Halifax would come back but the desire and work ethic of the team shone through and we deserved to hold on."

Calland offered no excuses for his team's first-half effort, coming after a Northern Rail Cup semi-final defeat by Widnes.

"I would like to apologise to the Halifax fans for an abysmal first-half display," said Calland. "We were outfought and out

enthused by Gateshead.

"It wasn't good enough and the players were given a real dressing down at half-time.

"I was confident we could come back in the second half but we didn't take enough of our chances in the game and pulled up short."

Over at Mount Pleasant, high-flying Barrow were brought to earth with a massive bump as Karl Harrison's resurgent Bulldogs won their fourth game out of five – and in some style.

Batley had seven different try scorers contributing to a convincing 46-16 scoreline which left Barrow coach Dave Clark shaking his head and hoping for a return to form before Blackpool next week.

Doomed Doncaster, still trying to survive on a week to week basis, were put to the sword by Sheffield in front of a measly crowd of 275 at the Chris Moyles Stadium and are desperately in need of a guardian angel. The detail of former Doncaster mayor Martin Winter's rescue package continues to be awaited.

Whitehaven's two wing flyers were having fun in the sun at the Rec as Leigh contributed their part to a high-scoring bonanza.

Craig Calvert raced in for four tries and Ade Adebisi bagged two as Whitehaven ran away as 36-22 winners on a hot day in north-west Cumbria.

It wasn't the prettiest of games, but the result meant that Batley leap-frogged ambitious Leigh in the Championship table.

It was hot and steamy too in the south of France, but Toulouse's chances of beating Featherstone were fatally damaged when playmaker Nathan Wynn left the field early on with a shoulder injury, and Rovers ran out 32-16 winners.



James Coyle looks for support in a thriller at York before the Sky cameras

Video isn't Child's play

VIDEO REFEREE James Child held the result of the Thursday night Sky button in his hands as the cameras turned up at York's Huntington Stadium for the visit of Oldham.

With the concept of 'benefit of the doubt' seemingly cast aside now, Mr Child ultimately gave Oldham's brave troops the thumbs down as he ruled that Tommy Goulden just – and it can only have been just – failed to touch the ball down before the desperate York defenders pushed him back over the line.

Thus was the Knights' 20-18 win preserved in what was another Thursday night classic for fans both at home and at the match.

The result took David March's men second in the table but there's still no catching Warren Jowitt's soaraway Rams. They plundered 64 unanswered points at the London Skolars with Bryn Powell netting a hat-trick. Coach Jowitt said: "I am very satisfied with the win, but all wins are satisfactory. We were very professional and clinical



in possession.

"Defensively we were very good. London put us under a lot of pressure in the first 20 minutes, but we kept them out. Our fitness level is very good and that's what has made a big difference.

"James Lockwood has just joined us from amateur rugby league (Sharlston) and he has been a good find. It was only his second game for us, but he was very good."

For the Skolars, Jermaine Coleman was at the temporary helm after coach Callum Irving's resignation.

The result left Dewsbury nine points clear at the top of the table with just seven games left to play and seemingly unassailable in the quest for automatic promotion.

In the play-off race Swinton Lions produced their best performance of the campaign in beating Graeme Hallas's Hunslet Hawks 42-16. The win leapfrogged the Lions over

their rivals into 5th spot in the division.

It was all-around entertainment in sultry conditions from Swinton, who were celebrating the return of former GB loose-forward Les Holliday to assist Paul Kidd with the coaching duties.

Workington's 2009 woes continued down on the Fylde coast where Martin Crompton's Blackpool Panthers were 46-18 winners.

Town lined up against their recently departed star Carl Forber who landed three goals as the Panthers raced out to a winning lead with three tries in the first 13 minutes.

There was no way back from there for Workington who had talented young GB students centre James Mossop on debut after impressing in the Skanska Cup final in mid-week. Town coach Dave Rotherham groaned: "That was another harsh lesson for us. We've just got to look after the ball better when we're in possession."

Keighley took third spot in the Championship 1 equal on points with York after a 44-18

defeat of Hornets RL.

Hornets coach Darren Shaw said: "We had to have a couple of positional changes and with 20 minutes to go we had used all our subs, but that's no excuse for some of the dumbness in defence at times. We came out the first half with an 80 percent completion rate and didn't do a great deal with it and in the second half we completed 49 per cent and we did not have much possession at all.

"Both Steven Roper and Mick Fogerty are going for X-rays because they heard their ankles crack in a tackle as they went down. Brett Robinson, who was playing nine, has to go for X-rays as well on his ribs and Adam Thomas had to have four stitches in his eye."

Cougars boss Barry Eaton was a hard man to please. "I am pleased with the result but I am not entirely satisfied with the performance," he said.

"I thought we were pretty scrappy at times and basic handling errors let us down far too often. I am happy with the result but there is lots to work on."

KNOW YOUR STUFF?

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP QUIZ

1 Which player equalled Greg Pearce's Dewsbury club record for goals in a game in 2007?

2 In what year did Featherstone win promotion back to the Championship (then NL1)?

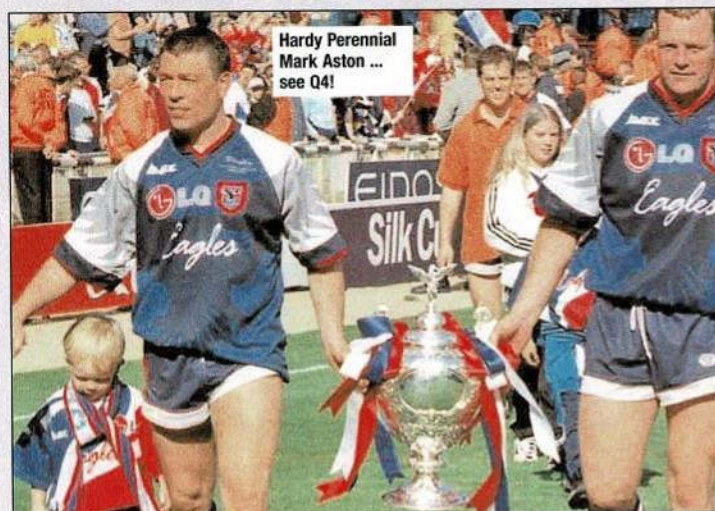
3 Who succeeded Steve Deakin as coach of Keighley Cougars in January 2002?

4 In what year were Sheffield Eagles formed?

5 Who became coach of Doncaster RLFC in 1999?

6 From which club did Swinton Lions sign prop Bruce Johnson?

7 Which Welsh international moved to the Barrow Raiders from Super League ahead of



the 2009 season?

8 Mark Applegarth signed for York City Knights from which Super League side?

9 Barry Eaton broke the world

record for consecutive successful goal kicks (38) in 2003 playing for which club?

10 Which two clubs did Frenchman Said Tamghart play for prior to Halifax?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1 How many games did Andrew Johns play for Warrington Wolves in 2005?

2 Ken Gee played for which club in the 1930s, 40s and 50s?

3 In what year did Great Britain last win an Ashes series?

4 Who won the Harry Sunderland Award for the 2008 Grand Final?

5 Who finished top of the table in Super League IX?

6 Which player did Huddersfield Giants sign from Brisbane Broncos in 2005?

7 In what year did Odsal host the Challenge Cup final between Halifax and Warrington that attracted 102,569 fans?

Answers at bottom of the page...

ANAGRAMS

Rearrange the following phrases to form the names of three..... players

1: LEAN MEN PULL

2: CZAR DO A DEAL

3: A SLY DANISH

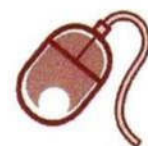
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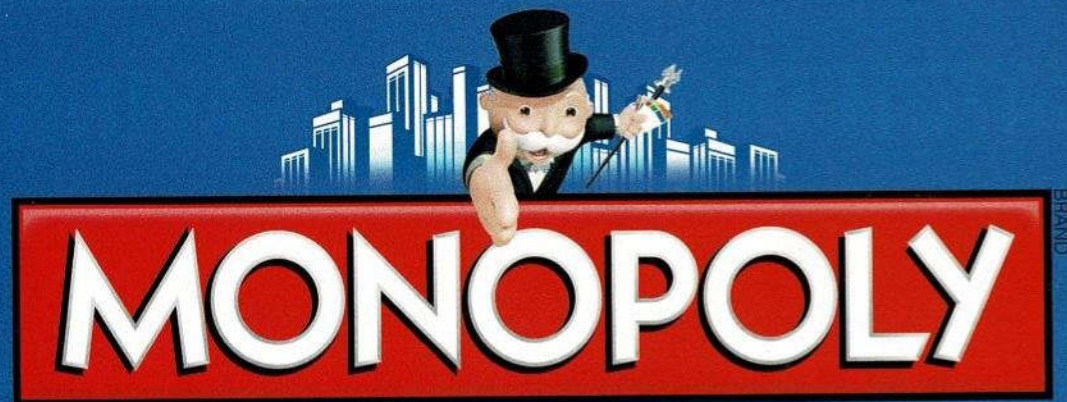


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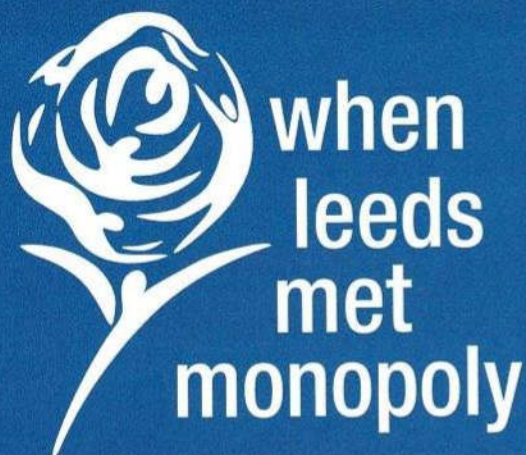


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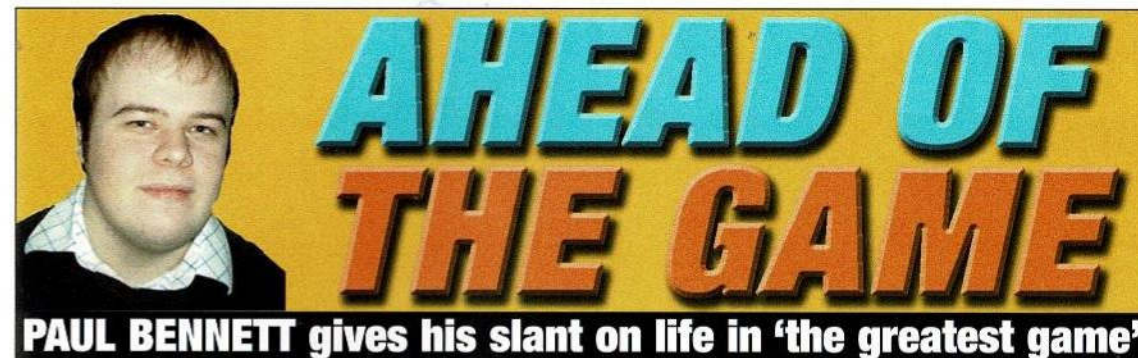
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PAUL BENNETT gives his slant on life in 'the greatest game'

A career in Hock all for a stupid mistake

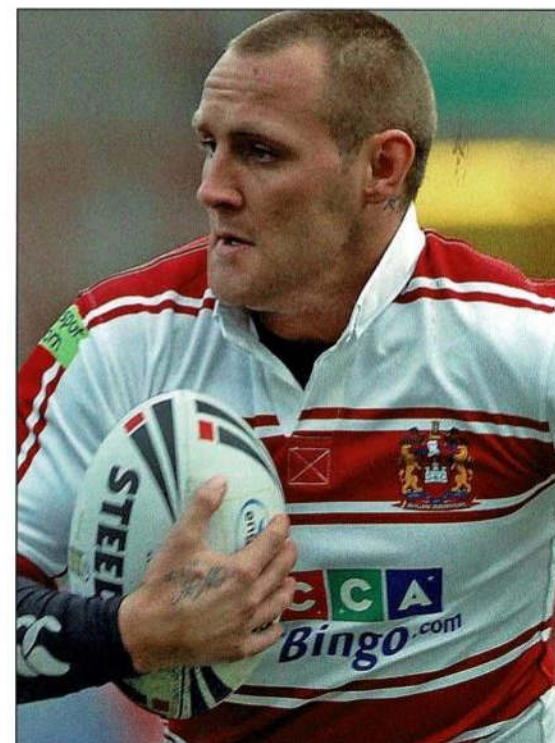
GREAT publicity for rugby league last week... Anyone who watched 'The Boss' Bruce Springsteen and Kasabian on the main stage at Glastonbury would have seen a big Bradford Bulls flag on a massive pole, right in front of the camera. It was the best coverage rugby league has had on the BBC for years.

Less positive (if that isn't an unfortunate term) was all the air time and column inches given to Gareth Hock's failed drugs test – although they do say there's no such thing as bad publicity, don't they?

The Hock issue is a tricky one. Part of you wants to completely rip into the guy for being a Grade A moron; throwing away such a brilliant career for something as stupid as cocaine.

When he was off-form, he could be horrendous and often he showed the kind of brains (or lack of) that made it little surprise to learn of his alleged off-field indiscretions. But when he was on-form he was an absolute world-beater – a player with real power and skill and the kind of player that really could prove a handful for Australia and New Zealand in an England shirt.

Frustratingly, given Hock's impending two-year ban, he looked like he'd begun to have more on-days than off-days of late – he seemed to be entering the prime of his



Gareth Hock – needs help to return to the game, wherever that may be

career, making his drug offence, if confirmed as expected, even more brainless.

It would be all too easy to crucify Hock for his stupid mistake – and many people might choose to do just that.

But, putting the offence into context, Hock is not a drugs 'cheat' in the athletic

sense (although I understand cocaine can be used as a masking agent for other, performance-enhancing drugs, though there's no suggestion that's the case here).

I'm not saying cocaine is ok – indeed far from it, it's illegal – but it's unlikely a player takes the white stuff to make him play better.

Young men tend not to seek any advantage from taking 'recreational' drugs – instead looking for the kind of kick that young men with cash often do.

Having said that, I don't necessarily agree that recreational drugs should carry a lesser ban than performance-enhancing drugs. As part of the self-styled family game, players ought to know they are role models who have to set a good example for youngsters who look up to them.

But they don't need to be completely hung out to dry. Hock will have a sentence to serve and will do so – but after that there should be nothing stopping him from coming back into the game and making a living again like Ryan Hudson, Sean Penkywicz and Dave Allen have done.

He needs people around him to stick with him, help him deal with his mistake and keep him on track over the next two years so that, once his ban expires, he's in shape to play again – whether it be with Wigan or whoever.

**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, Sharlston 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

Batley Bulldogs 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!



CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY JUNE 27th
Toulouse Olympique 16
 Tries: Spears, Briggs 2,
 Couturier 2. Goals:
 Couturier 2.

Featherstone Rovers 32
 Tries: Spears, Briggs 2,
 Hardman, Smeaton. Goals:
 Dickens 5, A Kain.
 Half Time: 4-18. Att: 2,000

SUNDAY JUNE 28th
Batley Bulldogs 46
 Tries: Smith, Lindsay 2, Mennell,
 Cardiss, Potter, Lythe, Maun.
 Goals: Mennell 7.
Barrow Raiders 16
 Tries: Mossop, Bauer, Ellis.
 Goals: Noone 2.
 Half Time: 16-6. Att: 1,002

Doncaster 8
 Tries: Lawton, Coady.
Sheffield Eagles 78
 Tries: Ropati 2, Yere 4, Mills,
 Cook, Wood, Lindsay, Gibson 3,
 Brooks. Goals: Woodcock 11.
 Half Time: 4-28. Att: 275

Gateshead Thunder 34
 Tries: Nash 3, Cording,
 Branighan, McAlpine. Goals:
 Knowles 5.
Halifax 28
 Tries: Beswick, Greenwood,
 Penkywicz 2, Worrincy. Goals:
 Paterson 4.
 Half Time: 32-0. Att: 802

Whitehaven 36
 Tries: Calvert 4, Adebisi 2.
 Goals: McNally 5, Joe.
Leigh Centurions 22
 Tries: Alstead, Durbin, Maden,
 Watson. Goals: Mort 3.
 Half Time: 22-12. Att: 1,310

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP 1
THURSDAY JUNE 25th
York City Knights 20
 Tries: Clayton, Hughes, Oakes,
 Haberecht. Goals: A Mitchell 2.
Oldham 18
 Tries: Roden, Baines, Goulden.
 Goals: Ballard 3.
 Half Time: 14-18. Att: 3,106



SUNDAY JUNE 28th

Blackpool Panthers 46
 Tries: Woodcock, Munro 3,
 Leather, Svabic, Thompson 2,
 McNally. G: Forber 3, Leather 2.
Workington Town 18
 Tries: King, Farrimond, Burgess.
 Goals: Bainbridge 3.
 Half Time: 24-12. Att: 280

Keighley Cougars 44
 Tries: Hughes, Smith, Presley,
 Shickell, Jones, Williams,
 Rayner. Goals: Jones 8.
Hornets RL 16
 Tries: Ainscough, Mayberry,
 Donoghue. Goals: Roper 2.
 Half Time: 22-12. Att: 901

London Skolars 0
Dewsbury Rams 64
 Tries: Spicer, Buchanan, Spurr,
 Wildbore 2, Powell 3, Hayes,
 Finn, Robinson. Goals: Walker
 10. Half Time: 0-28. Att: 367

Swinton Lions 42
 Tries: Rigby, Sneyd, Ashall,
 Hawkyard, Billy, Hayes, Hull.
 Goals: Sneyd 7.
Hunslet Hawks 16
 Tries: Young, Fawcett, Mark.
 Goals: Chapman 2.
 Half Time: 12-10. Att: 537

2009 Reserve Team First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PD	Pts
1 Featherstone Rovers	10	9	0	1	433	172	261	18
2 Hunslet Hawks	11	8	0	3	486	194	292	16
3 Leigh Centurions	10	7	0	3	429	237	192	14
4 Barrow Raiders	12	7	0	5	386	250	136	14
5 Whitehaven	10	6	0	4	252	293	-41	12
6 Keighley Cougars	9	5	0	4	211	332	-121	10
7 Widnes Vikings	8	4	0	4	308	221	87	8
8 Sheffield Eagles	8	4	0	4	211	282	-71	8
9 Oldham	6	2	0	4	131	208	-77	4
10 York City Knights	10	2	0	8	180	426	-246	4
11 Dewsbury Rams	7	1	0	6	168	248	-80	2
12 Doncaster	9	0	0	9	144	476	-332	0

RESERVE TEAM DIVISION ONE

THURSDAY JUNE 25th

Reserve Team First Division
Featherstone Rovers 56
 T: Kain 2, Wynne 2, Smith, Carr,
 Tonks, Bacon, Blakeway, Scott
 G: Dobek 7, Carr
Dewsbury Rams 18
 T: Ryder, Murgatroyd, Stead
 G: Wandless 3
 HT: 20-12

SATURDAY JUNE 27th

Barrow Raiders 66
 T: Beech 5, Backhouse 2, McKenna,
 Keighan, Kargan, Gordon, Dawson. G:
 Keighan 9
Keighley Cougars 0
 HT: 28-0

Leigh Centurions 60
 T: Dollin 4, Stewart 2, Hatton, Powell,
 Reay, O'Toole, Sarsfield. G: Hatton 5,
 Dollin 3.
Whitehaven 8
 T: Ellbeck, Lancaster
 HT: 24-4.

Oldham v York City Knights - no result
Sheffield Eagles 16
Doncaster 12

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Thursday July 2nd
 York City Knights v Dewsbury Rams
 8pm
Friday July 3
 Leigh Centurions v Sheffield Eagles
 2.30pm at Twist Lane
 Oldham v Whitehaven 2.30pm at
 Sedgley Park RFC

Paul Hughes manages to ground the ball in York's televised thriller against Oldham

STATS SERVICE



LEADING POINTS SCORERS

PLAYER/CLUB	T	G	DG	Pts
Andy Ballard (Oldham)	17	90	248	
Gregg McNally (White)	25	65	230	
Pat Walker (Dewsbury)	4	100	216	
Jonny Woodcock (Sheff)	7	75	178	
Lee Patterson (Halifax)	7	73	174	
Danny Jones (Keighley)	3	68	149	
Michael Knowles (G'head)	6	61	146	
Carl Sneyd (Swinton)	7	58	144	
Ian Mort (Leigh)	9	53	142	
Nathan Wynn (Toulouse)	4	58	132	
Stuart Dickens (Feath)	1	58	120	
Adam Mitchell (York)	3	47	106	
Johnny Leather (Black)	11	28	100	
Paul Mennell (Batley)	6	38	100	
Ben Black (Halifax)	16	12	88	
Paul Noone (Barrow)	1	41	86	
Darren Robinson (Hunslet)	5	31	83	
Scott Yates (Widnes)	4	33	82	
Darren Holt (Barrow)	1	37	80	
Jon Presley (Keighley)	19	1	77	
Liam Finn (Dewsbury)	11	15	76	
Shad Royston (Halifax)	18		72	
George Flanagan (Batley)	7	22	72	
Luke Branighan (G'head)	14	8	72	
James Nixon (Barrow)	17		68	
Andy Bostock (Dewsbury)	17		68	
Stuart Sanderson (G'head)	16		64	
Andy Kain (Feath)	15	2	64	
Gavin Dodd (Widnes)	9	12	60	
Chris Giles (Hornets)	5	20	60	
Kane Epati (Dewsbury)	15		60	
Miles Greenwood (Halifax)	15		60	
Iestyn Harris (Feath)	5	19	58	
Jermaine McGilvary (Bat)	14	1	58	
Carl Forber (Blackpool)	2	25	58	
Tim Hartley (Widnes)	2	24	56	
Andy Ellis (Barrow)	14		56	
Paul Hughes (York)	14		56	
Mick Govin (Halifax)	1	24	52	
Martin Ainscough (Hornets)	13		52	
Sean Penkywicz (Halifax)	13		52	
Tommy Haughey (Feath)	12		48	
Jon Steel (Featherstone)	12		48	
Ben McAlpine (Gateshead)	10	4	48	
Dave Hull (Swinton)	12		48	
Kyle Briggs (Feath)	3	18	48	
Joe McLockian (Feath)	7	9	46	
Danny Ratcliffe (York)	11	1	46	
Jamie Durbin (Leigh)	11		44	
Wayne McHugh (York)	5	13	46	
Tangi Ropati (Sheffield)	10	3	46	
Lee Mapals (Keighley)	11		44	
Paul March (York)	11		44	
Austin Buchanan (Dews)	11		44	
James Haley (Halifax)	6	10	44	
Paul Thorman (Skolars)	1	20	44	
Gareth Langley (Blackpool)	5	12	44	
Liam McGovern (Hornets)	2	17	43	
Said Tamghart (Halifax)	10		40	

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	PD	Pts
Halifax	11	9	0	2	1	421	224	197	28
Barrow	12	8	0	4	3	342	216	126	27
Widnes	13	7	0	6	5	376	278	98	26
Featherstone	12	8	0	4	0	367	287	80	24
Whitehaven	13	7	0	6	3	388	360	28	24
Sheffield	12	5	0	7	7	372	265	107	22
Toulouse	12	7	0	5	1	364	334	30	22
Batley	13	5	1	7	2	346	436	-90	19
Leigh	12	5	0	7	3	226	321	-95	18
Gateshead	12	4	1	7	1	322	447	-125	15
Doncaster	12	1	0	11	3	187	543	-356	6

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	PD	Pts
Dewsbury	11	11	0	0	0	484	131	353	33
York	11	7	0	4	3	322	193	129	24
Keighley	11	7	0	4	3	327	251	76	24
Oldham	10	7	0	3	2	380	228	152	23
Swinton	11	7	0	4	0	351	303	48	21
Hunslet	11	6	0	5	2	308	256	52	20
Blackpool	10	4	0	6	3	266	254	12	15
Workington	11	1	0	10	3	171	440	-269	6
London Skolars	10	1	0	9	0	92	575	-483	3
Hornets RL *	10	2	0	8	5	239	309	-70	2

*Deducted 9 points for going into administration

NORTHERN RAIL CUP 2009 TABLES

POOL ONE

	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

POOL TWO

	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

In 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)
19	Jon Presley (Keighley)
18	Shad Royston (Halifax)
17	James Nixon (Barrow) Andy Ballard (Oldham) Andy Bostock (Dewsbury)
16	Stuart Sanderson (Gateshead) Ben Black (Halifax)
15	Kane Epati (Dewsbury) Miles Greenwood (Halifax)
14	Jermaine McGilvary (Batley) Andy Kain (Featherstone) Paul Hughes (York) Luke Branighan (Gateshead) Andy Ellis (Barrow)
13	Martin Ainscough (Hornets) Sean Penkywicz (Halifax)
12	Tommy Haughey (Feath) Jon Steel (Featherstone) Dave Hull (Swinton) Dylan Nash (Gateshead)
11	Lee Mapals (Keighley) Danny Ratcliffe (York) Paul March (York) Austin Buchanan (Dewsbury) Liam Finn (Dewsbury) Jonny Leather (Blackpool) Jamie Durbin (Leigh) Bryn Powell (Dewsbury)
10	Said Tamghart (Halifax) Ayden Faal (Hunslet) Paddy Flynn (Widnes) Rob Worrincy (Halifax) Ben McAlpine (Gateshead) Tangi Ropati (Sheffield) John Oakes (York) Tom Haberecht (York) Ade Adebisi (Whitehaven)
9	Alex Bretherton (Dewsbury) Stuart Donlan (Leigh) Ian Mort (Leigh) Matt Thomas (Skolars) Thomas Coyle (Oldham) James Coyle (Oldham) Rory Bromley (Toulouse) Gavin Dodd (Widnes) Anthony Thackeray (Widnes) Craig Calvert (Whitehaven) Menzies Yere (Sheffield) Damian Gibson (Sheffield)

9 players on 8 tries