

Lethal Lucas looks to third-time lucky in Oldham promotion push

BY ROGER HALSTEAD

Happy-go-lucky Lucas Onyango, a

real favourite of the Oldham crowd, is enjoying his rugby again on the Roughyeds' right wing after making the spot his own over the last nine matches.

He played in only six of the club's first 18 games of the season while Andy Ballard and Lee Greenwood were holding down the wing positions, but the crowd-pleasing Kenyan is back to his best now and gaining in confidence every time he drags the Roughyeds

shirt over his head.

He is scoring tries too --- six in the last nine games



and one in each of his last four outings against Blackpool, York, Hunslet and Swinton. He has had five centres during that nine-match sequence in Danny Halliwell, Ballard, Chris Baines, Craig Littler and Jamie Russo. But so long as the tries keep on coming he is just happy to be out there and happy to play alongside anybody as his centre.

And, having been involved in each of Oldham's promotion-chasing attempts in 2007 and 2008, when they were beaten in the grand final each time, this 28-year-old flier is hoping to make it third-time lucky.

If Roughyeds are to make the final this time they will have to do it the hard way by winning three games as they did in 2007 when they defeated Swinton and Workington at Boundary Park and then went up to Barrow and won there to qualify for the showdown with Featherstone in the final at Headingley.

Onyango is ready for the challenge and, despite recent results prior to the victory against Swinton, he is optimistic about the Roughyeds' prospects of going all the way. He said: "I believe in the squad we have here. If all the players are fit and everything is right we can beat any team in the league. At the moment we are having no luck but in a game like rugby things will change at some point and then the luck will shine on us."

"We now have players like Marcus St Hilaire and Paul Reilly back, everyone is fighting for a place and everyone wants to win."

"This will be my third time pushing for promotion with Oldham and I really hope it will be third-time lucky."

"We just need that little bit of luck that has been missing. Every game from now on is a grand final and every team will do everything they can to play their 'A' game. There are no easy matches and we will have to be at our best."

Talking about his appetite for tries, he went on: "When you play on the wing you normally find that you have a centre partner alongside you for some time but lately there have been a lot of changes."

"For me it is no different though because everyone who has played on my inside has been a good player."

"I try to make sure that in every game I play I score. If I don't, I beat myself down about it afterwards."

"Scoring helps to build confidence which in turn helps you to play well in the next game so I hope the scoring carries on."

His most recent touchdown, against Swinton, was a fabulous try which put some of our most senior supporters in mind of the legendary Brian Bevan. Much credit has to go to Craig Littler, now back at his best after a lean spell in which he was hampered by injury and went out on loan to Swinton.

It needed a delightful piece of centre play to push Lucas up the touchline and he hugged it with speed and aplomb to get clear of the cover before stepping inside the full-back to go over.

Coach Tony Benson later described it as one of the finest winger's tries he has seen all season across the entire division.

Lucas is but one of several Oldham players who seem to be hitting the straps at just the right time and of the players currently at the club he is second only to Thomas Coyle in the list of try scorers. Lucas has 13, Lee Greenwood 12 and Coyle 14.

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STRENGTH IN NUMBERS



We're all in this together... Roughyeds players applaud the fans for their support after the 31-26 play-off win against Swinton Lions.

Benson's boys aim to build on Swinton win

by ROGER HALSTEAD

ROUGHYEDS players and coach Tony Benson have promised fans they will unite as one in a huge effort to turn the tables on Hunslet Hawks at Boundary Park this afternoon.

The buzz words within the squad and around the training camp this week were 'CHARACTER' and 'COMMITMENT'. And players are urging fans to play their part by turning Boundary Park into a fortress for the day on what will be the team's last appearance of the year on home soil.

Club officials expect a significantly better turn-out than last week, given the

excitement generated by the Swinton Lions tie and the right result: 31-26 to the Roughyeds and a chance to put the record straight with the Hawks.

Hunslet triumphed 36-18 at the South Leeds Stadium in the Roughyeds' final league game, but now it's sudden-death cup-tie rugby and for Benson and his squad it's an opportunity to put that defeat well and truly behind them.

Players have assured fans they will give their all for the cause. Said one: "All we ask in return is that fans get behind us from the moment we leave the tunnel, and stick with us to the end. There's got to be strength in numbers - and we've got to make home advantage count."

Despite concerns about the club's structure in an uncertain future, players and staff have risen about adversity to strengthen bonds within the camp.

Said chief executive Chris Hamilton: "In the

past few weeks we've seen how much character they've got and that was a big factor in last week's win."

Added coach Tony B: "We're a smaller group now, but I'm so proud to be part of it. Everyone has pulled together - Chris (Hamilton), players, backroom staff, office staff, sponsors, the lot."

"As a group and as a team we have dug deep collectively - and we don't want to think that next week it will all be over."

Roughyeds have set their sights on their third Grand Final in three seasons and even though they would have to do it the hard way, players are not shy in expressing the view that they believe they have as much chance of getting there as Keighley, York and Hunslet.

They will have the whole of Lancashire behind them as well - and that's got to count for something.

View from the inside...



Don't say you weren't warned!

Last week's game against Swinton was a thriller and had everything that knock out football is about.

Having just settled our nerves we can now face what I am sure will be another dose of roller coaster emotions this afternoon when Hunslet are our visitors.

They too won a close encounter at Blackpool last

week to earn the right to come to Roughyed Stadium this week.

Having only recently played the Hawks in the normal league season I am sure they will come fancying their chances and we will certainly have to be smarter than we were that day.

Having experienced a lot of Play Off games over the last few years I am sure we have the armoury and nerve to progress further if we play as we can.

Last Sunday the players again showed an awful lot of desire and determination to win the game and we played for the whole 80 minutes which is a trait the lads have developed on a regular basis over the last 6 or 7 weeks and which has paid dividends on more than one occasion.

That is exactly the kind of qualities from which you get rewards at the end of the season and certainly nobody at Oldham was today to be the end of the season - it's an awful feeling when you are knocked out.

The club would also like to thank all our sponsors for their contributions throughout the season and without you we can't achieve what we want for the club.

Regardless of what happens today it will be our last home game of this season and the Coaching Staff and Players can take pride in their efforts over the course of the year and I personally want to put on record my thanks to them on behalf of the club for

what has been a difficult few months to say the least. I hope that we will have more fans here today than last week as the efforts certainly deserve it. The players certainly won't profess to be the greatest players in the world but they have competed in every game and I for one have every confidence in them.

We know that this afternoon's game will be tough in every sense of the word but that is exactly why we all want to be involved with these games where, because of the stakes, the nerves jangle, emotions run high, the atmosphere rises, each play becomes more important and the prize becomes nearer with each victory.

Bring it on!

Your support throughout the year has been great, as ever and today is another opportunity for you to play your part in what will hopefully be a win.

We thank all of you for your support during this season and hope we can provide you with excitement for another three weeks yet!

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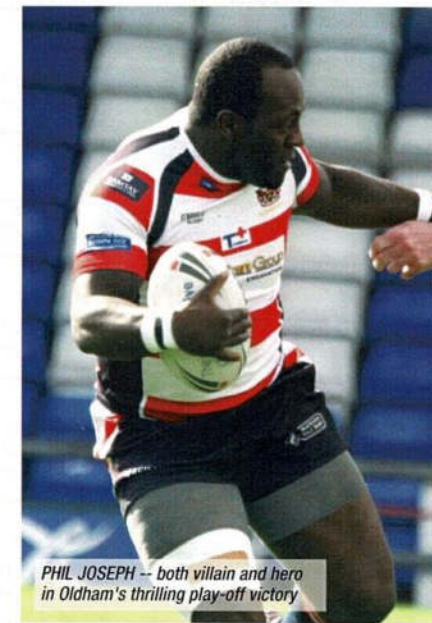
PRESS GANG HAD A BALL!

THE Roughyeds' thrilling 31-26 play-off win against Swinton Lions here at Boundary Park last Sunday went down well with the gentlemen of the Press.

They reported Oldham's triumph as follows:

Matthew Chambers, Oldham Evening Chronicle (headline: 'Spirited Oldham take first step'): 'Three more like that will do very nicely indeed. Such a run would have an adverse effect on the collective blood pressure of those who hold the cause of the Roughyeds dear.'

'But a further trio of heart-stopping victories will see Tony Benson's men claim promotion to the Co-operative Championship --- and what a tale that would be to tell after a season of unprecedented turmoil.'



PHIL JOSEPH -- both villain and hero in Oldham's thrilling play-off victory

Ian Wilson, Rugby Leaguer and League Express

(headline: 'Oldham march on'): 'This local derby clash between two famous old rivals produced the standard ding-dong battle, with no quarter given or indeed expected, and it was Oldham who eventually survived the first stage of this season's play-off series. 'Swinton, though, must be kicking themselves. Although Oldham perhaps deserved the spoils, in that they did score five tries to four, and also scorned a number of clear opportunities, Paul Kidd's side missed two absolute sitters of chances to score tries at crucial stages of what was a tense and exciting contest.

'It was nip and tuck from start to finish with more than one score between the sides for a total of only 12 of the game's 80 minutes.'

Roy Craig, League Weekly (headline: 'Joseph turns hero to edge Roughyeds past Swinton'): 'Phil Joseph was both villain and hero as Oldham edged out derby rivals Swinton Lions in a thrill-a-minute elimination play-off at Boundary Park.

'Oldham won through to earn another Boundary Park showdown next Sunday with Hunslet Hawks and if its half as thrilling as this one Roughyeds fans will be nervous wrecks before the end.

'It was classic, play-off excitement and entertainment all the way --- a pity fewer than 800 fans were there to watch'

Roger Halstead, Roughyeds website: 'Say what you like... in the pursuit of thrills, spills and raw excitement you can't beat knock-out rugby. Watched by representatives of the RFL and of their chief Championship sponsors, the Co-operative, both sides produced a sudden-death encounter of spellbinding entertainment.

'The third of Baines's five goals levelled at 14-14 before Roughyeds went out to 26-14 with tries by Coyle and O'Connor, both goaled by rookie marksman Baines. The last of these was a gem off the touchline -- further proof, if proof were needed, that Baines is coming along nicely in his determined efforts to add goalkicking to his CV of rugby league skills and sciences.

'It gave Oldham a 12-point lead and supporters sat back to calmly enjoy the rest of the game. If only... it was more a case of Roughyeds followers getting out the tranquilisers to help them through to the final hooter'

WHERE AND WHEN WE PLAY



Date	Comp	Opponents	V	Time	Res	Score	Att
Fri, Feb 13	NRC	Widnes Vikings	A	7.30pm	W	22-20	2,783
Wed, Feb 18	NRC	Rochdale Hornets	H	7.30pm	W	54-4	1,028
Sun, Feb 22	NRC	Sheffield Eagles	H	3.00pm	L	22-34	1,173
Sun, Mar 1	NRC	Hunslet Hawks	A	2.00pm	W	32-14	582
Sun, Mar 8	CCC3	Sharlston Rovers	H	3.00pm	W	26-8	800
Sun, Mar 15	CC1	Blackpool Panthers	H	3.00pm	W	36-18	880
Sun, Mar 22	CC1	Keighley Cougars	A	3.00pm	L	26-34	1,021
Sun, Mar 29	CC1	Workington Town	H	3.00pm	W	66-14	819
Sun, April 5	CCC4	Lézignan	H	3.00pm	W	60-30	863
Fri, April 10	CC1	Rochdale Hornets	A	3.00pm	W	26-18	1,249
Sun, April 19	CC1	Dewsbury Rams	H	3.00pm	L	12-36	1,147
Sun, April 26	CC1	Swinton Lions	H	3.00pm	W	52-36	1,010
Sat, May 2	CC1	London Skolars	A	3.00pm	W	78-10	273
Sat, May 9	CCC5	Gateshead Thunder	A	3.00pm	L	16-34	929
Sun, May 17	CC1	Hunslet Hawks	H	3.00pm	W	22-16	1,136
Sun, May 24	CC1	Swinton Lions	A	3.00pm	W	44-26	705
Sun, June 7	NRCQF	Featherstone Rov.	H	3.00pm	L	18-32	853
Thurs, June 25	CC1	York City Knights	A	7.30pm	L	18-20	3,106
Sun, July 5	CC1	Workington Town	A	3.00pm	W	60-6	514
Sun, July 19	CC1	Keighley Cougars	H	3.00pm	L	22-24	848
Sun, July 26	CC1	Dewsbury Rams	A	3.00pm	L	8-38	1,080
Sun, Aug 2	CC1	Rochdale Hornets	H	3.00pm	W	48-28	951
Thurs, Aug 6	CC1	London Skolars	H	7.30pm	W	28-22	1,419
Sun, Aug 16	CC1	Blackpool Panthers	A	3.00pm	D	30-30	600
Sun, Aug 23	CC1	York City Knights	H	3.00pm	L	24-37	954
Sun, Sep 6	CC1	Hunslet Hawks	A	3.00pm	L	18-36	632
Sun, Sept 13	CC1P0	Swinton Lions	H	3.00pm	W	31-26	745
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RODEN DROPS IN TO GO BACK IN TIME!

NEIL Roden, who has now scored 99 tries for Oldham, turned back the clock to yesteryear when he dropped that all-important long-range goal in last Sunday's win against Swinton.

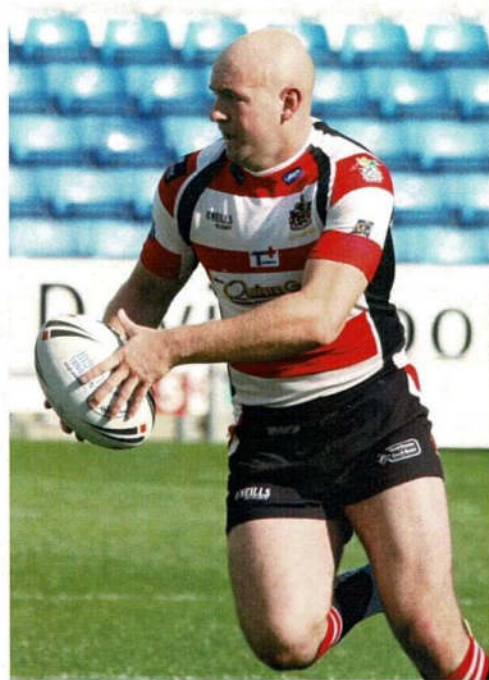
Fans with good memories, or those who keep statistics, will know that Neil holds two Roughyeds records for drop goals --- most in a season and most overall for Oldham RLFC (1997) Ltd.

His seven in 2001-2002 has yet to be beaten, and his total for the club now stands at 21, which again puts him out in front.

Last Sunday's one-pointer, though, was his first since he dropped a couple in the 2007 campaign.

"I don't seem to be scoring tries these days, so I thought it was time I at least popped one over," he said later, tongue in cheek of course.

Tries do seem to be scarce these days for the man who has crossed the line more times than any other player in the history of the new Oldham club, but he is not alone among the players in believing that a combined effort across the whole team can enable Roughyeds to make an impact on the play-offs.



Speaking after the Swinton tie, he said: "We trained well in the build-up to the game and we put the difficulties of the past few weeks behind us.

"We have a lot of character in the camp and it surfaced when we had to keep the Lions out near the end.

"There is little to separate the play-off teams and I see no reason why we can't go all the way."

Keen fan George Cowburn, of Thornham, keeps meticulous records of the Roughyeds and he has done since the new club was formed in 1997.

My records on Roden, and those of club historian Mike Turner, differ slightly but George's stats look to be spot-on, such is the amount of information he can supply in support of his figures.

Only league and cup matches count towards official figures and according to George, Neil has currently made 225 Oldham appearances, scoring 92 tries and 21 drop goals.

In addition, he has played in another ten games that don't count --- seven friendlies against South Sydney, Manly, Whitehaven, Warrington, Leeds, Huddersfield and Leigh; two Law Cup ties against Rochdale; and one match against York which was expunged from the records when York folded in the 2001-2002 season.

In those games he scored another seven tries to take his grand total for Oldham to 99. So its one more for the ton Neil, which would be a massive milestone to achieve, notwithstanding that seven of those touchdowns are classed as "unofficial".

Thanks for the statistics, George. Now just go for it Neil... one needed for the century!

AGONY OR ECSTASY

Although it appears Roughyeds captain, Tommy Goulden and veteran half back Neil Roden are attempting to strangle young scrum half Thomas Coyle, they both assure me they were in fact congratulating him on his try against Swinton.

ALL-ACTION Paul Reilly (pictured) is one of several Roughyeds players who are running into form at just the right time.



The former Huddersfield Giants legend has made only four of his 18 appearances over the season in his favourite full-back spot, but he has been impressive each time, particularly so in the last two games against Hunslet away and Swinton at Boundary Park in last week's play-

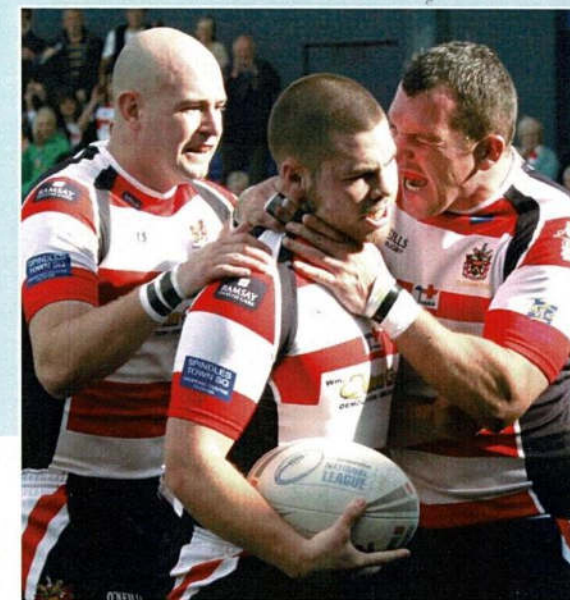
off win.

If experience counts for anything --- and today's visitors Hunslet must think so with Paul March, Neil Lowe, Richard Chapman and Josh Weedon in key midfield roles --- then Reilly's your man.

His enthusiasm knows no bounds and there were signs last week that it was rubbing off on every other member of the side.

Like Reilly, Lucas Onyango and Craig Littler are playing their best rugby of the season; Craig Robinson caused the Lions problems as a wide runner; Chris Baines is playing consistently well to merit his selection in the division's all-star line-up; and the return from injury and illness of Marcus St Hilaire and Tommy Goulden couldn't have been better timed.

Bainsey is even proving his worth as a goalkicker. He kicked five out of six last week. And of the one he missed, he said: "I think I took too much time over it. I was so keen to get it right, I took longer than usual. I learned a lesson: stick to your usual format for every single kick."



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ROUGHYEDS' NEWSROUND

CHRIS Baines won the Spindles Town Square Shopping player-of-the-month award for August for an unprecedented



Mike Flanagan with Chris Baines

third month in a row. And when he received his award from Spindles manager Mike Flanagan (pictured) in the boardroom after the

Swinton game there were the first hints that Spindles Town Square Shopping might be sponsoring again in 2010.



Mike Flanagan with Michael Ward

Said Mike: "We've just witnessed a fantastic game. I've enjoyed the sponsorship throughout this season and I would hope to continue it next year." More evidence of the burgeoning relationship between the club and Spindles came with the presentation for the first time to the reserve team's player of the month, won by Michael Ward (pictured).

Introducing Michael, Roughyeds' chief executive Chris Hamilton said: "He has come on in leaps and bounds. As a rugby league player, after a spell in rugby union, he has matured a lot in his time with us and we hope and believe that he can make a career in our sport. We expect him to be playing rugby league, with us, for the next few years." Replied Michael: "I'm really enjoying my rugby with the Roughyeds reserves. And it's nice to pick up accolades when you play well."

Roughyeds have confirmed that they are seeking talks with Oldham Council over a possible ground share with Oldham Athletic at their proposed new £20M stadium in Failsworth, which they hope to have completed within two years.

Discussions between Roughyeds and the Council have been held up because of the council's summer recess, but as that is now over Roughyeds hope the meeting will take place sooner rather than later. Chris Hamilton, the Roughyeds' chief executive, told the Oldham Evening Chronicle: "While there have been no discussions so far, rest assured we will fight to make sure that Oldham RL is involved."

Princess Jordan to star at presentation night

Local drag queen entertainer Princess Jordan, who has appeared on Coronation Street, will feature at the club's end-of-season presentation night at St Herbert's function room, Broadway, Chadderton on Wednesday, September 30, 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

The 'Princess' will take off Madonna and Amy Winehouse on a night when Roughyeds fans and players alike will have the opportunity to celebrate the

season and to enjoy each others' company in a convivial atmosphere.

Cost per head is £20 which includes four-course meal, entertainment, all the usual season's-achievement presentations and a chance to spend the evening with all the Roughyeds players, both first-team squad players and the reserves.

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WHO'S got the bottle? Neil Roden had it last Sunday night when he received the Roughyeds' champagne-moment award for the way he grabbed possession off Martin Moana in the dying seconds of the Swinton game to virtually end the Lions' last-ditch assault on Oldham's line.



Chris H with Neil Roden

Chief executive Chris Hamilton, pictured presenting Neil with his prize, said: "Neil played a major part in our victory, not merely with his all-round contribution, but also with some specifics. There was his drop goal, but he gets the champagne-moment award for the incident which produced the biggest roar of the afternoon . . . when Martin Moana tried to offload, and Neil nipped in to grab possession and bring to an end Swinton's victory bid in the dying seconds."

AWARDS have been coming thick and fast for Chris Baines this season and he picked up another when the press voted him the Co-operative man of the match in our play-off win against Swinton last Sunday. After the game Chris received his award from the Co-



Allan Brett with Chris Baines Co-operative man of the match

operative's representative, Allan Brett of Rochdale. Said Allan: "That was one of the most enjoyable games I've seen for a long time."

In reply, Chris thanked the Co-operative for their sponsorship and the Press for voting for him and added: "Individual awards are great, but this is a team game and individuals are merely part of the whole. Our team goal for the remainder of the season is to win our next three games and if we do that we win promotion . . . simple, eh?"

Also present at the game with the Co-operative representatives were two representatives from the RFL, Gary Tasker and Julia Lee.

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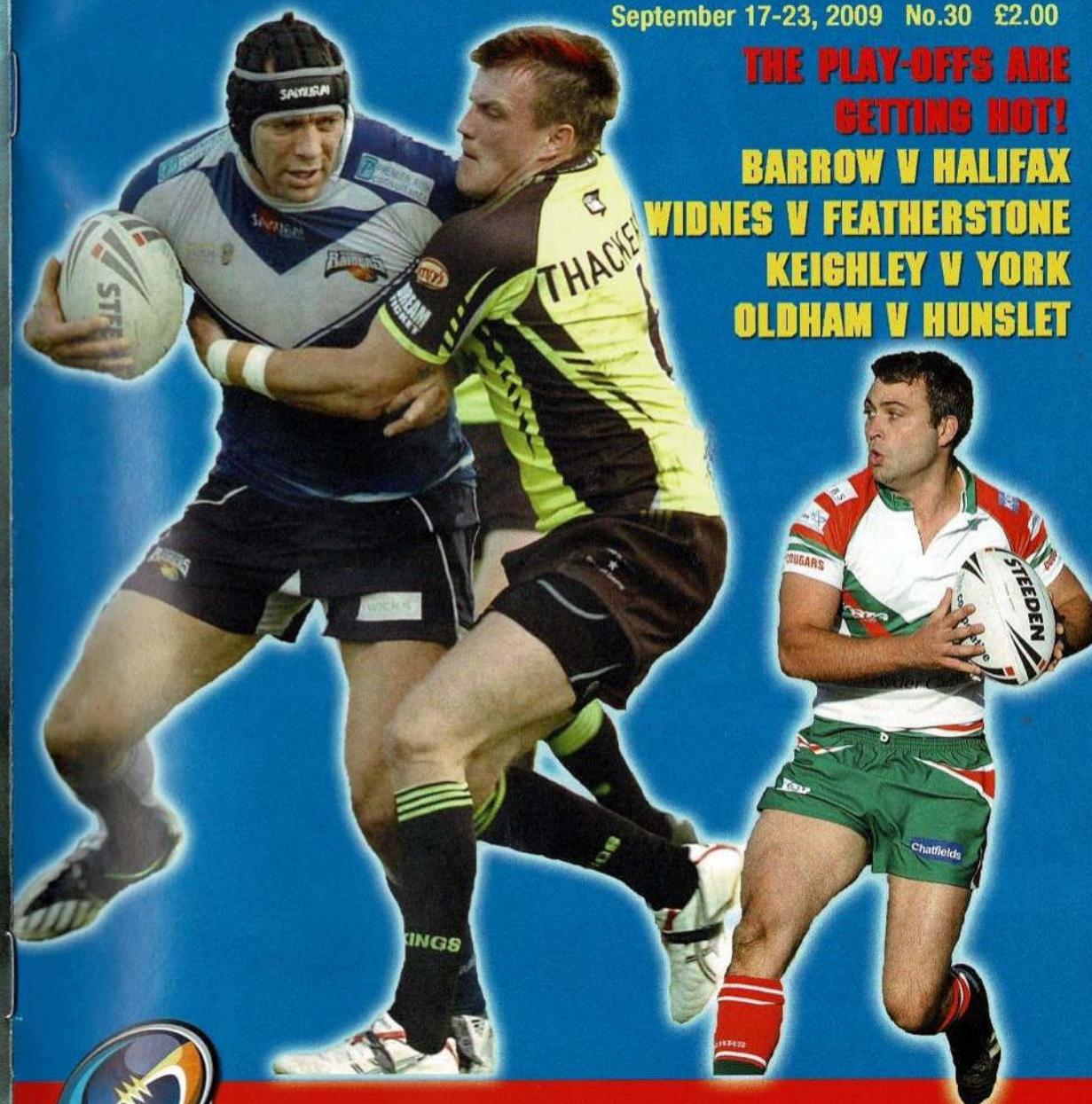
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The game will go on and on...

AFTER this weekend there will be just two fixtures left in the Co-operative Championship play-offs before the respective Grand Finals at the Halliwell Jones Stadium on Sunday October 4th.

That means this will be the final Game On of the 2009 season - surely the most adventurous and competitive in the era since the sport divided into Super League and the largely semi-professional divisions.

It has been a year of innovation and of exploration, kicking off with the welcoming of Toulouse Olympique into the British competition. The season started and ended disappointingly for the Frenchmen, but in between they looked play-off contenders for a long time. Just as importantly, the travelling Championship clubs and their fans reported back fantastic experiences as they went across the channel on 'business' to enjoy the game in the south-west of France.

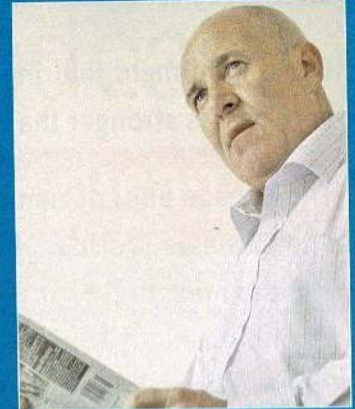
On the field the achievement of promoted Barrow Raiders in winning the League Leaders' Shield at the first attempt cannot be underestimated - a fantastic effort in a season when they also reached the Northern Rail Cup final only to lose to Widnes. And in a year when it seemed every team (almost) was capable of beating every other, we had the remarkable spectacle of a team relegated despite accumulating 32 points and only four fewer victories than Barrow!

For every winner there has to be a loser and it is painful for ambitious Leigh that they should face the drop in the season they kicked off at the magnificent Leigh Sports Village. There were also major difficulties for both Rochdale and Doncaster who went into administration, but who battle ever on, embodying the spirit of our great game.

And it would be remiss to sign off for now without reiterating our congratulations to the Dewsbury Rams for their record breaking performances - and remember, they only lost out in the Northern Rail quarter-finals away at Barrow by two points! Maybe Leigh under Ian Millward can still work the oracle and 'tick the box' for Super League licences by winning the Northern Rail Cup from Championship 1.

Game On was launched in conjunction with the clubs, in these economically challenging times, to provide a fresh, financially-viable matchday magazine to all fans across the co-operative Championships, providing a service to them, and a revenue-raising vehicle for the clubs themselves. The feedback from both clubs and readers alike has been tremendous and we plan to be back next year with a bigger, better magazine packed with all your favourite features - and much more!

Until then, enjoy your rugby!



Danny Lockwood, Publisher

RFL - official notes

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family sport and, with this in mind, action will also be taken against spectators who use foul and abusive language.

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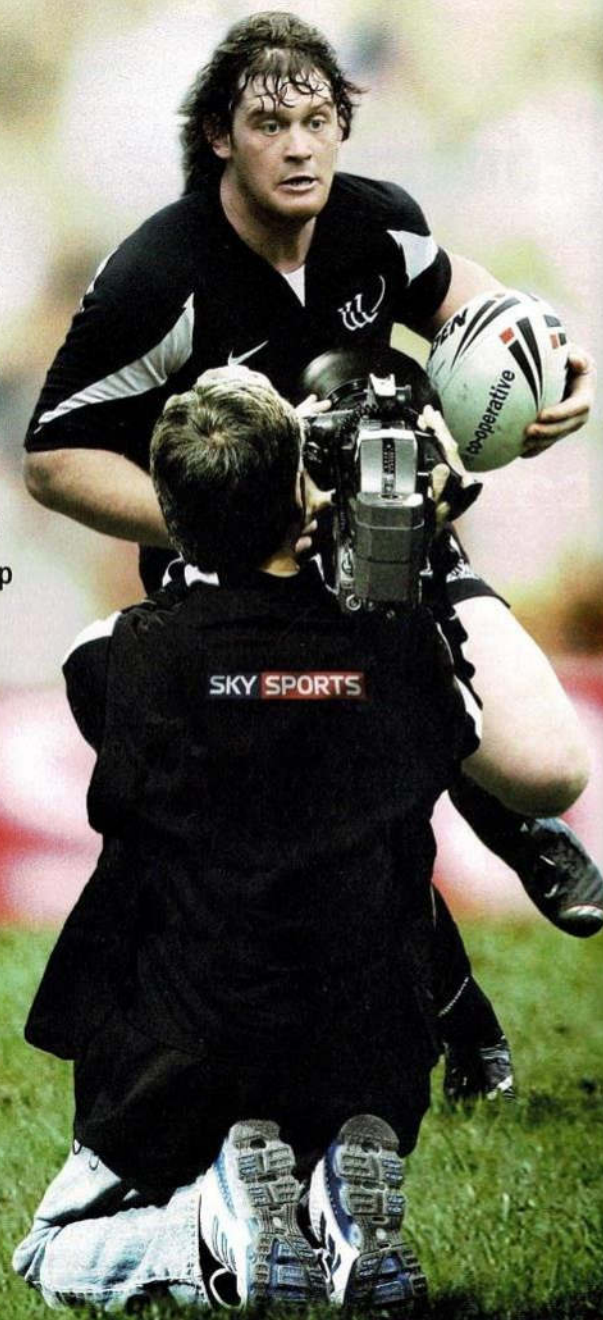
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Catch up on Co-op through new podcast

The Co-operative has launched a brand new rugby league podcast that fans of the Co-operative Championships will be able to download and listen to at home or on the go.

The exciting new offering will provide exclusive rugby league news, views and opinions during the 2009 Co-operative Championship play-offs.

The 2009 Co-operative Championships podcast features the BBC's George Riley and Co-operative 'Good for Everyone' Ambassadors Paul Sculthorpe and Jon Wilkin talking all things rugby league.

Hear the guys looking back on the 2009 season and Challenge Cup final and upcoming play-offs, as well as voicing their opinions on the Super League.

They will also discuss the Championship Grand Finals and the Gillette Four Nations tournament featuring France, New Zealand, England and Australia later in the year.

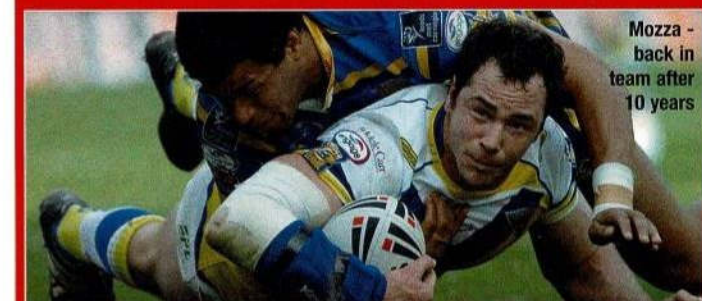
Additionally there is the opportunity for you and a friend to win tickets to the Co-operative Grand Final – including an overnight stay – and the match ball as well!

The best way for you to stay in touch with the play-offs - with exclusive interviews from key players competing to be this year's Co-operative Championship Grand Final winners - the Co-operative Championships Podcast is a must for all Rugby League fans.

You can download the exclusive 30 minute podcast by going to either iTunes or visiting the RFL's official website, www.rfl.uk.com and downloading it from there.

And tickets are still on sale for the big finals day at the Halliwell Jones Stadium. For ticket information call the RFL hotline on 0844 856 1113.

Super League dreamers



Mozza -
back in
team after
10 years

WE UNVEILED the Co-op All Stars last week and this week our Super League cousins have followed suit.

The debutants include four players from Hull KR, who are represented in the Dream Team for the first time, plus two first timers from another of this season's form teams, Huddersfield.

The youngest person in the 2009 engage Super League Dream Team is 20-year-old Wigan Warriors stand-off Sam Tomkins, who

takes his place in a side featuring three of the most recognisable faces in the competition.

England captain Jamie Peacock is again featured in the front row, where he makes his seventh appearance, while there are recurring Dream Team appearances for two players who have not featured for some time.

Leeds Rhinos centre Keith Senior's outstanding form earns him a recall to the Dream Team for the first time

since 2004 while Adrian Morley dons a Dream Team jersey 10 years after he was last named in Super League's form side.

- 1 Brett Hodgson (Hudds)
- 2 Peter Fox (HKR)
- 3 Matt Gidley (St Helens)
- 4 Keith Senior (Leeds)
- 5 Ryan Hall (Leeds)
- 6 Sam Tomkins (Wigan)
- 7 Michael Dobson (HKR)
- 8 Adrian Morley (Wolves)
- 9 Scott Moore (Hudds)
- 10 Jamie Peacock
- 11 Ben Galea (HKR)
- 12 Clint Newton (HKR)
- 13 Kevin Sinfield (Leeds)

Trouble not tolerated

CLUBS across the rugby league were put on notice that the RFL will not tolerate crowd trouble after Castleford Tigers were fined £40,000 this week, after their fans were found guilty of conduct prejudicial to the interests of the game during the engage Super League Round 18 fixture against Catalans Dragons at The Jungle on June 27.

An RFL Tribunal also banned Castleford from serving alcohol in bottles next season following the scenes at

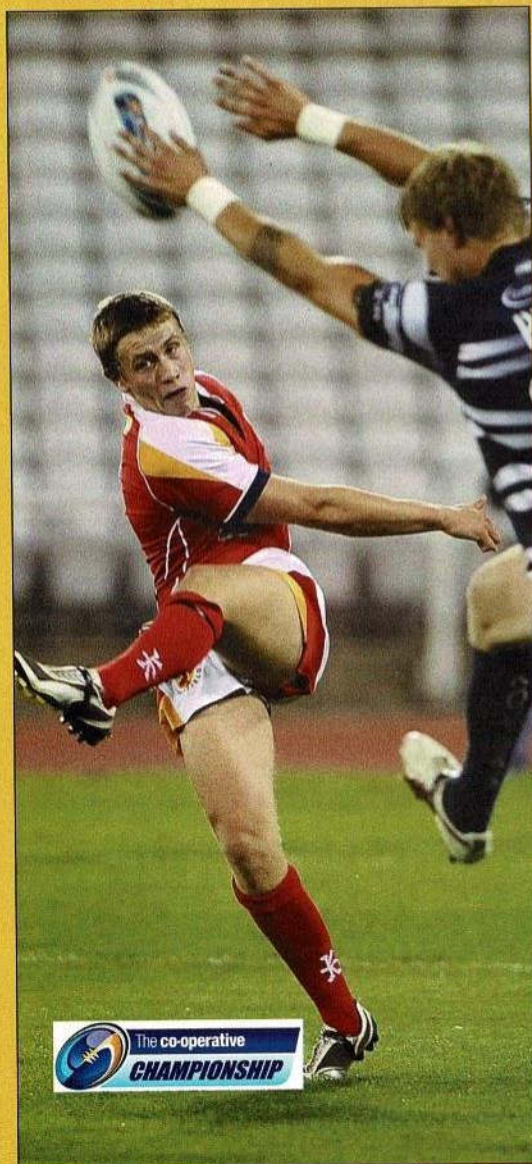
The Jungle after their 22-20 defeat in the match.

The Tigers' supporters were also found guilty of misconduct while the club was found to be in breach of the game's Respect policy after the match officials, including referee Ian Smith, had to be smuggled out of the stadium as a large, vocal group of fans laid siege to their dressing room.

The officials had earlier been bombarded with bottles and cans from the terracing at The Jungle.

ACTIONREPLAY

Fireworks at Sheffield leaves Rovers on edge



Kyle Briggs goes for the charge-down of Sheffield's Kyle Wood's kick. rphotos.com

THERE was a fiery return to the Don Valley for FEATHERSTONE coach Daryl Powell who saw his side upset the in-form SHEFFIELD EAGLES 32-8.

With a total of four sin-binnings – two in the first minute – and two sendings off, Rovers will be sweating on the disciplinary panel's deliberations before their visit to Widnes.

Powell enjoyed the moment however: "I'm really pleased with the performance, the attitude and commitment and the emotional effort that went in tonight was excellent," he said.

"Our forward pack was absolutely superb and gave Andy Kain, Iestyn Harris and Kyle Briggs the opportunity to pull the strings. As a team the attitude was the best we've been all year. It's the right time to do that and hopefully we can repeat it."

"Across the season we have been looking for an emotional energy – we delivered tonight, and had a verbal energy and a complete performance from a defensive point of view."

"We just weren't prepared to lose the game, to concede points and as a result we were a little better than Sheffield."

Looking forward to the trip to Widnes he added: "We would play tomorrow if we can turn up like we did (at Sheffield) – with the effort, the defensive security, then we'll be difficult to beat."

"We have played really well away from home and it won't bother us where we have to go. You have to get stuck into it and see how it goes. It's about us turning up with the effort and commitment that hopefully can be come a trademark of Featherstone Rovers."

Iestyn Harris and Craig Cook were binned after a 1st minute fracas, then in the 38th minute

Ian Hardman and Ryan Hepworth were red-carded and Andy Kain and Sam Barlow binned for their parts in a mass brawl, with the entire incident put on report.

Eagles coach Mark Aston was understandably disappointed, but credited Rovers for upsetting his side. "We lost our composure and focus and they did the job they needed," he said.

WIDNES VIKINGS had to battle back from an 18-4 deficit to see off a determined Whitehaven outfit 26-21.

"There are many ways to win a rugby league game and we have just found another one," said coach Cullen. "Three weeks off was always going to be a test and we passed it. We were a little bit scruffy and rusty and they looked a bit tougher and sharper early on. Our ball control in the first half was a little disappointing and we had to defend our try-line more than we wanted to do."

"They opened us up a few times – in fact more than any team has done in the last month or so. All in all it was a tough game but we expected a tough game from Whitehaven and we got it in buckets full."

"They changed tactics – flying off the line into us and then slowing down the play the balls and it worked in their favour, especially when we turned the ball over, but mentally we were very strong and we were always within touching distance."

"The tries before and after the break were big psychological blows for us while Whitehaven were down to 12 men. Our honesty and patience proved to be the difference."

Haven boss Ged Stokes summed the game up: "If anybody walked away from that game unsatisfied they must be very hard to please."



Michael Ostick hauls down Kyle Amor during the Vikings' win over Whitehaven

Hunslet steal a March...

BLACKPOOL PANTHERS can take great pride from their breakthrough season, but they ultimately came up just short against the Paul March-inspired HUNSLET HAWKS going down 21-18 in a real thriller.

With matters deadlocked at 18-18 and four minutes on the clock Josh Weeden knocked over a drop goal. The final hooter had sounded by the time Darren Robinson added his second penalty to close matters out.

The Hawks are on a roll notching up their fifth win in six matches, as they prepare to roll into Oldham.

A possible showdown with his old club York is still on the cards and March said: "It went down to the wire and credit must go to our lads for the way we fought back."

"We didn't complete our sets in the first half and gave too much ball over, and we paid the price."

"I asked a lot of questions in the dressing room at half-time and we came out and answered every one of them."

"We just needed to be patient in the second half and



build some pressure.

"It was nip and tuck till Josh Weeden dropped the goal but I think overall we deserved the win and we're looking forward to next week."

"We'll have a big week this week and see what we can do at Oldham but we need to learn quick. Things have been creeping into our game over the last few weeks and if that continues, it'll come back to bite us and we'll be out of these play-offs."

Meanwhile Blackpool boss Martin Crompton was left disappointed.

"I think we played a bit dumb and we've let ourselves down," he said. "At 10-0, they were doing the stuff they were asked, but some forced plays gave them good field position."

"All their (Hunslet's) tries came from errors or penalties so we've shot ourselves in the foot really and got what we deserved."

"In knock-out football you've got to produce the

goods and some of my players haven't done that."

"I feel for everybody because we thought it was a great opportunity to progress and do something special. But we shouldn't forget what we've achieved and how far we've come."

OLDHAM were also involved in a real nail-biter at Boundary Park in their derby clash with SWINTON LIONS.

Phil Joseph was both the villain and hero in a thrill-a-minute elimination play-off.

The home team looked in pole position and sitting comfortably having scored 14 unanswered points early in the second half, to establish a 26-14 lead.

Then, while in another good position, substitute Joseph threw out a pass only to see it intercepted by Andy Saywell, who galloped home from long range for the try which Graham Holroyd improved to close matters to just a single score.

The experienced head of Neil Roden was crucial as he thumped over a towering drop goal to give Oldham a 27-20 advantage, which would ulti-

mately prove enough – but not before a second try for Saywell in the corner and a cracking touchline conversion from Holroyd set up a proper grandstand finish.

Ironically at 27-26 it was Matty Ashe, who is on loan from the Lions, who kept his restart kick hard and low and a wicked bounce just in front of Gary Hulse caused the Lions scrum-half to knock-on.

It forced the position from which Joseph made amends with the score to settle matters, driving over directly from the back of the scrum.

"I was made up for Phil," said Roughyeds coach Tony Benson afterwards.

"It was touch and go whether he even played because of hamstring trouble, but he gave it everything."

"He didn't let the interception get him down, and it was typical of him that he should then put the record straight with such a crucial try."

Chris Baines with five goals from six attempts was Oldham's man of the match. The winners of the Oldham-Hunslet game will face the losers of Keighley v York.

Dream Teams 2009



CHAMPIONSHIP ALL-STARS

1. Miles Greenwood (Halifax)
2. James Nixon (Barrow)
3. Menzie Yere (Sheffield)
4. Liam Harrison (Barrow)
5. Jermaine McGilvray (Batley)
6. Brendon Lindsay (Sheffield)
7. Andy Kain (Featherstone)
8. Kyle Amor (Whitehaven)
9. Andy Ellis (Barrow)
10. Karl Edmondson (Whitehaven)
11. Michael Knowles (Gateshead)
12. Richard Fletcher (Widnes)
13. Zeb Luisi (Barrow)

THESE are the men who have proven themselves to be the top talents in the co-operative Championships in 2009. The two mythical dream teams, selected by the Co-op's official team of the month partner, League Weekly, were unveiled at a special media conference at the Leigh Sports Village – the first time such an event has been held for the competition.

And with eight Championship and six Championship 1 sides having players included, the selections reflect just how even the competitions have been throughout 2009. Gary Tasker, RFL Director of Development said: "The spread of players in the co-operative Championship All-Star team across eight teams highlights what an incredibly competitive and thrilling season it has been."

"As you would expect after winning every game this season Dewsbury are heavily represented in The co-operative Championship 1 team and I'd like to congratulate them on this further success."

CHAMPIONSHIP 1 ALL-STARS

1. Jonny Leather (Blackpool)
2. Bryn Powell (Dewsbury)
3. Kane Epati (Dewsbury)
4. Casey Mayberry (Hornets RL)
5. Gavin Duffy (Keighley)
6. Pat Walker (Dewsbury)
7. Liam Finn (Dewsbury)
8. Mark Applegarth (York)
9. Richard Chapman (Hunslet)
10. Scott Law (Keighley)
11. Andy Bostock (Dewsbury)
12. Chris Baines (Oldham)
13. Adam Hayes (Dewsbury)



AHEAD OF THE GAME

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

Right call over Ashes keeps dreams alive

GLAD TO SEE the powers that be have seen sense over their idea to bring back the Ashes as a one-off test.

It was an idea with the best of intentions – to ramp up interest in the Gillette Four Nations on the back England cricketers' success this summer. Our sport can use all the publicity it can get and the 'Ashes' name carried weight with the media and the public alike.

The problem for the RFL marketing bods, however, was that it carried just too much weight.

Ashes rugby league means so much to everybody who was ever associated with it – players, coaches, tour officials... even we common fans.

The decades of history; the memories of thrilling wins, of cruel defeats, of heart-breaking near-misses, of late, late glory – it's all so special.

And many of the great tales in Ashes folklore are of bravely coming back from one-nil down in the series to win it 2-1, or of managing to get one over on the old foe but just not being able to get the job done over the three matches.

As former Great Britain tourist and coach Brian Noble rightly said, the challenge of the Ashes is to beat the Australians over three matches not just one.

We've been able to beat them now and then (and who could



Let the Lions roar once again – in the traditional manner

forget that great win in Sydney in 2006) but a series win has eluded us since 1970. As much as it hurts, the Aussies deserve to be recognised for their domination of our great rivalry and claiming the Ashes back on the back of a one-off contest would have cheapened the feat.

Thankfully, common sense has prevailed and the RFL and ARL have reversed their original decision to out the Ashes Trophy on the line.

But, if the people in charge of shifting tickets for the Four Nations want extra pulling power for the England-Australia game at Wigan on

October 31, then there could be a sensible middle ground.

And, like many a sensible idea in rugby league, it comes right from the wise brain of League Weekly's very own Ray French! Ray, in his column in the paper last Monday, called for England and Australia to play for a different trophy – leaving the Ashes to be contested in future by Great Britain and Australia.

Ray suggests the 'James Lomas Trophy' – named for the first ever captain of a Great Britain Ashes tour squad in 1909-10. Whatever you'd call it, I think it'd be a good idea.

Whatever happens, there's at least one good thing to have come out of this slightly embarrassing episode. The Aussies have obviously taken note and there were encouraging words from ARL chief Geoff Carr as to a possible Great Britain Ashes tour in 2012 after all.

Let's hope so. Then maybe we can get those Ashes back the proper way.

Paul Bennett is deputy editor of League Weekly

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9 Andrew Ellis
10 Lee Dutton
11 Andrew Brocklehurst
12 Martin Ostler
13 Andrew Bracek
14 Paul Noone
15 Chris Young
16 Jamie Butler
17 Scott Kaighan
18 James Finch
19 Chris Larkin
20 Nicky Beach
21 Joe McKenna
22 Ned Catic
23 Walsale Suka
24 Alipate Tani
25 Sevania Koro
27 Darren Holt
28 Michael Darby
32 Ruairi McGoff
35 Matt Storey
Rob Roberts
Andy Ballard
James Coyle, Jamie Rooney
David Allen, Danny Halliwell (all loan),

COACH: DAVE CLARK

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWWLL

LAST SIX HOME: WWWWWL

TRIES: James Nixon 29, Andy Ballard
19, Andrew Ellis 18, James Coyle 17,
Liam Harrison 12, Ned Catic 9.

GOALS: Paul Noone 45, Darren Holt 40.

DGs: Holt 2, Rooney 2.

MAN TO WATCH: James Nixon

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

1 Miles Greenwood
2 Lee Paterson
3 Jon Goddard
4 Shad Royston
5 James Haley
7 Ben Black
8 Matt James
9 Sean Penkywicz
10 Dana Wilson
11 Dave Larder
12 Paul Smith
13 Bob Beswick
14 Mark Gleeson
15 Mark Roberts
16 Said Tamghart
17 Frank Watene
18 Andy Bowman
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LAST SIX AWAY: LWWLLW

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17, Rob Worrincy 17, Miles
Greenwood 16, Sean Penkywicz 16

GOALS: Paterson 117, Govin 24.

DG: Bob Beswick

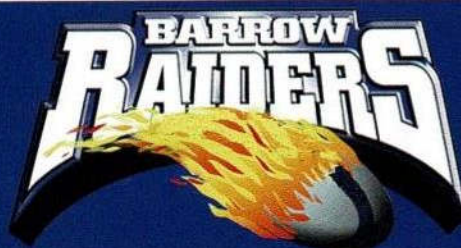
MAN TO WATCH: Shad Royston

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: T. Allbert. VR: R. Hicks
Touch: P. Grundill, W. Turley
Fourth official: P. Brooke

BENNETT'S BET

"Off-field dramas may derail the Raiders
- Halifax by 6"



CLUBCALL

Barrow v Halifax

Grand Final is in our sight after a fantastic season

Tonight provides us with the chance to qualify for the biggest game of the season - the Grand Final.

No more thinking about bonus points and points differences. And we certainly won't be thinking that if we lose to Halifax we can still have another bite at the cherry.

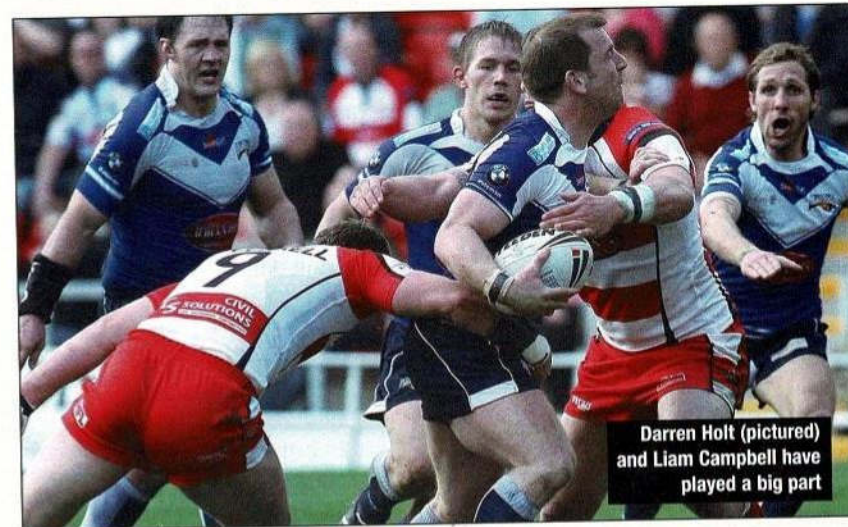
We aim to get it finished tonight so we can then sit back and let the others fight out for the right to play in the final at Warrington.

We must be due to put one over on Fax. The two League meetings were very close, showing there is little between the teams. So I hope that home advantage - and your wonderful backing - can tip the scales in our favour.

A lot of nonsense has been said about us only playing for a bonus point at Sheffield. We certainly wanted to win that game but we also knew that a bonus point was enough.

We achieved that so it was a job well done - even though we were not happy playing two important games in the space of three days.

But as soon as that game was over we started preparing for tonight. And I suppose we



Darren Holt (pictured) and Liam Campbell have played a big part

were glad of the couple of extra days to help get over our knocks and bruises. It certainly won't affect our fitness levels.

A sad thing is that Martin Ostler (one leg now in a smart eye-catching pink plaster) and Jamie Butler, who have played such a big part in our season, won't be out on the park tonight because of their injuries. We owe them a lot -

as we do Liam Campbell and Darren Holt and the younger lads who have been in the senior squad this season.

They have helped us to our achievements in this remarkable season. They have all played a big and important part.

I bet most of you just hoped for consolidation this season. Your aims would be no higher than avoiding relegation.

Perhaps the most optimistic of you might have hoped for a play-off place. So finishing top of the table must have been way beyond your wildest dreams.

But the job isn't finished yet. Give us your support tonight... and I'll see you at Warrington.

DAVE CLARK
COACH

Sitting proud, with destiny in our own hands

TODAY sees us in the envious position of sitting proud at the top of the table and crowned Minor

Premiership winners, having appeared in a major cup final and here challenging to go straight into the Grand Final.

Our destiny lies with us and nobody else. Victory today would be a magnificent effort from all at the club and one that the whole town should be justifiably proud of. The journey has had many twists and turns through the season and only two contrasting form guides have got us to where we are today.

Halifax had seemingly done the hard yards and everyone else would be playing catch up. Some weeks ago even though we had started to turn the corner they looked like they were just going to be unreachable heading into the final

straight. Well a losing run is never a good situation to be in and Halifax have now lost that momentum and ultimately had to settle for second place.

Certain areas of public opinion and on occasion the commentary team from Sky questioned our playing tactics during our last outing at Sheffield.

The fact that we only needed one point was on the back of the previous performances posted in the league and allowed us the comfort of being in that position.

Playing at Sheffield is never an easy thing to do and when you are faced with the windy conditions we had made it more of a game of chess than rugby.

When you have a quality kicker in your team and on a very short pitch you always have the upper hand to secure easy points.

Not so many years ago Keighley did the same thing to the Raiders on their own patch in the first half of our play-off game. On the night against Sheffield we came back to level the scores and had the decision to go to the screen for one of the Sheffield tries we would actually have been ahead.

But the work paid off and we won the title on that night and the loyal travelling support were obviously over the moon.

I hope for you all that we can wear a grin at full time and have the luxury of not having to go into the next round requiring a win - so make it loud and the boys will make you proud!

Jon Livesey
Vice Chairman



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1-
2 Dean Gaskell
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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
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25 Anthony Mullally
26 Steve Bannister
27 Brett Robinson
Kevin Penny (loan)
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COACH: PAUL CULLEN

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LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWW

LAST SIX HOME: LWWWWW

TRIES: Paddy Flynn 20, Anthony Thackeray 14, Richard Varkulis 13, Dodd, Kohe-Love, Penny all 11.

GOALS: Tim Hartley 52, Scott Yates 33, DGs: Craig Hall, Mark Smith

MAN TO WATCH: James Webster

No. TODAY'S TEAM No.

Full back
Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Stand off
Scrum half
Prop
Hooker
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2nd row
2nd row
Loose forward
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2
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Fourth official: C. Leatherbarrow

BENNETT'S BET

"Vikings look in good shape at home
- Widnes by 6"

No. PLAYER

1 Tom Saxton
2 Waine Price
3 Ian Hardman
4 Andy Kirk
5 Jon Steel
6 Iestyn Harris
7 Andy Kain
8 Tony Tonks
9 Jack Lee
10 Stuart Dickens
11 Matt Dale
12 Jamie Field
13 Richard Blakeway
14 Tommy Haughey
15 James Houston
16 Joe McLocklan
17 Joe Hirst
18 Tim Spears
19 Sean Hesketh
20 Stuart Kain
21 Steve Dooler
22 Matt Handforth
23 Gareth Swift
24 John Fallon
25 Scott Wilson
26 Sam Smeaton
27 Ian Bell
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COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWLW

LAST SIX AWAY: LLWWWW

TRIES: Andy Kain 18, Tommy Haughey 16, Jon Steel 17, Ian Hardman 16, Tommy Saxton 12.

GOALS: Stuart Dickens 87, Iestyn Harris 23, Kyle Briggs 22. DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Tommy Haughey

CLUBCALL

Widnes v Featherstone

Tough test was really good for us

Paul Cullen, Head Coach

LAST Thursday's game against Whitehaven was the perfect test we needed following a three week break, it was certainly tougher than any training session we had!

Whitehaven came with a point to prove following heavy defeats to both ourselves and Leigh and I was not surprised by their effort and commitment.

It was certainly a tough test for us but one we came through even though we were without four players who would grace any side in the Co-operative Championship.

Hopefully this week we will have a number of them back but the performances of the likes of Shane Grady, Scott Yates and Dave Houghton all bode well for the future of the club.

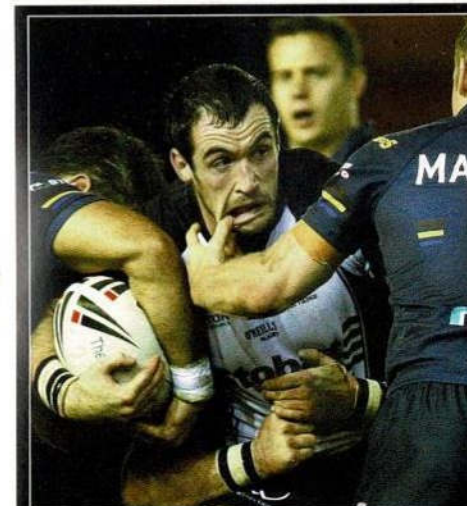
Featherstone bounced back from their defeat at home to Batley to secure a great victory over Sheffield Eagles. The Don Valley is not an easy place to go to as we found out earlier in the year and Featherstone were good value for their win on Friday night.

The presence of Iestyn Harris in their line-up was a telling factor in their display, albeit he started at loose forward in a pack that dominated the Eagles six and it will be the responsibility of our forwards to deal with that threat tonight.

If we can deal with that threat then I am confident we can progress to the next stage, just 80 minutes from a Grand Final appearance.



Danger man ... Iestyn Harris operated at loose forward as the Featherstone pack dominated Sheffield



Less lip ... Graeme Mattinson 'tackles' Lee Doran

Thriller in prospect as Rovers show intent

Alex Bonney Chief Executive Officer

Well, tonight is definitely the last game of the season here at the Stobart Stadium Halton and on behalf of everybody involved at the Club I would like to thank all our fans and sponsors for your support in 2009.

Tonight's game promises to be a classic with Featherstone's emphatic victory over Sheffield last Friday certainly giving the play-offs a boost and we know that it will take an 80 minute performance to clinch victory and a trip to either Barrow or Halifax next Thursday night.

Featherstone should have a great following tonight as they have requested 400 tickets in advance and are confident that there will be others travelling on the night which will create a fantastic atmosphere in a 'winner take all' contest.

Should we be successful tonight then listen out for an announcement about the travel offer for next Thursday's game.

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No. PLAYER

1 George Raynor
2 Sam Gardner
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Karl Gunney

COACH: BARRY EATON
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LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWW
LAST SIX HOME: WWWLW
TRIES: Jon Presley 23, Lee Mapals 11,
Daley Williams 10, Dan Potter 9, Carl
Hughes, George Raynor, Gavin Duffy
all 8. GOALS: Danny Jones 98.
DGs: Danny Jones, Jon Presley.
MAN TO WATCH: Jon Presley

No. TODAY'S TEAM No.

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

Tries

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Pens

DGs

No. PLAYER

1 Danny Ratcliffe
2 Steve Lewis
3 John Oakes
4 Dave Clayton
5 Johnny Waldron
6 Adam Mitchell
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 Stanciliffe
23 Adam Endersby
25 Garry Green
26 Luke Watling
27 Danny Grimshaw
28 Mike Mitchell
29 Mark Applegarth
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COACH: JAMES RATCLIFFE

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R. Laughton
Touch: RJ Stokes, B. Armstrong
Fourth Official: D. Merrick

BENNETT'S BET

"Knights to exploit Cougars' worries at
hooker - York by 7"

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWW
LAST SIX AWAY: WLWLW
TRIES: Danny Ratcliffe 17, Paul
Hughes 15, Tom Haberecht 12, John
Oakes 12.
GOALS: Adam Mitchell 65.
DGs: Loz Wildbore
MAN TO WATCH: Danny Ratcliffe

CLUBCALL

Keighley v York

Congratulations all around - on and off the rugby field

Good afternoon and welcome to today's Co-operative Championship 1 play-off match against the York City Knights.

I would like to welcome the Directors, players and fans from York and hope you enjoy your day with us today at Cougar Park.

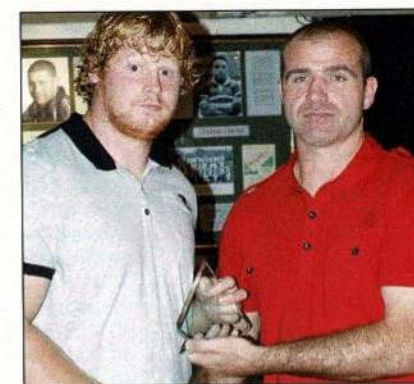
I would also like to welcome today's Main Match Sponsor who is new to the club, Carlsberg Tetley. Stuart Lloyd is here today with his guests and I hope you enjoy your day with us.

Our Man of the Match Sponsor is one of the club's directors in Gary Fawcett and Link Telecom.

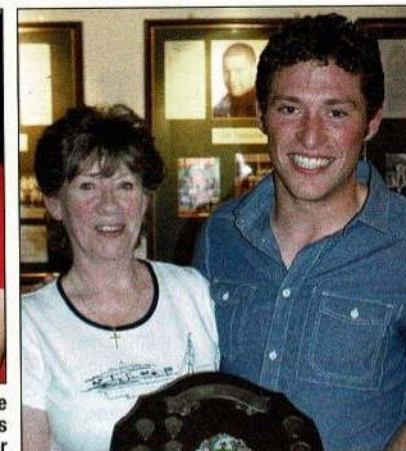
Today is going to be a tough game against the Knights but we are delighted to be here in the play-offs and are looking forward to the game.

I am gutted for the club captain James (Buster) Feather that he has been injured and cannot play in the playoffs, because if anyone deserves to be here it is him. So hopefully the boys will do him proud and put on a winning performance today. Good luck with your recovery Buster.

Last week saw us celebrating the Players' Presentation Night which was a great suc-



Scott Law receives his award from Barry while Jonny Presley receives his award from Mrs Maureen Spencer



cess and I was delighted to see so many of you come down to join in with the fun.

The awards went to Scott Law, Jonny Presley, Buster plus Tom Hall and Sean Knapper winning awards for the reserves team plus many more.

I would also like to congratulate Simon Bolton and Gayle Dunn for winning Clubman of the Year and the Supporter of the Year awards.

As I mentioned last time the club could not survive without volunteers and Simon and Gayle are amongst our many volunteers who are vital to our

club. Well done to all the guys who won awards and to all the team for a fantastic season which I hope is not over yet.

At the awards night we also announced an incredible increase in our average crowd attendance which has gone up by 24% to an average of all games to 1014.

This is a brilliant achievement and thanks must go to the lads for playing some fantastic rugby and also to Dean and Tom for doing some fantastic work in the schools and to John Huxley for shouting to the world about it.

Well done all.

Also congratulations must go to our Head Coach Barry Eaton for being nominated for Coach of the Year and also to our leading try scorer Jonny Presley for being nominated for Player of the Year at this year's Co-operative Championship Awards Dinner to be held later this month.

I think that's it for now but once again many thanks to all of our fans, sponsors and volunteers for being such a fantastic support this year.

See you soon,

Helen Carter
General Manager

Hopes are sky high again

It's the time of year when all the hopes and anticipation from the start of the season come to fruition.

Luckily for us we have lived up to all the hopes the club and fans had at the start of the year with a fantastic achievement by finishing 2nd in the league - and I would like to thank fans and players and everyone involved at the club for their commitment this year.

We now enter a new competition with the play-offs underway and all our hopes and anticipation are back with us all again. It really is pleasing that we earned a home play-off game as it is right that

BARRY EATON, HEAD COACH

the public of Keighley be able to come down to see us play at home after all the support we've had over the season.

The play-offs are going to be really close and intense games and the players are excited at being here and really looking forward to the game today.

The season has been very competitive throughout and the standard at all levels is rising each year which is very good for the game as a whole.

I am sure we will get a fast, free-flowing, exciting game today played by two very good teams as we finished 2nd and York finished 3rd - and both league games were very close. Today will be the same I suspect.

Finally congratulations to Settle school for reaching the Champion Schools finals for girls at two age groups. I know they had a great weekend down in London with their games on the Friday then going to the Challenge Cup final on the Saturday.

Enjoy today's game,
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COACH: TONY BENSON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWDLLW
LAST SIX HOME: LLWWLW
TRIES: Thomas Coyle 14, Lucas Onyango 13, Lee Greenwood 12, Goulden, St Hilaire 10.
GOALS: Chris Baines 15.
DGs: Neil Roden
MAN TO WATCH: Paul O'Connor

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J. Leahy
Touch: P. Marklove, C. Leatherbarrow
Fourth Official: C. Halloran

BENNETT'S BET

"In-form Hawks can defy home advantage - Hunslet by 4"

HUNSLET HAWKS

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18	Ayden Faal	Geoff Gray
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	Leonard Van Voorthuysen	
	Craig Fawcett	
	Danny Ekis	
	Josh Weeden	

COACH: PAUL MARCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWW
LAST SIX AWAY: WLLWLW
TRIES: Paul March 15, Wayne McHugh 13, Ayden Faal 10, Scott Watson 9, Michael Mark 9.
GOALS: Darren Robinson 44.
DGs: Chapman, Robinson, Weeden.
MAN TO WATCH: Wayne McHugh



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CLUBCALL

Oldham v Hunslet

Play-off spark is great

What a difference a week makes – add the pressure of sudden death rugby and the intensity goes sky high.

And I'm talking in every part of the club whether it is on the training paddock, in the office, the Boardroom and definitely in the stands.

And that's what makes being in the play-offs so great, it's such a buzz for everybody involved.

There's so much at stake, everybody's worked so hard to get us to this point and now each week it all comes down to the results of your next 80 minutes.

Victorious and you can look forward

to going through it all again.

Unsuccessful; season over.

It's a harsh reality that keeps the committed fighting.

On that note I'd like to offer a warm welcome to our worthy rivals for today the Hunslet Hawks, their Directors and supporters for what is lining up to be a cracking encounter.

Only two weeks ago we were head to head in a tight encounter with a few intercepts being the difference between the two teams.

With even more at stake this week I would expect it to go down to the wire.

With the commitment and courage we played with against Swinton last

week I assure you we won't be letting this one go.

We are brimming with confidence after last Sunday and will be working extra hard to fine tune our game ready to make the most of our opportunity today.

Finally on our last home game can I thank our loyal supporters who have given us such a tremendous lift in support throughout the season and in particular last Sunday where you were a crucial component.

Thanks so much and long may it continue.

Tony Benson
Head Coach

March will have his men ready for repeat clash

Good afternoon and welcome to Boundary Park to everyone from Hunslet Hawks. Here we are again in a do-or-die situation taking to the field in the knowledge that nothing but a win will suffice.

Make no mistake, while last Sunday's win was not as convincing as we would have liked we got the result we needed against a Swinton team who were no mugs and were as 'up' for the game as we were.

The errors that we made in that game will have been analysed in training this week and will hopefully lead to the better performance that we know we are capable of and will most certainly need to produce if we are to win this week.

Team-wise once again we may be put in the situation whereby Tony will not have too much of a headache when it comes to selection because of injuries etc, but again we will know more later in the week.

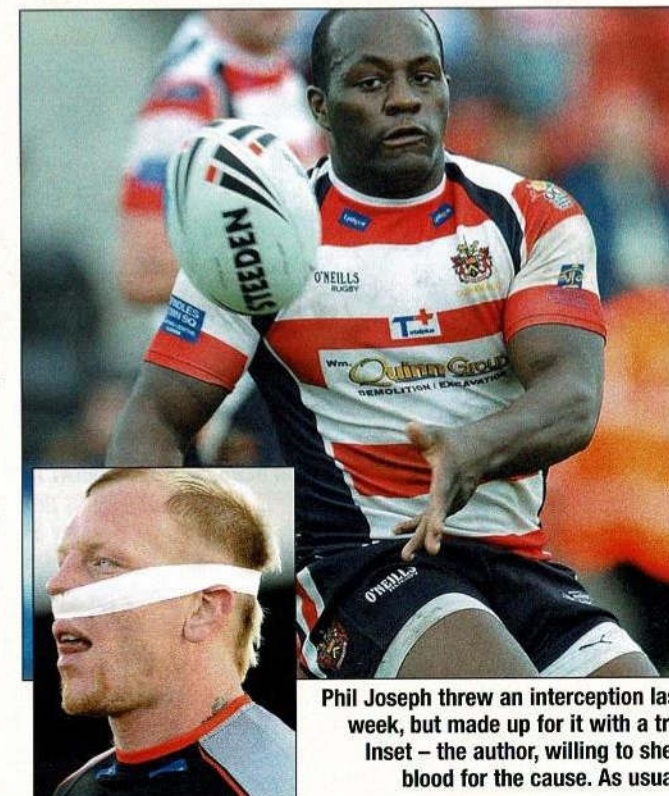
With regard to today's game I have known Paul March for a very long time and have no doubt whatsoever that he will have his team fired up. Although this fixture is a repeat of the one played only two short weeks ago play-off games are very different.

Both teams know they are in a sudden death situation and for one of them it will be season over, while for the winner the dream of a shot at the Grand Final is still within reach.

I am confident that if we play to our potential today we can keep the Oldham dream alive.

Enjoy the game, Reills

Paul Reilly



Phil Joseph threw an interception last week, but made up for it with a try. Inset – the author, willing to shed blood for the cause. As usual.

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1 Which Championship coach was a member of the 2000 England World Cup squad?

2 How many of Papua New Guinea's 2008 World Cup squad have played in the co-operative Championships this season?

3 Which two Whitehaven players were named in the co-operative Championship All Stars?

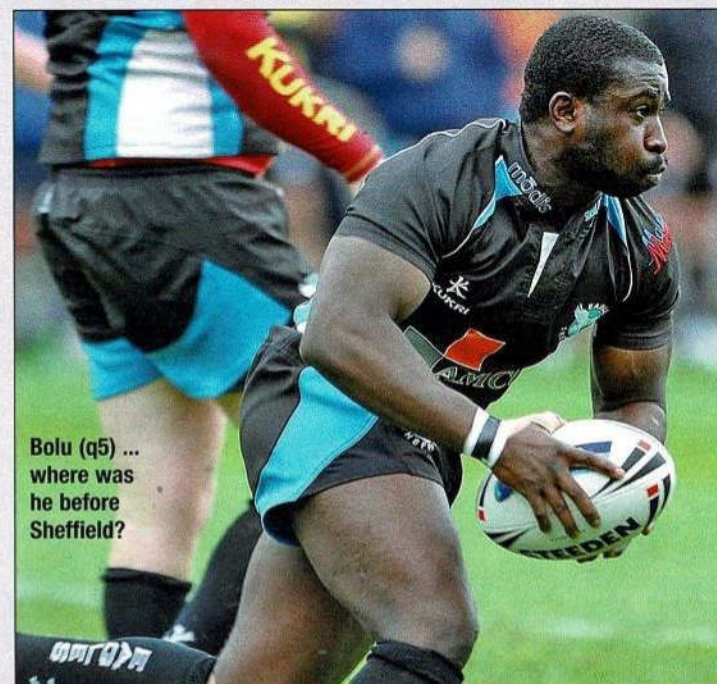
4 How many points did relegated Leigh finish below league leaders Barrow in this season's Championship?

5 From which club did Sheffield Eagles sign Bolu Fagborun?

6 Which club won three consecutive Lancashire Cups in the 1950s?

7 Hull boss Richard Agar previously coached which Championship One club?

8 Who beat Dewsbury to win the 1999 Northern Ford Premiership, but were denied a Super League place?



Bolu (q5) ... where was he before Sheffield?

9 Which co-operative Championship club has won the Rugby League Championship just once - back in the 1976/77 season?

10 Halifax's Shad Royston has travelled within our game, but was previously on the books of which NRL club?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1 Which Leeds player won the Lance Todd Trophy despite them losing the 2005 Challenge Cup final?

10 years after his last inclusion?

4 Which English stadium hosted the 1970 World Cup final?

6 Which NRL franchise recently won their first ever Minor Premiership?

2 Which player was last week named in the engage Super League Dream Team

3 Which two current Super League clubs contested the first Eastern Division final in 1962, following the split of the championship?

5 Wakefield's new signing Daryl Millard played for which country at the 2008 World Cup?

7 Departing Warrington prop Paul Rauhihi was signed from which NRL club in 2006?

ANAGRAMS

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

1 SHED ONE JEW (Hunslet Hawks) 2 FUNERAL ZAP (Gateshead Thunder) 3 RELIC BY DEREK (Whitehaven)

ANSWERS - CHAMPIONSHIP QUIZ: 1. Paul Rowley, 2. Four (Menzie Vere, Trevor Exton, Charlie Waboo, Nicko Slain), 3. Kyle Morley, 3. Huddersfield and Hull KR, 4. Headingley, 5. Fiji, 6. St George-Ilwarrara Dragons, 7. North Queensland Cowboys.

ANAGRAMS: 1. Josh Weeden, 2. Paul Franze, 3. Derry Ellbeck. York City Knights, 8. Hunslet, 9. Featherstone, 10. Cronulla Amor and Karl Edmondson, 4. Twelve, 5. Batley, 6. Oldham, 7.

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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
 Salford 6, Swinton Lions 10
 Widnes Vikings 88, Saddleworth Rangers 0
 Workington 6, FC Lezignan-Corbières 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
 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
 Sheffield Eagles 58, Toulouse Olympique 12
 Widnes Vikings 46, Gateshead Thunder 30

SUNDAY, MAY 24
 Barrow Raiders 44, Featherstone Rovers 12
 Batley Bulldogs 48, Whitehaven 24

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE
 Swinton Lions 26, Oldham 44
 Workington Town 14, Dewsbury Rams 76
 Blackpool Panthers 26, Keighley Cougars 30
 Hunslet Hawks 56, Hornets RL 30
 London Skolars 6, York City Knights 80

THURSDAY, MAY 28
 CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)
 Featherstone Rovers 30, Leigh Centurions 24

SATURDAY, MAY 30
 CHALLENGE CUP, FIFTH ROUND
 Gateshead 6, St Helens 66

CHAMPIONSHIP
 Barrow Raiders 26, Sheffield Eagles 18

SUNDAY, MAY 31
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Batley Bulldogs 40, Widnes Vikings 34
 Whitehaven 50, Doncaster RLFC 12

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE
 Swinton Lions 23, Hornets RL 22
 York City Knights 18, Dewsbury Rams 24
 Keighley Cougars 58, Workington Town 6
 London Skolars 18, Hunslet Hawks 34

THURSDAY, JUNE 4
 NORTHERN RAIL CUP QUARTER-FINALS
 Oldham 18, Featherstone Rovers 32

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
 Barrow 20, Dewsbury Rams 18
 Widnes Vikings 44, York 18

SUNDAY, JUNE 7
 Halifax 54, Leigh Centurions 16

CHAMPIONSHIP
 Gateshead Thunder 16, Toulouse Olympique 52

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
 CHAMPIONSHIP ONE (TV)
 Dewsbury Rams 46 Keighley Cougars 6

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Widnes Vikings 46, Featherstone Rovers 22
 Sheffield Eagles 28, Whitehaven 24
 Toulouse Olympique 32, Batley Bulldogs 24

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
 Halifax RLFC 30, Barrow Raiders 24
 Leigh Centurions 12, Gateshead Thunder 40

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE
 Workington Town 18, Swinton Lions 26
 Hunslet Hawks 6, York City Knights 34

THURSDAY, JUNE 18
 NORTHERN RAIL CUP SEMI-FINALS
 Barrow 16, Featherstone Rovers 10

SUNDAY, JUNE 21
 Halifax 22, Widnes Vikings 27

CHAMPIONSHIP
 Doncaster RLFC 6, Batley Bulldogs 70

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
 CHAMPIONSHIP ONE (TV)
 York City Knights 20, Oldham 18

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Toulouse Olympique 16, Featherstone Rovers 32

SUNDAY, JUNE 28
 Batley Bulldogs 46, Barrow Raiders 16
 Doncaster RLFC 8, Sheffield Eagles 78

Gateshead Thunder 34, Halifax RLFC 28
 Whitehaven 36, Leigh Centurions 22

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE
 Swinton Lions 42, Hunslet Hawks 16
 Blackpool Panthers 46, Workington Town 18
 Keighley Cougars 44, Hornets RL 16
 London Skolars 0, Dewsbury Rams 64

THURSDAY, JULY 2
 CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)
 Barrow Raiders 30, Toulouse Olympique 22

FRIDAY, JULY 3
 Sheffield Eagles 30, Batley Bulldogs 4
 Halifax RLFC 48, Leigh Centurions 16

SATURDAY, JULY 4
 Widnes Vikings 78, Doncaster 4

SUNDAY, JULY 5
 Featherstone Rovers 56, Gateshead Thunder 40

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE
 Hornets RL 41, Hunslet Hawks 22
 Workington Town 6, Oldham 60
 Blackpool Panthers 49, York City Knights 36
 Dewsbury Rams 36, Swinton Lions 8
 Keighley Cougars 60, London Skolars 28

SUNDAY, JULY 12
 NORTHERN RAIL CUP FINAL (at Blackpool)
 Barrow Raiders 18, Widnes Vikings 34

THURSDAY, JULY 16
 CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)
 Whitehaven 28, Barrow Raiders 4

SATURDAY, JULY 18
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Toulouse Olympique 16, Halifax RLFC 54

SUNDAY, JULY 19
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Batley Bulldogs 56, Doncaster RLFC 12
 Gateshead Thunder 34, Widnes Vikings 18
 Leigh Centurions 32, Sheffield Eagles 24

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE
 Swinton Lions 18, Blackpool Panthers 33
 York City Knights 46, Workington Town 20
 Hunslet Hawks 6, Dewsbury Rams 24
 London Skolars 4, Hornets RL 62
 Oldham 22, Keighley Cougars 24

THURSDAY, JULY 23
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Sheffield Eagles 46, Gateshead Thunder 30

FRIDAY, JULY 24
 Halifax RLFC 20, Featherstone Rovers 22

SATURDAY, JULY 25
 Barrow Raiders 74, Leigh Centurions 6
 Toulouse Olympique 24, Widnes Vikings 32

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE
 Blackpool Panthers 46, London Skolars 22

SUNDAY, JULY 26
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Doncaster RLFC 10, Whitehaven 19

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE
 Hornets RL 24, Swinton Lions 22
 York City Knights 8, Hunslet Hawks 20
 Dewsbury Rams 38, Oldham 8

THURSDAY, JULY 30
 Keighley Cougars 14, Dewsbury Rams 54

FRIDAY, JULY 31
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Widnes Vikings 42, Halifax RLFC 16

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Featherstone Rovers 18, Toulouse Olympique 34
 Gateshead Thunder 34, Batley Bulldogs 34

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
 Leigh Centurions 31, Doncaster RLFC 28
 Whitehaven 36, Sheffield Eagles 34

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE
 Swinton Lions 26, York City Knights 30
 Hunslet Hawks 34, Blackpool Panthers 24
 London Skolars 18, Workington Town 24
 Oldham 48, Hornets RL 28

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
 CHAMPIONSHIP ONE (TV)
 Oldham 28, London Skolars 22

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Toulouse Olympique 20, Gateshead Thunder 48

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
 CHAMPIONSHIP

Halifax RLFC 42, Whitehaven 50
 Batley Bulldogs 22, Sheffield Eagles 34
 Doncaster RLFC 0, Barrow Raiders 64
 Featherstone Rovers 34, Widnes Vikings 29

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE
 Workington Town 16, Keighley Cougars 22
 Hornets RL 18, Blackpool Panthers 48

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Barrow Raiders 38, Widnes Vikings 16
 Sheffield Eagles 38, Halifax RLFC 24

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Leigh Centurions 26, Toulouse Olympique 6

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Doncaster RLFC 10, Featherstone Rovers 56
 Whitehaven 20, Batley Bulldogs 12

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE
 Hornets RL 18, Keighley Cougars 44
 Blackpool Panthers 30, Oldham 30
 Dewsbury Rams 50, Workington Town 14
 Hunslet Hawks 30, Swinton Lions 20
 York City Knights 64, London Skolars 0

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Batley Bulldogs 32, Halifax RLFC 28

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
 Widnes Vikings 58, Whitehaven 10
 Toulouse Olympique 52, Doncaster RLFC 6

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
 Featherstone Rovers 28, Barrow Raiders 46
 Gateshead Thunder 30, Leigh Centurions 24

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE
 Swinton Lions 40, London Skolars 14
 Workington Town 10, Blackpool Panthers 22
 Dewsbury Rams 40, Hornets RL 28
 Keighley Cougars 20, Hunslet Hawks 16
 Oldham 14, York City Knights 37

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Sheffield Eagles 28 Featherstone Rovers 12

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
 CHAMPIONSHIP ONE
 London Skolars 10, Keighley Cougars 28

MONDAY, AUGUST 31
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Barrow Raiders 12, Gateshead Thunder 16
 Leigh Centurions 18, Halifax RLFC 27

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Sheffield Eagles 29, Barrow Raiders 22

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
 Halifax RLFC 34, Toulouse Olympique 18

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE
 York City Knights 46, Swinton Lions 28

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 Doncaster RLFC 0, Gateshead Thunder 56
 Featherstone Rovers 26, Batley Bulldogs 30
 Leigh Centurions 47, Whitehaven 14

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE
 Hornets RL 42, Workington Town 20
 Blackpool Panthers 14, Dewsbury Rams 34
 Hunslet Hawks 36, Oldham 18

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
 CHAMPIONSHIP ELIMINATION PLAY-OFFS
 Widnes 26, Whitehaven 21

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
 Sheffield Eagles 8, Featherstone Rovers 32

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
 CHAMPIONSHIP 1 ELIMINATION PLAY-OFFS
 Blackpool Panthers 18, Hunslet Hawks 21
 Oldham 31, Swinton Lions 26

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING SEMI-FINAL
 Barrow v Halifax (SKY) 19.30

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
 CHAMPIONSHIP ELIMINATION SEMI-FINAL
 Widnes Vikings v Featherstone Rovers 20.00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
 CHAMPIONSHIP 1 QUALIFYING SEMI-FINAL
 Keighley Cougars v York City Knights 15.00

CHAMPIONSHIP 1 ELIMINATION SEMI-FINAL
 Oldham RLFC v Hunslet Hawks 15.00

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STATS SERVICE



LEADING POINTS SCORERS

PLAYER/CLUB	T	G	DG	Ps
Pat Walker (Dewsbury)	6	146	314	
Andy Ballard (Old/Barrow)	19	103	282	
Lee Patterson (Halifax)	10	117	274	
Gregg McNally (White)	25	74	248	
Jonny Woodcock (Sheff)	8	110	252	
Michael Knowles (G'head)	8	102	236	
Danny Jones (Keighley)	4	98	1213	
Carl Sneyd (Swinton)	10	86	214	
Ian Mort (Leigh)	11	75	194	
Stuart Dickens (Feath)	3	87	186	
Nathan Wynn (Toulouse)	5	74	168	
Jonny Leather (Blackpool)	15	45	1151	
Paul Mennell (Batley)	10	52	144	
Adam Mitchell (York)	3	65	142	
Tim Hartley (Widnes)	5	52	124	
James Nixon (Barrow)	29		116	
Liam McGovern (Hornets)	5	44	1109	
Darren Robinson (Hunslet)	5	44	1109	
Carl Forber (Black/ Work)	4	46	108	
Shad Royston (Halifax)	25		100	
Paul Noone (Barrow)	2	45	98	
Liam Finn (Dewsbury)	16	15	296	
Jon Presley (Keighley)	23	1	93	
Ben Black (Halifax)	17	12	92	
Luke Branighan (G'head)	19	8	92	
Andy Bostock (Dewsbury)	22		88	
Stuart Sanderson (G'head)	22		88	
Jermaine McGilvary (Bat)	21	1	86	
Darren Holt (Barrow)	1	40	286	
Kane Epati (Dewsbury)	21		84	
Kyle Briggs (Feath/Don)	10	22	84	
Gavin Dodd (Widnes)	11	19	82	
Scott Yates (Widnes)	4	33	82	
James Coyle (Barrow/Old)	17	5	82	
Paul Thorman (Skolars)	2	37	82	
Paddy Flynn (Widnes)	20		80	
Martin Ainscough (Hornets)	19	1	79	
Andy Kain (Featherstone)	18	2	76	
Ben McAlpine (Gateshead)	17	4	74	
Damien Couturier (Toul)	12	12	72	
George Flanagan (Batley)	7	22	72	

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	PD	PTS
Barrow	20	13	0	7	5	632	361	271	44
Halifax	20	13	0	7	4	714	476	238	43
Sheffield	20	11	0	9	9	635	447	188	42
Widnes	20	11	0	9	6	649	438	211	39
Whitehaven	20	12	0	8	3	565	567	-2	39
Featherstone	20	12	0	8	1	619	524	95	37
Gateshead	20	9	2	9	1	610	657	-47	32
Batley	20	8	2	10	4	536	620	-84	32
R Leigh	20	9	0	11	5	426	572	-146	32
Toulouse**	20	9	0	11	3	556	582	-26	30
Doncaster*	20	1	0	19	5	257	955	-698	-1

*Deducted 9 points: going into administration **Toulouse exempt from relegation

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	PD	PTS
Dewsbury (C)	18	18	0	0	0	760	223	537	54
Keighley	18	13	0	5	3	539	415	124	42
York	18	12	0	6	4	589	360	229	40
Oldham	18	10	1	7	3	618	449	168	35
Blackpool	18	9	1	8	4	532	456	76	33
Hunslet	18	10	0	8	3	472	411	61	33
Swinton	18	8	0	10	3	513	516	-3	27
Rochdale*	18	6	0	12	6	500	557	-57	15
Workington	18	2	0	16	5	281	700	-419	11
London Skol's	18	1	0	19	2	210	927	-717	5

*Deducted 9 points for going into administration

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

ELIMINATION SEMI FINALS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Widnes Vikings	26
Tries: Hartley 2, Grady, Thackeray,	
Webster. Goals: Hartley 3.	
Whitehaven	21
Tries: Joe, R Jackson, Amor. Goals:	
Rudd 4. Drop Goals: Rudd.	
Half Time: 8-18. Att: 2,375	
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11	
Sheffield Eagles	8
Tries: Mills. Goals: Woodcock 2.	
Featherstone Rovers	32
Tries: Briggs, Spears, Saxton,	
Haughey 2, Lee. Goals: Dickens,	
Harris 3.	
Half Time: 2-14. Att: 802	

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP 1

ELIMINATION SEMI FINALS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

Oldham	31
Tries: O'Connor, St Hilaire,	
Onyango, Coyle, Joseph. Goals:	
Baines 5. DG: Roden	
Swinton Lions	26
Tries: Saywell 2, Bamford,	
Hawkyard. Goals: Holroyd 2,	
Saywell 3. HT: 12-14. Att: 745	
Blackpool Panthers	18
Tries: Hodson, Woodcock 2. Goals:	
Forber 3.	
Hunslet Hawks	21
Tries: Brown, Young, McHugh 2.	
Goals: McHugh 2, Robinson 2. DG:	
Weeden. HT 16-12. Att: 543.	

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LEADING TRY SCORERS

- 29** James Nixon (Barrow)
- 25** Gregg McNally (Whitehaven)
Shad Royston (Halifax)
- 23** Jon Presley (Keighley)
- 22** Andy Bostock (Dewsbury)
Stuart Sanderson (Gateshead)
- 21** Jermaine McGilvary (Batley)
Kane Epati (Dewsbury)
- 20** Paddy Flynn (Widnes)
- 19** Andy Ballard (Barrow/Old)
Luke Branighan (Gateshead)
Martin Ainscough (Hornets)
- 18** Andy Kain (Featherstone)
Andy Ellis (Barrow)
- 17** Ben Black (Halifax)
Craig Calvert (Whitehaven)
James Coyle (Barrow/Old)
Ben McAlpine (Gateshead)
Rob Worrincy (Halifax)
Danny Ratcliffe (York)
Jon Steel (Featherstone)
- 16** Miles Greenwood (Halifax)
Ian Hardman (Featherstone)
Sean Penkywicz (Halifax)
Tommy Haughey (Feath'stone)
- 15** Liam Finn (Dewsbury)
Jonny Leather (Blackpool)
Paul Hughes (York)
Bryn Powell (Dewsbury)
Paul March (York/Hunslet)
Nick Youngquest (Gateshead)
- 14** Dave Hull (Swinton)
Alex Bretherton (Dewsbury)
James Haley (Halifax)
Menzie Yere (Sheffield)
Anthony Thackeray (Widnes)
Tom Coyle (Oldham)
- 13** Jamie Durbin (Leigh)
Damian Gibson (Sheffield)
Dylan Nash (Gateshead)
Richard Varkulis (Widnes)
Lucas Onyango (Oldham)
Wayne McHugh (York/Hunslet)
Chris Spurr (Dewsbury)
- 12** Lee Greenwood (Oldham)
Tangi Ropati, Brendon Lindsay
(Sheffield), Craig Cook
(Sheffield/Dons)
Damian Couturier, Rory
Bromley (Toulouse)
Tom Haberecht (York)
Said Tamghart (Halifax)
Tommy Saxton (Featherstone)
Austin Buchanan (Rams)