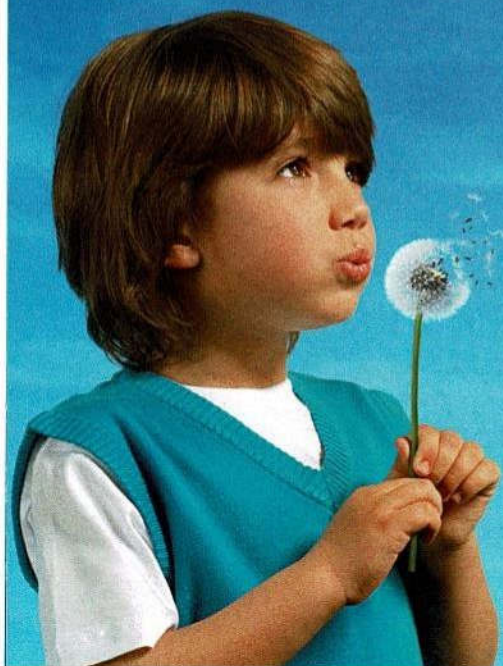


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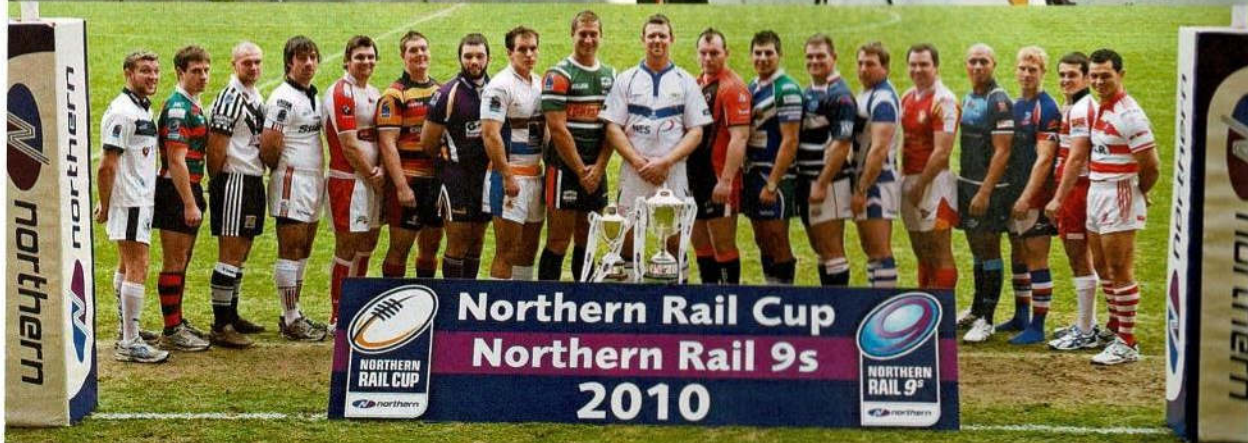


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Hats off to Vikings feat of endurance

My congratulations go out this week to Widnes Vikings for their Herculean efforts last weekend when they defied massive odds to complete an exhausting league and Cup double.

Despite an injury list which passes more than a passing resemblance to the closing credits of a James Cameron film, the Vikings managed to negotiate their passage into the fifth round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup and maintain the pressure on the clubs above them in the Co-operative Championship.

Following up their 44-22 victory over Lezignan in the delayed Cup tie with a 32-24 win at Batley on Sunday took some doing and Paul Cullen and his players deserve rich praise. Rarely in the history of Rugby League can the famous Mount Pleasant slope have seemed as steep as it did last weekend.

Now I accept that some of the more senior followers of this great sport might point out that in days of yore players often had to play five games in seven days, work six shifts in a coal mine, deal with regular outbreaks of bubonic plague and at the same time keep an eye open for doodlebugs – but that should not diminish the impressive nature of Widnes's feat.

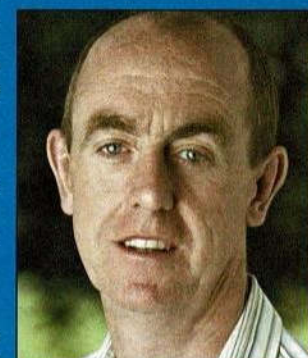
The challenge now for the Vikings is to build on that momentum on Friday night, when Co-operative Championship pacesetters Featherstone Rovers visit Halton Stadium. Given the blistering form of their opponents, Widnes could be forgiven for wishing they could play Lezignan and Batley again...

Featherstone are the only professional team with a 100 per cent reputation and are thriving in the pressure of what already has turned out to be the most intensely-contested Championship season. Just four points separate the top five teams while competition for the sixth play-off spot is fierce, a situation which makes for wonderful viewing for the paying spectator.

Things are even closer in Co-operative Championship One where Hunslet, Oldham and Blackpool are inseparable at the top – it promises to be a cracking day on Bank Holiday Monday for that division.

Toulouse versus Batley Bulldogs apart, there's no Co-operative Championship or Championship One action this Saturday and Sunday when many fans headed to Edinburgh for Engage Super League's Magic Weekend.

Seven fixtures in one stadium over two days has always been an ambitious undertaking and though the future of the event continues to be shrouded in uncertainty, it can be taken as read that everyone who attended Murrayfield was guaranteed a Magic Weekend to remember.



John Ledger, RFL Media Manager

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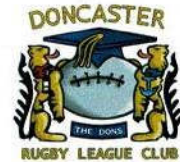
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Dons on road to recovery



Fighting spirit leaves Miller hoping for shot at play-offs

Report by BEN COLLINS

It's been a tough time for Doncaster of late but things are finally looking up for the South Yorkshire club. The Dons went into administration in 2007 but the future looked bright as they beat Oldham 18-10 in the 2008 Grand Final to take their place in last season's Championship.

But coach Ellery Hanley resigned immediately as coach, citing financial restraints, and the club entered administration again last June.

The Dons had to release several players to slash their outgoings, including the likes of star half-back pairing Kyle Briggs (Featherstone) and Paul Handforth (Batley).

They were already relegated when they were hit with a nine-point deduction in August but ultimately finished the season with a points tally of minus one having won just one of their 20 league games.

Tony Miller virtually had to build from scratch ahead of the current campaign, relying initially on a host of young, inexperienced players, and the Dons coach was then hit with an injury crisis at the start of the season.

Grant Edwards (Sheffield), Craig Fawcett (Hunslet) and new skipper Craig Lawton (Oldham) were brought in but the trio were soon all sidelined, along with the likes of Simon Brown, Gary Ellery, Aaron Henry, Scott Johnson and Danny Stanley.

The Dons then lost their first eight games of the season, including each of their Northern Rail Cup group games, while they also suffered a somewhat embarrassing 26-0 defeat by amateur side Siddal in the third round of the Challenge Cup in March.

"I've never known injuries like it," said Miller.

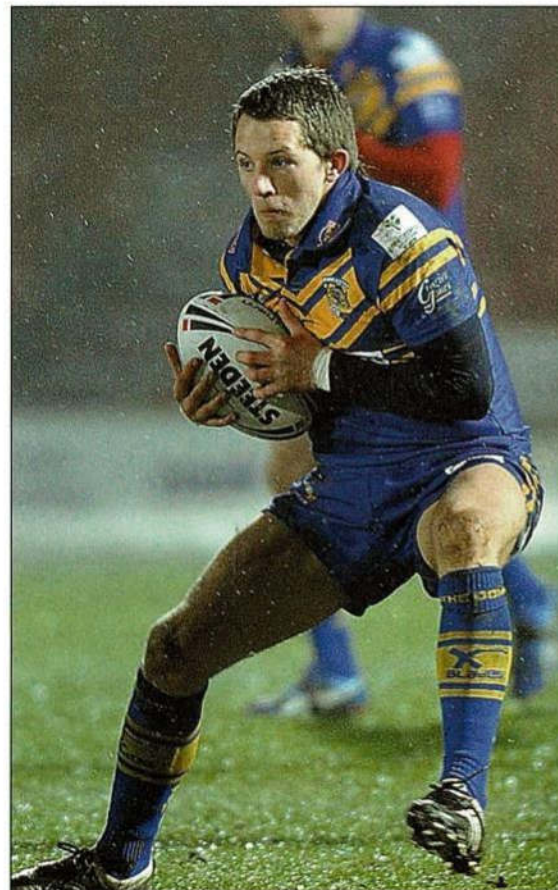
"It was hard enough trying to get a squad together and then we had all those injuries, which made it difficult to even put a side out at times.

"The Challenge Cup game would have been different if we had been awarded a fair try we scored just before half-time at 4-0 down, but it was always going to be difficult.

"We lost six players through injury the week before and three more were ruled out so we had to make nine changes. And they were mostly long-term injuries - not niggles but one or two months out.

"I saw Leeds getting criticised recently but they've lost loads of players. It shows that no matter who you are, if you lose that many people from your squad at the same time then you're struggling."

But things are starting to come together for Miller, with his side putting an end to that wretched start with a 40-24 home win against York at the end of March which sparked a



Young full-back Tommy Griffiths has bagged five tries in the campaign so far

run of three wins in four.

That came to an end with last Friday's 48-12 defeat at in-form Blackpool, who maintained their unbeaten start to the Championship 1 season.

Miller feels his side are finally heading in the right direction, though, as they aim to consolidate after a miserable 2009.

"We can't afford to take players on contracts, we're doing it match by match, and given the current climate and the problems other clubs are facing, I think other clubs should do it too," said Miller.



Grant Edwards was one of a raft of players to be hit by injury

"(Chief executive) Carl Hall is doing a great job getting us back on an even keel and we only spend what we can afford.

"It's taken longer than I'd hoped for the team to gel but with the injuries, that couldn't really be helped, and I think we're now getting there.

"I was real disappointed for the lads at Blackpool (last weekend) because the effort they put in was outstanding, particularly in defence.

"At 14-12, we had an opportunity to score and didn't convert, but we're a young side and we're learning every week.

"People will see the score and think it was a pretty convincing win, but I think it was far from that. For 55 minutes we weren't just in the game - we had an opportunity to win it - so I thought for Blackpool to score that many points was a bit unjust on our guys.

"Although we're disappointed with the score there were lots of positive things for this week's game against Oldham, which we know will also be a big test.

"It's been a tough 18 months and at times I've been wondering how we'll get through it but we feel like there's light at the end of the tunnel now."

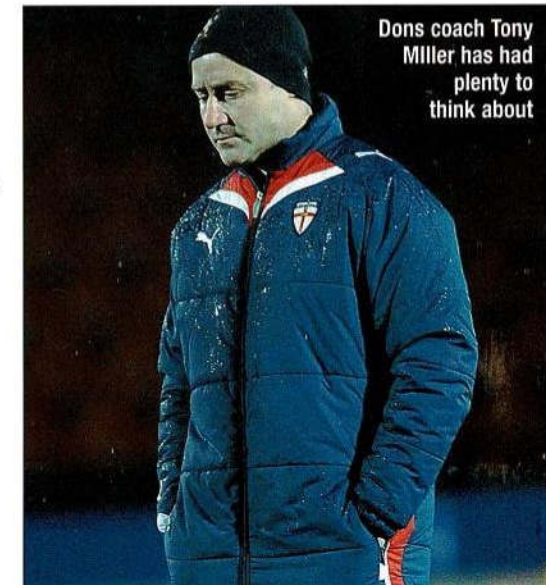
Loose forward Edwards (knee) could be sidelined for up to nine months, but Miller has boosted his squad with some new signings.

Rob Lunt has arrived on loan from Dewsbury, while moving permanently are hooker Paul Hughes, who scored one of Doncaster's two tries at Blackpool, and prop Liam Crawley, set to come into contention to face Oldham.

"We've had a tough start but we're just starting to get a few players back and fetch a few players in now," Miller

added. Blackpool and Hunslet are the top two teams this season, so for us to go to Blackpool and have a chance of winning after 55 minutes shows we've come a long way in a short period of time.

"I honestly think we'll be a lot stronger in the second half of the season when we've got a few more wins in us, and I think a play-off spot is well within our reach."



Dons coach Tony Miller has had plenty to think about

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KEEP AN EYE ON THE BALL



Danny Lockwood

WITH the announcement of Steve McNamara as the new coach of the England international team, the focus of up-and-coming coaches turns towards Odsal – oops, the Grattan Stadium – and one of the few such opportunities that arise in the game.

So far, so quiet in the days following McNamara's appointment last Wednesday. Bulls chairman Peter Hood is refusing to rule out recruiting from overseas for the job, while the Rugby League tom-toms have been beating out two names predominantly, former Bulls favourite and current Warrington assistant Jimmy Lowes and another Bradford old-boy, Harlequins RL boss Brian McDermott.

Despite the London club's well publicised woes of late, just what McDermott can achieve when he has half a side at his disposal was amply demonstrated last Friday night when they turned over the previously unbeaten Super League leaders Wigan.

It may well be that the Bradford board already have a good idea of the direction they wish to take, as the negotiations surrounding McNamara's appointment have been ongoing for quite some time – they had the luxury of making their coach an offer he couldn't refuse (and apparently opted not to) or considering their options.

What has been conspicuous by its absence however, has been any talk of one of the Co-operative Championship coaches being a likely candidate for promotion.

It would probably be asking too much for a Co-operative Championship 1 coach to think about making such a step up, although it would be unusual if successful 'up-and-comers' like Paul March and Martin Crompton weren't ambitious ultimately for a place in the big time, and indeed if their progress wasn't being observed closely by the managements of the Super League clubs.

We all know about the scouting systems in place for eyeing playing talent, in young players barely out of shorts (as in wearing them for school that is!) but rarely do I hear or read anything about hands-on coaching development systems. They may well be there and I may just be missing them, but it does seem that backroom staff at Super League clubs tend to be recently retired players with everything kept pretty much 'in-house'.

Of course we have a number of ex-Super League coaches in our Co-op ranks including Daryl Powell, Ian Millward, Steve McCormack, Paul Cullen, and Karl Harrison, while I believe Kiwi Tony Benson had a brief taste of it as Leigh boss although they were already effectively relegated when he got the job.

It's clear from the work going on at Widnes that Paul Cullen expects to be back in Super League in 18 months, supposing he is still in situ (and you certainly get the impression that Steve O'Connor doesn't want to lose either his man or his management team), while Ian Millward has shown what his wealth of experience can bring to a club with the fantastic turn-around at Leigh. But there, again, Basil has returned as part of a bigger work-in-progress and it's tough to see him jumping so early in the piece.

But Daryl Powell? Now in his second full season at Featherstone Rovers the fruits of his endeavours, plus his background both in Super League and the Rugby Union premiership, are clear for all to see. A 'thinker' as a player and as a coach, it would be a shame if talents like Powell's – and other coaches in the Championships – were given short shrift just like that.

As Steve McCormack and Barrow showed in the Cup at Castleford recently, there's some real quality lurking below the big boys of Super League.



Daryl Powell
– a
candidate for a
Super League
position?

inprofile

Adam Hayes
Dewsbury Rams
Squad number: 19

PERSONAL

DATE OF BIRTH: November 30, 1981
POSITION: Loose Forward.
HEIGHT: 5ft 11in.
WEIGHT: 15st 7lbs.
MARITAL STATUS: Married, to Lindsey for two years.
HOME TOWN: Leeds.
OCCUPATION: Builder.

BACKGROUND

AMATEUR CLUB: Milford Marlins.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Huddersfield, Featherstone, Halifax, Sheffield.
SIGNED PRO: 1998.
TEAM SUPPORTED AS A KID: Leeds.

FAVOURITES

SOCCER TEAM: Leeds United.
OTHER SPORT: None.
HOBBIES: Spending time with the little one, I've got an 18-month-old lad.
FOOD: Steak and chips - with onion rings too!
DRINK: Lager.
MUSIC: Dance.
FILM: Shawshank Redemption, Green Mile (*great taste in movies Adam - the Editor!*)
TV PROGRAMME: Only Fools and Horses.

PLAYING

PRE-MATCH SUPERSTITIONS: I always have to get up at bang on 9am.
BEST TEAMMATE: Steve McNamara and Darren 'Rocky' Turner at Huddersfield.
BEST OPPONENT: Allan Langer, while I was playing for Huddersfield against Warrington in 2000.
BEST COACH: Tony Smith at Huddersfield.
COACH I'D MOST LIKE TO PLAY FOR: Wayne Bennett.
PLAYING STRENGTHS: I'm a good talker, and I've got good footwork too.
WEAKNESSES: That'd be telling ... I know other coaches read Game On!



Adam Hayes in action for the Rams

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: My Super League debut for Huddersfield against Warrington in July 2000 - we only won a few games that year and that was one of them. Also going unbeaten with Huddersfield when they went back up in 2002, and going unbeaten with Dewsbury last season.
LOWLIGHTS: Getting relegated to National League Two with Featherstone in 2005.
ULTIMATE WISH: To stay fit and carry on enjoying it.
PLANS AFTER PLAYING: I'd like to still be involved in the game, probably coaching. I'm looking for courses at the moment that fit with me being part-time.

It's a fix - Challenge Cup's amazing offer

Rugby League fans are being urged to book early to get their fix of the Carnegie Challenge Cup fifth round ties which will be played next week.

In an exciting new initiative, ticket prices at all eight ties in the fifth round of the sport's oldest and most prestigious knockout competition have been fixed at the same price, making Challenge Cup history more affordable than ever before.

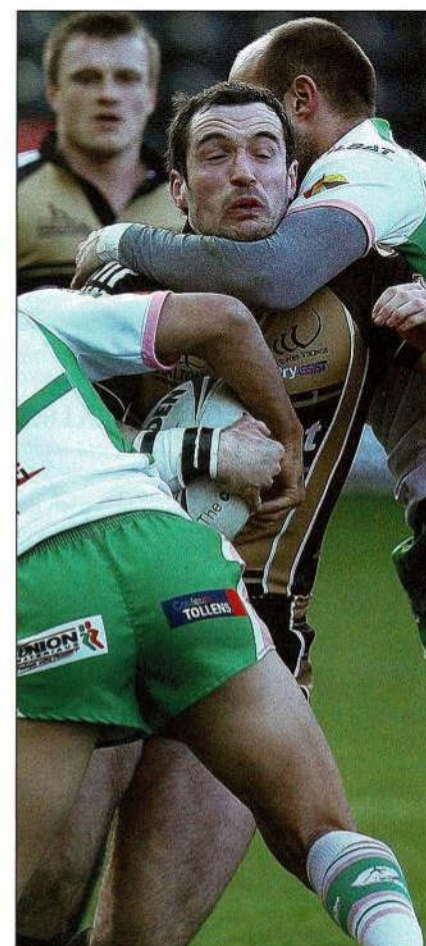
Seated tickets for the round featuring the last 16 remaining clubs in the 113-year-old tournament are just £12 for adults and £6 for concessions while standing tickets are priced at only £10 and £5.

Although these great prices will also be available on the day of the game, supporters are advised to book early because bumper crowds are expected for the mouthwatering fifth round ties.

The matches include a repeat of last year's Carnegie Challenge Cup Final, Huddersfield Giants versus Warrington Wolves, and the first ever fifth round tie featuring two non-English clubs, Crusaders RL versus Catalans Dragons.

The Carnegie Challenge Cup fifth round ties are as follows:

Friday May 7
Bradford Bulls v Leigh Centurions (8.00)
Leeds Rhinos v Blackpool Panthers (8.00)
Saturday May 8
Huddersfield Giants v Warrington Wolves (2.30, BBC1)
Sunday May 9
Halifax RLFC v Batley Bulldogs (3.00)
Barrow Raiders v Hunslet Hawks (3.30)
Harlequins RL v St Helens (2.00)
Crusaders RL v Catalans Dragons (3.30, BBC2)



Widnes saw off Lezignan to earn a glamour tie against old foes Wigan!

IRONMAN

LEIGH'S Ricky Bibey continues to lead the way in the Co-operative Championship Ironman race, after another three-point performance in the victory over Sheffield last week, although Batley's hardman Sean Hesketh kept pace in the 'Dogs home defeat against Widnes.

Meanwhile in Championship 1 there's a new leader after Hunslet's 'other' March, David, racked up a top performance in their win down in London. He now overtakes Blackpool's Andy Hobson on 9 points.

Each round of matches in the Championships sees the top three forwards - from either side - awarded a 3-2-1 point rating, with the Ironman from each division being named after the end of the regular season rounds.

STANDINGS AS AT MONDAY APRIL 26

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

Rickey Bibey (LEIGH)	13
Sean Hesketh (BATLEY)	8
Graeme Mattinson (WHITEHAVEN)	8
Jamie Field (FEATHERSTONE)	8
Adam Robinson (RAMS)	7
Jonny Grayson (FEATHERSTONE)	6
Stuart Dickens (FEATHERSTONE)	6
Kyle Amor (WHITEHAVEN)	6
Chris Hill (LEIGH)	5
Andy Shickell (KEIGHLEY)	5
Brendon Worth (TOULOUSE)	5

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP 1

David March (HUNSLET)	9
Andy Hobson (BLACKPOOL)	7
Gil Dudson (SCORPIONS)	7
Jarrad Stack (WORKINGTON)	6
Lee Wingfield (SWINTON)	5
Matt Thomas (SKOLARS)	5
Kyle Kesik (DONCASTER)	5

KNOW YOUR STUFF...

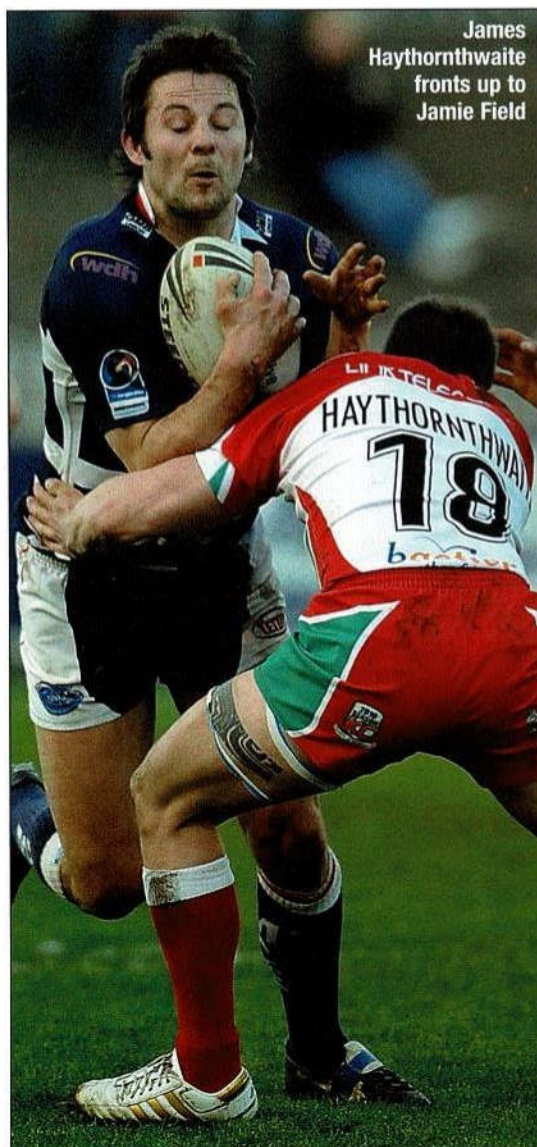
- 1 Two Co-operative Championship clubs were the actual RL Champions in the 1960s. Which two clubs are they?
- 2 Oldham are moving to the Whitebank Stadium soon. How many grounds have they used since leaving Watersheddings and can you name them?
- 3 Which now defunct club used to play at Knotty Ash?
- 4 What's South Wales Scorpions' mascot's name?
- 5 Which club did Ged Stokes coach before Whitehaven?
- 6 Which European country did Stokes help to coach?
- 7 Andy Kelly has joined the Gateshead coaching team. Which current two SL clubs did Kelly used to play for?
- 8 In the Championship play-offs team 3 plays team 6 and 4 plays 5. Who do the winners play next?
- 9 What does Roughyed - attributed to Oldham - mean?
- 10 What was the famous old name for Widnes' ground before it was rebuilt in its current guise?



Q7 - Andy Kelly

- Answers
- 1 Halifax and Swinton
 - 2 Three: Sedgley Park, Hurst Cross Stadium, Boundary Park, 3 Hulton, 4 Stirling, 5 Workington, 6 Serbia, 7 Wakefield and Hull KR, 8 Each other, 9 It's a term used for the local people who wore felt hats, 10 Naughton Park

NO ONE GETS EASY RIDE IN COUGAR TOWN



James Haythornthwaite fronts up to Jamie Field

By BEN COLLINS

Keighley coach Barry Eaton refuses to offer any excuses this season. The Cougars may have gone into administration in December after beating Oldham to win last season's Championship 1 Grand Final. They may also have been hit with a nine-point deduction as they aim to stay up in the Co-operative Championship and avoid an immediate return to the third tier.

Those events meant Eaton's recruitment plans were severely limited and left the team with a battle on their hands just to get into the black with their points total this season.

Keighley then had to take on league leaders Featherstone in last Thursday's televised clash after agreeing to step in for Toulouse, who were unable to travel due to the volcanic ash crisis.

But Eaton is having none of it, if any of his players seek to use that to justify their 76-12 demolition at Featherstone.

"I know it was short notice but there can be no complaints," he said.

"We were asked on the Monday and we put it to the players to see if they felt they were up to it. They said they were so we brought it forward.

"The attitude of the players last year was that we wanted to get promotion and test ourselves against better teams.

"We've got that opportunity now but against Featherstone some players didn't show the commitment I'm looking for in a Keighley shirt."

A home game this Monday against title hopefuls Barrow is hardly the best fixture for the Cougars as they aim to bounce back from that dismal defeat at Featherstone.

And although a second league win of the season is a big ask, Eaton demands to see a vast improvement after much soul-searching in the Keighley camp this week.

"I spent most of the weekend looking at the DVDs and analysing things to see exactly what needs to be done," he said.

"I worked out what needs to be said to sort the situation out because we want to draw a line under it.

"When the players came back in on Tuesday I spoke to them all individually, to see how they feel they've done so far this season and what they want to do over the rest of the year.

"We need to improve and strengthen individuals, and see what they can bring to the team, and if anyone's not committed to the cause, I'll put someone else in.

"There'll be changes for the Barrow game, that's for sure."

Entering administration meant Eaton's only significant signing in the close season saw forward Chris Baines arrive from Oldham.

But the Cougars coach believes he still has a squad strong enough to compete at Championship level.

"We planned for certain things but couldn't do them," he said. "When you win promotion you want to improve, you want to strengthen your squad and give yourselves the best chance at the new level.

"We wanted to go out and sign some Championship or even Super League players.

"Instead I've had to manage with a thin squad and I would have liked greater competition for places all over the park.

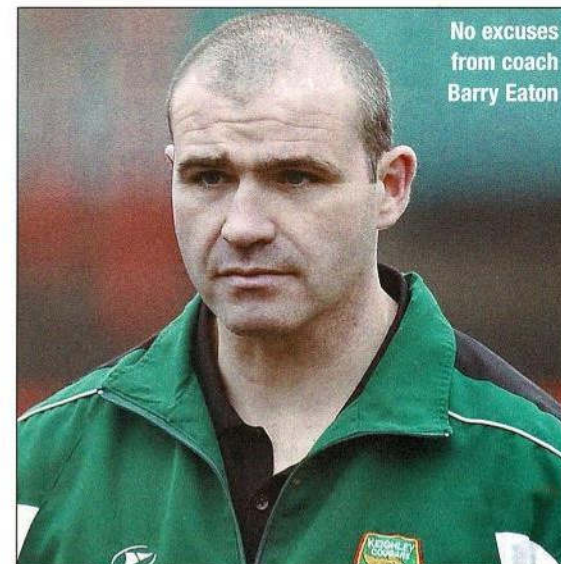
"But this side got promoted last year and the personnel hasn't changed massively to that. If you take away the nine-point deduction, we'd be mid-table, right on the edge of the play-offs, so I expect better than what we saw against Featherstone."

Eaton was particularly disappointed as Keighley had been on the up after losing their opening four Championship matches.

They stopped the rot with a 16-16 draw against Sheffield on Good Friday and followed that up with a 42-10 win at Dewsbury.

And although the Cougars are still on minus two points, Eaton has demanded that if they are going to down, they'll go down fighting.

"I'm an honest guy and I'll admit it's a mammoth task to avoid relegation," he said. "Coming into the season we knew we were going to be underdogs most weeks - it doesn't take



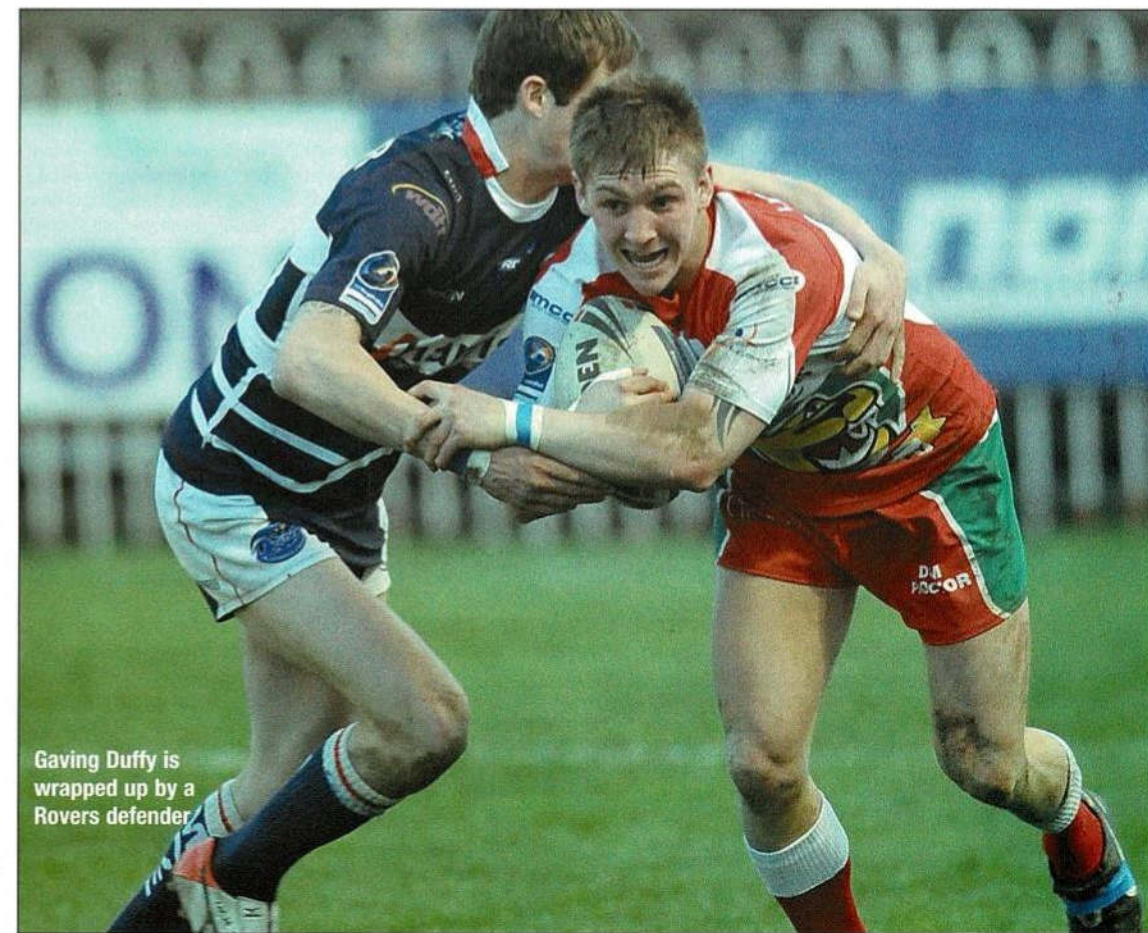
No excuses from coach Barry Eaton

a rocket scientist to work that out.

"But we've still got a lot of games to go and our aim is to do enough to secure our status in the Championship.

"We might not manage to do that but there's no excuses for not putting up a decent fight.

"That's all I ask for. The commitment wasn't there from everybody against Featherstone and that's got to change."



Gaving Duffy is wrapped up by a Rovers defender

Dewsbury Rams v Leigh Centurions



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THE INSIDE TRACK

Likely to entertain in front of the cameras.
Leigh by 10 and a bonus for the Rams

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: LWWWWW

TRIES: Alstead, Nanyin (9), Donlan, Blythe (7)

GOALS: Nanyin (50)

MAN TO WATCH: Robbie Paul

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL

LAST SIX HOME: LLLLLL

TRIES: Turner (6) Spurr, Powell, Robinson (5) Walker (4)

GOALS: P Walker (32)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Adam Robinson

ERIC FRANCE
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CLUBCALL

Dewsbury v Leigh

Starting to turn corner

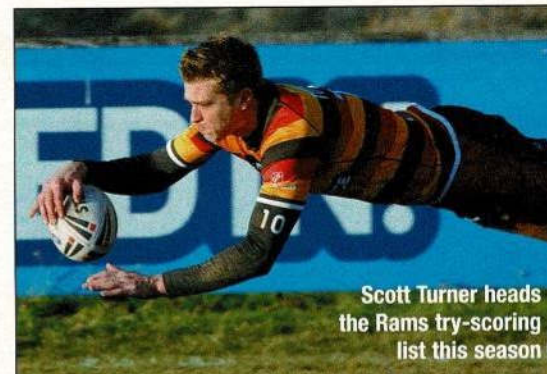
Good evening and welcome to the Tetley's Stadium for our 2010 television debut against the Leigh Centurions.

I'd like to welcome Ian Millward, the rest of his coaching staff and the directors from Leigh and a special, not too-warm a welcome, to my old pal Robbie Paul.

This game has all the makings of an entertaining match as Leigh have been doing very well in the league and we have started to turn the corner.

We have been improving each week and we saw a massive improvement last weekend against Barrow. If it wasn't for Adam Robinson's try being disallowed I strongly feel that we would have gone on to win that game.

This was a very good result for us as it was a personal win to the team, to go to Barrow full of injuries and come up against a full-strength Barrow team which



Scott Turner heads the Rams try-scoring list this season

had beaten a Super League side the previous week, shows how the team and the players have been improving each week. Andrew Bostock and Adam Robinson were outstanding, they both caused Barrow problems out on the flanks all day long.

Dom Brambani, yet again, showed a massive improvement and is now showing what he is capable of and how valuable he is to the squad.

Danny Addy, on his

debut, had a solid performance and gave us something extra in attack.

Luke Menzies on his return after nine weeks out of action with a back injury, gave us much-needed impact off the bench. Both centres, Scott Turner and Ayden Faal, had big contributions: Scott made two try saving tackles and Ayden Faal scored two tries. Lee Lingard also had a big say in the game with his no-nonsense style defence which shut Barrow's breaks down.

If we keep improving at this rate, and with the players to come back in the side, it would be nice to think we are going to have a very strong second half of the season.

It was really nice to see plenty of our own fans up there giving your much-needed support.

Both I and the players would like to thank you for sticking with us and giving us your support. This is also contributing to us turning the corner.

On the injury front we may see, after today's game, the return of Austin Buchanan, Alex Bretherton, Anthony England, Stewart Sanderson and Rob Spicer.

What a boost to the team this will be, but like I have said before, if these players who are playing now start getting the results we want they will keep the returning players out.

Warren Jowitt
Head Coach

Let's give TV audience a real spectacle

It's a great pleasure to welcome the Sky TV cameras back to the Tetley's Stadium for tonight's fixture.

Their presence at the stadium in the past has usually resulted in an enthralling game and I hope that tonight's game is no exception.

I am hugely supportive of the Sky TV arrangements that we have for the Co-operative Championship. I think it is a massive boost for every club that features on live television. It enables us to give national exposure to our sponsors and perimeter board customers and really helps us to increase our profile and credibility in the sport.

We come into tonight's game still without a league win but five bonus points from eight games shows that we can't be that far away and what better time than in front of the TV cameras. We put in a great performance last weekend at Barrow and were still in with a chance of winning the game until three minutes

from time. Ed Barber's arrival from Castleford and Danny Addy's signing from Bradford on dual registrations have given us a little more strength in depth.

Hopefully Alex Bretherton should by now be back in full training. We know that we have the players with the ability to compete in the Championship and we are still within reach of others in the table so the season is far from over which may upset some of the doom and gloom merchants.

Leigh will be a tough nut to crack. They are in 2nd place with 6 wins and a draw from 7 games. They beat Sheffield 36-20 last Sunday which was a good result for us in that it denied them a bonus point. They have a good experienced squad and coach and could be a good bet for the Grand Final.

Back to ourselves and we took a vociferous away following to Barrow last Saturday. It would be great if the noise that was made at the game could be

repeated several-fold tonight. What we would respectfully ask both sets of fans is to remember that the game does go out live and is watched by a wide age range so please make as much noise as you can but make sure it is able to be broadcast!

Finally a word on our next scheduled away game against Halifax at The Shay. The game was planned for a week on Sunday but that now clashes with Halifax's 5th Round Challenge Cup tie against the Batley Bulldogs.

Our two clubs were in discussion about the re-arranged date as this article was being put together. We favoured a mid-week date to keep the season ticking over but with both the Rams and Halifax out of the Northern Rail Cup it seems more likely that it will be played on a Rail Cup weekend.

Mark Sawyer
Chairman



Keighley Cougars v Barrow Raiders



Monday May 3, 2010. Kick off 3pm. COUGAR PARK

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Frank Atkins.....	George Raynor	1
Mr & Mrs Bardgett.....	Craig Moss	2
Rob Weir Property Maintenance.....	Tom Burton	3
David Padans.....	Daley Williams	4
Mr & Mrs Fisher.....	Gavin Duffy	5
Joyce Barrett Mobile Hairdresser.....	Jonny Presley	6
Phoenix Trophies.....	Danny Jones	7
Frank Atkins.....	Andy Shickell	8
Mr & Mrs Procter.....	James Feather	9
Mr & Mrs Fisher.....	Scott Law	10
Mr & Mrs Rothera.....	Will Cartledge	11
Mr & Mrs Glover.....	Oilly Pursglove	12
Mr & Mrs Rothera.....	Carl Hughes	13
The Clarksons.....	Jamaine Wray	14
M Croft & T Pycroft.....	Greg Nicholson	15
Cougar Pride Centre.....	Brendon Rawlins	16
Owens Barbers.....	Ryan Benjafield	17
	James Haythornthwaite	18
Go Colour.....	Sam Crowther	19
Phoenix Trophies.....	Dan Belcher	20
The Bayliss Family.....	Richard Jones	21
Skipton Body Repair Centre.....	Ben Sagar	22
Phil Lund Ltd.....	Chris Baines	23
	Tom Hall	24
Collett International Transport.....	Jamie Shepherd	25

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COACH: BARRY EATON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLDWLL

LAST SIX HOME: WWLLLD

TRIES: Presley (6) Duffy, Jones (5)

GOALS: Jones (40)

DROP GOALS: Jones (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Danny Jones

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C.Halloran

Touch: T.Owen, J.Greenwood

Reserve Referee: R.Dolan

THE INSIDE TRACK

After mauling at Featherstone Cougars face another tough game. Barrow by 20

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Gary Broadbent.....	Ged McDermott
2	Andy Ballard.....	Nuffield Health
3	Anthony Blackwood	
4	Liam Harrison.....	BAE Global Combat Systems
5	James Nixon.....	Furness Heating Components
6	Jamie Rooney.....	Johnston Recruitment
7	James Coyle	
8	Andy Bracek.....	RF Miller Accountants
9	Andy Henderson.....	Carefree Travel
10	Chris Young.....	Advance Roofing
11	Michael Knowles.....	Estuary Electrical
12	Martin Ostler.....	Neil Martin Group
13	Zeb Luisi.....	Premium Solutions
14	Ned Catic.....	Optech Fibres
15	Rob Roberts.....	Trelleborg Engineering
16	Brett McDermott.....	Saunders Transport
17	Paul Noone.....	Ross Estate Agents
18	Liam Campbell.....	Infield Hotel
19	Nathan Mossop.....	Darren Wilson
20	Danny Halliwell.....	Plastic Man
21	Chris Larkin.....	Kev Hodgson
22	Ruairi McGoff.....	Plastic Man
23	Jamie Butler	
24	Richard Fletcher.....	Tony Bayliff Carpets
31	Matt James	
	Jermaine McGilvary	

COACH: STEVE McCORMACK

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: LWDWWW

TRIES: Ballard, Catic (9), McGilvary

(7), Harrison, Rooney (6)

GOALS: Rooney 62

DROP GOALS: Rooney (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Ned Catic

CLUBCALL

Keighley v Barrow

Soul-searching after the big defeat against Fev

Welcome to all from Barrow for today's game and congratulations to Barrow for their recent Challenge Cup success at Castleford.

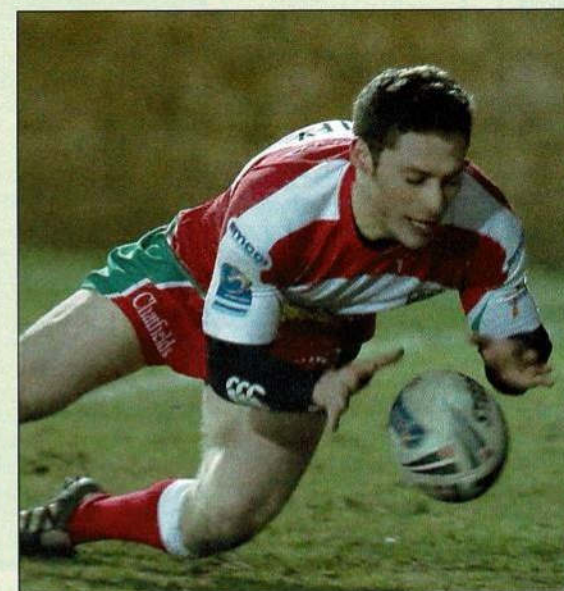
I was at the game and to see how Barrow came back from 28-12 down with 30 minutes to go was very impressive against a Super League club.

They have a favourable draw in the next round at home to Hunslet so good luck to them and I hope they can do very well in the competition.

After four very good performances, last week's game at Featherstone was certainly one to forget.

Even though we had little time to prepare for the game the way we performed was not at all acceptable and there has been some soul-searching to be done and lots of questions to be asked and answered over the last week or so.

We have to have a posi-



Stand-off Jonny Presley proving why he poses Keighley's biggest try scoring threat

tive response to that defeat and I am sure we will get one today.

We have been working hard on all the little things in the game that then lead on

to doing things better on the field as individuals and as a team.

Congratulations must go to Matt Bramald for his reserves won at Hunslet last week in a re-arranged fixture.

Matt's team lost heavily to Hunslet two weeks earlier and then turned it around with a very enthusiastic performance at Hunslet.

Matt has been working very hard with predominantly under-18 players as we were preparing for an under-20s competition to run alongside the Super League under-20s but that changed late on and we now are an under-21s competition with eight 'over age' players allowed so the work Matt is doing should not go unnoticed.

Enjoy the game.

Barry Eaton
Head Coach

Sponsors have been a great help

Good afternoon and welcome to today's game against Barrow. I would like to welcome all the Barrow directors, players and fans to Cougar Park today, I hope you enjoy the game and have a safe journey home.

I would also like to welcome today's match sponsors, Main Match Sponsors are Fresh Radio and Julian and his guests are enjoying our 4-star hospitality today.

Fresh Radio are a great support to the club in getting our message to the fans and we thank them for all their support. Today's Man of the Match sponsors are Mike Croft and friends, who are all great friends of the club and have shown us great support throughout the recent years.

Our Matchball sponsor today is B&W Planthire who joined us last year and have been a great support with helping us with the pitch seeding. Mark is here today with his wife Emma and children who are

Helen Carter, General Manager

Main Match Sponsor - Fresh Radio

Man of the Match - Mike Croft & Friends

Matchball Sponsor - B&W Planthire

all from Blackburn and are new Cougar converts.

Before the next home game on the 23rd the club will be holding a major media launch regarding Sporting Chance, the Foundation's ground breaking Community initiative. The launch will see the Cougars yet again leading the way and being the 1st sporting organisation to have it's very own fully accredited award. I won't spoil the surprise too much and will talk about it more next time but please keep your eyes peeled in the press to find out more. Talking of Sporting Chance we have

some of the guys on the programme doing their sponsored bike ride today to raise money for the JAMFund which is a charity set up to raise money for children with life threatening illnesses.

They are starting off from the Bulls and picking a signed ball up from them and then to Bradford City and picking up some signed memorabilia from them and then arriving at Cougar Park to parade around the pitch before the game so please give them loads of support.

There will be an auction after the game for the memorabilia they have collected so please stick around and show them your support and help them make as much money as possible.

I think that's it for now but thanks to Bradford Bulls and Bradford City for their donations and thanks to today's match sponsors.

Enjoy the game.



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Sheffield Eagles v Whitehaven RLFC



Monday May 3, 2010. Kick off 3pm. BRAMALL LANE

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AMCO.....	Johnny Woodcock	1
Edge Telecom.....	Danny Mills	2
OSI Ltd.....	Menzie Yere	3
Jim Haworth & Susan Atkin.....	John Coleman	4
Anne Collins.....	Ashley Thackeray	5
Pennine Business Forms.....	Brendon Lindsay	6
AMCO.....	Aaron Groom	7
Hanlon & Wright.....	Jack Howieson	8
In Memory of Jack London.....	Craig Cook	9
OSI.....	Mitch Stringer	10
Jack Smith.....	Alex Szostak	11
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	Alex Rowe	17
Premier Kia.....	Michael Haley	18
	Joe Hirst	19
Jayne Whaling.....	Matty Brooks	20
Bethany, Ian & Jackie Swain Dane McDonald	21	
Elaine, Simon & Stephen McGuire	Ryan Hepworth	22
Albion Detection Systems.....	Tangi Ropati	23
Modis International.....	Misi Taulapapa	24
	Jason Mossop	25
	Tim Bergin	26
Steve & Samantha Rendi.....	Richie Barnett	27
Jill Swire.....	Eddie Battye	36
Insign Signage & Digital Imaging	Mark Renshaw-Smith	37
Mr & Mrs Lee.....	Dan Haworth	38

COACH: MARK ASTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WDL LLL

LAST SIX HOME: WWLWL

TRIES: Cook (9) Stringer (8) Ropati (7) Yere (5)

GOALS: Stringer (23) Woodcock (9)

DROP GOALS: Cook (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Craig Cook

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No.	PLAYER
1	Craig Benson
2	Craig Calvert
3	Rob Jackson
4	Scott McAvoy
5	Derry Eilbeck
6	Carl Rudd
7	Leroy Joe
8	Marc Jackson
9	Graeme Mattinson
10	David Ford
11	Howard Hill
12	Spencer Miller
13	Mick Govin
14	Dylan Skee
15	Reece Fox
16	Andy Gorski
17	Andy Thornley
18	John Patrick
19	Dexter Miller
20	Soni Radovanovic
21	Chris Smith
22	Richard Farrer
23	Stephen Fox
24	Ryan MacDonald

COACH: GED STOKES

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLWL

LAST SIX AWAY: WLLLWL

TRIES: Rudd, Eilbeck, Fox (5)

GOALS: Rudd (34)

DROP GOALS: None

MAN TO WATCH: Carl Rudd

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M.Thomason

Touch: S.Johnson, B.Logan

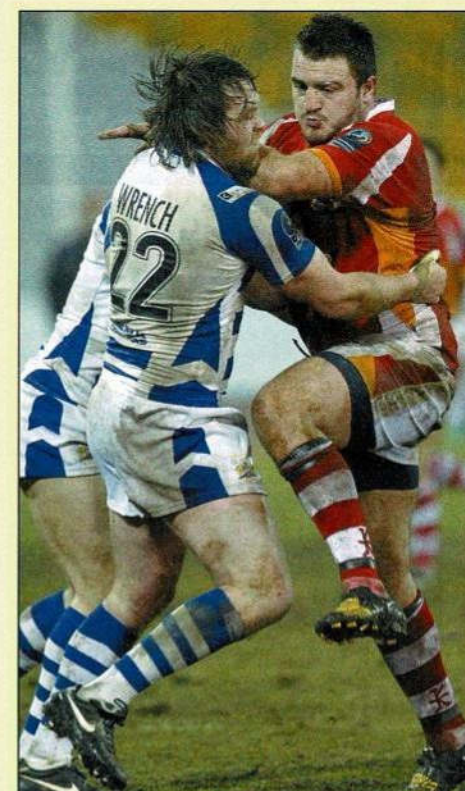
Reserve Referee: L.Fellows

THE INSIDE TRACK

Two sides struggling to hit top gear.
Eagles to edge home by 6

CLUBCALL

Sheffield v Whitehaven



Eagles prop Mitch Stringer, right, has been a potent attacking force this season

A pathway to 'pro' rugby

I would like to welcome the players, directors and supporters of Whitehaven.

We welcome you to our new home, Bramall Lane, which we believe is one of the best venues for rugby league in the country.

The Eagles have always been committed to working within the community and we are now starting to see players, who are at the upper end of our player pathway, playing consistently with the reserve team and pushing hard to get into the first team. The Eagles Player Pathway starts in primary schools where children are introduced to tag rugby.

Secondary schools are crucial to our development of potential players as we take youngsters through the transition from tag to tackle. Schools compete in the Champion Schools competition and we have also arranged

Central Venue Leagues where all the schools can come to increase the levels of participation. The club is always looking out for potential talent to feed into our performance squads, headed by Dean Thomas.

We are currently operating scholarships which form the basis for players that go into our full-time Academy based at All Saints School in Sheffield. We currently have 30 students at the sixth form college.

We offer a potential pathway to university through a link with Sheffield Hallam for continuation of academic skills. We also run a reserve grade team that is formed from local talent, university students and some first team players.

Adam Hughes
Community Manager

Why we're hurting

WE have to start winning games and soon – so the pressure is on today for the lads to perform.

The 36-20 defeat at Leigh Centurions was a blow. That was a game we should have won.

It hurt even more because after the great performance against Wigan Warriors in the Challenge Cup we should have been up for a result at Leigh.

I know we have the players and there is the ability in the squad but there are key things that have to be done.

We have to be disciplined and play for 80 minutes – nothing less. That's the message I have given the lads at training in the past week.

We just need the lads to do what they are asked to do by the coaches. We talked about that at half-time against Leigh and said we could win the game but we had to play to the last minute.

But with 30 minutes to go you would have thought we were in the last minute.

We had something like a brain explosion and we couldn't get into the game – we had got to 24-20 and Leigh were down to 12 men and we needed to play according to plan. We should have gone on and won the game.

It's about confidence. The lads should have got the confidence from the Wigan game and they way they performed.

That should have built them up but they got challenged at Leigh and the confidence broke down. That's the disappointment.

An added blow from the Leigh game was that Jack Howieson had to come off with a bicep injury – his second similar injury this season. Jack is really going through the horrors of rugby league.

On the positive side Aaron Groom

came back for his third game of the season and scored a 90-metre interception try. We need the extra dimension and flair Aaron gives.

It's about a third of the way though the Championship season, there are plenty of games to play but we need to start putting some wins together.

We're back home at Bramall Lane today against Whitehaven. If we believe in our ability and put in a good performance we can get the win.

We need to keep our heads down, work a bit harder, be a bit smarter and we can start turning things around.

Work hard for 80 minutes, keep to the plan and the bounce of the ball starts going your way.

Get behind the lads and lets go home with three points.

Mark Aston
Head Coach

Mark Aston spoke to James Collins and is sponsored by Nick Firth Tiles



We're with the Eagles....





Toulouse Olympique XIII v Batley Bulldogs



Saturday May 1, 2010. Kick off 8pm. Stade Arnauné/Minimes

PLAYER	No.
Copy Sud.....Rory Bromley	1
Bugbusters.....Sebastien Payan	2
André Raynal - Déménagements.....Sebastien Planas	3
Groupe Cailleau.....Vincent Duport	4
Gallego.....Carlos Mendes Varela	5
Prosegur.....Constant Villegas	6
ICA Patrimoine.....Nathan Wynn	7
Transports Sarrazain.....Brendan Worth	8
Renault Etats-Unis.....Martin Mitchell	9
Ermes Prestations.....Matthieu Griffi	10
Océanis.....Timothy Wynn	11
Siemex.....Simon Worrall	12
Inovans.....Eric Anselme	13
Compass Group.....Antoni Maria	14
Leroy Merlin.....Jerome Gout	15
Aux Docks du Bureau.....Sylvain Houles	16
Force Distribution.....Cedric Gay	17
La Mutuelle du rempart.....Yoan Tisseyre	18
IPS Publicité.....Romain Mencarini	19
La Dépêche du Midi.....Bruno Ormeno	20
bonsplans31.com.....Nicolas Faure	21
Bourdarios.....Clement Bienes	22
Errea.....Kevin Larroyer	23
Cimpa.....Andrei Olari	24
Hôtel Latitudes Golf de Seilh.....Teli Pelo	25
Clear Channel.....Yohann Gigord	
IFB.....Mourad Kriouache	
Sporting Finances.....Cyril Moliner	
Paru vendu.....Antoine Reveillon	
Citroën Etats-Unis.....Jocelyn Vauvelle	
Eiffage.....Remi Vignau	
Equalliance.....Geoffrey Zava	

COACH: GILLES DUMAS

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLLWL
LAST SIX HOME: WW-WWLL
TRIES: Bromley (6), Planas, Duport (5)
GOALS: Wynn (28)
DROP GOALS: Wynn (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Vincent Duport

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R. Laughton

Touch: J. Pereira, P. Milan

Reserve Referee: D. Vincent

THE INSIDE TRACK

TOXIII should win but Batley will push them all the way. Toulouse by 4

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Ian Preece.....	Hopkins Family
2	Lee Greenwood.....	Leyland Paints
3	Mark Barlow.....	Batley Rock'n Roll
4	Danny Maun.....	Stephen & Mandy Fletcher
5	Johnny Campbell.....	Gary Tingle & Lorraine Richardson
6	Paul Handforth.....	Brian Hooley
7	Gareth Moore.....	Batley Nash
8	Byron Smith.....	Study Centre
9	Kris Lythe.....	Benson Family
10	Sean Hesketh.....	Mick Lockton
11	Tommy Gallagher.....	Eddie Toronczak & Family
12	Mark Toohey.....	George & Mary Gommersal
13	Ash Lindsay.....	Amy Fletcher
14	John Gallagher.....	Hick Funeral
15	Anthony Henderson	
16	John Simpson.....	Paul & Dianne Goodhall
17	Craig Potter.....	Johnstone Paints
18	Jack Watson.....	Tracey Grundell & Katie Penn
19	Eddie Kilroy.....	Tracey & Brian Winner
20	Dave Toothill.....	Cellar Bar
21	James Martin.....	Mary Hughes
22	Josh Griffin	
23	Chris Buttery.....	RSM Carriers
24	Alex Brown	
25	Kyle Wood	
27	Jason Walton.....	Paul Hinchcliffe
	Waterboy.....	Peter's Foods
	Physio.....	Revive

COACH: KARL HARRISON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLLWL
LAST SIX AWAY: LWWLLW
TRIES: Campbell (14), Preece (8), Walton (7)
GOALS: Moore (56) Handforth (7)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Paul Handforth

CLUBCALL

Toulouse v Batley

Now the cloud has gone we can aim for a play-off spot

L'édito du Président – Carlos Zalduendo – Chairman's comments



Carlos Mended in full flight - photo Frédéric Lejeune

Le nuage du volcan au nom imprononçable (si, si, essayez donc voir ! Il s'appelle Eyjafjöll...) est reparti vers le pôle. Heureusement, car ça aurait pas mal impacté le calendrier du Championship.

Déjà, il a fallu un long périple en bus de plus de 24 heures pour gagner le Lancashire pour affronter les Saints en Cup.

Un voyage fatigant pour les toulousains, qui malgré cela ont offert une belle résistance contre un des favoris de la Super League pendant près d'une heure. Cette belle résistance leur a valu une standing ovation du public de Knowsley Road.

Plus près de nous, le TO a vu son match contre Featherstone Rovers du 22 avril reporté au 6 mai. Ces aléas n'ont pas mis le groupe de Gilles Dumas dans une situation idéale pour préparer au mieux la venue de Batley ce samedi. Le dernier match en Championship du TO remonte maintenant au 10 avril et la belle victoire à Widnes au Stobart Stadium doit être confirmée sur le pré pour installer durablement les toulousains dans la liste des prétendants au play-off. La venue de Batley aujourd'hui sera un sacré défi car les Bulldogs talonnent pour l'heure les toulousains au classement (TO 6ème et Batley 7ème).

La clef du match pour les toulousains, se situera au niveau de la conservation de la balle et d'une concentration en défense de tous les instants.

Et il faudra aussi mettre du rythme et de l'improvisation en attaque pour déstabiliser une des meilleures défenses du Championship (4ème).

A toutes et à tous un très bon match!

The ash cloud from the volcano with a very difficult name to pronounce (Eyjafjöll...) seem to have left our countries.

This is quite fortunate because it would have had a big impact on our Championship. It has already forced our team to travel 24 hours by bus and ferry to get to Lancashire to play against the mighty Saints in Challenge Cup. And the same on the way back... A very tough trip for the Toulouse Olympique players, who have, however, put in a good performance against one of the biggest Super League outfits.

Our French boys even got a standing ovation at the end of the game from the public of Knowsley Road.

Last week, the TV game against Featherstone, initially scheduled on the 22nd of April, has been postponed to the 6th of May due to the cancellation of our flight. For Gilles Dumas and his staff, all those changes are not ideal to prepare this home game against Batley.

The last match in the Championship for Toulouse was three weeks ago on the 10th of April, with a great win against Widnes at the Stobart Stadium. Toulouse Olympique must now back up this performance in order to stay in the long-term chase for a play-off spot.

Tonight, this home game against Batley is a big test for us because the Bulldogs are just behind in the table (TO 6th and Batley 7th). To win this match, the basics will of course be very important: the TO will have to keep control of the ball and stay focussed in defence during the whole game. However, to get through one of the best defences in the Championship (4th), Toulouse will also need to be inspired in attack...

We wish you all a very pleasant game!

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Widnes Vikings v



Featherstone Rovers



Friday April 30, 2010. Kick off 8pm. STOBART STADIUM, HALTON

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
RJ Lewis	James Ford	1
Katie Kingsley	Dean Gaskell	2
The Spence Family	Richard Varkulis	3
Widnes Vikings Supporters Club	Toa Kohe Love	4
Reg and Lesley Warner	Paddy Flynn	5
Applied Acumen	Anthony Thackeray	6
Widnes Vikings Supporters Club	James Webster	7
Alan Bruce	Steve Pickersgill	8
Leann Fox	Mark Smith	9
Widnes Vikings Supporters Club	Jim Gannon	10
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VIQI	Chris Gerrard	13
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Ace Film Catering	Gareth Haggerty	16
Ron Rowbottom	Ben Kavanagh	17
Julie Coe - Merry Christmas from Neil xx	Scott Yates	18
	Matt Gardner	19
	Chris Dean	20
	Matt Strong	21
The Jones Family	Dean Thompson	22
	Dave Houghton	23
	Danny Hulme	24
Mullally's Butchers	Anthony Mullally	25
	Liam Farrell	
	Ben Davies	

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SCORERS

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No.	PLAYER
1	Ian Hardman
2	Tommy Saxton
3	Sam Smeaton
4	Liam Welham
5	Jon Steel
6	Kyle Briggs
7	Andy Kain
8	Iain Morrison
9	Liam Finn
10	Stuart Dickens
11	Matty Dale
12	Jon Grayshon
13	Jamie Field
14	Danny Allan
15	Jessie Joe Parker
16	Dane Manning
17	Tony Tonks
18	Tim Spears
19	Ross Divorty
20	Tommy Lynch
21	Michael Coady
22	Jack Lee
23	Jode Sheriffe
24	Larsen Marabe
25	Gareth Swift*
26	Zak Hardaker
27	Aaron Dobek
28	Thomas Carr
29	Gareth Williamson

*Gareth died in a road accident last week.

COACH: PAUL CULLEN

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWLW

LAST SIX HOME: WWLWLW

TRIES: Thackeray (13), Grady (9),

Coyle (7), Ford (6)

GOALS: Grady (70)

DROP GOALS: None

MAN TO WATCH: Anthony Thackeray

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J. Leahy

Touch: G. Jones, J. Roberts

Reserve Referee: C. Waywell

THE INSIDE TRACK

All the makings of a classic. No-one can stop

Rovers this season. Rovers by 6

COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLW

LAST SIX AWAY: LWWWWL

TRIES: Parker (13), Finn, Welham

(9), Briggs, Steel (8)

GOALS: Briggs (60), Finn (13)

DROP GOALS: None

MAN TO WATCH: Liam Finn



Backing the Vikings!

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CLUBCALL

Homegrown team face match blitz

Paul Cullen, Head Coach

Good evening and welcome to everyone for tonight's clash with Featherstone Rovers.

Having been disappointed to have the original fixture against Lezignan postponed, we then found ourselves in a position where we were faced with the prospect of three games in eight days which was an unfortunate circumstance and one that we had absolutely no control over.

Our team selections this year have been something of a merry-go-round with so many different players coming in and going out. This put a great amount of stress onto an already paper-thin squad which was pretty bust-up with a number of serious injuries to a large amount of senior players. But I suppose that we're just going through another of those "tough times" that happen in Rugby League every now and again aren't we, so we just had to get on with it!

With nine regular starters missing though we had to try to work out how we were going to get a team on to the field and not only get through what was a very tough Carnegie Challenge Cup game against a very competitive and competent Lezignan side, but then back-up against Batley on the Sunday before putting ourselves through it all again the following Friday against Featherstone.

In situations such as this, you simply have to remove frustration and deal with the logistics and find out who you've got and what you've got and almost put to one side

Welcome to the all our visitors from Featherstone. Today has been an emotional occasion for all the friends and family of Gareth Swift, the young Featherstone player who died so tragically last weekend, and whose funeral service took place earlier today. On behalf of all the staff, players and fans of the Vikings we offer our sincere condolences to everyone affected by Gareth's premature passing.

Today we entertain the form team in our league. Surprisingly eliminated from the Northern Rail Cup in the group stages, their Co-operative Championship record is 100%. Several familiar faces such as Ian Morrison, Ian Hardman and Jon Grayshon will be lining up - hopefully Cull will have a plan to counter them. A win will put us right back in the mix.

Our policy of running the full gambit of Academy and Scholarship paid off in fine style last weekend. Despite an horrendous catalogue of injuries, the first team managed to hang on for a well earned victory at Mount Pleasant. The starting 17 included eight players still eligible for the U21's team. The U18's and U16's both claimed the spoils against their Warrington equivalents. The Vikings will continue to invest in youth, and where possible, "Halton" youth. If anyone tells you that "You won't win anything with kids", don't believe them!

ALEX BONNEY - CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Widnes v Featherstone



Nine Widnes regulars missed the Lezignan game, pictured above, and the club also went on to beat Batley on Sunday

what you haven't got because no-one sat in the stands is going to win any game for us, are they?

What you have to come up with is a) a team, then b) a game plan that suits that particular team and finally c) some kind of structure that allows you to take on three very different opponents in a short period of time.

In the game against Lezignan we fielded seven 'home grown' players in our 17-man squad. We take great pride from the fact that Paddy Flynn, Shane Grady, Scott Yates, Danny Hulme, Dave Houghton, Jack Smith and Tom Kelly have all worked their way through our in-house systems here at the club.

Unlike many others we've not cobbled together an Under-18s team or an Under-16s team in the off-season, because the Vikings have been doing running as many as four or five teams for a long period of time. At the end of the day, this club doesn't need to win the Challenge Cup or Grand Final to tick a box because we've already done it. The most important box we're gonna tick, until Super League comes around, is producing 'home grown' players.

After a three day turn-around we had to do it all again and face a very well coached Batley team, with ten of our senior players sat up in the stand at Mount Pleasant through injury and three of our 'loan' players recalled to their parent clubs, so I was delighted with the victory but also with the unbelievable effort and determination of the entire team.

Playing Batley at Batley is all about trying to manage the pitch and if you can get it right and go with the slope then you can do some damage, as they've done to us on many an occasion before. To go 24-0 up was an absolute dream considering how busted we are at the moment and to be honest, I'd have taken a bonus point pre-game, so to come away with all three points was a tremendous achievement.

As they say, life doesn't get any easier and this evening sees the visit of the best team in the competition at the moment, Featherstone Rovers, to The Stobart Stadium. It goes without saying that we realise only too well that it's going to be tough because they're playing extremely well at the moment.



Doncaster RLFC

v Oldham RLFC



Monday May 3, 2010. Kick off 3pm. THE KEEPMOAT STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
G.P. Transport.....	Tommy Griffiths	1
	Aaron Henry	2
Sue Walford.....	Lee Gomersall	3
Dons Supporters Club.....	Shaun Leaf	4
	Ben Collins	5
Fullefex Sexurity.....	Simon Brown	6
	Craig Fawcett	7
	Scott Johnson	8
	Paul Brown	9
P. Bird, France.....	David Bates	10
	Liam Brown	11
A.Y. Logistics Ltd.....	Ryan Steen	12
	Grant Edwards	13
	Jake Bassinder	14
	Danny Stanley	15
	Paul Shaw	16
	Jarryn Osborne	17
	Jonathan Winter	18
	Garry Ellery	19
	Jack Ely	20
	Scott Howlett	21
	Scott Wilson	22
	Craig Lawton	23
	Jamie Bovill	24
	Gary King	26
	Matthew Carbutt	27
	Paul Hughes	28
	Liam Crawley	29
	Dean Colton	30

COACH: TONY MILLER

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWWL

LAST SIX HOME: LLLLWW

TRIES: Gomersall (6), Griffiths (5)

GOALS: Brown (19)

DROP GOALS: None

MAN TO WATCH: Lee Gomersall

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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No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Paul O'Connor.....	Mack Video Services
2	Lucas Onyango.....	Rob the Gardener
3	Craig Littler	
4	Mick Fogerty.....	Jack Fogerty & Family
5	John Gillam.....	Nigel Marland
6	Neil Roden.....	Xpress Recruitment
7	Matty Ashe.....	Peter & Maureen Woodhead
8	Jason Boults.....	Clayton Green Brewers Fayre
9	Martin Roden	
10	Dave Ellison	
11	Saqib Murtza.....	Paul Whalley & Kyle Cook
12	Kashley Watkins.....	John & Lynda McAndrew
13	Joe Chandler	
14	Gary Sykes	
15	Craig Robinson	
16	Wayne Kerr	
17	Danny Whitmore.....	AMP Wire
18	Chris Clarke	
19	Ben, Heaton.....	Wilscaff
20	Mark Brocklehurst.....	John Barrett
21	Valu Bentley.....	Whittles Pub
22	Paul Reilly.....	Pizza Hut, Oldham
23	Ben Mellor.....	Sharpflex
24	Marcus St Hilaire.....	Levers Fish & Chip Restaurant
25	Scott Mansfield	

COACH: TONY BENSON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLW

LAST SIX AWAY: LWWWWL

TRIES: Onyango, Fogerty (9), O'Connor (7), Chandler, Brocklehurst (6)

GOALS: Ashe (40)

DROP GOALS: None

MAN TO WATCH: Mick Fogerty

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G.Dolan

Touch: G.Evans, A.Fossett

Reserve Referee: P.Huck

THE INSIDE TRACK

Oldham are hot favourites but Doncaster will battle away at Keepmoat. Oldham by 20



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CLUBCALL

Doncaster v Oldham

We're in for one hell of a match!

Carl Hall Chief Executive Officer

Today we welcome Tony Benson and his unbeaten Oldham team to the Keepmoat.

I must say for all the troubles with the club in the off-season Tony has assembled a real good squad and up to press they are unbeaten in the league, which is a great achievement. We are in for one hell of a game today.

Today we welcome the family and friends of Liam Maughan. I can't really find the right words to say after Liam lost his life fighting for his country in Afghanistan at such a young age. He was only 18-years-old, leaving behind a new baby son, Jayden, that he never had the chance to meet. He must have been a smashing lad as they say only the good die young, so thank you very much for agreeing to come to the game today.

This club will always be here for you all. If ever you need anything, you know where we are.

I would also like to give a big thanks to our conditioner Pete Bell for sorting this all out.

Today we also welcome our ex-coach Ellery Hanley and all the ex-players who have played in the game before the main match.

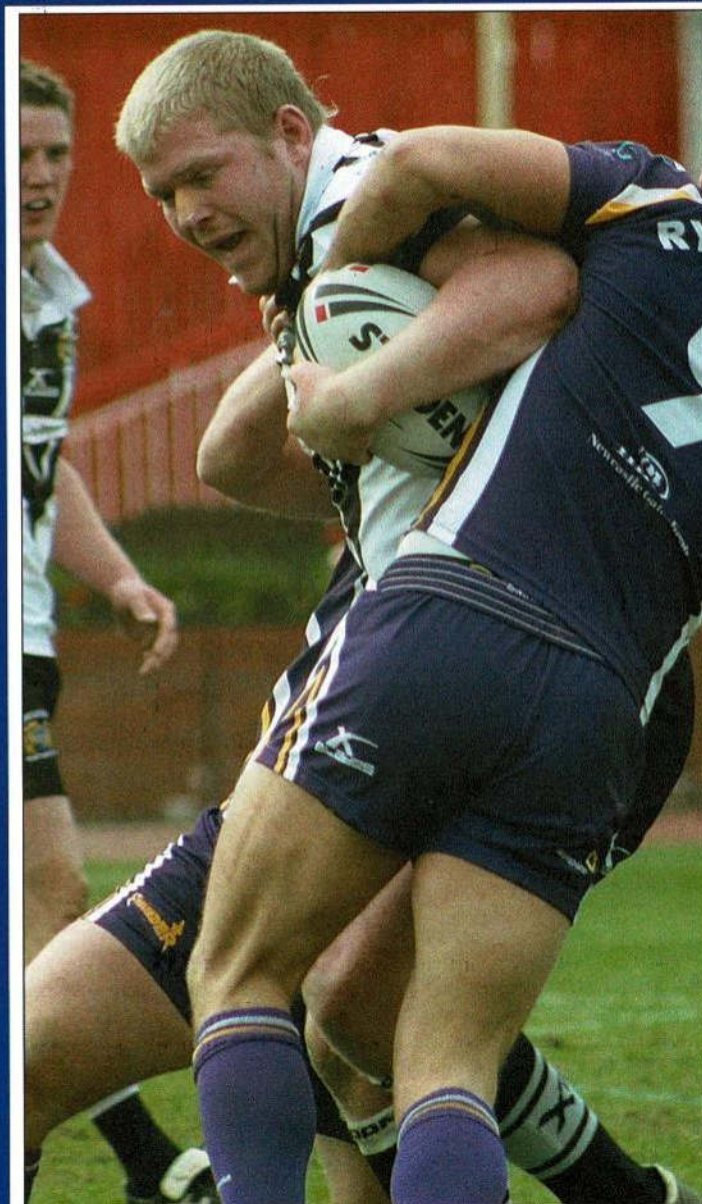
Great to see you all at the Keepmoat. Please don't be strangers and get yourselves back supporting your team.

This club is going places and we want you all to be a part of it.

To all the supporters make some noise today and don't forget our BBQ next week at the Cheswolds pub near the Dome on Saturday 8th May, starting at 12pm. All the players and families will be there.

All are welcome.

"COME ON U DON'S"



Doncaster's Paul Shaw in the thick of the action against Gateshead a few weeks ago



Hornets RL v Gateshead Thunder



Monday May 3, 2010. Kick off 3pm. SPOTLAND

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Aztek Safety.....	Craig Johnson	1
The Three B's.....	Andy Saywell	2
Lion Springs.....	Dean Gorton	3
Waldorf Business Services.....	Adam Bowman	4
SG Mortgage Solutions.....	Bolu Fagborun	5
Brian & Irene Edwards.....	Dale Bloomfield	6
Dave & Sue Butterworth.....	Steven Roper	7
Mr & Mrs Jordan.....	Gareth Hayes	8
The Loyalists.....	Phil Wood	9
Steve Goodall.....	Paul Raftery	10
Grant & Dougie McEndoo.....	Mark Hobson	11
	Danny Smith	12
Heywood Magic Market.....	Craig Ashall	13
	Liam Bostock	14
Shaw, Mitchell & Co Accountants.....	Dayne Donoghue	15
Stephen Holt.....	Danny Samuel	16
	Michael Ostick	17
	John Cookson	18
	Ryan McPaul	19
	Semisi Cocker	20
	Jay Duffy	21
	Damien Reid	22
	Wayne Corcoran	23
	Paul Crook	24
	Andy Hore	25
	Andy Taylor	26
	Craig Tunstead	27
	Chris Hough	28
	Ryan Powell	29
	Dean Hutton	30
	Adam Wayne	31
John & Julie Clarke.....	Wayne English	32
	Damien Reid	
	Liam McGovern	

COACH: JOHN STANKEVITCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLWL
 LAST SIX HOME: LWLWLW
 TRIES: Johnson (6), Gorton, Samuel (5)
 GOALS: Roper, Hough (10)
 DROP GOALS: None
 MAN TO WATCH: Dean Gorton

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	Full back	
	Right Wing	
	Right Centre	
	Left Centre	
	Left Wing	
	Stand off	
	Scrum half	
	Prop	
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No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Kevin Neighbour.....	Querido & Davidson Opticians
2	Robin Peers.....	Lorne Campbell/More Than Mortgages
3	Tom Wilson.....	Dean Taxis
4	Michael Brown.....	The Schooner
5	Joe Brown.....	O'Briens (Team Valley)
6	Liam Duffy.....	Rob Gardener (Matthew Wells)
7	Rod Attard.....	The Schooner
8	Jason Payne.....	Brack Office Solutions
9	Ryan Clarke.....	The Wheatshaf
10	Tabua Cakacaka Foe.....	Rob Gardener (James Wells)
11	Johnny Scott.....	Neil & Christine Hutchinson
12	Rhys Clarke.....	CLA Risk Solutions
13	Matt Barron.....	Accent Magazine/North East Times
14	Will Bate.....	GMC Transport
15	Dan O'Sullivan.....	Sampson Hall Ltd
16	Mark Dack.....	Monitor Coatings
17	Chris Parker.....	John Bloomfield IFA
18	Stephen Welton.....	Peters Pies
19	Crawford Matthews.....	La Gabbia Restaurant
20	Phil Wall.....	ERW Joinery
21	James Hall.....	Gateshead Fit for a City
22	Rob Harvey.....	Gateshead College
23	Karl Brandt.....	Hilton Newcastle Gateshead
24	Mark Walker.....	IT Guide
25	Gareth Barron.....	Back Group
26	David Cash.....	St Wilfrid's School
27	Luke Watson.....	Go Beyond Training/Peterlee Pumas
28	Jason Elliott.....	NHS
29	Jimmy Atkinson.....	North-East Rugby League
30	Richie Humphries.....	Jordan Engineering
31	Matt Garside.....	Evening Chronicle Sunshine Fund
32	Ade Aderiye.....	Newcastle Gateshead Initiative
33	Richard Lopag.....	Gateshead Football Club

COACH: CHRIS HOOD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLLL
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLLLLL
 TRIES: Wilson (5), Atkinson (4)
 GOALS: Neighbour (8)
 DROP GOALS: None
 MAN TO WATCH: Tom Wilson

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M.Kidd

Touch: J.Ashton, N.Aspey

Reserve Referee: J.Lowery

THE INSIDE TRACK

Hornets will have too much sting for Thunder.
 Hornets by 24.

We're with the Hornets!

CHALKERS

O'NEILLS



Link4Life



THE WHEATSHEAF
 SHOPPING CENTRE ROCHDALE



CLUBCALL

Hornets RL v Gateshead

Time to establish our credentials for Top 4

We currently find ourselves in 6th position in the Championship 1 table, and we have set our stall out as a group to win the next two fixtures before we have a week off due to the rescheduling of the South Wales fixture.

Should things go to plan and other fixtures in our division produce the likely results, then after nine games, it's possible that we could be in 4th position.

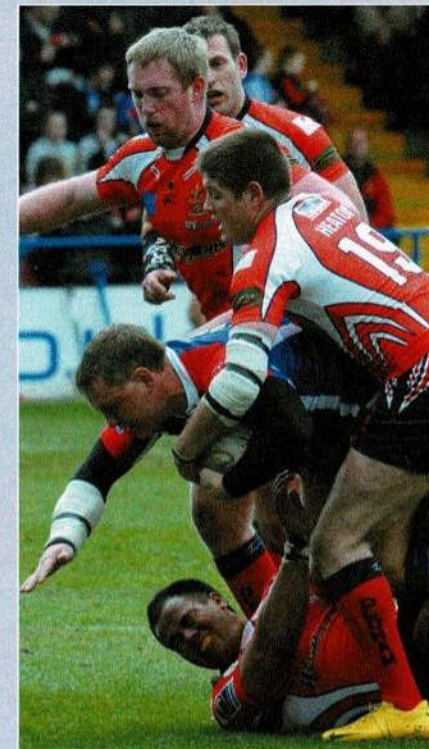
I think with all things considered, this would be a fantastic achievement, given the injuries and disruptions that we have suffered. We have suffered the loss of a key ballplayer within the first 30 minutes of every league game we have played so far and when you add to that, the loss of at least two players per week through work commitments, then you can see how resilient we have had to be.

Today's home game against Gateshead will certainly require more of that resilience from the Hornets players and after last week-end's narrow defeat to York, we certainly have to make sure we start the game at 100 mph after such a sluggish opening 40 minutes last

Sunday. Gateshead will no doubt provide us with a stern test and they have some talented younger players in their ranks who have the hunger to progress. The Gateshead club are themselves in a very similar position to us in squad recruitment, and they decided like us that paying contract money wasn't an option.

Some teams have been able to pay substantial contract money and it certainly makes a huge difference when attracting players. However, I have been extremely pleased with every player currently in the Hornets squad and they are actual proof that money doesn't always produce success. We have a group of players that have hunger and tremendous amounts of ambition. So, we'd like to welcome Chris Hood and his players to Spotland for what should be a fast-flowing game of rugby league and a memorable contest between two teams the pundits have disregarded in respect of promotion. Hopefully we will take steps to establish ourselves as a potential play-off team.

John Stankevitch
 Head Coach



Action from the recent Hornets' crowd-pulling derby with Oldham

Community is responding

Good afternoon and welcome to everyone from Gateshead Thunder and everyone associated with Link4Life, our community partner and our main match sponsor today.

Link4Life are the trust responsible for leisure and culture within the borough, and the newly-reformed Hornets have embarked on a partnership which has seen two new development staff working to develop Rugby League. Link4Life has secured funding from the RFL and employ Danny Pyke, a Community Rugby League Coach who works alongside Terri Davey, Hornets Community Development Officer, who also works with schools, youth groups and com-

munity clubs.

Things are certainly improving at the Hornets in many ways. The attendance on Good Friday was the best ever Hornets Championship 1 crowd, the best attendance for ANY club in Co-operative Championship 1 this season, Hornets' best League attendance in three years, and the best Hornets v Oldham attendance in the last seven.

The feedback from fans has been very positive and a big thanks to all at the Wheatshaf Centre for their help in organising goodie bags for supporters. It all went down extremely well.

Also the recent Hornets Co-operative Day proved to be a big success.

The pre-game Co-operative seminar was well received by high ranking Co-op officials. To get the Co-operative involved at Hornets was a major coup and credit should go to Allen Brett.

I would also like to give a big thank you for all the teams that were represented in the curtain-raisers, and it was great to see the new community vouchers were received well.

This week sees the parade of champions for all the local clubs who have won trophies this season and finally we will see the return of the fastest Rochdale Rugby player at half-time.

Mike Banks
 Chief Executive Officer

South Wales Scorpions v Blackpool Panthers



Monday May 3, 2010. Kick off 3pm. THE GNOLL

PLAYER	No.	No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.	No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
Craig Richards	1		Full back		1	Jonny Leather	Sue Walford
David James	2		Right Wing		2	Damien Munro	Derek Way Roofing
Lee Williams	3		Right Centre		3	Casey Mayberry	TLC UPVC Double Glazing
Stephen Ireland	4		Left Centre		4	Mark McCully	John Barlow - Timekeeper
Ashley Bateman	5		Left Wing		5	Tom Woodcock	Norris & Oxley
Loz Wildbore	6		Stand off		6	Carl Forber	Blackpool Supporters Club
Steve Parry	7		Scrum half		7	Tom Hemingway	The Colonial Hotel
Lewis Mills	8		Prop		8	Dave Best	Brennan & Best Joinery & Const
Shaun Owens	9		Hooker		9	John Clough	
Gil Dudson	10		Prop		10	Andy Hobson	Shelf Village Bakery
Christian Roets	11		2nd row		11	Kurt Haggerty	Interbake
Neil Dallimore	12		2nd row		12	Paul Alcock	
Aled James	13		Loose forward		13	Lee Marsh	
Jamie Murphy	14		Interchange 1		14	Martin Keavney	Morris's Quality Bakers
Andrew Gay	15				15	Paul Anderson	AGS Mortgage Solutions
Joe Burke	16				16	Simon Svabic	Rema Tip Top
Barrie Phillips	17				17	Kris Ratcliffe	RR Yates Drafting & Design Services
Matt Hutchings	18				18	Martin Ainscough	Recruitment Solutions
Lewis Reece	19				19	Adam Thomas	
Geraint Davies	20				20	Marlon Miller	
Sam Studley	21				21	Peter Fairhurst	RR Yates Drafting & Design Services
Curtis Cunningham	22				22	Dave Llewellyn	Paul & Lucy, Fyde FM
Alan Pope	23				23	John Boland	
Jamie Tibbs	26				24	Paul Ballard	Blackpool Supporters Club
Dalton Grant	27						
Loren Quick	28						
Harri Greville	29						
Elliot Kear	31						
Lloyd White	33						
Ben Flower	34						

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COACH: ANTHONY SEIBOLD

COACH: MARTIN CROMPTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLL

LAST FOUR HOME: WWLL

TRIES: Parry (6) Roets (4)

GOALS: White (17)

DROP GOALS: None

MAN TO WATCH: Christian Roets

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: P. Brooke

Touch: J. Cadogan, I. Curzon

Reserve Referee: J. Callaghan

THE INSIDE TRACK

Scorpions will have to be at their best to stop unbeaten Blackpool. Panthers by 10

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: W-LWWWW

TRIES: Munro (14), Ballard (8),

Keavney, Ainscough (7)

GOALS: Hemingway (30), Leather (16)

DROP GOALS: Leather (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Damien Munro

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UNITE UNION 4/6 BRANCH



Glyn Clydach Hotel

CLUBCALL

Scorpions v Blackpool

Scorpions deserve bit more respect



Scorpions back-row Neil Dallimore is brought down in the recent match against Oldham

We welcome Blackpool this Bank Holiday Monday to South Wales in what again will be another tough game as we face a team at the top of their game.

Blackpool are yet to be beaten in Championship One and also are through to the next round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup after defeating Whitehaven from the league above us two weekends ago.

They will pose a big threat to us though it will be another opportunity to benchmark ourselves. We also welcome back Paul Ballard to South Wales, another one of the fans' former favourites from his days with the Crusaders.

The game against Swinton showed how far we have come to compete so well away from home, with a team with an average age of 21, and no pre-season at all, but also how frustrating Rugby League can be for a coach!

We had the opportunity to take the game by the throat at various times but due to some unforced errors and probably a lack of experience at keeping in what coach's term the 'arm wrestle' hurt us in the end.

Three tries apiece showed how close the game was, though we did

have two tries disallowed which showed the threat we posed. We had our opportunities but could not finish the game off. Two ex-Super League halves in Graham Holroyd and Ian Watson ran the show for Swinton.

Match officials don't win or lose a team a game but they can directly influence how the game is played. They are like the players and coaches in that they make mistakes sometimes and like a player or a coach all you ask for is consistency. I would hate to think any match official can be influenced by senior players, by the player talking to them all game.

We are a very competent team who have shown that we belong in this division in a short space of time. It was interesting from my perspective to note that after the past two games - which were very close losses to teams with long histories in Oldham and Swinton - that I have had comments from match officials surprised at how well we play the game, how well drilled we are and how well we are competing.

I find it very condescending to hear those comments after the game as in both cases they have sounded surprised. Why? What did they think we would be like before the game? A

team of misfits?

I find those comments disrespectful particularly as we have worked so hard at buying into what the match officials are looking for in games and even invited and hosted Super League official Phil Benthall down to South Wales.

I hope we can go into each game this season without any preconceived ideas of who should win the game against the 'new boys'.

Elliot Kear and Geraint Davies made their debuts for the Scorpions last game and having two more Welsh Internationals in the team certainly helps us going forward. Elliot was very good, particularly on the wing.

I have spoken to Iestyn Harris briefly about it and if Elliot is to make a career for himself he needs to be able to develop physically, play a variety of positions to push for higher selection and needs game time. This is something that the Scorpions can help him with.

Geraint Davies provided much experience in the middle and I thought he showed he will be a big asset to us.

Anthony Seibold
Head Coach

Workington Town v Hunslet Hawks



Monday May 3, 2010. Kick off 1pm. DERWENT PARK

PLAYER	No.
John Lebbon	1
Mike Backhouse	2
Andrew Beattie	3
James Finch	4
Brett Carter	5
Liam Finch	6
Scott Kaighan	7
Lee Dutton	8
Jack Pedley	9
Kris Coward	10
Mike Whitehead	11
Jarrad Stack	12
Darren King	13
Jamie Marshall	14
Aaron Low	15
Scott Burgess	16
Neil Frazer	17
Martin Wilson	18
Joe McKenna	19
James Robinson	20
Paddy Coupar	21
Ryan Campbell	22
Phil Hewitt	23
Dean Bragg	24
Stewart Rhodes	25

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	Full back	
	Right Wing	
	Right Centre	
	Left Centre	
	Left Wing	
	Stand off	
	Scrum half	
	Prop	
	Hooker	
	Prop	
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COACHES: GARY CHARLTON &
MARTIN OGLANBY

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWL
LAST FIVE HOME: LWWL
TRIES: Backhouse, Kaighan, Low (5)
Beattie, Frazer (4)
GOALS: Kaighan (35)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Scott Kaighan

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: D.Merrick
Touch: M.Leach, R.Stokes
Reserve Referee: M.Mannifield

THE INSIDE TRACK

Town will struggle against a confident well-drilled side. Hawks by 10.

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Nathan Larvin	Mark Moore Ceramic Tilers
2	Michael Mark	Ron and Adie Jinks
3	James Houston	
4	David Clayton	
5	John Oakes	Rodney Gee
6	Danny Grimshaw	
7	Paul March	Delta Training & Consulting
8	Scott Woodcock	
9	Richard Chapman	
10	Nicko Slain	Kenny Sykes & Big Al
11	Rob Kelly	Wet Dog & The Soggy Cat
12	Steve Dooler	Phil Ogg
13	David March	Delta Training & Consulting
14	Gareth Firm	
15	Adam Sullivan	
16	Neil Lowe	
17	Stuart Young	John and Carol Hawksworth
18	Charlie Wabo	Eric Simon
19	Darren Robinson	Jim Irons
20	Joe Helme	Kath Ogg
21	Wayne McHugh	Phil & Lynn Robinson
22	Tom Sheldrake	
23	Jake Wilson	
24	Stephen Brook	
25	Danny Cook	
26	Waine Pryce	
27	Scott Childs	
28	Jason Hart	
29	Stuart Kain	Manheim Auctions
30	Richard Knight	Samuel Grant of Leeds Ltd
	Nathan West	TP Storey
	Louis Stead	Alcomet: JS Earthing Solutions
	Corey Challenger	British Gas
	Ryan Lilywhite	Morley Market
	Tommy Haughey, Waine Pryce, Joey Walkin, Russ Dale, Gareth Hynes, Nigel Scott, Michael Kelly	

COACH: PAUL MARCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWW
LAST FIVE AWAY: WWWWW
TRIES: McHugh (13), Mark (11), Clayton (7)
GOALS: Knight (31), McHugh (25)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Paul March

CLUBCALL

Workington v Hunslet

In at 'deep end' after our lay-off



Workington three-quarter Neil Frazer, right, runs into trouble with Jessie Joe Parker at Featherstone

Well it's back to normal Championship One service after last week's hugely successful charity game that brought both rugby codes together for a unique challenge game.

At the time of writing the final total hasn't been determined but it's sure to be a very healthy total for the flood relief fund.

A huge thanks to all the clubs who donated auction prizes, Northern Rail for their support and attendance on the day and the RFL for providing the match officials.

We will face a big task against Hunslet this afternoon.

The Hawks are living up to their billing as real Championship contenders and rattling up the points in an impressive run of victories.

I'm sure our players will relish the challenge today and I expect

Dave Bowden Chairman

to see a determined approach as we begin to establish our own winning streak and push up the league.

A victory today would be a great start!

Apologies to everyone for the 1pm kick-off, to allow the stadium to empty before tonight's Speedway event.

We would have much preferred a change to Sunday but presumably 'the powers that be' feel that Town vs Hunslet will have a dramatic effect on the Millennium Magic weekend ... no comment needed!

Enjoy the game.

Hi and welcome to today's game against the Hunslet Hawks.

We have had an extended break recently with our early departure from the Challenge Cup meaning we have not played for three weeks.

It has been beneficial to us because our injuries have cleared up but on the downside our match fitness will have dropped a little.

Today's opponents Hunslet have been playing really well of late and been winning and scoring plenty of points as well.

We will have to be at our best today if we want to win this game as they have had a good start to their season and will be full of confidence.

This will be a good challenge to our lads and one we are looking forward to.

Gary Charlton
Head Coach



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COACH: JAMES RATCLIFFE

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLLW

LAST SIX HOME: WWWLW

TRIES: Waterman (12) Ratcliffe, Schofield (7), McLocklan (6)

GOALS: Waterman (52)

DROP GOALS: Thorman (2)

MAN TO WATCH: Lee Waterman

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	
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25	Barry Hamilton.....	Red Sentinel Studio LLP
26	Dave Newton.....	Peter Kidd
	Tony Stewart	

COACH: PAUL SMITH

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLLW

LAST SIX AWAY: L-LWWL

TRIES: Dodd, Wilson, Foxen (5)

GOALS: Dodd (24)

DROP GOALS: Holroyd (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Dana Wilson

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C.Leaherbarrow

Touch: C.Dean, G.Hodgson

Reserve Referee: C.Hancock

THE INSIDE TRACK

Tough one to call. York might make home advantage count. Knights by 10

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York v Swinton



Lively hooker Joe McLocklan - pictured against Gateshead - has six tries to his credit this season

Performance was way below par

Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's Co-operative Championship One match against the Swinton Lions and on behalf of everyone at the Knights I would like to wish a warm welcome to their directors, coaching staff, players and supporters.

A warm welcome also to John Stabler and his party of guests from Stabler International who are today's Executive Match Sponsors. We hope that you all have an enjoyable afternoon and that the Knights can provide you with a victory.

Stabler International are also kindly sponsoring today's corporate tag challenge which has been organised by our Miss Fanny Belange as part of her internship. We hope that all the people here for this event enjoy the day.

I think it is fair to say that last week's second-half performance was way below par and I know that Dave Woods and James Ratcliffe have been working extremely hard this week to put things right. When a new coach or director of rugby comes in it does take the players time to get used to new systems but I'm sure that this will come over the next few weeks.

Despite the performance we did pick up the three points and another victory today will set us up nicely for two massive games, firstly at Oldham and then at home to Hunslet the following week.

The match against Hunslet also doubles up as our schools family fun day which is a celebration of all the work the Knights do in the community.

These types of events and the festival held prior to the Rochdale match are often the first time many people come to a Knights match and are extremely important in attracting new supporters.

I urge all supporters to encourage a friend to attend this match, especially if they have children as prior to the match they will have the chance to enjoy a number of activities including Action Zone Laser Combat, an army assault course, an RFL skill zone and many other attractions.

Contact the Knights office for your free under-16s tickets.

Enjoy the match

Ian Wilson
General Manager

We have to stay in control...

Welcome to Paul and everyone from Swinton for this afternoon's fixture.

Last week was a strange one to say the least! We went from being in total control and looking like a comfortable win to actually just hanging on for 3 points. Whilst all the fans have a right to voice their opinion all the players were disappointed with some of the chants coming from the pop stand. I can assure you that we as a unit are not happy with what we are doing on the field right now but all we can do is keep working hard in training

James Ratcliffe Head Coach

and keep trying to apply what we practice into the games. None of the players mean to make errors or miss tackles and I can assure you it hurts them just as much as it does the fans. The next month is massive for us and last week was leg 1 completed and let's hope at 4:30 today that leg 2 is accomplished.

As always keep up the support. It is valued by the lads.

Enjoy the game

Supporters

FOCUS ON the organisation bringing a new perspective to running Rugby League clubs

Trusts - a new way of thinking?

I'm Laura Harrison and I'm responsible for the development of rugby league supporters trusts for Supporters Direct. Over the coming months I'll be letting you know about the fantastic work being done by the supporters' trusts working in rugby league and ways in which you too can get involved.

So Who Are We?

Supporters Direct is the umbrella organisation for supporters' trusts across the UK, speaking for fans on issues we believe are critical to the future of the clubs and the game you support.

Just like the supporters' trusts themselves Supporters Direct is a mutual organisation, owned by our members.

Our aim is to grow the involvement of supporters through ownership and influence within your own clubs and the wider game to ensure sustainable, community focused sport.

What Do We Do?

Our aim is to ensure that the most important people in rugby league – the fans – are given the opportunity to have a say in how their clubs are being run through the formation of supporters trusts.

In some cases this could be about getting a fans' representative on the board of the club, it could be about purchasing shares in the club, and in other cases it could be about developing a partnership with the club to ensure club funds are being spent in areas which can see the club develop and flourish.

The boom and bust model for chasing success has been proven time and time again not to work with a number of clubs struggling to survive and some almost being forced into extinction completely.

Our model aims to reduce the level of reliance on one person and bring ownership of the club back to the fans. We want to see clubs being run responsibly, whoever owns them.

But My Club is Successful, Why Would We Need a Trust?

Whilst it is true that many supporters trusts are formed at a time of crisis when the existence of the club is threatened, there are many ways a trust can be put to good use even when the club is successful.

Swansea City Supporters Trust has helped create a hugely



Laura Harrison, of Supporters Direct

successful working environment with the club in recent years and is still showing the benefits of being part of a club on the rise.

The trust helped to rebuild the club from the bottom of the League to one challenging for promotion to the top flight. This has been done with a 20% shareholding in the club and two seats on the Club Board.



Wayne English drives forward for Hornets RL – formerly Rochdale Hornets – who are a Supporters Trust-owned club

They are not there to run the club on a day to day basis, but they do now have a forum for fans and members of the trust to raise matters with the club in a professional manner and to work with the club to continue the recent growth.

Supporters Trusts have even formed a key part in the election manifestos of both Labour and the Conservatives, with both parties promising to reform governance arrangements in football to ensure more sustainably run clubs with options for supporter ownership a key principle of the statements.

Whilst at the moment this applies to football, we see no reason why the same rules couldn't be applied to rugby league and this is something Supporters Direct is very keen to work on.

However without you, the supporters, there will be no change.

A Matter of Numbers

We currently work with over 160 supporters' trusts across the UK, with a growing network of organisations across Europe.

In the UK alone, over 250,000 people are involved at some level. In Rugby League we work with eleven trusts.

These are based at Bradford, Warrington and Salford in Super League, Widnes and Halifax in the Championship, Oldham, Doncaster, Trust-owned Rochdale, Swinton and Gateshead in Championship One and finally Trust-owned Bramley in the Rugby League Conference.

All these trusts are doing fantastic work in their local area and I'll be covering more of these stories in more detail in the coming issues.

I'm Interested. What Now?

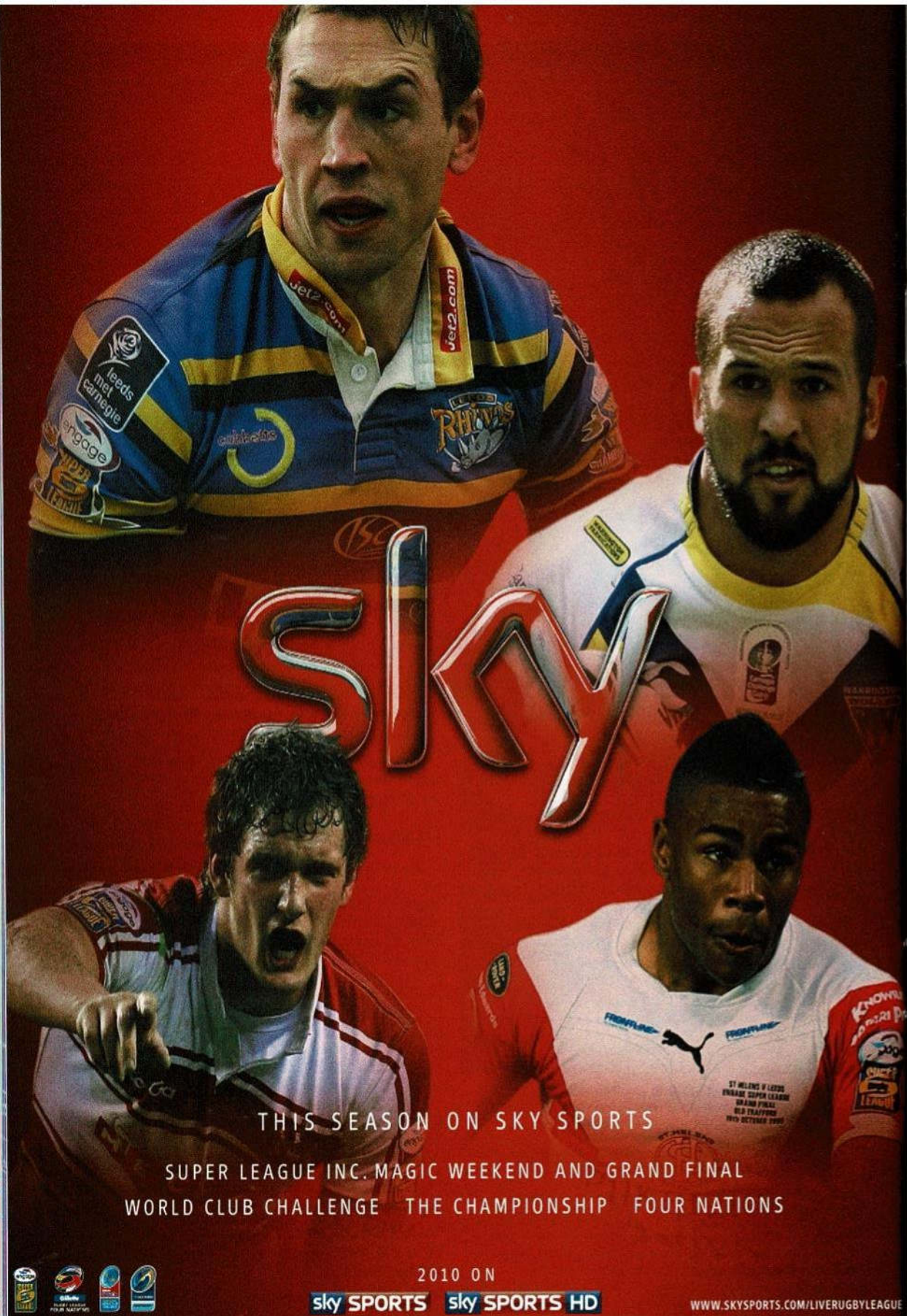
We believe that supporters' trusts can be a good thing for most clubs and if it sounds like something you think could work well amongst your group of supporters, the first step is to get in touch with me, and we'll talk through what you hope to achieve by forming a trust, the process of setting one up and discuss further whether it's the right thing for you.

As someone dedicated to rugby league, I'm on hand every step of the way whenever you need assistance, helping to ensure your trust gets off to the best start possible and then maintains that early momentum to build a strong, successful organisation, to be the true voice of the fans.

I'll also be able to put you in touch with network of other trusts who'll be more than happy to help out.

If you'd like to talk to me, please get in touch on 07985 628215 or email me at laura.harrison@supporters-direct.org. You can also check out our website at: www.supporters-direct.org

That's all for now. Next month I'll be having a chat to the Trust in Widnes, and finding out more about the region's newest Wheelchair Rugby League team, the Mersey Vikings. Laura.



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Runaway Rovers maintain the pace

IT'S tight at the top of the Championship but Featherstone Rovers are showing no signs of strain and stay just ahead of the chasing pack. Rovers sent out an early message as they hammered Keighley Cougars 76-12 in the live game on Sky Sports on Thursday night.

Liam Finn is enjoying his move from Dewsbury Rams and helped himself to four of the Rovers' 13 tries. Kyle Briggs continues to pile the points on with two tries and nine goals.

Coach Daryl Powell believes there is still more to come from his team but added "we won't get carried away".

The Cougars could put some of the blame on the Icelandic ash cloud for their gloomy result. They had agreed to be late replacements for Toulouse Olympique who could-



n't get a flight from France.

Coach Bary Eaton wasn't looking for excuses and said his team had offered Rovers "an open invitation to score".

Leigh Centurions overcame being down to 12 men for 37 minutes after winger Dave Alstead was shown a red card for a high tackle to beat struggling Sheffield Eagles 36-20.

Ian Millward's team are now unbeaten in 11 games and stay one point behind Rovers. Millward summed up the performance as "gutsy".

Eagles boss Mark Aston was critical of his side's performance in the final 30 minutes after they had narrowed the lead to four points. He said: "We should have won - our decision making was poor."

Whitehaven seemed to suffer a hangover from their Challenge Cup defeat at Blackpool going down 28-10 at home to back-to-form Halifax.

Fax led from early in the game with Shad Royston scoring two tries to take his total to 17 and Ben Black also getting a double.

Barrow Raiders boosted by their Cup exploits over the Castleford Tigers kept up their challenge with a 34-24 win over battling Dewsbury Rams at Craven Park.

After a poor start the Rams made the home side dig deep

COMING UP...

The Bank Holiday weekend sees a cracking start with the Championship's top two in early action.

Leigh Centurions go to Dewsbury Rams in the Thursday night live Sky Sports game and 24 hours later Featherstone Rovers also put their unbeaten record on the line when they travel Widnes Vikings.

A win for either of the home teams would shake things up at the top.

With the ash cloud disruption easing Batley Bulldogs will be hoping to get a flier at Toulouse Olympique on Saturday night.

Bank Holiday Monday sees Keighley Cougars facing a tough task at home to a determined Barrow Raiders.

It's a battle of the under achievers as Sheffield Eagles face Whitehaven at Bramall Lane.

In Championship 1 all five games are on the Bank Holiday. The three joint leaders all have awaydays.

Hunslet Hawks have a tricky trip to Workington Town, Blackpool Panthers go to South Wales Scorpions and Oldham make the shorted trip to Doncaster.

Rochdale Hornets will be seeking more consistency and a win at home to Gateshead Thunder.

York City Knights play host to Swinton Lions in what could be an evenly balance game.

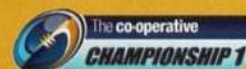


Is he over or isn't he? Swinton's Dana Wilson drives for the line

in the second half and it took a late try by captain Gary Broadbent to make the game safe for the Raiders. The Rams are still without a win but now have five bonus points from eight games.

Batley Bulldogs left themselves too much to do after Widnes Vikings went into a 24-0 half-time lead at Mount Pleasant.

Both teams scored five tries but Widnes's Sean Grady kicked six 6 from 7 against Gareth Moore's two from six.



In Championship 1 the three-way battle at the top of the table continues with Hunslet Hawks staying just ahead.

Blackpool Panthers built on the Challenge Cup win over Whitehaven with a 48-12 victory over Doncaster.

The Panthers are unbeaten in the league and have now gone ten games without defeat in all competitions - a club record.

Leading 14-6 at the break the Panthers took control in the second half with centre Danny

Halliwell scoring two tries.

Oldham - who like Blackpool are unbeaten in the league - had few problems against bottom club Gateshead Thunder in a 64-10 win.

Four of Oldham's 12 tries came from winger John Gillam.

Hunslet scored nine tries in their 46-8 win at London Skolars to keep hold of top spot but they have played one more game than Blackpool and Oldham.

Swinton Lions got their first win for three games in the Cup and League with a 20-14 victory over the new boys South Wales Scorpions, who have been brought down to earth after their early good showing.

The Lions led from early in the game with veteran stand-off Graham Holroyd in good form and kicking four goals.

York City Knights just edged out improving Rochdale Hornets 36-34 to move back up to fourth place.

The Knights had a 24-10 lead at half-time but the Hornets came back to outscore them by four tries to two in the final 40 minutes.

Whitehaven (6) 10
T: C Rudd 1, C Smith 1. G: C Rudd 1,
Halifax (18) 28
T: S Royston 2, B Black 2, S Tamghart 1. G: L Paterson 4.
Att: 1,140

Leigh (24) 36
T: S Donlan 2, M Blythe 1, R Paul 1, C Hill 1, D McConnell 1. G: M Nannyn 6
Sheffield (10) 20
T: R Barnett 1, T Ropati 1, T Exton 1, A Groom 1. G: M Stringer 2.
Att: 1,878

Batley (0) 24
T: L Greenwood 1, A Brown 1, S Hesketh 1, J Walton 2. G: G Moore 2.
Widnes (24) 32
T: J Ford 1, P Flynn 2, C Gerrard 1, S Grady 1. G: S Grady 6.
Att: 1,048

Barrow (22) 34
T: G Broadbent 1, A Blackwood 1, L Harrison 1, N Mossop 1, N Catic 1,
L Campbell 1. G: A Ballard 2, J Rooney 3.
Dewsbury (12) 24
T: A Faals 2, A Robinson 2. G: P Walker 4. Att: 1,715

Featherstone (30) 76
T: I Hardman 1, M Coady 1, Z Hardaker 2, K Briggs 2, L Finn 4, A Kain 1,
T: Morrison 1, D Manning 1. G: K Briggs 9, L Finn 3,
Keighley (0) 12
T: G Duffy 1, D Jones 1. G: D Jones 2. Att: 2,171

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	B	Pts
Featherstone	7	7	0	0	310	76	234	0	21
Leigh	7	6	1	0	244	84	160	0	20
Halifax	8	6	0	2	228	206	22	0	18
Barrow	7	5	1	1	233	102	131	0	17
Widnes	7	5	0	2	296	184	112	2	17
Toulouse	7	3	0	4	150	252	-102	0	9
Batley	7	2	0	5	116	204	-88	2	8
Whitehaven	7	2	0	5	120	225	-105	1	7
Sheffield	7	1	1	5	134	228	-94	1	6
Dewsbury	8	0	0	8	126	242	-116	5	5
Keighley	8	1	1	6	150	304	-154	2	-2

* Keighley deducted 9pts for going into administration

York City Knights (24) 36
T: D Wilson 1, T Lineham 1, K Peacock 1, R Blakeway 1, J Lee 1,
L Hardbottle 1. G: L Waterman 6.
Hornets RL (10) 34
T: W English 1, C Ashall 1, D Samuels 1, P Wood 1, A Bowman 1,
C Hough 1. G: P Crook 5. Att: 987

London Skolars (8) 8
T: J Welsh 1, A Aggrey 1
Hunslet Hawks (34) 46
T: J Oakes 2, D Clayton 1, W McHugh 1, M Mark 2, D Grimshaw 2,
P March 1. G: R Knight 5. Att: 372

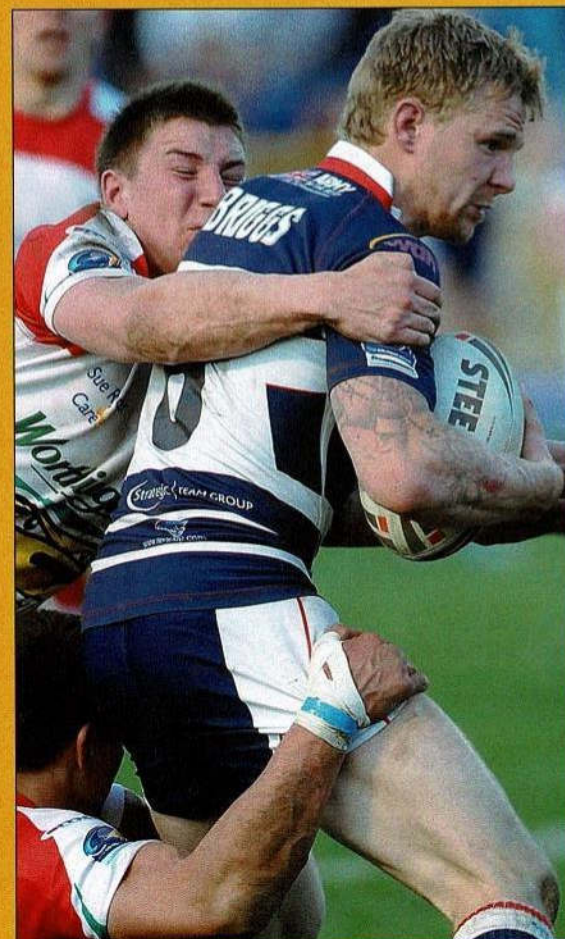
Swinton Lions (12) 20
T: G Holroyd 1, D Wilson 2. G: G Holroyd 4.
South Wales Scorpions (10) 14
T: A James 1, A Gay 1, G Dudson 1. G: A James 1. Att: 308

Oldham RLFC (28) 64
T: P O'Connor 2, L Onyango 1, M Fogerty 1, J Gillam 4, N Roden 1,
M Ashe 1, J Chandler 1, C Clarke 1. G: M Ashe 8.
Gateshead Thunder (0) 10
T: T Wilson 1, L Duffy 1. G: K Neighbour 1.
Att: 413

Blackpool Panthers (14) 48
T: D Munro 1, J Charnley 2, P Ballard 1, C Fober 1, D Halliwell 2,
K Haggerty 1, M McCully 1. G: J Charnley 6.
Doncaster RLFC (6) 12
T: T Griffiths 1, P Hughes 1. G: S Brown 2. Att: 253

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	B	Pts
Hunslet	7	6	0	1	288	93	195	0	18
Blackpool	6	6	0	0	239	76	163	0	18
Oldham	6	6	0	0	191	92	99	0	18
York	7	4	0	3	229	179	50	1	13
South Wales	7	3	0	4	154	143	11	3	12
Rochdale	7	3	0	4	228	196	32	2	11
Doncaster	8	3	0	5	196	292	-96	2	11
Workington	6	2	0	4	146	124	22	3	9
Swinton	6	3	0	3	146	198	-52	0	9
London Sklrs	8	0	0	8	112	354	-242	2	2
Gateshead	6	1	0	5	88	270	-182	1	-2

* Gateshead deducted 9pts for going into administration



Kyle Briggs was in unstoppable form for Featherstone

DIARY 2010

KEY TO DIARY:

NORTHERN RAIL CUP CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE CUP

NORTHERN RAIL CUP

SUNDAY JANUARY 31 - ROUND 1

Dewsbury Rams 50, London Skolars 4
Leigh Centurions 24, Oldham 12
Blackpool Panthers 22, Keighley Cougars 24

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - ROUND 1

Widnes Vikings 50, Gateshead Thunder 6

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - ROUND 2

Barrow Raiders 34, Blackpool Panthers 8
Batley Bulldogs 30, Widnes Vikings 30
Featherstone Rovers 15, Sheffield Eagles 18
Halifax RLFC 24, Dewsbury Rams 9
Keighley Cougars 17, Whitehaven 18
Gateshead Thunder 12, Workington Town 26
London Skolars 12, Hunslet Hawks 50
Swinton Lions 30, Doncaster RLFC 20
York City Knights 13, Leigh Centurions 12

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 - ROUND 2

Oldham 22, Hornets RL 14

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - ROUND 1

Whitehaven 26, Batley Bulldogs 34

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - ROUND 3

Batley Bulldogs 46, Swinton Lions 10
Keighley Cougars 38, Workington Town 10
Leigh Centurions 36, Featherstone Rovers 6
Sheffield Eagles 40, York City Knights 10
Whitehaven 54, Doncaster RLFC 10
Widnes Vikings 22, Barrow Raiders 20
Blackpool Panthers 74, Gateshead Thunder 8
Hunslet Hawks 28, Oldham 14
London Skolars 8, Halifax RLFC 68
Rochdale Hornets 12, Dewsbury Rams 48

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Sheffield Eagles 13, Halifax RLFC 6
Doncaster RLFC 0, Barrow Raiders 60
Hornets RL 12, York City Knights 39
Workington 18, Swinton 19

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Swinton Lions 12, Widnes Vikings 36
Workington Town 16, Whitehaven 14

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Oldham 22, Sheffield Eagles 24

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Featherstone Rovers 58, Hornets RL 10

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Dewsbury Rams 32, Leigh Centurions 44

THURSDAY MARCH 4

Hunslet Hawks 0, Featherstone Rovers 58

WEDNESDAY MARCH 10

York City Knights 34, London Skolars 10

WEDNESDAY MARCH 17

Gateshead Thunder 4, Batley Bulldogs 100

SUNDAY MARCH 21

Halifax RLFC 36, Hunslet Hawks 42

WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH

Doncaster 20, Blackpool 40

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS

THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY

Leigh Centurions 20, Barrow Raiders 20

SUNDAY, 28 FEBRUARY

Toulouse Olympique 26, Dewsbury Rams 22
Featherstone Rovers 36, Batley Bulldogs 10
Halifax RLFC 32, Sheffield Eagles 26

Widnes Vikings 72, Keighley Cougars 10
Hunslet Hawks 40, Gateshead Thunder 12
Hornets RL 56, Doncaster RLFC 24
Swinton Lions 20, Oldham 38
South Wales Scorpions 22, Workington Town 20
York City Knights 36, London Skolars 8

THURSDAY, 11 MARCH

Batley Bulldogs 24, Halifax RLFC 34

FRIDAY MARCH 12

Blackpool Panthers 36, Hornets RL 14

Hunslet Hawks 16, Oldham RLFC 29

SATURDAY, 13 MARCH

Whitehaven 34, Toulouse Olympique 20

SUNDAY, 14 MARCH

Dewsbury Rams 10, Featherstone Rovers 40

Keighley Cougars 12, Leigh Centurions 34

Sheffield Eagles 30, Widnes Vikings 44

Doncaster RLFC 8, South Wales Scorpions 18

London Skolars 16, Swinton Lions 52

Workington Town 32, York City Knights 22

THURSDAY, 18 MARCH

Widnes Vikings 28, Halifax RLFC 30

FRIDAY, 19 MARCH

Sheffield Eagles 22, Dewsbury Rams 10

SATURDAY, 20 MARCH

Toulouse Olympique 34, Keighley Cougars 26

Barrow Raiders 6, Featherstone Rovers 20

SUNDAY, 21 MARCH

Leigh Centurions 44, Whitehaven 12

Gateshead Thunder 24, London Skolars 18

Rochdale Hornets 32, Workington Town 24

Swinton Lions 36, Doncaster RLFC 30

York City Knights 25, South Wales Scorpions 24

THURSDAY, 25 MARCH

Keighley Cougars 12, Batley Bulldogs 22

SATURDAY, 27 MARCH

Toulouse Olympique 16, Barrow Raiders 48

SUNDAY, 28 MARCH

Dewsbury Rams 30, Widnes Vikings 36

Featherstone Rovers 54, Whitehaven 18

Halifax RLFC 10, Leigh Centurions 48

Blackpool Panthers 54, Swinton Lions 6

Doncaster RLFC 40, York City Knights 24

Hunslet Hawks 44, Rochdale Hornets 8

South Wales Scorpions 48, London Skolars 6

Workington Town 44, Gateshead Thunder 0

THURSDAY, 1 APRIL

Whitehaven 8, Barrow Raiders 19

FRIDAY, 2 APRIL

Featherstone Rovers 44, Halifax 4

Keighley Cougars 16, Sheffield Eagles 16

Toulouse Olympique 6, Leigh Centurions 36

Batley Bulldogs 22, Dewsbury Rams 8

Hunslet Hawks 54, Doncaster RLFC 12

London Skolars 18, Blackpool Panthers 42

Rochdale Hornets 16, Oldham 22

York City Knights 72, Gateshead Thunder 14

MONDAY, 5 APRIL

Barrow Raiders 50, Sheffield Eagles 4

Dewsbury Rams 10, Keighley Cougars 42

Halifax RLFC 50, Toulouse Olympique 6

Leigh Centurions 26, Batley Bulldogs 4

Widnes Vikings 48, Whitehaven 18

Blackpool Panthers 27, York City Knights 14

Doncaster RLFC 38, London Skolars 28

South Wales Scorpions 12, Hunslet Hawks 52

Oldham 16, Workington Town 14

THURSDAY, 8 APRIL

Halifax RLFC 40, Keighley Cougars 20

SATURDAY, 10 APRIL

Widnes Vikings 38, Toulouse Olympique 42

Barrow Raiders 56, Batley Bulldogs 10

SUNDAY, 11 APRIL

Dewsbury Rams 12, Whitehaven 20

Sheffield Eagles 16, Featherstone Rovers 40

Gateshead Thunder 28, Doncaster RLFC 32

Hunslet Hawks 46, Swinton Lions 12

South Wales Scorpions 16, Oldham 22
Rochdale Hornets 68, London Skolars 10
Workington Town 12, Blackpool Panthers 32

FRIDAY APRIL 16

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP 4th ROUND

Swinton 4, Halifax 56

SATURDAY 17 APRIL

Limoux 20, Leigh Centurions 32

Sheffield Eagles 34, Wigan 50

St Helens 56, Toulouse Olympique 16

SUNDAY 18 APRIL

Blackpool 24, Whitehaven 18

Castleford 28, Barrow Raiders 34

Dewsbury 0, Bradford Bulls 50

Hunslet 42, Oldham 12

Siddal 2, Batley Bulldogs 34

Warrington 48, Featherstone 24

York City Knights 8, Crusaders RL 58

THURSDAY, 22 APRIL

Widnes Vikings 44, Lezignan-Corbieres 24

Featherstone 76, Keighley Cougars 12

SATURDAY, 24 APRIL

Barrow Raiders 34, Dewsbury Rams 240

Oldham 64, Gateshead Thunder 10

SUNDAY, 25 APRIL

Leigh Centurions 36, Sheffield Eagles 20

Whitehaven 10, Halifax RLFC 28

Batley Bulldogs 24, Widnes Vikings 32

Blackpool Panthers 48, Doncaster RLFC 12

London Skolars 8, Hunslet Hawks 46

Swinton Lions 20, South Wales Scorpions 14

York City Knights 36, Rochdale Hornets 34

THURSDAY, 29 APRIL

Dewsbury Rams v Leigh Centurions 7.30 SKY

FRIDAY, 30 APRIL

Widnes Vikings v Featherstone Rovers 8.00

SATURDAY, 1 MAY

Toulouse Olympique v Batley Bulldogs 7.00

MONDAY, 3 MAY

Keighley Cougars v Barrow Raiders 3.00

Sheffield Eagles v Whitehaven 3.00

Doncaster RLFC v Oldham 3.00

Rochdale Hornets v Gateshead Thunder 3.00

South Wales Scorpions v Blackpool Panthers 2.00

Workington Town v Hunslet Hawks 3.00

York City Knights v Swinton Lions 3.00

THURSDAY, 6 MAY

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FRIDAY, 7 MAY

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP 5th ROUND

Bradford Bulls v Leigh Centurions 8.00

Leeds Rhinos v Blackpool Panthers 8.00

SATURDAY, 8 MAY

Widnes Vikings v Wigan 7.30

Gateshead Thunder v South Wales Scorpions 7.00

SUNDAY, 9 MAY

Halifax v Batley Bulldogs 3.00

Whitehaven v Keighley Cougars 3.00

London Skolars v Workington Town 2.00

Oldham v York City Knights 3.00

Swinton Lions v Rochdale Hornets 3.00

THURSDAY, 13 MAY

Leigh Centurions v Widnes Vikings 7.30 SKY

SATURDAY, 15 MAY

Sheffield Eagles v Toulouse Olympique 6.00

Blackpool Panthers v Gateshead Thunder 3.00

SUNDAY, 16 MAY

Featherstone Rovers v Keighley Cougars 3.00

Halifax RLFC v Barrow Raiders 3.00

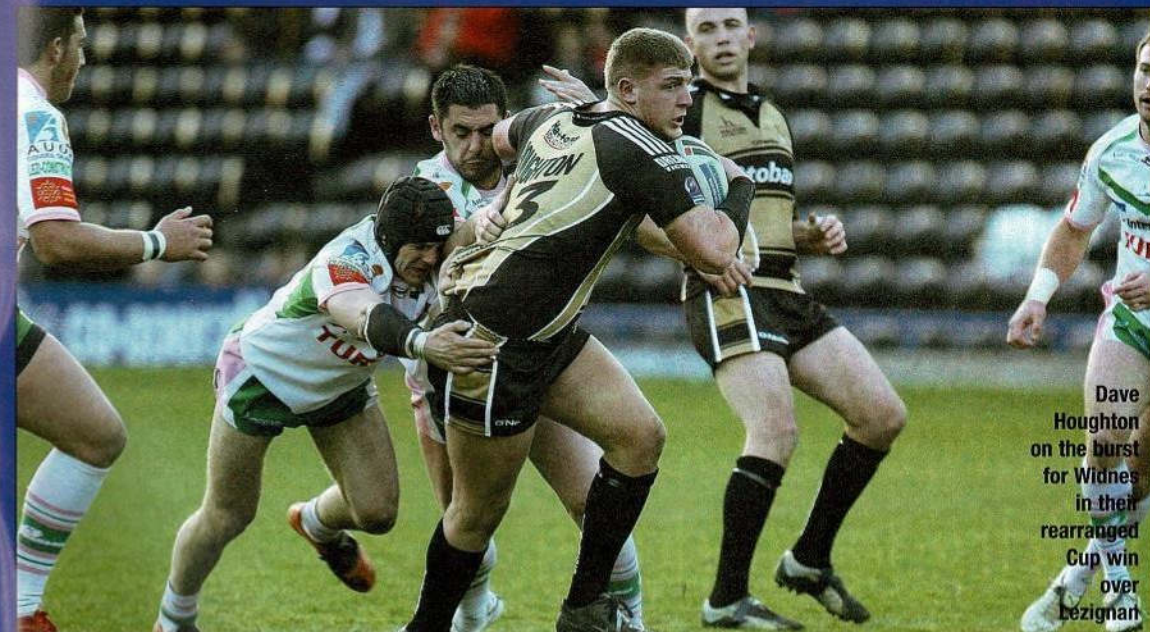
Batley Bulldogs v Whitehaven 3.00

Oldham v London Skolars 3.00

South Wales Scorpions v Rochdale Hornets 2.00

Workington Town v Doncaster RLFC 3.00

York City Knights v Hunslet Hawks 3.00



Dave Houghton on the burst in their rearranged Cup win over Lezignan

THURSDAY, 20 MAY

Dewsbury Rams v Sheffield Eagles 7.30 SKY

SATURDAY, 22 MAY

Toulouse Olympique v Featherstone Rovers 7.00

SUNDAY, 23 MAY

Keighley Cougars v Halifax RLFC 3.00

Whitehaven v Leigh Centurions 3.00

Widnes Vikings v Batley Bulldogs 3.00

Doncaster RLFC v Swinton Lions 3.00

Gateshead Thunder v Workington Town 3.00

Hunslet Hawks v Oldham 3.00

London Skolars v South Wales Scorpions 3.00

Rochdale Hornets v York City Knights 3.00

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 29-30 MAY

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER FINALS

THURSDAY, 27 MAY (SUBJECT TO CC CUP)

Sheffield Eagles v Keighley Cougars 7.30 SKY

SATURDAY, 29 MAY

Barrow Raiders v Whitehaven 6.30

Batley Bulldogs v Toulouse Olympique 6.00

SUNDAY, 30 MAY

Featherstone Rovers v Dewsbury Rams 3.00

Leigh Centurions v Halifax RLFC 3.00

Doncaster RLFC v Hunslet Hawks 3.00

Gateshead Thunder v Rochdale Hornets 3.00

Swinton Lions v London Skolars 3.00

Workington Town v Oldham 3.00

York City Knights v Blackpool Panthers 3.00

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, 6-9 JUNE

NORTHERN RAIL CUP QUARTER-FINALS

SATURDAY, 12 JUNE

London Skolars v York City Knights 2.30 (Stoop)

SUNDAY, 13 JUNE

Halifax RLFC v Featherstone Rovers 3.00

Keighley Cougars v Dewsbury Rams 3.00

Whitehaven v Sheffield Eagles 3.00

Widnes Vikings v Barrow Raiders 3.00

Batley Bulldogs v Leigh Centurions 3.00

Oldham v Doncaster RLFC 3.00

Rochdale Hornets v Hunslet Hawks 3.00

South Wales Scorpions v Swinton Lions 2.00

Blackpool Panthers v Workington Town 3.00

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 19-20

NORTHERN RAIL CUP SEMI-FINALS

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Oldham v Blackpool Panthers 3.00

SATURDAY, 26 JUNE

Toulouse Olympique v Whitehaven 7.00

Barrow Raiders v Sheffield Eagles 6.30

Gateshead Thunder v York City Knights 7.00

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