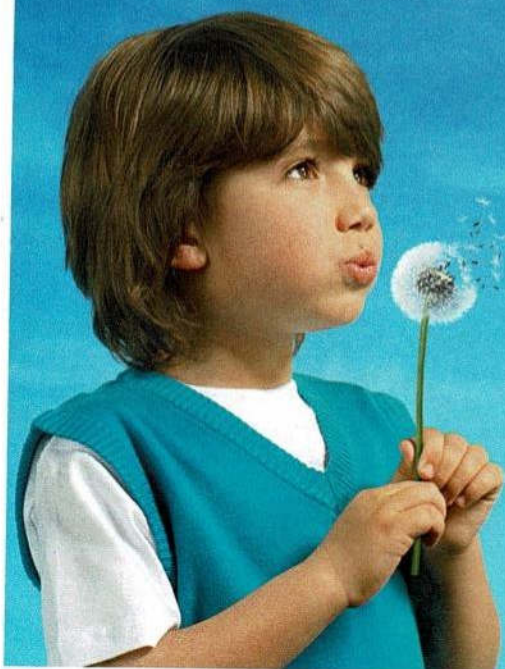


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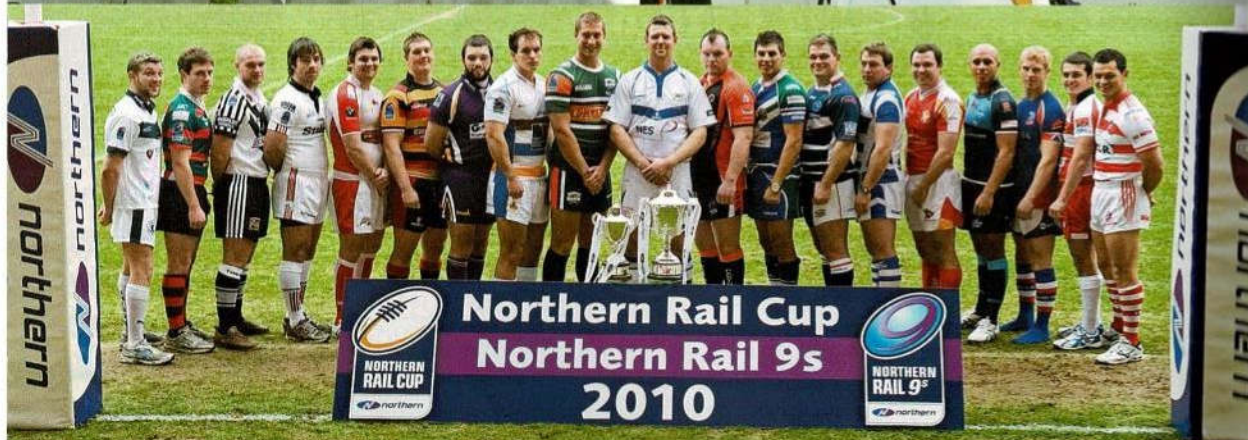


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Tough guys front up well

BILLY OCEAN would have been proud: when the going got tough last week, the Halifax players really did get going to pull off what could prove to be their biggest win of 2010.

Regardless of what happens between now and the end of the season, no team will show more character than Halifax did in their 46-26 victory over Co-operative Championship title holders Barrow Raiders.

A week which had begun with their disqualification from the Carnegie Challenge Cup for fielding an ineligible player had all the makings of a disastrous period in Halifax's history. The subsequent suspension of head coach Matt Calland, the resignation of football manager Martin Hall and Calland's reinstatement late in the week were hardly conducive to perfect preparation for such a big game.

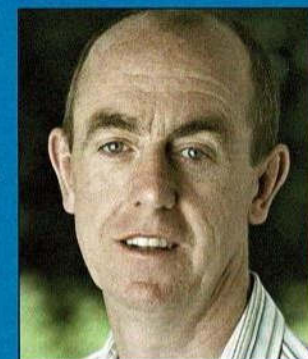
But, to their credit, Halifax rose magnificently to the challenge by producing the form that has frustratingly eluded them for much of this season, a campaign in which they have singularly failed to live up to their billing as title favourites.

Halifax's win lifted them above Barrow to third place in a table which continues to be dominated by two clubs, Leigh Centurions and Featherstone Rovers who met in a mouth-watering match at Bigfella's Stadium on Tuesday evening.

Many people will regard that fixture as potential Grand Final dress rehearsal but as every Rugby League coach will point out, the title is not won in May but in September and there is a lot of rugby to be played between now and Sunday September 26.

With the next round of Super League licensing just around the corner, the next few months are set for a veritable feast of action, both in the Co-operative Championships and the Northern Rail Cup, the winners of which will earn the right to apply for membership of the sport's elite division.

The days when joining Super League was the be all and end all for many clubs are thankfully long gone, the evidence of which is in the competitiveness and quality of the Championships and the calibre of players who ply their trade in a competition which continues to grow from strength to strength.



John Ledger, RFL Media Manager

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Sky's Bill has seen the light

Now that's a real conversion – to 'the greatest game'

Report by BEN COLLINS

Growing up in Lincolnshire, Bill Arthur admits it was more familiar seeing sugar beet and sheep than rugby league. Yet the Sky Sports presenter is now one of the game's biggest TV personalities, fronting Sky's coverage of the Co-operative Championship.

From playing wing/full-back in union in his younger years, Bill covered mainly football for radio in Newcastle then Liverpool before converting to 'the greatest game'.

And Bill, now based near Worksop, has never looked back.

"It was circumstances that got me into it," he said. "I was working as a freelancer in the North West, Sky were just starting and they asked me to do a game at Widnes.

"When you're a freelancer, the last thing you say is 'no, I don't know anything about that', so I took it on.

"I remember once having to go to the library to get a book on basketball! But I was ok with rugby league.

"I'd played union and I'd seen league on the BBC over the years. I suppose living outside the north of England that's the only contact you had with it - watching it on the Beeb.

"It's pretty much what I do now and I love it. It was just one of those lucky things that I was in the right place at the right time."

Bill has been full-time with Sky for 15 years now, quickly becoming a mainstay in their Super League team, doing touchline reporting and features.

But Sky's deal to show live Championship games proved to be the big break for Bill, who's just turned 50, in terms of commenting.

"Opportunities to do presenting don't come along very often," he said.

"Prior to that I'd done the odd Super League game and when the Championship came along that was my opportunity, and it's been fantastic.

"I'm glad to do features and touchline reporting and I like being involved with the Friday and Saturday night games.

"But this has broadened my opportunities and given me more scope to do what I really enjoy doing, which is commenting. It's the fourth year now and it's all been a blur really.

"It's great fun working with Barrie McDermott and Terry O'Connor - and now Brian Carney. It keeps you on your toes alright! They can do anything, it's lively - and then there's Stevo!"

With Super League games shown live on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sky chose to show Championship games on Thursday night, an event which has now established itself in the rugby league schedule.

The cumulative audience for Thursday night games passed



On the touchline beat... Bill Arthur is just as at-home in the commentary box as he is interviewing the game's stars

one million last season, representing a 17% increase on 2008, while most clubs recorded their biggest attendance of the year when the Sky cameras visited.

"It's a good slot because there's not usually a lot happening on a Thursday night," Bill said. "It fits in nicely and I think it's worked well.

"We get the occasional one-sided game but, generally speaking, they're fairly dramatic and have turned out to be good value. There's been some belters, like Featherstone-Toulouse the other week" (it finished in a shock 24-26 victory for the French team). "We even did Oldham-London Skolars last year, and everybody thought, 'what are they doing this for?', and that turned out to be a cracker as well" (Oldham fought back to win 28-22).

"There are differences between what we do on a Thursday and a Friday," he added. "Thursday's a stripped down version. There's no build-up, we do the teams then get straight into it, which appeals more to some people - they're like 'the teams are all I wanna know, let's get on with it!'

"It makes it a different experience for me too, which I enjoy."

And it is not just the coverage which is a different experience. The standard of the Championship and the reception



The terrible twosome – Barrie McDermott and Terry O'Connor: full of surprises!

they're so welcoming. Some Super League fans might look down their noses at the Championship in terms of skill but I think for honesty and commitment, it can't be faulted.

"If you look at the top end of the Championship, there's some really talented players there. There's a lot of ex-Super League players who are embracing the Championship because they know it's got a lot to offer - just look at Robbie Paul, 34-years-of-age and running around like an overgrown-schoolboy!

"And there's the dual-registration system that's come in as well, with players like Tyrone McCarthy, Matty Blythe and Jake Emmitt at Leigh.

"I don't know the experts' opinion but I certainly think the standard of the Championship has gone up in the last three years."

Bill has been won over by league and it seems we'll continue to see him on our screens for a good while longer as he has no intention of going back to his roots.

"I have difficulty watching a football match now," he says. "I like the fact the rugby league doesn't relent. It's very rare you get a dull game.

"I like the continuity of it, the speed of it, the honesty. Compared to that, I find football tedious now. And it's more fulfilling on a professional level because the people are much better to deal with.

"With football, it was getting harder to do your job basically, and I was getting really frustrated.

"Then getting into this and finding how open, approachable and helpful people were - they appreciate it more and because the game still has to sell itself, they don't have the same pressures."

given to Bill and the Sky Sports team contrasts favourably with Super League.

"I think people like watching it because it's a bit more homely," he said.

"The great thing about it is that because Championship clubs haven't had that much TV exposure until now, they're just so enthusiastic about having it.

"In Super League they're used to being on TV and it's become the norm, but in the Championship, it's a big deal when TV comes.

"Instead of having a negative impact on crowds it's been positive because it's an event, and clubs have been really good at making something of it - 'Sky's here, come on down, you'll get on TV' - and you get that feeling at the game.

"I really enjoy going to places like Whitehaven because



Some superb action this season has included Toulouse's win over Featherstone a fortnight ago

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KEEP AN EYE ON THE BALL



Danny Lockwood

IT IS difficult to avoid some painful conclusions from Gateshead's public humiliation at Blackpool Panthers on Sunday last. My sympathies go out to Chris Hood, Andy Kelly and everyone involved with the Thunder, who can be forgiven for walking round town this week with their club badges covered up.

A result like 132-0 does no one any favours, ever. It's a scoreline you might expect of St Helens versus an amateur side, or even Wigan v Flimby and Fothergill (the record deficit of 142-4 set in 1925), but not in a contest between two sides in the same division. That fact alone sets this result apart.

It was interesting to see the comments of Blackpool coach Martin Crompton, along the lines of "no one likes to witness that" in the way that no one likes to watch a car crash but can't quite bring themselves to look away. Crompton also had harsh words for the previous ownership regime which treated the club with such disdain.

Amen to that, although Gateshead are not the first – and certainly won't be the last – to live on the whim of one or two benefactors. It is a dangerous place to be, especially in the community game, and the work of the Supporters Trusts which we highlighted in these pages a few weeks ago will grow ever more important in future years.

Circumstances contrived to work against the Thunder in a number of ways, not least the suspension of four players for their part in a mass brawl against Hornets. I'm sure this type of repercussion was furthest from their minds when the red light started flickering and punches started flying. Even so, they should reflect on the part they played in the demolition derby at Blackpool.

Everyone at Gateshead is digging deep to try to keep the Rugby League flame burning in the north-east and we trust their exemplary efforts are not set-back too far by this. In the short term I suspect that quite a number of purported Rugby League players need to take long, hard looks in the mirror and ask themselves if they're in the right game. I've long

subscribed to the philosophy that any man who takes to a rugby field can never be called a coward. That said, there's a mighty long way between there and putting your body – and pride – on the line. There are very few hiding places on a rugby field, but it sounds like more than a few individuals were busy looking for them at the Woodlands Memorial Ground on Sunday.

If a few Gateshead players are feeling harshly done by, or even looking around for excuses to duck behind, I'll refer them to a situation around 1979/80 when the club I was reporting on, Dewsbury, had sunk from top of the league at Christmas to plum bottom by Easter. The skipper Johnny Welford, and his right-hand man Jack Austin – two rather uncompromising individuals – had me pinned against the clubhouse wall after another dismal defeat.

In short, they were not happy by some of my match reports. Thought I was taking the mickey – moi?! – and I wasn't doing my bit to encourage some of the younger players in the side.

My point to them, as it would be today to any sensitive souls who wore a Thunder shirt last week, was this: Journalists are not employed to be cheerleaders and they are not employed by the club, unlike players. By accepting the hard-earned money paid at the turnstile by spectators, those players forfeit the kind of sensitivity we might show to under 8s who get a shellacking, or even amateurs found wanting.

They let their club down. They let their fans down, they let themselves down and let the sport down. Let's hope that having fallen off the bike, they make a swift choice whether to climb back on or not. Because a repeat of that performance is not acceptable.

**Andy Kelly ...
tough time for
all concerned
at Gateshead**



Danny Lockwood is the Publisher of LEAGUE WEEKLY

Now the real building starts for Tony & Co



BEN COLLINS
talks to
Oldham
coach **Tony Benson**

IT WAS a big ask for Oldham Roughyeds to get Whitebank Stadium ready in time for their home game against York City Knights two weeks ago.

At the start of April the club secured the site as its new home, their first permanent base since being forced to sell Watersheddings in 1997.

Coach Tony Benson admitted they were struggling to complete the necessary maintenance work to get the go-ahead from the RFL and appealed for more volunteers to help out.

But the Kiwi needn't have worried. The former Leigh and London Skolars coach, who took charge in October 2008, didn't realise the level of support there was for the Roughyeds.

Oldham got by with a little help from their friends, ensuring they played the first game on their own ground for 13

years, and Benson feels it was a unique achievement.

"You wouldn't hear of it happening anywhere else - not to this extent," he said.

"People help out at all sorts of clubs, amateur clubs depend on that, but they also have a lot of grants available to them so they can get it done professionally.

"But we had to rely on local businesses and local people, and without them it just wouldn't have happened.

"The materials and support being offered - and all these people giving up their time to make sure it happened, some were our fans and some just local residents who were rugby fans.

"When that game was played it meant so much more than the result because we'd achieved something at the club that was absolutely unique.

"After all the hard work that had gone in, it was an emotional day for everybody involved."

Oldham Roughyeds have had a nomadic existence since leaving Watersheddings in 1997, playing at eight different locations, mainly Boundary Park.

The football club said the Roughyeds were no longer welcome at the end of last season so they played their opening home games this year at Sedgley Park RU, where Swinton Lions are also based.

Chairman Chris Hamilton then gained Council approval to move to Whitebank, with previous owners Oldham Borough FC relocating to share with Chadderton Town FC.

And so began the race against time to meet the RFL criteria for dug-outs and changing rooms. Derelict areas were cleared for parking, walls had to be taken down to get modular buildings onto the site and there will be more improvements for this weekend's visit of fellow high-flyers Hunslet.

"You had to see it when we took it over to appreciate what's been done," said Benson.

"In terms of reaching RFL criteria, it was way off the mark, so we've had to build changing rooms for officials, the home team and the away team.

"The away changing rooms were built from scratch in a week - plumbing, electricity, painted up - it was no mean feat.

"The pitch was in average condition and the surrounding area was neglected, overgrown and run-down, so we needed to make that safe.

"Things were going on till 8/9 at night, and these were all volunteers who had just done a day's work or taken a week off work to help out.

Coach Benson -
amazed by the
levels of goodwill
for the Roughyeds



This is what Oldham inherited from Oldham Boro FC - but Roughyeds staff, fans and players alike have been busy transforming the Whitebank ground into something they can one day be proud of

"There was one guy working there who had taken two buses to get there for 8 in the morning, it was then 9.15 at night and he was about to get two buses back home. That's the sort of dedication that's been put in.

"And the hard work continues. We're trying to make it a better place for people to watch the game.

"Each week there'll be a difference for the spectators, we're building a large corporate area on the pitch edge, and the changing rooms will be extended."

Benson mucked in himself, too, driving to Warrington's old Wilderspool ground after training, where he and scrum-half Matty Ashe loaded 350 seats onto a lorry for delivery to Whitebank.

"The spectator facilities were pretty well non-existent," he said. "Oldham Borough didn't get much of a crowd so it wasn't a concern for them.

"There was a stand but it didn't have seating, Mark Bates & Sons Concrete supplied us with the steps to attach seats to, and then we had to fix in the seats we got from Wilderspool. That was a massive job.

"It's still no Wembley but the thing is, it's home - and it really does feel like home.

"As a club, it means we're now very

stable. There's sponsors getting behind us because there's stability so financially, we can start to plan and build.

"Basically, we were running on a shoe-string. Chris is an accountant so it was always going to be tight, but a case can be put forward now to increase our resources.

"What it means to me is that we've got a base for training. We can leave all our gear here, and that alone gives such a different feel to what we're doing.

"It's a long-term thing. This year was always a rebuilding year, and I think we've surpassed expectations to date. It's over the next few years that we're really going to see the benefit."

The York game attracted a crowd of 1,110 - over double what they were getting at Sedgley Park - although Oldham surrendered their 100% league record, going down to a 34-28 defeat. Injuries have begun to take their toll after a fine start but Benson believes the Roughyeds could still reach a fourth successive Grand Final this year.

"It's testing our resources as a squad, we're down to the bare bones now," he said.

"Paul Reilly and Marcus St Hilaire were both out, and then we lost Neil Roden, who was a huge part of our team and direction on the field, and

we looked rudderless against York.

"That left us with Martin Roden as the only player over 25 with any real experience, and when you've got a young, small squad like ours, it makes a huge difference when you've a couple of senior players out.

"We're learning again and working on our game to get back up there. Before, Matt Ashe and Neil Roden worked pretty well together.

"We knew what our strengths were for that combination and played our game to suit.

"Now we find that with Danny Whitmore in there, he's only 20 and predominantly a hooker, we've got a different set of strengths to learn and play to.

"We won't be going all-out in one year to go up," Benson added. "We'll do it over time and it'll be sustained so if and when we do go up we'll be strong - not just go up because of a load of people making a load of money in one year.

"So far we've been out to win every game and I can't see that changing.

"We've a small squad and people will be playing out of position at times, but we're not looking just at this year, we're looking at the future, and having to go through this is building better players so we're happy for it."



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Players surveyed on summer switch of community game

An independent research company has been appointed to canvass the views of over 1,100 Rugby League players on when they would prefer the community game season to be played.

Vision Twentyone have been brought in to conduct a telephone survey among players over the age of 16 who play at community level as part of the consultation process on what time of year the sport should be played.

The different options which are under discussion are for youth, junior and open age teams to play from March–November; to keep the season structure as it is at present; and to introduce a split season which would involve playing between September and June with a break for the winter months of December, January and February.

Vision Twentyone have also set up an online survey which anyone involved in the sport; all players, coaches, administrators, volunteers and interested parties can access and complete by clicking on the questionnaire via the RFL website.

Interested parties can also give their opinion or find out more information by

emailing Andy Harland, the RFL's National Development Manager at andy.harland@rfl.uk.com or by writing to him at Red Hall, Red Hall Lane, Leeds LS17 8NB.

Alternatively you can simply post your opinions on the wall of the RFL's official Facebook page - www.facebook.com/rugbyfootballleague

The RFL will be writing to individual leagues, community game clubs and all coaches to give them the opportunity to formally respond to the process and also to encourage them to engage their players in this.

The RFL will also be consulting with other parties such as Sport England and local authorities as part of this formal consultation process which will end with a recommendation that will go forward to the clubs and leagues with the decision ultimately resting with these groups.

The Community Board made the recommendation to enter a formal consultation period following a series of meetings with key organisations and leagues to gauge opinions on what would be the best time of the year to play.



Bramley and Nottingham - already playing a summer season

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4. Who were last Lancashire Cup finalists?
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6. When was the six tackle rule introduced?
7. Which club joined the RFL first, Workington or Whitehaven?
8. In which year did the French launch rugby league?
9. Which club were the first to win the Challenge Cup and the Super League Grand Final in the same season?
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LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL
 LAST SIX HOME: LLLLLL
 TRIES: Turner (6) Spurr, Powell,
 Robinson (5) Walker (4)
 GOALS: P Walker (35)
 DROP GOALS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Bryn Powell

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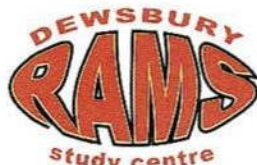
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THE INSIDE TRACK

*Rested Rams have had time to re-group but
 Sheffield have winning mentality. Eagles by 6*

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLWWW
 LAST SIX AWAY: DWLDLL
 TRIES: Cook (14), Ropati (10),
 Stringer (8)
 GOALS: Stringer (27) Woodcock (9)
 DROP GOALS: Cook (1)
 MAN TO WATCH: Craig Cook

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Dewsbury v Sheffield

First win is well overdue

It gives us great pleasure to welcome the Sky cameras back to the Tetley's Stadium for our second home televised fixture in a row.

The conditions for the last game against Leigh were just awful with heavy rain falling for most of the game and yet both sides put on what was an entertaining game in the conditions. There were a number of controversial moments which added to the occasion with the TV viewer getting the benefit of the slow motion replays whereas the more hardy ones at the ground were just left to wait and wonder.

I do feel it is a pity that the big screen doesn't come to these games like it does in Super League but I understand the issues around cost and at the end of the day it's still great to get the national exposure.

The Leigh game was the last match we played and that was all of three weeks ago and for us the picture at the foot of the table still hasn't changed too much. If we could win tonight and it is well overdue then we would



Rob Spicer
- back
after two
months
out

move out of the relegation zone for the time being and put the pressure on Whitehaven and the teams immediately above them. We have proved to be very competitive in nearly every game we have played and I expect tonight to be much of the same.

We also have the added bonus that some of our long-term injuries have started to clear up and both Alex Bretherton and Austin Buchanan have had a run out in the reserves and will be in contention for a place in tonight's starting line-up.

We are also looking at options of strengthening the squad even further with possible loan signings but these do cost money and we don't have a bottomless pit of cash.

Unfortunately after tonight we enter a run of away games and blank weekends with the next home match here not until 27th June when we play Halifax. That of course puts a lot of pressure on the cash flow and is something that any club would prefer to avoid especially one wanting to strengthen the squad.

It means that our other revenue streams become even more important such as the lottery, DREMA, car boot sale and the revenue we generate through our own bars and social areas. The car boot sale is now just about the premier event in the area and those who have worked hard to make it so deserve a big pat on the back.

Club events such as the recent Stars In Their Eyes are also important to us and it was great to see so many people in the Royal Suite last Friday night watching the different performances and well done to everyone who took part - even those that Warren pushed into it! We do have other things planned for later in the year. Watch the website. This has proved to be a great resource for us with over 51,000 visitors at the last count - just a pity not all are spectators at the Rams!

See you in the Royal Suite after the match.

Mark Sawyer
Chairman

Trio are welcomed back after injury

HELLO and welcome to the Tetley's Stadium for tonight's encounter with the Sheffield Eagles live on Sky Sports.

I'd like to welcome Mark Aston and the Sheffield players, who seem to be soaring high at this moment in time, racking up three wins on the bounce. They are a quality side with quality players across the park.

Hopefully tonight we should have back on duty Alex Bretherton, Austin Buchanan and Rob Spicer, these are three quality players who have been dearly missed and they will give us a welcome lift and boost.

Anthony England may be on duty but his ribs are still giving him a few problems, so if he isn't on the field tonight this is the reason why.

Stewart Sanderson is making good progress and is pretty much good to go. Alex, Austin and Rob should bring us

something different to the side. Alex has the ability to score tries from anywhere on the park, Austin comes up with the big plays and the special plays in defence. Rob, for me, is the cornerstone of the team and with Rob out there you know the boys will be feeding off him.

This is a big game for us, as all the games are, but even more so this one. We have had a three-week lay-off which has been good for us to help us regroup and try and get rid of some of the niggling injuries that some players have been carrying and get back to some good solid hard training which hopefully will put us in good stead for the second half of the season.

We are looking forward to our second year of Try Time Summer Camps, which proved very successful last year with over 100 children attending and learning

new skills, not just rugby but life skills as well. It's a great camp for the kids and it keeps them off the streets and out of bother. It's nice to see the number of kids turn up because these kids are the future of Dewsbury, not only as future supporters but hopefully there will be some future Dewsbury players in there amongst them, which is only good for the future. Keep an eye on the website for dates and details.

Please keep up your continued support and get behind the boys tonight as we all appreciate it because it gives us a confidence lift.

Let's hope the video ref decisions go our way tonight!

Enjoy the game and remember to wave to the cameras!

Warren Jowitt
Head Coach



Keighley Cougars v



Halifax RLFC

Match sponsor: TOWLER & STAINES
Man of match: COX FAMILY

Sunday May 23, 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.....	Olly 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
The Cox Family.....	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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No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Miles Greenwood.....	Fax Supporters Trust
2	Lee Paterson.....	Windsor Yarns
3	Jon Goddard.....	Vision Express
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5	James Haley.....	Chadwick Lawrence
6	Luke Branighan.....	Chadwick Lawrence
7	Ben Black.....	Harvey's Department Store
8	Makali Aizue.....	Also Wines
9	Sean Penkywicz.....	Riley & Co Accountants
10	Neil Cherryholme.....	AA Moving Solutions
11	Dave Larder.....	Windsor Yarns
12	Stanley Gene.....	Howard Posner
13	Bob Beswick.....	Complete Building Material
14	Mark Gleeson.....	David/Terry Kendall
15	Mark Roberts.....	Steve Shurety - EMB Ltd
16	Said Tamghart	Liz Smith (Matthew Walker)
17	Frank Watene.....	Complete Building Materials
18	Dylan Nash.....	The Kieley Family
19	Dom Maloney.....	Glenda Shaw
20	Paul White.....	Glenda Shaw
21	Anthony Bowman.....	Calderdale Service Area
22	Dave Wrench.....	Glenda Shaw
23	Rob Worrincy.....	Griffin Sport & Work Wear
24	Stephen Bannister.....	Glenda Shaw

COACH: MATT CALLAND

LAST SIX RESULTS: LDWLLW
LAST SIX HOME: WWLLLD
TRIES: Duffy (7), Presley (6), Jones (5)
GOALS: Jones (44)
DROP GOALS: Jones (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Gavin Duffy

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: W Turley
Touch: L Fellows, P Wharton
Reserve Referee: K Povah

THE INSIDE TRACK

Bullish Cougars still likely to concede 40 points. Fax to win by 20

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWWW
LAST SIX AWAY: WWWLWW
TRIES: Royston (18), Worrincy (11)
Branighan (10) Penkywicz (7)
GOALS: Paterson (74)
DROP GOALS: -
MAN TO WATCH: Shad Royston



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Keighley v Halifax

Supporters give Cougars that all-important lift

I WANT to start my notes today by thanking all the loyal travelling support that went to Whitehaven two weeks ago and cheered us on to a great win.

Support is vital to us here at the club and the players do get a buzz when we see fans travelling to watch us play.

The same goes for all the fantastic support we get at home and again the players really do appreciate the support from all the loyal fans.

The club as a whole are really working tirelessly to make the experience of matchday at the Cougars one in which we all want to be a part of and as ever

to try and improve our own support base week in, week out here at the club.

Everyone can play a part in encouraging family and friends to come down and experience matchday here at the club and then hopefully new fans that come down will be encouraged by what they witness both on and off the field and want to come week in week out.

We welcome Matt Calland, his staff and playing squad to today's local derby and it promises to be an exciting game.

Matt has his team playing an exciting brand of rugby league and with the players he has in his squad they are a massive threat anywhere on the field so we will have to be 100% focussed today for the full 80 minutes.

Hopefully we will have our biggest crowd of the season for today's game with a big following from Keighley and Halifax which should make for a great atmosphere in the stands and I am sure you will witness an attractive game.

Barry Eaton
Head Coach

Working with the community

Good afternoon and welcome to today's Co-operative Championship fixture against our neighbours Halifax.

I would like to welcome to Cougar Park today the Halifax directors, players and fans and I hope you enjoy your day with us today and have a safe journey home.

I would also like to welcome today's match sponsors, Main Match Sponsor today is Towler & Staines, Graham is here with his guests today and has been a great friend of the club for many years. Thank you for your support Graham and I hope you enjoy your day with us.

Our Man of the Match Sponsors today are the Cox Family, Amanda and Darren are here with their family to celebrate one of the Cougars' youngest fans' birthday, Jacob will be 9 tomorrow and he will be selecting today's Man of the Match and presenting him with his award as well as being the mascot and leading his favourite team out today.

This week has been a monumental one for the club and its community department. Last Tuesday was the media launch for the Sporting Chance Award. Sporting Chance has been running for a year now and has seen unprecedented success with young adults in our area.

At the last home game we saw some of the Sporting Chance members riding in a sponsored bike ride for their adopted charity The JAM fund. The guys cycled 17 miles and managed to raise hundreds of pounds for this charity which is a fantastic achievement. We also recently teamed up with CRI, which works with people with drug, alcohol and domestic abuse issues.

Due to this partnership Sporting Chance is proud to announce and unveil the Sporting Chance Award, accredited to the equivalent of 1 GCSE. Keighley Cougars are the first RL club to offer such an award and we believe we are also the first sporting organisation as well. The award consists of 7 modules with the topics being, Coaching, Enterprise, Environment, Education/Employment, Democracy, Healthy Lifestyles and Safer Communities. These 7 modules all feature heavily in the Children and Young People part of Bradford's "Big Plan".



Sporting Chance can offer the young adults not only the chance to gain a qualification but one that will enable them to learn life skills in a positive environment. The Award will be delivered by Sporting Chance's Youth Project Worker, Jonny Presley.

We're also delighted to announce that The Incommunities Foundation has decided to fund the scheme for a 2nd year. This fantastic foresight of the Foundation into the needs of its young people on their estates means that not only can we continue the hard work we have started but extend it and give more young people a great opportunity.

Well I think that's it for now but once again many thanks to our sponsors and I hope you enjoy the rugby. See you soon.

Helen Carter, General Manager



Toulouse Olympique XIII v Featherstone Rovers



Saturday May 22, 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 (8), Duport (7), Planas (6)
GOALS: Wynn (39)
DROP GOALS: Wynn (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Vincent Duport

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M Thomason
Touch: TBA
Reserve Referee: TBA

THE INSIDE TRACK

TOXIII sneaked it at Fev but Rovers should get revenge in close contest. Fev by 10

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

COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWWL
LAST SIX AWAY: WWWLW
TRIES: Parker (14), Finn, Hardman, Welham (9)
GOALS: Briggs (64), Finn (13)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Liam Finn

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Toulouse v Featherstone

Halfway and the play-offs are within Toulouse's grasp

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



Two of Toulouse's exciting young players, Kevin Larroyer, left, and Andrei Olari

PICTURE: Frederick Lejeune

"It's a long way", comme le dit la chanson! A la moitié de ce championnat, Toulouse après avoir fait des frayeurs à ses supporters s'est replacé pour atteindre ses objectifs. Il a fallu pour cela un groupe soudé qui vienne à bout de blessures, de décisions arbitrales bizarres, des événements climatiques et aussi de formations qui n'ont pas pour habitude de laisser des points à la maison... Mais dans cette compétition, tout le monde peut battre tout le monde et la moindre inattention, le moindre relâchement et pis encore le manque d'humilité se paye cash... Toulouse a donc pas mal assuré ses arrières ces dernières semaines avec une victoire contre Widnes et Featherstone en Angleterre puis avec une victoire au courage contre Batley, formation rugueuse s'il en est, aux Minimes. Cette belle série montre au combien, les hommes de Gilles Dumas ont retrouvé leur niveau de jeu de la saison dernière avant que la blessure du métronome et maître à jouer Nathan Wynn ne vienne dérégler une belle organisation de jeu qui avait permis au TO de rattraper un début de saison difficile. Cette année, le staff a dû composer en début de saison, mais le groupe s'est étoffé avec l'éclosion de jeunes talents issus du centre de formation. S'ils restent humbles, ils ont un potentiel et une marge de progression qui leur permet d'envisager de devenir des titulaires en puissance pour les prochaines saisons. En attendant il leur faudra encore travailler pour renouveler les performances des dernières sorties. Le retour aux fondamentaux, défense et conservation de la balle, a aussi permis au groupe de progresser et de ne plus se mettre en situation systématique de devoir courir après le score. Les belles promesses entrevues sur ce mois de mai ne demandent qu'à être confirmées!

A toutes et à tous, bon match!

It's a long way, as it says in the song! It's half-time in the Championship, and Toulouse, after a difficult period (beginning of April), has bagged some important points to reach its aim (the play-offs).

The team spirit played an important part in those wins, considering the many injuries, the difficult climatic conditions (ash cloud) and of course the high level of the teams in the competition...

We know that in the Co-operative Championship every team can beat any team, and that you must play each game at 100% to earn the 3 points.

With the wins in Widnes and Featherstone in England, and against Batley at the Minimes Stadium, the Toulouse Olympique has made a good effort and is back in the play-offs race. This winning streak shows that Gilles Dumas' side has recovered the kind of form that allowed them last year to reach 4th place in the table, before the injury to one of the key players, Nathan Wynn, that resulted in a big change in the organisation of the team.

This year, the many injuries have given some young players (U21) the opportunity to play in the Championship and they have proved they are up to the task. They have a big potential and they have to continue working hard to improve and to become regulars in the side.

Those results are also the consequence of the good work of Gilles Dumas and his staff who have insisted on the basics: defence, keeping control of the ball and a good completion rate. The good performances of the past month have now to be confirmed, starting tonight!

We wish you all a very pleasant game.

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Whitehaven RLFC v Leigh Centurions



Sunday May 23, 2010. Kick off 3pm. THE RECREATION GROUND

PLAYER	No.
Pres Rahe.....	Craig Benson 1
Wayne's World of Pets.....	Craig Calvert 2
Shooz N Sox.....	Rob Jackson 3
Brownriggs.....	Scott McAvo 4
Victoria Hotel Drigg.....	Derry Eilbeck 5
Kwik Collection.....	Carl Rudd 6
Nuclear Filter Technology.....	Leroy Joe 7
Unique Sports.....	Marc Jackson 8
Wellington Bistro.....	Graeme Mattinson 9
Tracy McCann.....	David Ford 10
Studsvik UK.....	Howard Hill 11
Cameron Wood.....	Spencer Miller 12
Gary & Paula Blinco.....	Mick Govin 13
Dick Raaz.....	Dylan Skee 14
Powerhouse Gym.....	Reece Fox 15
Victoria Adams.....	Andy Gorski 16
Danielle O'Hare.....	Andy Thornley 17
Gosforth Taxis.....	John Patrick 18
Gloria Miller.....	Dexter Miller 19
Andrew Burns.....	Soni Radovanovic 20
WISC.....	Chris Smith 21
Alphabet Karaoke Disco.....	Richard Farrer 22
J.D. Raaz.....	Stephen Fox 23
LLWR.....	Ryan MacDonald 24
	Motu Tony
	Paul Johnson

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COACH: GED STOKES

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLLLL

LAST SIX HOME: LWLLLL

TRIES: Calvert (6), Eilbeck, Mattinson, Rudd, Fox (5)

GOALS: Rudd (41) Skee (6)

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Motu Tony

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Halloran

Touch: J Ashton, S Johnson

Reserve Referee: D Sharpe

THE INSIDE TRACK

Haven all at sea and Centurions will have a field day. Leigh by 30-plus

COACH: IAN MILLWARD

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLW

LAST SIX AWAY: WWWWWL

TRIES: Nanyin (11), Alstead (9), Donlan (8)

GOALS: Nanyin (62)

MAN TO WATCH: Robbie Paul

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Stuart Donlan.....	L.I.S.A
2	Steve Maden.....	Corlett Electrical Engineers
3	Dave Alstead.....	Prof & Mrs Dale
4	Mick Nanyin.....	C&S Tyrres UK Ltd
5	Nicky Stanton.....	Hamilton Fabrications
6	Tim Hartley.....	Ken Bates Associates
7	Robbie Paul.....	Corporate Club
8	Chris Hill.....	Civil Solutions Ltd
9	John Duffy.....	Hattons Solicitors
10	Ricky Bibey.....	Corporate Club
11	James Taylor.....	Brick Design
12	Macgraff Leuluai.....	TWS Removals
13	Dave Armitstead.....	Ask Platt Office Supplies
14	Tommy Goulden.....	Dr Doublet-Stewart
15	Dave McConnell.....	Mr John Lawton
16	Mike Morrison.....	O'Neills Sportswear
17	Stephen Nash.....	Padken
18	Adam Higson.....	Message Board
19	Danny Meekin.....	Ask Platt Office Supplies
20	Ian Mort.....	Prof & Mrs Dale
21	Jamie Durbin.....	Ask Platt Office Supplies
22	Martin Ridyard.....	Integrated Control Solutions
23	Dale Cunliffe.....	Wilmar Engineering Ltd
24	Andy Ainscough.....	SuperLeigh Lottery

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Another disaster at Batley.

I wish I could advise our fans that we know what is going wrong and have a straightforward solution. Alas, such is not the case. I can tell you that we are working everything possible to help the team along. The calls for the "coach's head" are not helpful.

Adding a coaching crisis to this

dilemma would only make matters worse.

We all have seen Coach Stokes deliver the winning combinations and we must give him our support in working this further.

On a more pleasant note I hope you will find our family day arrangements a fun outing for your family. We would like to thank Story Homes

for sponsoring this wonderful outing. And of course our appreciation continues to Nuclear Management Partners for their main club sponsorship.

Have a fun day.

Dick Raaz
Chairman

New signings failed to inspire ... last week

Welcome to today's visitors Leigh Centurions.

I share the bitter disappointment of our fans at last week's performance at Batley.

We had new players Motu Tony and Paul Johnson in the side and I expected us to perform well.

But from the moment Batley scored their first try, you could see our body language go to pot, and it was then one-way traffic. We just went to pieces.

Having four centres missing did not help and we are finding it very, very hard to plug the gaps.

It's no secret to anyone that we are short of players in certain positions. Centre and second-row are two for sure. We'll have to shake things up because I'm a great believer that if you keep doing the same things, you'll keep getting the same results.

Clearly we need to start winning games because time is running out. Our training sessions are going well, but when it comes to match day, we are low on confidence. Everyone is waiting for someone else to do something.

I spoke to some of our supporters after the Batley match, and it was good to be able to discuss matters with them.

They pay their money to support us and have the right to question me.

With the financial constraints we face, plus our current form, it's not easy attracting new talent.

But there's no way we'll be giving up on that search, or on our attempts to improve the confidence of players currently at the club.

Enjoy the match.

Ged Stokes
Head Coach



New Haven signing Motu Tony in his spell with Hull FC



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Batley Bulldogs



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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
Colin Pheysey Swavesey Newsagents	Lee Doran	11
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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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COACH: PAUL CULLEN

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWLL

LAST SIX HOME: LWLWL

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

GOALS: Grady (72)

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Anthony Thackeray

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R. Hicks

Touch: A. Sweet, P. Ward

Reserve Referee: J. Cross

THE INSIDE TRACK

Cracks in Widnes armour are showing but they should beat the stubborn Dogs by 14

COACH: KARL HARRISON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLLLW

LAST SIX AWAY: LLWLL

TRIES: Campbell (18) Preece (8) Walton (7)

GOALS: Moore (65) Handforth (9)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Paul Handforth



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Widnes v Batley

Batley could face backlash after the let-down at Leigh

GOOD afternoon and welcome to everyone for today's clash with Batley Bulldogs.

Looking back to the last time we were here at the Stobart Stadium for our Challenge Cup game against Wigan, I have to admit that it was the best training session that our young players have had all season.

It was absolutely priceless!

We were up against the best team in Super League who were fantastic, but putting the eventual outcome and the score to one side, the only numbers that were of real concern to me, were the eight home-grown Academy players in our line-up and to score two tries of that quality against a defence as good as theirs was awesome.

To keep the score as respectable as we did, when I had 16 senior players sat up in the stand gives me great hope and encouragement.

The Challenge Cup competition wasn't our goal this season but hopefully next year or the year after it will be.

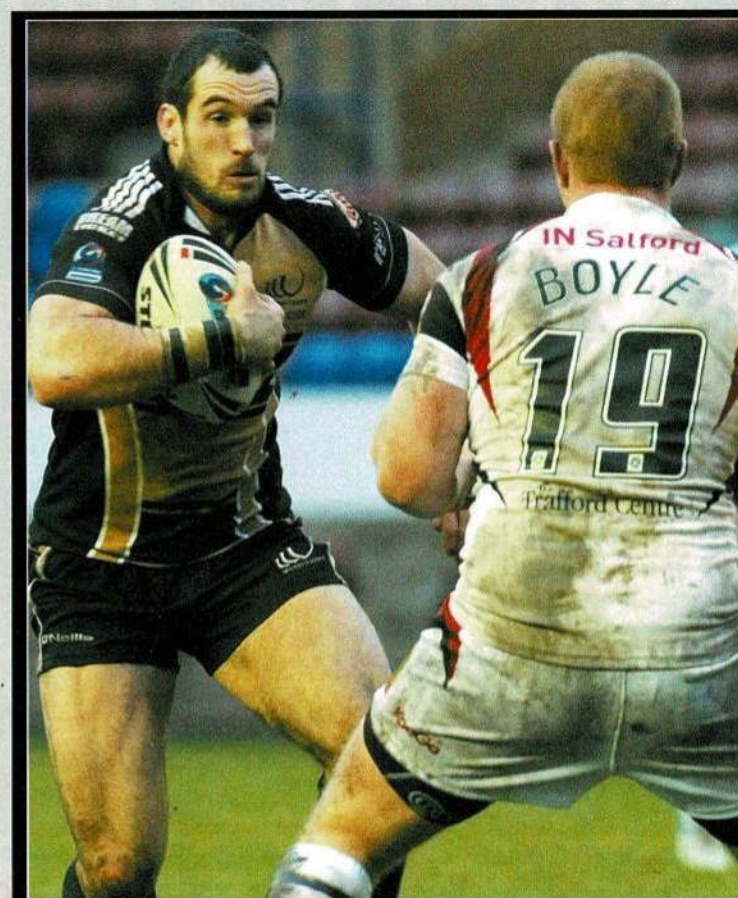
This year we're all about the Northern Rail Cup and the Co-operative Championship, but I was still delighted with the effort that we put in and considering the fact that we were out-gunned in most departments, spirit definitely wasn't one of them!

Personally, I'd have given the 'Man of the Match' award to Lee Doran.

At the end of the day Sam Tomkins is going to get another thousand or so of these personal accolades in the years to come and he did put in a fine individual showing, but he was fortunate enough to play behind the cavalry and as a unit the Warriors played very well.

From our perspective, when you've got seventeen year-old prop forwards making their debut against the likes of Andy Coley, Mark Riddell and Stuart Fielden, the performance and leadership of players like Lee Doran made this transition a whole lot easier for the younger element in our team.

He played left prop, right prop, left and right second row and loose forward and at one stage I was even contemplating throwing him in as hooker, but he'd done just about enough at



Lee Doran played in just about every pack position in the recent cup tie with Wigan

that point!

Following the Wigan game, we were really looking forward to taking on Leigh Centurions. Not only to welcome back several of those missing players to our team but to also get the previous game out of our system and make someone pay for it.

Unfortunately, it didn't work out that way, but first and foremost you've got to give credit where it's due and Leigh proved to one and all why they're the best team in the competition at the moment.

I thought they were more aggressive, their line speed was far better and they also knocked the confidence out of a

number of our players, who cracked under the pressure and made mistakes that the Centurions worked extremely hard to exploit and capitalise upon.

To cut a long story short, they were very good and we were absolutely appalling and some of our guys didn't turn up for work last week which is scandalous.

When people pay good money to watch a game they want to see effort, but there was insufficient effort from a number of our players and that's simply not good enough!

Paul Cullen
Head Coach



Doncaster RLFC v

Match Sponsor: REDFERN
COSMETICS, MANCHESTER
Matchball: DONCASTER DOME

Swinton Lions



Sunday May 23, 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 Security.....	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
	Chris Spurr	25
	Gary King	26
	Matthew Carbutt	27
	Paul Hughes	28
	Liam Crawley	29
	Dean Colton	30
	Mick Butterfield	31
	Kyle Kesik	32

COACH: TONY MILLER

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLLLL
LAST SIX HOME: LLWWLL
TRIES: Gomersall, Griffiths (6), Ely (5)
GOALS: S Brown (26)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Lee Gomersall

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	Full back	
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No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Richie Hawkyard.....	Heatland M27
2	Darren Bamford.....	Brian Ellam Accountants
3	Sam Reay.....	Premier Building Services
4	Carl Sneyd.....	Dave Roberts
5	Dave Hull.....	Mike Tyldesley
6	Graham Holroyd.....	Muscle & Fitness
7	Ian Watson.....	In Memory of Jim and Doris Gettins
8	Paul Southern.....	Burrow and Humphreys
9	Phil Joseph.....	Sporting Image/Michael Bradshaw
10	Danny Heaton.....	O'Rourke Glass/Kevin O' Rourke
11	Tommy Grundy.....	Lethbridge & Co
12	Paul Smith.....	Phil Walker (in Memory of Peter Walker)
13	Arron Smith.....	Geoff Hewitt USA
14	Gary Hulse.....	Accrington Panthers RLFC
15	Lee Wingfield.....	Joseph Ryan
16	Dana Wilson.....	Carousel Entertainment
17	Andy Isherwood.....	Lethbridge & Co
18	Bruce Johnson.....	Premier Building Drainage Division
19	Neil Rigby.....	Chris & Viv Tyldesley
20	Chris Hull.....	Junior Lions
21	Chris Tyrer.....	Physio2
22	Alex McClurg.....	John Spellman
23	Rob Foxen.....	Billy Ryan
24	Gavin Dodd.....	Moorside Auto/John Hunt
25	Barry Hamilton.....	Red Sentinel Studio LLP
26	Dave Newton.....	Peter Kidd
27	Tony Stewart.....	Ray Bowdler
28	Ian Sinfield	
	Wayne Corcoran	
	Neil Cherryholme	
	Mick Govin	

COACH: PAUL SMITH

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLWWL
LAST SIX AWAY: LWLLWL
TRIES: Wilson, Foxen (6),
GOALS: Dodd (24) Holroyd (12)
DROP GOALS: Holroyd (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Dana Wilson

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J Leahy
Touch: M Beadle, G Hodgson
Reserve Referee: R Dolan

THE INSIDE TRACK

Dons could push Swinton all the way. Lions to edge it by 8

CLUBCALL

Doncaster v Swinton

Lawton is a loss but Dons recruit

Carl Hall, Chief Executive Officer

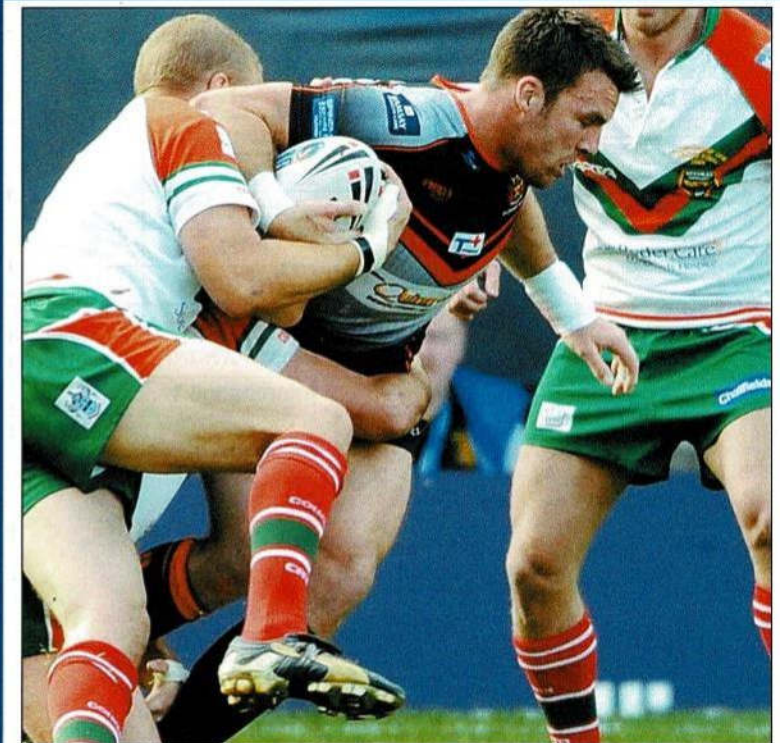
I would like to welcome John and Paul Kidd along with their Swinton team to the Keepmoat Stadium today for what I'm sure will be a very entertaining game - if it is anything like the last two games we have had against them this year.

Last week we had a tough game against Workington: we felt after the effort the boys put in we should at least have come away with a bonus point if not all three. The boys were very disappointed in the dressing room after the game. When they play for the full eighty minutes I can assure them that we will win a game very comfortably and kick on from there - so keep your heads up lads, keep working hard and it will come good. We are not too far away.

Last week we lost our captain, Craig Lawton, who has left the club as he has secured a good job working nights and didn't feel he could do the two.

Craig had a good chat with myself and Tony before deciding what to do and decided to put his job first, which we totally understand so we wish him all the best for his future. He has been a great servant to this club.

On the playing front we have added Michael Butterfield and Rob Lunt has now signed with us till the end of the year after being here for the month and wanting to stay. We are very grateful to Mark Sawyer and Warren Jowitt at Dewsbury for helping us out with a few players this last month so thank you to them.



Doncaster have lost the services of club captain Craig Lawton due to work

Butterfield's great debut

A warm welcome to Swinton players and coaches for today's crucial encounter.

This will be our third encounter this year having lost the previous two fixtures both away, one in the Northern Rail Cup and the other in the league.

The games were close and could have gone either way.

It is important for us to win today to keep us in

Tony Miller Coach

the race for the play-offs.

Last week against Workington I thought we were the better footballing side, and the players deserved something from the game after the effort they put in. Our best two players were Shaun Leaf and debutant Mick Butterfield, who both had outstanding

games on attack and defence.

The new players are settling in well and are getting a better understanding of our patterns of play and the players around them.

We have come a long way from the start of the season, the signs are good for Doncaster and we are looking for a strong second half to the season.

Enjoy the game and get behind the boys.

Gateshead Thunder v



Match sponsor: GMC TRANSPORT

Man of the match: THUNDERSTORM

Matchball: PETERS PIES

Workington Town

Sunday May 23, 2010. Kick off 7pm. GATESHEAD INTERNATIONAL STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Querido & Davidson Opticians.....	Kevin Neighbour	1
Lorne Campbell/MoreThan Mortgages.....	Robin Peers	2
Dean Taxis.....	Tom Wilson	3
The Schooner.....	Michael Brown	4
O'Briens (Team Valley).....	Joe Brown	5
Rob Gardener (Matthew Wells).....	Liam Duffy	6
The Schooner.....	Rod Attard	7
Brack Office Solutions.....	Jason Payne	8
The Wheatheaf.....	Ryan Clarke	9
Rob Gardener (James Wells).....	Tabua Cakacaka Foe	10
Neil & Christine Hutchinson.....	Johnny Scott	11
CLA Risk Solutions.....	Rhys Clarke	12
Accent Magazine/North East Times.....	Matt Barron	13
GMC Transport.....	Will Bate	14
Sampson Hall Ltd.....	Dan O'Sullivan	15
Monitor Coatings.....	Mark Dack	16
John Bloomfield IFA.....	Chris Parker	17
Peters Pies.....	Stephen Welton	18
La Gabbia Restaurant.....	Crawford Matthews	19
ERW Joinery.....	Phil Wall	20
Gateshead Fit for a City.....	James Hall	21
Gateshead College.....	Rob Harvey	22
Hilton Newcastle Gateshead.....	Karl Brandt	23
IT Guide.....	Mark Walker	24
Back Group.....	Gareth Barron	25
St Wilfrid's School.....	David Cash	26
Go Beyond Training/Peterlee Pumas.....	Luke Watson	27
NHS.....	Jason Elliott	28
North-East Rugby League.....	Jimmy Atkinson	29
Jordan Engineering.....	Richie Humphries	30
Caledonian Hotel 0191 2817881.....	Matt Garside	31
Newcastle Gateshead Initiative.....	Ade Aderiye	32
NESLC.....	Josh Stoker	33

COACH: CHRIS HOOD

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLLLL

LAST SIX HOME: LLLWLL

TRIES: Wilson (6), Atkinson (4)

GOALS: Neighbour (10)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Tom Wilson

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

COACH: GARY CHARLTON & MARTIN OGLANBY

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLWW

LAST SIX AWAY: LLLLLW

TRIES: Low, Kaighan (7), Marshall (6), Backhouse (5)

GOALS: Kaighan (44)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Aaron Low

THE INSIDE TRACK

Sadly Thunder there for the taking at present. Town to be latest executioner. Town by 40



CLUBCALL

Gateshead v Workington

Determined not to end the dream

I was asked to write a monthly feature on managing a professional sports club for North East Times and it made me reflect on how we had got to where we are.

When Chris Hood, Keith Christie and I formed Thunder Rugby Limited last October it was not because we had a burning desire to part-own a rugby league club. Rather it was because we were determined not to

allow the former owners' withdrawal of support to end the dream. We were fantastically supported by Sam Shaw-Kew and Claire White, the other two of the five staff who took the gamble and drew up a business plan.

And it is a dream of many for there to be a successful rugby league club in the North East. We quickly discovered how deep that support ran: an increase in both

season tickets and the number of sponsors. That investment ensures a robust legacy. A number of our Under 18 Squad are now training with the 1st Team. We have formed an Under 16s Squad and we have forged much stronger links with our community clubs.

And we recognise that this is a club for the North East community which is why we have offered the supporters club and com-

munity clubs shares in the club. Without our fans and the community clubs producing players we would be nothing. We are where we are.

However, it is our job as fans, directors, staff, volunteers and players to keep together at this stage to enjoy better days in future. Thank you all for your support."

Rod Findlay
Chairman

Drubbing was low point but it has been worse!

Last weekend's defeat at Blackpool was a major low point in our club's history, but I wouldn't say the lowest.

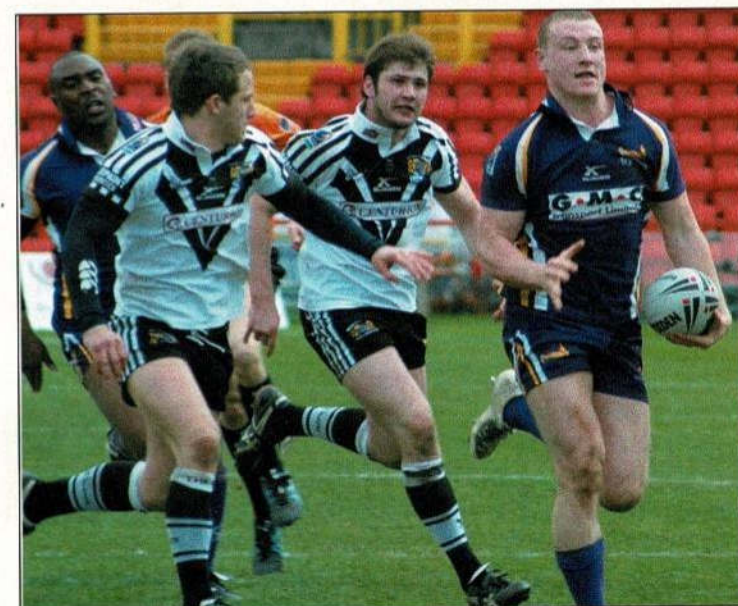
There have been times when previous administrations actually started actions to wind up the club that meant so much to us all - this was when I've seen Gateshead Thunder at its lowest.

It used to hurt and worry me that there would be no Thunder at all, but even then I knew that there could be no long-term future for Gateshead Thunder without a change in leadership and personnel. The fact that a small band of staff and fans had the desire to keep working to ensure that there was a club that served its loyal fans, and an outlet for future players to play was the main driving force behind my, and I'm sure others', desire to keep Thunder alive.

I am incredibly proud to be associated with this group of players.

What they have gone through, whether it be the existing players' disappointment at losing the previous club they had grown up with and having their opportunities taken away by so few, or the new players who have jumped into a lifestyle that they have never experienced and not known what to expect.

Whatever their background, personal circumstance or playing history, they have all fully committed to travel



Chris Hood
Director of Rugby

Ball carrier Tom Wilson in action against Doncaster this season. Wilson remains Thunder's top scorer

down a road that so few can take or would wish to travel down. I am lucky to put my name alongside these players and to be part of a life-changing experience.

I know that I could not do what

they have done. I know that they could not do what I have done.

We both know that there is a fine line between dedication and devotion, and I am proud to be able to stand alongside these players for you.



Oldham RLFC v Hunslet Hawks



Sunday May 23, 2010. Kick off 3pm. Whitebank Stadium

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Mack Video Services.....	Paul O'Connor	1
Rob the Gardener.....	Lucas Onyango	2
Jack Fogerty & Family.....	Mick Fogerty	4
Nigel Marland.....	John Gillam	5
Xpress Solutions.....	Neil Roden	6
Peter & Maureen Woodhead.....	Matty Ashe	7
Clayton Green Brewers Fayre.....	Jason Boults	8
Cagney & Lacey.....	Martin Roden	9
Ikreative.....	Dave Ellison	10
John & Lynda McAndrew.....	Kashley Watkins	12
Mick Harrop.....	Joe Chandler	13
Sue & Spanish Rougheds.....	Craig Robinson	15
Mark Bates & Sons.....	Wayne Kerr	16
AMP Wire.....	Danny Whitmore	17
Paul Whalley & Kyle Cook.....	Chris Clarke	18
Willscaff.....	Ben Heaton	19
John Barrett.....	Mark Brocklehurst	20
Whittles Pub.....	Valu Bentley	21
Pizza Hut, Oldham.....	Paul Reilly	22
Sharpflex.....	Ben Mellor	23
Levers Fish & Chip Restaurant.....	Marcus St Hilaire	24
Oldham RLFC Players Association.....	Scott Mansfield	25
Oldham RLFC Players Association.....	Ian Hodson	26
Howarth Flooring Contractors.....	Jamie I'Anson	27
Oldham RLFC Players Association.....	Luke Sutton	28
AMP Wire.....	Goal Kicker Gregg McNally	

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COACH: TONY BENSON

Sponsor: G&G Carpets and Bed Centre

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWLW

LAST SIX HOME: LWWWLW

TRIES: Onyango (12), Fogerty (11), O'Connor (10),

GOALS: Ashe (55)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Lucas Onyango

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Sharrard

Touch: J Lowery, L Todd

Reserve Referee: S Kilpatrick

THE INSIDE TRACK

Oldham sit at top but not for long. Hawks to swoop and win by 10

No.	PLAYER
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.....Kenney 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, Joey Walkin, Russ Dale, Gareth Hynes, Nigel Scott, Michael Kelly

COACH: PAUL MARCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWLW

LAST SIX AWAY: WWWWLW

TRIES: McHugh (14) Mark (12), P March, Clayton (8)

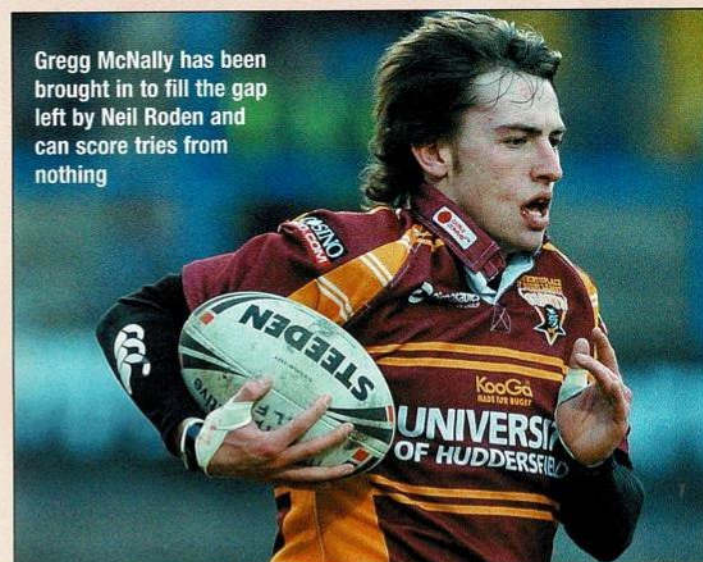
GOALS: Knight (31) McHugh (31)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Paul March

CLUBCALL

Gregg McNally has been brought in to fill the gap left by Neil Roden and can score tries from nothing



Gregg arrives from Giants

GOOD afternoon and welcome again to another home fixture here at the Whitebank Stadium - sounds good that doesn't it?

Having won last week against a committed Skolars side we face a big test today against a Hunslet Hawks team who have set their stall out for promotion this season.

They have one of the biggest squads in the league and their results so far have proven that they will be a tough team to defeat this year.

Of course we have already played them three times - in the Northern Rail Cup and the Carnegie Challenge Cup, both of which resulted in wins for the home side.

We did, however, win at the South Leeds Stadium in a league fixture and doubtless both teams will need no motivation this afternoon!

It is strange how each year we always seem to end up playing one team more than any other.

In previous years it has been Swinton and Rochdale due to cup draws etc but this time around it has been the Hawks and there is one thing for sure it will be a game where no quarter is given or asked for.

Work continues at the ground on a

**Chris Hamilton
Chief Executive**

daily basis and at least after today we have a couple of weeks before we play at home again which will give us further opportunity to continue the excellent progress already made on the ground and its facilities.

Today is also likely to see the Oldham debut of Gregg McNally who has this week joined us on loan from Huddersfield Giants whilst Neil Roden recovers from his broken toe.

With all due respect to the players who have deputised, often playing out of position, Neil has been a big miss and it is only sometimes when a player is not in the team that you realise just what an influence he is.

With Gregg, however, we know we have somebody who can help take the team around the pitch and who has the ability to score tries out of nothing.

Having burst on to the rugby league scene not long ago at Whitehaven he was snapped up by the Giants and we feel sure that we can be good for each other.

Oldham v Hunslet

Bursting with pride at 'Bank'

**Tony Benson
Head Coach**

It feels great to run out at home on our own turf in front of so many loyal Oldham supporters who are just as excited to be settled in to watch their team on their ground.

I'm sure we all agree it's so different, it really is ours. Sure it's no Wembley but we're all bursting with pride.

There are so many people to acknowledge and thank for getting us into our new home.

The way our fans the local residents, Roughyeds staff and directors, and our wonderful local businesses have rolled up their sleeves and thanklessly given their valuable time and money to turn our dream into a reality is absolutely unique. It's this collective effort that makes it a privilege for our boys to play in the stadium this group have built for us. Playing at the home we all built on selfless generosity means so much more.

Although we have achieved eight wins from nine games the team has worked extremely hard through a number of highs and lows since our Cooperative Championship 1 season started so well, with wins against Swinton and then today's opponent's Hunslet way back in March. We then lost a bit of momentum during a lay-off and slowly regained our feet only to struggle after the sudden loss of the experienced Marcus St Hilaire and Neil Roden's guidance.

As expected Danny Whitmore accepted the challenge of moving to 7 and the boys have worked hard. Although our halves were not perfect last weekend against Skolars a massive improvement was clearly evident.

That's all I can ask for from a very young side.

After replacing a very experienced half with a very young hooker I'm very happy with progress which can only enhance the development not just of Danny and Matt but of us as a team.

Today Hunslet as always bring a great challenge for our new-look side and we welcome them, their directors and loyal fans to our new home.

They arrive with red hot form but we are a confident bunch and know that at Whitebank we have the unique advantage of our pitch and of course our fantastic fans inches from the pitch loud and proud offering plenty of advice.

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Hornets RL v York City Knights



Sunday May 23, 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 Hatton	30
	Adam Wayne	31
John & Julie Clarke	Wayne English	32
	Damien Reid	
	Liam McGovern	

COACH: JOHN STANKEVITCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWLWW
LAST SIX HOME: WLWLWW
TRIES: Johnson (8), Gorton (7), Samuel (6)
GOALS: Crook (14), Roper, Hough (10)
DROP GOALS: -
MAN TO WATCH: Dean Gorton

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Leatherbarrow
Touch: N Aspey, J Callaghan
Reserve Referee: S Mikalauskas

THE INSIDE TRACK

Hornets look to push on into top four. York wobbly after last week. Hornets by 6

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Danny Ratcliffe	The Raylor Centre
2	Wayne Reittie	Smith Wilson
3	Mike Mitchell	Marica Watson
4	Lee Waterman	Ken Walker & Co Accounting
5	Tom Lineham	KFD Consultancy Services
6	Chris Thorman	R U Sure Referee R U Sure
7	Jonathan Schofield	Brian Watson
8	Mark Applegarth	Millers Famous Fish & Chips
9	Joe McLocklan	The Insurance Partnership
10	Alex Benson	Cueball Snooker Club
11	Jordan Ross	ASL Specialist Garage Equipment
12	Chris Clough	Michaela Harper & Daniel Peace
13	Richard Blakeway	Chris Hearld
14	Ian Bell	
15	Luke Hardbottle	North Yorkshire Motors
16	Carl Barrow	
17	Nathan Freer	Monk Bar Model Shop
18	Matthew Duckworth	
19	Kris Peacock	
20	Chris Williams	Clare & Steve Harbron
21	Aidie Hampshire	
22	Tom Stancliffe	
23	Luke Helliwell	
24	Dan Walton	
25	Brett Waller	Hull Resin Floors
	Casey Bromilow	Balls'n All
	Jon Fallon	Pam & Martin Calvert
	Joe Dey	John Barron Plastering
	Dan Wilson	Novotel York Centre
	Eddie Smith	Simon Gill
	Paul Stamp	Stabler International
	Jymel Coleman	Boss Hogg Roast
	Chris Clarke, Steve Lewis, Mark Falkingham, Danny Hill (Spon: York RL Refs), Danny Bell	

COACH: JAMES RATCLIFFE

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWLWL
LAST SIX AWAY: WWLLLW
TRIES: Waterman (14) Ratcliffe (9) Schofield (7)
GOALS: Waterman (65)
DROP GOALS: -
MAN TO WATCH: Lee Waterman

We're with the Hornets!

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CLUBCALL

Hornets RL v York

Let's have Plan A

Our fixture away at York over a month ago resulted in a bonus point loss.

We started the game extremely poorly and were down 20 - 4 at half-time. The second half saw us gain some momentum by simply completing our sets, but to lose 36 - 34 was disappointing albeit that we played at 50% of our potential.

York were particularly vocal after the game and had similar concerns about their own performance, so it's fair to say that both teams will be looking for a marked improvement on the last meeting.

York have had mixed results of late, and can't seem to get that consistency. We have suffered with the same problem for most of the season so far, but our own more recent form has been pretty good and we have taken 10 points from a potential 12 in our last 4 games.

Performances have been getting better week by week and the victory away at Swinton two weeks ago was certainly very pleasing seeing as we produced a different style of rugby that we haven't regularly played this season. It's worthwhile in this competition having a plan A, plan B and even a plan C, as you come up against so many different styles of opposition play, and it's good that we have a team that can adapt.

Today's game comes at a good time for us after having last weekend free. It gave the players a great opportunity to freshen up both mentally and physically and I rewarded them all with a training free week. It's important during a

long, hard season that players get downtime and one thing to remember is that each and every one of my players has a full time job which is how they pay the bills at home and look after their families.

I try to create a stress-free environment at Hornets and give the players the opportunity to express themselves. If you are enjoying your rugby, then you tend to get the best out of yourself on the field of play.

On a different topic, I thought I'd take this opportunity to show my support to Chris Hood, Head Coach at Gateshead Thunder after last weekend's result against Blackpool Panthers. It can be very tough for a coach when your players simply don't perform, but then I'm sure each and every one of the Gateshead players worked themselves into the ground. There are certainly factors that affected the overall result, none more so than recruitment.

Like ourselves, Gateshead cannot justify paying contract money to players due in the main, to their crowds.

Across the board in this division, every team is pulling in around the same amount of spectators which makes it very frustrating to see that some of the clubs within our division are able to pay substantial contract money to players. It's not for me to go into the details of the hows and whos, but I will say that it just simply isn't a level playing field. Results such as the Blackpool v Gateshead fixture are certainly not good for the competition which is such a shame because we



Hornets' fullback Craig Johnson is topping the try scoring charts

have a fantastic product. I feel very strongly that the whole situation needs looking at.

Welcome to the York City Knights, the staff, players, directors and supporters, and enjoy the game.

John Stankevich
Head Coach

Lads now playing as a unit

Welcome for the second time this season to York City Knights team, supporters and directors.

The first visit of the season was for the Northern Rail Cup back in the snowy weather of February on that occasion we lost by 36 points to 12, we were a team that had been very quickly put together by our new coach Stanky and on the day fairly beaten.

How things have changed!

The lads are now playing as a unit, as a team and with greater confidence.

We narrowly lost to York only a few weeks ago (36-34) at York and now is

the time to prove how far we have really come.

A win will consolidate our 4th place in the league and leave us closer to at least 2 of the 3 front runners, as Oldham and Hunslet play each other and Blackpool have a weekend off. It is fantastic for everyone at the club to be in this position.

What is more fantastic is that recently we had not only a first team fixture but also a reserve fixture with both teams running off convincing winners.

It is hoped that we will be running more reserve fixtures this season and

are looking at running a team next season, we can also announce that we will be running a Service Area team next season as well as continuing to run the U18, who were the very successful U17 team of this season, who will play in partnership with Mayfield.

Not bad for a club who in September had no coach or players!

Mike Banks
Chief Executive



London Skolars v South Wales Scorpions



Sunday May 23, 2010. Kick off 2pm. NEW RIVER STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
	Joshua Welsh	1
	Dave Arnot	2
	Matt Thomas	3
Code XIII Sports Media.....	Jason Cook	4
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	Jermaine Coleman	6
	Paul Thorman	7
Lanes Coaches.....	Liam Roach	8
	Gareth Honor	9
	Tony Williams	10
	Oliver Purslow	11
	Matthew Carter	12
	Stephen Ball	13
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	James Simon	18
	Liam Prescott	19
Woodlands PH.....	David Williams	20
	Jamie O'Callaghan	21
Canavan Builders.....	Curtis Cunningham	22
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Stag Sports.....	Lamont Bryan	24
Optimal Life Fitness.....	Smokie Junior	25
Woodlands PH.....	Ben Jones	28
Ann & Steven Morgan.....	Ade Adebisi	

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	Full back	
	Right Wing	
	Right Centre	
	Left Centre	
	Left Wing	
	Stand off	
	Scrum half	
	Prop	
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	Prop	
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	Loose forward	
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SCORERS

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COACH: JAMES MASSARA

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL

LAST SIX HOME: LLLLLL

TRIES: Adebisi (6) Thomas (4)

GOALS: Thorman (20)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Ade Adebisi

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M Kidd

Touch: J Darbyshire, S Matthews

Reserve Referee: B Leze

THE INSIDE TRACK

Skolars scoring points but Scorpions have power to really sting them. Scorpions by 30

COACH: ANTHONY SEIBOLD

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLLLW

LAST SIX AWAY: -WLLW

TRIES: Parry (7), Roets (5), Richards (4) Dudson (3)

GOALS: White (24)

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Steve Parry

CLUBCALL

Skolars v South Wales

That's a year without a win!

A warm welcome to the fans, players and officials from South Wales Scorpions on their first ever trip to New River.

There can't be many sports where this is a local derby, but it's good to have another hub for the game in the south of the British Isles.

Both sides today will be showing their commitment to local talent, something I know both clubs regard as being fundamental to their strategies.

Sadly we recorded a very unwanted anniversary last week.

Our defeat at Oldham means we have now gone one year without a win. That came away so I know many of you have been waiting even longer to see a win for us here at New River.

Although I am writing these notes midweek, I am sure Thursday's board meeting will not be a happy one.

We know we need to turn this run

around. As James says in his notes, we are taking action to build the squad.

It was a much improved performance last week against a strong Oldham side and with a couple more signings in the pipeline, I'm confident that we give you all something to celebrate soon.

Enjoy the game

Terry Browne
Chairman

Signings will bring competition back

Nothing good is ever easy.

Good afternoon and welcome to Anthony Seibold and his team from South Wales.

Last weekend's game away against Oldham was a big test for our team and one which I feel that we can take many positives from. Going to a table topping team just after their first defeat of the season is always a challenge and I feel that for large parts of the game we were very competitive. It is important that we continue to focus on the little details within our game. I know this is one of the old clichés in sport but it is very apt for us at the moment.

As a London-born coach it is an exciting prospect to coach a team so full of young Southern rugby league talent. Fourteen of the players who took to the field against Oldham were brought through development pathways in the south. Eleven of the match day squad were under 22 years old. This bodes well for the future of the club.

We are starting to get people back fit and have been bolstered by some of our recent signings.

Centre John Paxton and prop Michael Sykes join us from the champion Leeds Met university side while former Wigan Warriors reserves and England students hooker Sam Gee joins us until the end of the season. With a few more signings in the pipeline and with the continuing support from the Quins and the dual registered players we will be back to having genuine competition throughout the squad.

Today's game will be another great challenge for us. The Scorpions proved to be one of our toughest games so far this season which is a great credit to all involved down there having had to start from scratch this season.

'Nothing good is ever easy' is a saying that keeps cropping up around the squad. This group of players works very hard and the squad has massive belief that if we continue to work hard for each other and learn from our mistakes then the wins will come.

James Massara
Head Coach



Ade Adebisi, seen in Whitehaven colours, has added bite to the Skolars' attack and tops their try scorers



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Samuel's speed feat contested by Oldham flyer

SPEED merchant Chris Campbell was quickly out of his blocks this week to scotch claims that Danny Samuel of Rochdale Hornets had scored the fastest-ever rugby league try.

Samuel scored against Swinton Lions in a Championship 1 game at Sedgley Park two weeks ago in 7.9 seconds.

Hornets are awaiting confirmation that the Samuel try can be submitted to the Guinness Book of Records, but the Rugby Football League have since been alerted to claims that the record belongs to former Oldham winger Campbell — and has done for the past seven years.

"I scored in seven seconds flat playing for Oldham against Doncaster at the old Belle Vue ground on May 18, 2003," said 29-year-old Campbell, now head coach and player for Warrington Wizards in the National Conference.

"As soon as I heard Hornets were claiming the record for Danny Samuel I rang the Oldham club to look back in their records and to contact the RFL.

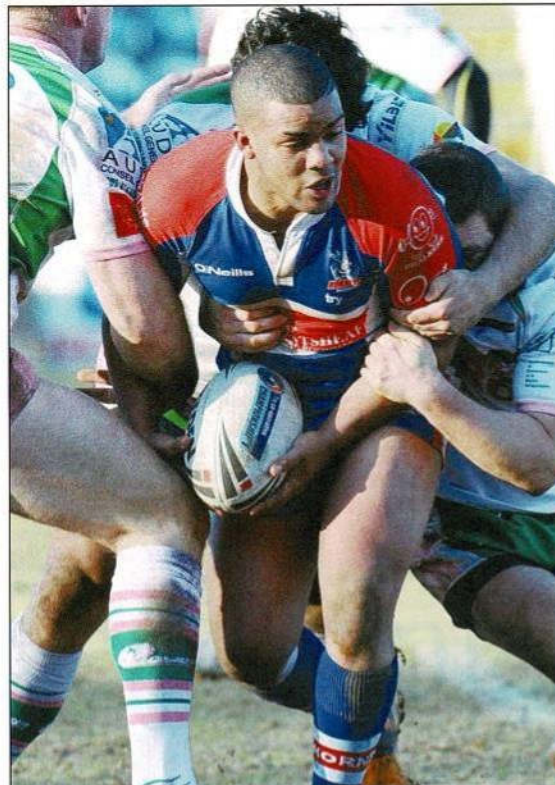
"I remember it as though it were yesterday. I chased Gareth Barber's kick-off as hard as I could. My opposite winger fumbled the ball and I dived on it. Try!

"It was timed at seven seconds. It later appeared in a couple of rugby league publications but it was never submitted to the Guinness Book of Records. At the time I don't think we made as much of it as we perhaps should have done.

"After all, it's not just my record. It's one for the Oldham club as well. It's one we share surely."

Campbell, who later went on to play for Rochdale, added: "I just want to put the record straight, that's all."

His seven-second stunner was widely reported at the time. Oldham officials asked the Doncaster video operator at half-time



Hornets' Danny Samuel — hopes of record claim in doubt after Oldham speedster comes forward

to re-run the try and it was timed at seven seconds flat from kick-off to touchdown.

Said Oldham chairman Chris Hamilton: "It was even more remarkable because we kicked off and didn't have possession. Their player dropped the ball and Chris was alert enough to follow up and touch down."

Haven turn to Motu Tony for boost



WHITEHAVEN have swooped for ex-Hull Super League star Motu Tony as they battle the drop in the Co-operative Championship. Boss Ged

Stokes admits the club are pulling out the stops after signing the ex-New Zealand international.

Tony, who turns 29 later this month, has penned a deal until the end of the season and debuted at Batley last week.

The Kiwi — a Challenge Cup winner in 2005 — returns to league having played the winter with Hull rugby union club.



HALIFAX football manager Martin Hall has resigned after the club's Challenge Cup cock-up.

Fax were thrown out of the competition after they were found to have fielded an ineligible player, Michael Ostick, in the fourth round win over Swinton.

Coach Matt Calland was initially suspended, but he was reinstated following an investigation and after football director Hall fell on his sword. Halifax said the mistake was down to "a breakdown in procedures", due to Hall's absence from the club. He is on leave in Spain.



SHEFFIELD Eagles could lose two players with almost identical knee injuries for the rest of the season. Fears are mounting for forward Alex

Szostak and winger Ashley Thackeray.

The second rower went off early in the win over Toulouse. He is thought to have damaged ligaments and could be out for up to two months.

Thackeray suffered a similar injury in the game against Batley Bulldogs 72 hours earlier and is to see a specialist.

The Eagles have already lost club captain and prop Jack Howieson and fullback Jonny Woodcock for the year.



BLACKPOOL'S bid for the Championship 1 title has been given yet another boost by Wigan. The

Warriors have allowed under 20s loose forward or stand off Stuart Howarth to join the Panthers on a dual registration. Howarth becomes the fifth player to have been loaned following Chris Tuson, prop Neil Holland and centres Jonny Walker and Josh Charnley.



OLDHAM have pulled off a transfer coup with the signing on a month's loan of 19-year-old Huddersfield Giants half-back star Gregg McNally. He went straight

into Tony Benson's squad for the top-of-the-table clash with Hunslet Hawks at Whitebank Stadium.

"Gregg is an exciting young player," said Tony Benson, "and I am delighted that he is joining us to give us something extra in the halves."

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IN PROFILE

Matt Thomas, London Skolars

We usually just devote a page to our player profiles ... but the Skolars' top try scorer just kept talking and talking ... so we thought we'd give him a bit more space

PERSONAL

DATE OF BIRTH: 08.01.80
POSITION: Centre/Second row
HEIGHT: 6ft
WEIGHT: 92kg/14st 7lb
MARITAL STATUS: Single
HOME TOWN: Torquay
OCCUPATION: Personal trainer

BACKGROUND

AMATEUR CLUBS: Oxford Cavaliers, Hemel Stags, St Albans Centurions
PREVIOUS CLUBS: London Broncos, Sheffield Eagles (loan)
SIGNED PRO: 2002

TEAM SUPPORTED AS A KID: Leeds Rhinos, although I only got introduced to the game at 19. I come from Devon, which is Union territory, and was looking for their desk during freshers week at Luton Uni. They talked about playing at a decent standard but were more bothered about having a beer afterwards.

Then I saw the League desk and Caro Wild was there. They had a video, a jersey, something explaining the rules, and were willing to pick you up from halls for training so it was a really professional set-up and I haven't played a game of Union since!

I got playing in some local amateur teams and Caro's been my rugby mentor.

FAVOURITES

SOCCER TEAM: Torquay United

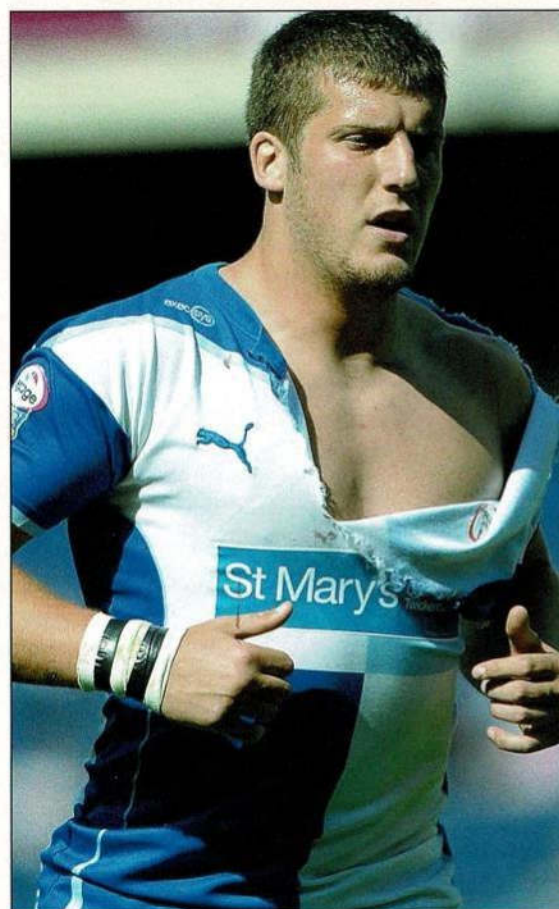
OTHER SPORT: Basketball - I watch it on ESPN

HOBBIES: Swimming - do some myself and one of my clients, a 16-year-old called Adam Ingledew, has made the Olympic qualifying time and is hoping to compete at 2012.

FOOD: Nando's - especially the half chicken and spicy rice with a side salad.

DRINK: Innocent smoothies

MUSIC: Country - I had a date recently, went back to



Tony Clubb - top opponent

hers and she put some country on. At first I thought 'what's going on here?' But then I realised it's alright so I've added a new string to my bow!

FILM: Any Given Sunday. And also an early River Phoenix one called Explorers from the 80's.

TV PROGRAMME: Flash Forward

PLAYING

PRE-MATCH SUPERSTITIONS: I use an orange foam roller to release tension in your muscles before games. It



Torquay born and bred Matt Thomas in action for the Skolars

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makes you feel lighter, less fatigued, and quicker off the mark. I've got four or five of the lads using it now too.

BEST TEAMMATE: I played with Jack Howieson at Sheffield Eagles and Hemel. He's got great go-forward and is a real consistent hard worker.

BEST OPPONENT: I've played against Tony Clubb in the London Challenge and in training with Quins for the past few months. I'm doing everything I can to stay in the Wales squad at the end of the year and it's good to see how the pros do it.

BEST COACH: Callum Irving was Skolars' assistant coach to Tony Benson in 2008 and 2009, and after Tony left he really got the best out of me. I sat down with him and we set some goals and targets for me.

I said I wanted to be playing Super League in two years and playing international level. He helped get me involved with the first Wales training session last October and I went on to play in the European Cup.

COACH I'D MOST LIKE TO PLAY FOR: Wayne Bennett.

PLAYING STRENGTHS: My fitness - we have fitness sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays and I love em!

WEAKNESSES: Communication - sometimes I'm too fatigued and forget to talk.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Winning the European Cup with Wales at the end of last season. Also going on the GB emerging students' tour to America in 2003/2004.

LOWLIGHTS: When I was at Sheffield my left foot got twisted round 180 degrees. Then I got a bone infection and a blood clot and it kept me out for 20 months. They were about to chop off my leg and I could have had a heart attack! But it wasn't so much the pain or the injury but not being to play. I'd lost my social structure because playing rugby league was my life.

ULTIMATE WISH: To play in Super League. I'm still trying to get myself known and get myself out there. It's about being in the right place at the right time and doing a certain job for a certain team. I was talking to someone at Salford at the beginning of this season and I've spoken to Brian McDermott at Quins.

I know what I need to do so we'll see next year, I'm just going to throw my cards on the table and try to get a Super League or Championship club. They're developing the right way at Skolars, not throwing money at it. But I'd rather play out my career at the biggest intensity possible.

PLANS AFTER PLAYING: I'm a franchisee of a new whole-food nutritional company called Juice Plus+ and we're hoping to branch out into the US, Spain and France, so I've been learning Spanish and French.

I also want to start doing triathlons. If you stop pushing yourself when you stop playing then you get complacent. I'd need something to keep me fit and keep going.

Too close to call as top sides face-off

Just about half way through the season and would you put money on the way the Championship table will look in August? Every coach tends to say 'we can beat any team on our day' and it's difficult to disagree after recent results.

Off the field Halifax have had their problems – thrown out of the Challenge Cup and seeing the exit of football manager Martin Hall.

On the field the team responded with an eight-try defeat of Barrow to halt the Raiders' good run and put a dent in their hopes of moving into the top three.

Fax coach Matt Calland was clearly relieved and said the team "showed great character" adding it was "a good way to



end a lousy week". The team shared out the good feeling with eight players crossing the whitewash and Lee Paterson kicking seven goals. The 46-24 win moved Halifax up to third place.

Leigh Centurions had been able to stand by and watch after taking over at the top of the table with a 30-16 defeat of Widnes Vikings in the Thursday night game.

There was a brace of tries each for Dave McConnell and Mick Nanyin for Leigh. It was a pressure game Leigh and there was no let up as they faced Featherstone Rovers – who lost top spot when they lost the Toulouse – on Tuesday night, as Game On was being printed.

Sheffield Eagles have shown how fortunes can change with three wins in two weeks. A hard-earned 38-24 defeat of Toulouse Olympique lifted the Eagles into the play-off places for the first time this season.

Toulouse showed the determination that gained wins at Widnes and Featherstone but lost out on a vital bonus point when hooker Craig Cook scored two late tries to compete his hat-trick. It was the Eagles' second game in 72 hours after a 22-12 win over Batley Bulldogs in a game that was rearranged after the Halifax-Batley Cup tie that never was.

COMING UP...

LEIGH Centurions have two games in six days as they try to hold on to top spot in the Championship.

Featherstone Rovers were the visitors to the Sports Village on Tuesday night before Ian Millward took his squad to Whitehaven on Sunday. There's not much rest for Featherstone Rovers either as they hope to avenge their recent home defeat by Toulouse Olympique with a trip to the South of France on Saturday night.

Batley Bulldogs also have a busy few days with the Challenge Cup fifth round at Swinton Lions on Wednesday night. Then the Bulldogs face a trip to Widnes who will be going all out to bounce back to winning form on Sunday.

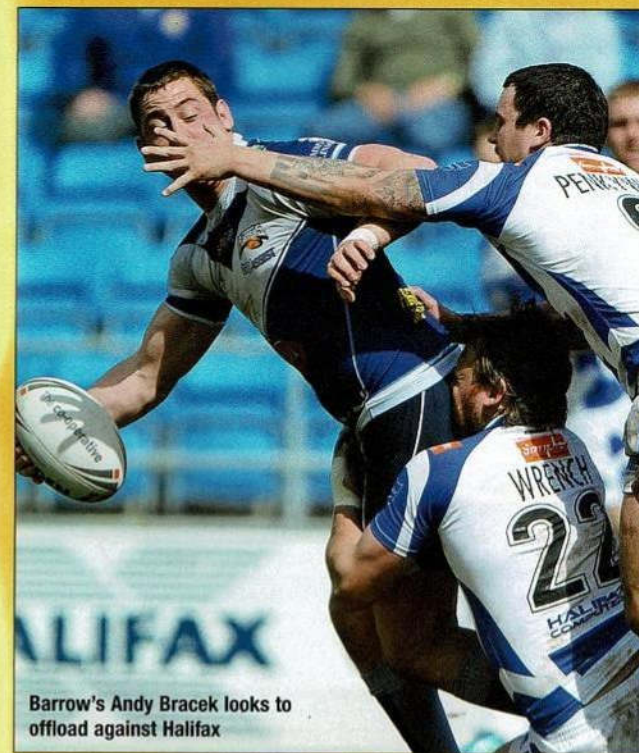
Sheffield Eagles have another swift turnaround as they travel to Dewsbury Rams for the Thursday night Sky Sports game. Sheffield hope to make it four straight wins – the Rams are still searching for their first in the Championship. Keighley Cougars – who have almost wiped out their points deduction – are at home to Halifax.

In Championship 1 it's first against third as Hunslet Hawks travel to Oldham with top spot the prize for the winner. Hornets face a pressure game against York City Knights who are level with them on 17 points and disputing fourth place. After their Challenge Cup game Swinton Lions travel to Doncaster and South Wales Scorpions go to London Skolars.

Gateshead Thunder will hope to consign the Blackpool defeat to history when they entertain Workington Town.



The Eagles' Dane McDonald makes the hard yards



Barrow's Andy Bracek looks to offload against Halifax

Eagles coach Mark Aston said: "Credit to the lads it was a struggle against a tough Toulouse team. It's been a tough three games, now we've got to keep it going."

Meanwhile Batley put the mid-week defeat at Sheffield and the events surrounding the delayed Challenge Cup tie behind them as they hit Whitehaven 54-6.

Fullback Johnny Campbell plundered four tries and centre Danny Maun ran him close with a hat-trick for the Bulldogs.

For Whitehaven – who finished fifth last season – the current campaign is turning into a nightmare. Coach Ged Stokes is busy trying to bring in players to give the squad a boost.



IN CHAMPIONSHIP 1 Blackpool Panthers re-wrote the record books with a monster 132-0 hammering of bottom club Gateshead Thunder.

It was one that will keep the armchair 'statists' busy for days. Blackpool's previous best of 74 points was almost eclipsed in the first half as the Panthers scored 60 points. Fourteen Blackpool players shared the 22 tries – missing out were Carl Forber, Andy Hobson and Kris Ratcliffe. Tom

Hemingway was kept busy kicking a perfect 22/22 to share a goals record with Hall of Fame legend Jim Sullivan set in 1925!

Gateshead coach Chris Hood faced a battle to get a 17 out with injuries and suspensions and admitted this was "probably the toughest period in the club's history".

The win, as you might expect, boosted the Panthers points difference and edged them above Hunslet Hawks into second spot.

Leaders Oldham gained their first win at their new Whitebank Stadium at the expense of London Skolars.

Winger Lucas Onyango gave Oldham an early lead with the first of his two tries in a 46-12 win. Skolars are still looking for their first win.

For nine of the Hunslet Hawks line-up it was a happy return to their old club as they beat York City Knights 46-10.

Hunslet's player-coach Paul March and his brother David scored three of the Hawk's tries.

Doncaster put up a battling second-half display at Workington Town but were edged out of even a bonus point in a 34-20 defeat.

A late try from Neil

Frazer sealed the win for Town who move into the play-off places.

RESULTS

Batley (30) 54
T: J Campbell 4, D Maun 3, P Handforth 1, B Smith 1, C Buttery 1. G: G Moore 7.
Whitehaven (6) 6
T: G Mattinson 1. G: C Rudd 1. Att: 666

Halifax (20) 46
T: S Royston 1, P White 1, R Worricory 1, L Branighan 1, S Bannister 1, S Gene 1, J Goddard 1, B Beswick 1. G: L Paterson 7.
Barrow (12) 24
T: A Ballard 1, N Catic 1, R Fletcher 1, C Young 1.
G: J Rooney 4. Att: 2,175

Sheffield (16) 38
T: R Barnett 1, T Ropati 1, A Groom 1, C Cook 3, A Rowe 1. G: B Lindsay 1, M Stringer 4.
Toulouse (12) 24
T: R Bromley 1, V Dupont 1, S Houles 1, M Griffi 1. G: N Wynn 4.
Att: 979

Leigh (24) 30
T: M Nanyin 2, D McConnell 2, J Emmitt 1. G: M Nanyin 5.
Widnes (4) 16
T: P Flynn 1, S Ainscough 1, K Netherton 1. G: S Grady 2. Att: 3,392

Sheffield (0) 22
T: D Mills 1, A Thackeray 1, A Rowe 2. G: T Ropati 2, B Lindsay 1.
Batley (12) 12
T: G Moore 1, D Toolill 1. G: G Moore 2. Att: 1,170

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	B	PTS
Leigh	9	8	1	0	304	114	190	0	26
Featherstone	9	8	0	1	343	110	233	1	25
Halifax	9	7	0	2	274	230	44	0	21
Barrow	9	6	1	2	297	158	139	0	20
Widnes	9	5	0	4	322	223	99	3	18
Sheffield	10	4	1	5	258	288	-30	1	15
Toulouse	10	5	0	5	220	328	-108	0	15
Batley	10	3	0	7	194	252	-58	4	13
Whitehaven	10	2	0	8	162	365	-203	2	8
Dewsbury	9	0	0	9	140	272	-132	5	5
Keighley	10	2	1	7	182	356	-174	2	1

* Keighley deducted 9pts for going into administration

Oldham (24) 46
T: P O'Connor 1, L Onyango 2, J Gillam 1, D Whitmore 1, M Roden 1, C Robinson 1, B Heaton 1. G: M Ashe 7.
London Skolars (4) 12
T: A Adebisi 1, D Williams 2. Att: 737

York (10) 10
T: L Waterman 1, P Stamp 1. G: L Waterman 1.
Hunslet (22) 46
T: W McHugh 1, D Clayton 1, W Pryce 1, D Grimshaw 1, P March 1, T Haughey 1, D March 2. G: W McHugh 6, D March 1. Att: 1,002

Blackpool (60) 132
T: P Ballard 2, D Munro 2, M Ainscough 2, J Leather 1, J Charnley 2, T Hemingway 1, P Anderson 1, M Keavney 2, M McCully 1, D Halliwell 1, K Haggerty 2, J Clough 2, A Thomas 1, C Maybury 2. G: T Hemingway 22.
Gateshead (0) 0
Att: 253

Workington (16) 34
T: N Frazer 1, L Finch 1, L Dutton 1, M Whitehead 1, J Stack 1, J McKenna 1. G: S Kaighan 1, D Holt 4.
Doncaster (0) 20
T: M Butterfield 1, S Leaf 2, C Spurr 1. G: S Brown 2. Att: 410

BLACKPOOL'S
TOM HEMINGWAY:
22 GOALS FROM
22 ATTEMPTS



	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	B	PTS
Oldham	9	8	0	1	311	164	147	1	25
Blackpool	8	8	0	0	399	100	299	0	24
Hunslet	9	8	0	1	364	119	245	0	24
Rochdale	9	5	0	4	311	230	81	2	17
York	10	5	0	5	303	289	14	2	17
South Wales	9	4	0	5	228	179	49	4	16
Workington	9	4	0	5	240	202	38	3	15
Swinton	8	4	0	4	204	261	-57	1	13
Doncaster	10	3	0	7	242	372	-130	2	11
London Skols	10	0	0	10	152	444	-292	2	2
Gateshead	9	1	0	8	108	502	-394	1	-2

* Gateshead deducted 6pts for going into administration

DIARY 2010

KEY TO DIARY: NORTHERN RAIL CUP CHAMPIONSHIP CHAMPIONSHIP 1 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 18, Sheffield Eagles 18
Halifax RLFC 24, Dewsbury Rams 0
Keighley Cougars 17, Whitehaven 16
Gateshead Thunder 12, Workington Town 26
London Skolars 12, Hunslet Hawks 69
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 25, Batley Bulldogs 34

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - ROUND 3

Batley Bulldogs 46, Swinton Lions 10
Keighley Cougars 38, Workington Town 10
Leigh Centurions 39, Featherstone Rovers 6
Sheffield Eagles 40, York City Knights 19
Whitehaven 54, Doncaster RLFC 10
Widnes Vikings 22, Barrow Raiders 29
Blackpool Panthers 74, Gateshead Thunder 8
Hunslet Hawks 28, Oldham 14
London Skolars 4, Halifax RLFC 66
Rochdale Hornets 12, Dewsbury Rams 48

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Sheffield Eagles 13, Halifax RLFC 8
Doncaster RLFC 0, Barrow Raiders 60
Hornets RL 12, York City Knights 38
Workington 16, 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 55, Hornets RL 10

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Dewsbury Rams 22, Leigh Centurions 44

THURSDAY MARCH 4

Hunslet Hawks 0, Featherstone Rovers 68

WEDNESDAY MARCH 10

York City Knights 34, London Skolars 10
Barrow Raiders 62, Keighley 16

WEDNESDAY MARCH 17

Gateshead Thunder 4, Batley Bulldogs 100

SUNDAY MARCH 21

Halifax RLFC 35, 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 34

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 14, Leigh Centurions 30

FRIDAY, 30 APRIL

Widnes Vikings 8, Featherstone Rovers 9

SATURDAY, 1 MAY

Toulouse Olympique 20, Batley Bulldogs 12

MONDAY, 3 MAY

Keighley Cougars 10, Barrow Raiders 40

Sheffield Eagles 64, Whitehaven 24

Doncaster RLFC 26, Oldham 46

Rochdale Hornets 50, Gateshead Thunder 12

South Wales Scorpions 24, Blackpool Panthers 28

Workington Town 16, Hunslet Hawks 30

York City Knights 30, Swinton Lions 36

THURSDAY, 6 MAY

Featherstone Rovers 24, Toulouse Olympique 26

FRIDAY, 7 MAY

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP 5th ROUND

Bradford Bulls 58, Leigh Centurions 16

Leeds Rhinos 70, Blackpool Panthers 22

SATURDAY, 8 MAY

Widnes Vikings 10, Wigan 64

Gateshead Thunder 8, South Wales Scorpions 50

Swinton Lions 22, Rochdale Hornets 33

SUNDAY, 9 MAY

Barrow Raiders 42, Hunslet Hawks 24

Halifax v Batley Bulldogs PP

Whitehaven 12, Keighley Cougars 22

London Skolars 28, Workington Town 44

Oldham 28, York City Knights 34

WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY

Sheffield Eagles 22, Batley Bulldogs 10

THURSDAY, 13 MAY

Leigh Centurions 30, Widnes Vikings 16

SATURDAY, 15 MAY

Sheffield Eagles 38, Toulouse Olympique 24

Blackpool Panthers 132, Gateshead Thunder 0

SUNDAY, 16 MAY

Halifax RLFC 46, Barrow Raiders 24

Batley Bulldogs 54, Whitehaven 6

Oldham 46, London Skolars 12

Workington Town 34, Doncaster RLFC 20

York City Knights 10, Hunslet Hawks 46

TUESDAY, 18 MAY

Leigh Centurions v Featherstone Rovers 7.30



Halifax's impact prop Frank Watene smashes his way into a crowd of Barrow tacklers

WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY

Swinton Lions v Batley Bulldogs 7.30

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

SUNDAY, 27 JUNE

Dewsbury Rams v Halifax RLFC 3.00

Featherstone Rovers v Widnes Vikings 3.00

Leigh Centurions v Keighley Cougars 3.00

Doncaster RLFC v Rochdale Hornets 3.00

Hunslet Hawks v London Skolars 3.00

Swinton Lions v Blackpool Panthers 3.00