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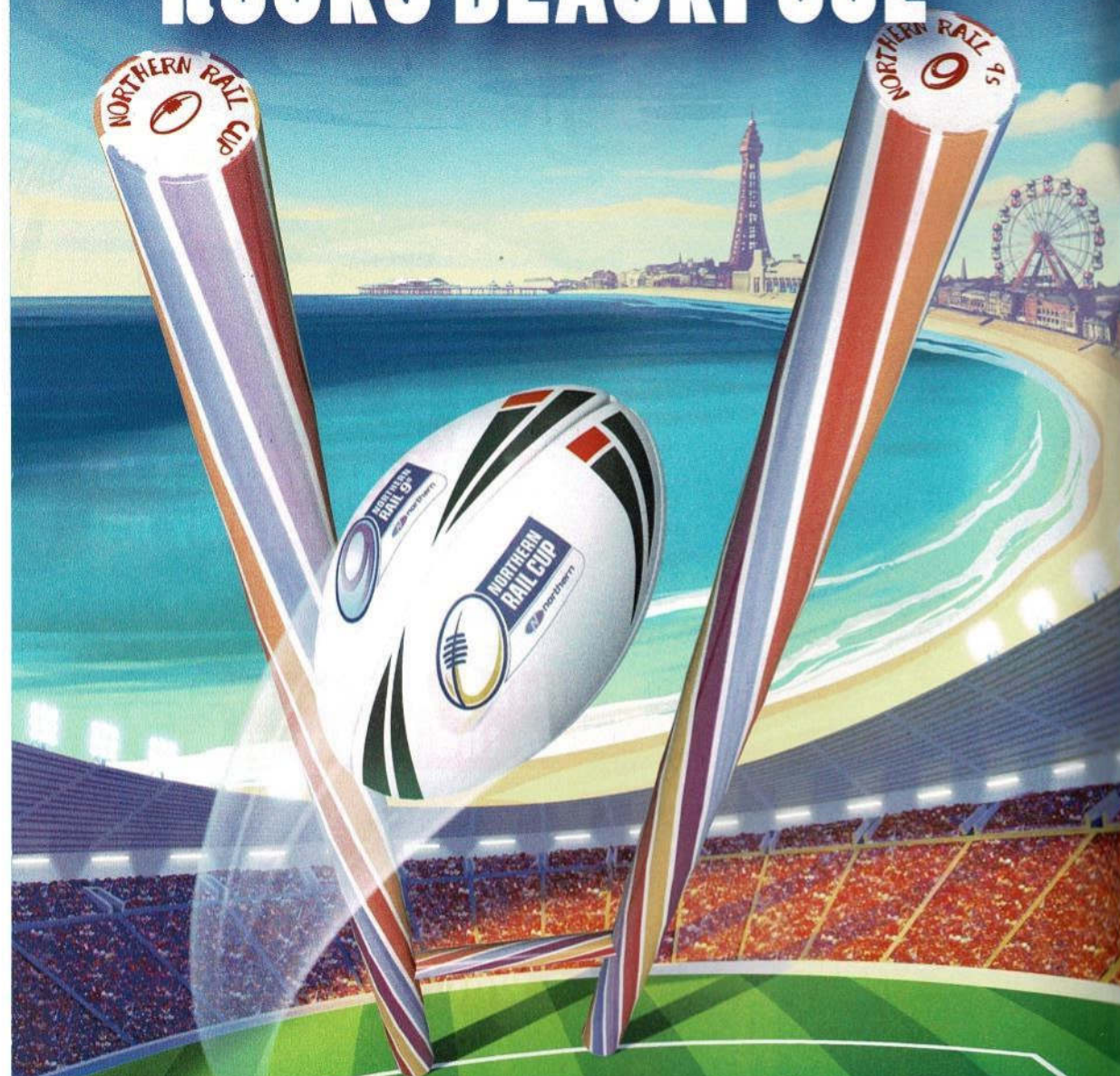
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Have Rovers got shield sorted?

IT'S FULL speed ahead for Featherstone Rovers after their 24-6 win at Keighley last Sunday and with Leigh slipping off the pace, thanks to defeat at Barrow, you'd be hard pressed to see beyond Rovers for the Co-operative Championship leaders' shield.

There's now an eight-point gap at the top but Leigh have the perfect opportunity to reduce that on Thursday night when the Sky Sports cameras will be on hand to capture what should be a cracking contest at Bigfella's Stadium.

Next weekend it's our annual sojourn to Blackpool with the Northern Rail 9s on Saturday at Fylde Rugby Club and the Northern Rail Cup final on Sunday at Bloomfield Road, Blackpool.

Sunday's match will be Batley's first major final in 58 years and has really captured the imagination of their fans across the globe. Colombia, Abu Dhabi and Australia are just three of the places from where the Bulldogs will be drawing their support at Blackpool.

Where next? Well, whisper it carefully but rumour has it that there may even be a few from as far afield as Dewsbury making their way to the Golden Mile, although no-one is sure which of the two finalists they'll be shouting for...

Widnes seem to be hitting a bit of form after their comprehensive win at Whitehaven and they'll have the chance to head for Blackpool with confidence if they can turn over Dewsbury Rams at the Stobart Stadium whilst Batley face a tough test at home to Barrow after losing to Sheffield last week.

Hunslet Hawks' charge for promotion seems to be well on track after they destroyed Swinton Lions but watch out for the Roughyeds who are breathing down their necks. A 68-10 win at Gateshead Thunder for Oldham keeps the margin to three points and you'd expect that to stay the same after this weekend's round of games with Oldham hosting Swinton and Hunslet taking on York City Knights.

Congratulations to the London Skolars who must be buzzing after their first win of the season at home to Rochdale Hornets. They make the long trip north to Workington this weekend and they'll be full of confidence.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at Fylde next Saturday. This is our very own version of Murrayfield Magic and maybe we should consider rebranding it as Fylde Frolics or the Blackpool Blast?

Either way it promises to be a great weekend of entertainment.



Rob Wilkinson,
RFL Media Manager

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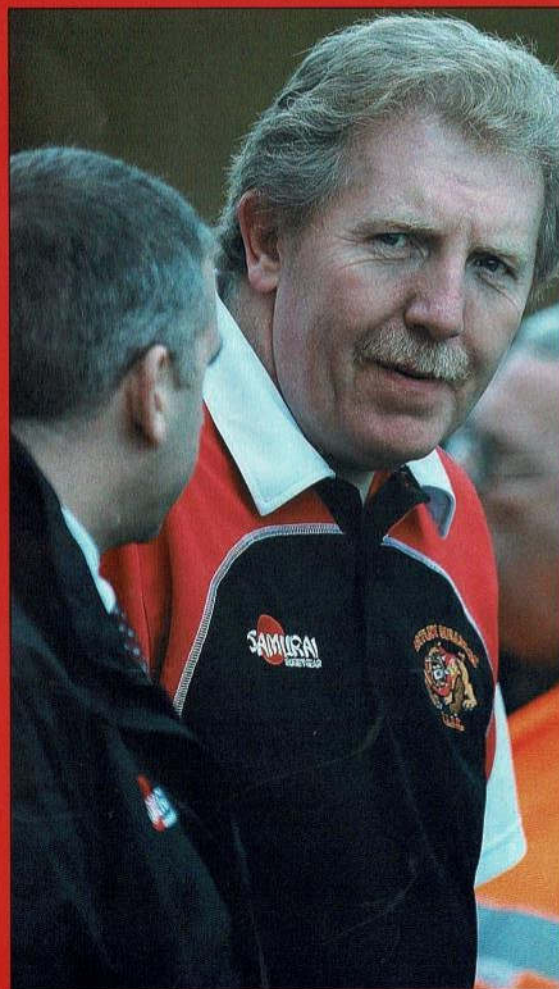
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The Bulldog spirit means success breeds success...

It's Batley's biggest day out in over half a century next Sunday in Blackpool. Chairman Kevin Nicholas and the entire club are making the best of their dream run – and casting a cautious eye to the future as he told BEN COLLINS



Chairman Kevin Nicholas has supported Batley as man and boy

BATLEY chairman Kevin Nicholas admits Batley has not been the most attractive proposition for potential signings. Tucked away between Bradford and Leeds, Wakefield and Huddersfield, the Bulldogs have struggled to compete with more illustrious clubs over the years. Their near neighbours Dewsbury Rams play only two miles away across the valley.

That could be very different at the end of this season, though, with Karl Harrison having led the Bulldogs to the Northern Rail Cup final against Widnes next Sunday.

The former England and Salford coach has also done it with a squad consisting almost entirely of young, local players.

And Nicholas, who has been Batley chairman since November 1997, believes the club's bid to build on this year's success will be a great deal easier this time round.

"We want to keep the nucleus of this team together and add a few other players," he said.

"In the past, maybe Batley hasn't been the most fashionable club for players to come to. But we've a coach of the calibre of Karl Harrison and players will see we've got to a cup final.

"That's what players want, they want to be in a successful team, so when people see what we can achieve it might help us attract other players next year.

"I'd be disappointed if the players here went to another Championship club, but if they went to a Super League club then good luck to them."

The Bulldogs also reached the Challenge Cup quarter-finals this year, where they lost to Super League's Catalans Dragons, and they still have their sights set on making the Co-operative Championship play-offs.

"We know it's a competitive league so at the beginning of the season our first priority was to stay in the Championship," he said.

"Once we're mathematically safe the next target is a top-six finish. We know there are other teams in the Championship that are financially stronger than us so we find it difficult to compete with them.

"But we know with the spirit at the club that if we get into the top six we can beat anybody on our day - we're capable of being beaten by anybody too so anything could happen!

"But if we win the Northern Rail Cup it'll give us confidence if we get to the play-offs because we know what we're capable of doing in the right circumstances."

Knock-out rugby has sure brought the best out of Harrison's



Ash Lindsay, who signed from the local Shaw Cross Sharks club, breaks clear to score for Batley in the semi-final against Leigh

men this season.

After topping their Northern Rail Cup group they beat Sheffield Eagles 26-16 in the quarter-finals before that memorable 25-4 semi-final win at Leigh.

While few expected Batley to get this far, Nicholas revealed it has come as little surprise to the Bulldogs board.

"To be fair, we did set our stall out and we thought we were capable of getting to the Northern Rail Cup final," he said.

"Realistically, it's difficult for a team from our league to get to the Challenge Cup final and the only other cup competition is the Northern Rail.

"We should have won when we got to the semi-final against Doncaster in 2008, but it was a disappointing performance by us and we wanted to rectify that.

"I think we've put that right because the Leigh performance was spectacular. The defensive effort was outstanding.

"Sheffield was a difficult draw because they're a bogey team for us, and Leigh were the favourites to win the cup and we had to play them away.

"But we were always hopeful of getting there and now we've done it, everyone at Batley is absolutely delighted."

It promises to be a tight contest with Widnes given they drew 30-30 in their Northern Rail opener back in February while just one place separates the two sides in the Championship table.

The Vikings are defending champions and have won the competition in two of the last three years but it will be an historic day for Batley.

They had hoped to charter a private train service direct from Batley to Blackpool North and although the 'Bulldogs Express' did not get out of the rail yard, plenty will be following them at Bloomfield Road.

"We've got coaches going instead now, with some trips going from local pubs, clubs and schools," said Nicholas, who grew up in the town but now lives in Morley and works as a solicitor in Manchester.

"People might have thought it'll be a disappointing gate with Batley not being the best supported team in the division but I think a few people will be surprised.

"Widnes will take a few and at the last count the RFL had sold 1,300 tickets from Red Hall so there's been a reasonable

2,500 gate up at the Batley club.

"But the last major final was in 1952/53 against Huddersfield in the Yorkshire Cup.

"I know the RFL have been trying to contact people who were at that final and obviously they're few and far between.

"But John Etty, who played for Batley and Oldham and played in that final, is in his 80s now and lives in Blackpool so we're expecting him to be there."

There will also be supporters travelling from as far afield as Switzerland and Colombia, where shareholder Bruce Thewlis is based, while former coaches Paul Storey, David Ward and Gary Thornton are also expected.

"There's a few nice things happening at the club to do with this final," said Nicholas.

"None of the previous coaches were sacked so they all left on good terms and are still behind the club.

"We've always had a good relationship with our coaches, including Karl now, and I think it's held us in good stead.

"We don't put coaches under any pressure. They know what we're trying to achieve and we let them get on with it.

"I think now is the time to have a chat with Karl and get everything sorted out for next year. He's an inspirational figure at the club and we're delighted to have him here."

And tempting as a move to Batley now is, they would not carry the same appeal without Harrison's continued presence at Mount Pleasant.

"It'd be great to put a cup in what's not the fullest trophy cabinet in the RL"

amount of interest from neutrals.

"We got just over 2,000 at the Catalans game, with obviously nobody following Catalans, so we'll be disappointed if we take less than that to Blackpool.

"It'd be great to put a cup in what's not the fullest trophy cabinet in the league," he added.

"We won the Trans-Pennine Cup final in 1998, when we beat Oldham before a

Tez always looks on the bright side

It's been a topsy-turvy time at the Vikings, but Terry O'Connor is still accentuating the positives, as BEN COLLINS discovered

TERRY O'CONNOR is a man who will always look for the positives. Widnes Vikings come into the Northern Rail Cup final with a five-match league losing streak still fresh in the memory.

But their sporting director refuses to offer excuses or dwell on the reasons why Widnes have slipped out of the Co-operative Championship play-off places.

Instead, O'Connor is urging the Vikings to grasp the opportunity of creating history by becoming the first club to retain the Northern Rail Cup having won it in two of the last three years.

"That's a big thing for the players," he said. "You can play till your mid-30s at the latest so when you finish you're a long time retired."

"You want to look back on your career and know you've been successful. You want to remember not just playing in cup finals but winning some silverware and making history."

"And this team has the chance to go down as retaining the Northern Rail Cup."

"Everybody wants to be part of a final, it's an exciting time, and there's some good players in our side."

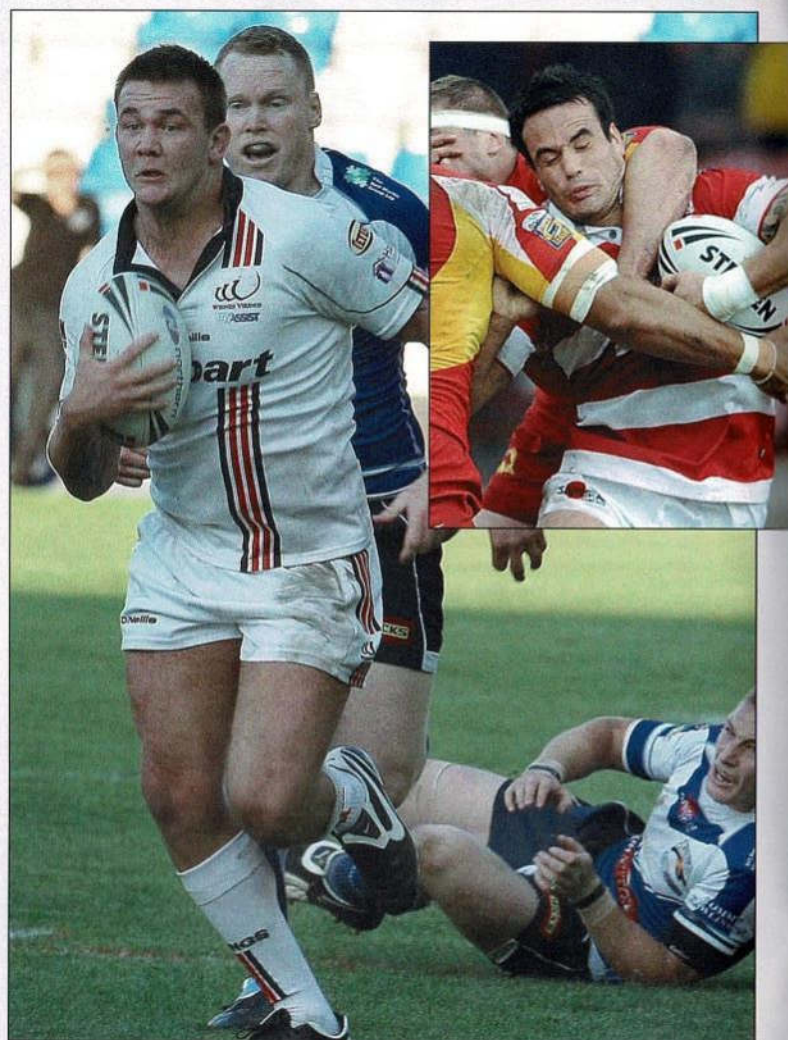
"They will see before the game there's a trophy there waiting to be picked up but it's up to them if the ribbons will be Widnes colours or Batley."

O'Connor has huge respect for Batley, given that Widnes have already had three close contests this season with the Bulldogs, who few backed to reach the final and are now just one place behind the Vikings in the Championship table.

The two sides drew 30-30 in their Northern Rail opener back in February before Widnes won 32-24 at Batley in April while Batley won 35-16 at Widnes in May.

"In the first league game we were winning 24-0 at half-time then they came right back into it," said O'Connor.

"They're a very good, well-drilled side. We know they're strong in the forwards and that in the backs they're very cre-



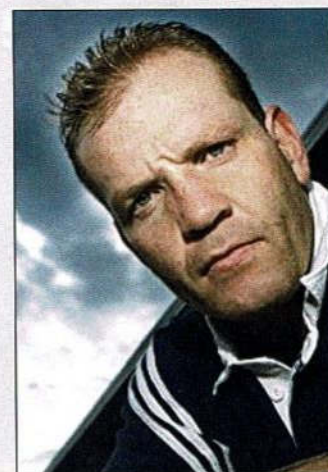
Ben Davies has been a dual-reg hit for Widnes in 2010 .. while (inset) Tez rates Batley's Danny Maun highly

ative, so it should be a good game because Batley have been outstanding this year.

"I think Karl Harrison's done a very good job. He's got a great mix of youngsters and experienced players like Paul Handforth and Sean Hesketh."

"Johnny Campbell's an exciting full-back and their centre, Danny Maun, is probably one of the most under-rated players in the competition in my eyes."

"They've got lads who have come through good systems - Danny was coming through when I was at Wigan and



"...the future's very bright.." says the Vikings' Sporting Director

Gareth Moore at Leeds. They just weren't given a chance in Super League but they've still got aspirations to play at the highest level they can."

The same goes for many Widnes players, although O'Connor admits they have been under-performing in recent weeks.

While Widnes will be favourites to retain their title, it's a tag O'Connor feels the Vikings have struggled to cope with in the league.

"Some of our players have aspirations to play in Super League and there'll be a lot of Super League clubs watching to see how they'd fit the big stage," said the Wigan legend.

"There will be a lot of pressure and those that can handle it will go on to have a good career."

"The performances haven't been good enough recently and we'd be daft to think just because we beat Whitehaven we've turned a corner. The league table is there for all to see."

"No matter if you're in Super League, the Championship or Championship 1, if you're one of the so-called best sides in the competition then every week a team is going to raise their game² against you so you've got to be on top form."

"We're playing in a final now so there's no point leaving your best game at home."

"We've got to play for the full 80 because all it takes is one missed tackle and then you can collapse."

Injuries and disruption caused by dual-registration players haven't helped but O'Connor is having none of it.

"If you look for excuses you'll always find them," he said.

"Have injuries played their part? There's probably been some major disruption. But I prefer to look at the positives. Look at some of the youngsters that have come into the first team - the future's very bright."

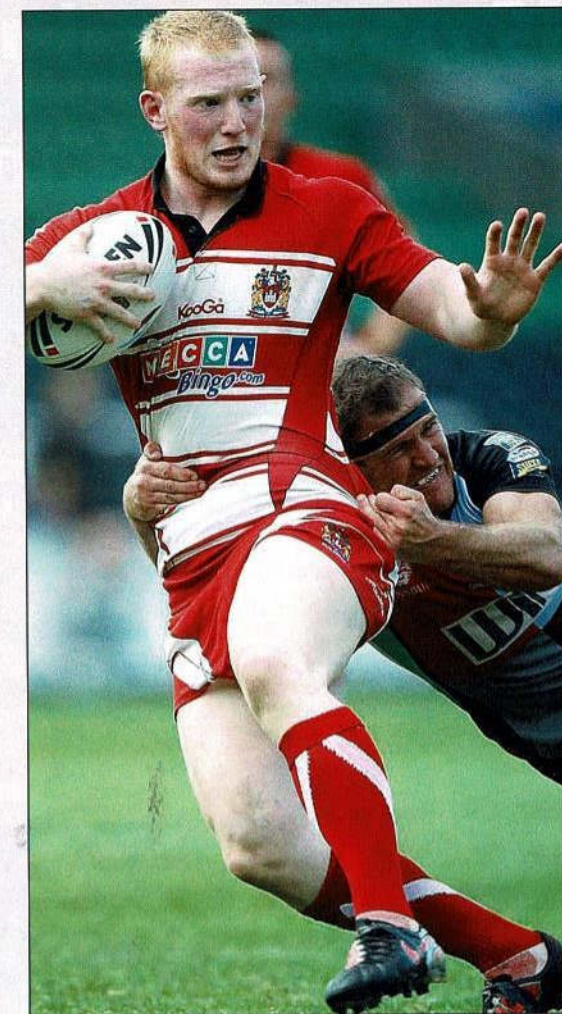
"I've always said there's got to be faith in the youngsters and Steve O'Connor has put his hand in his pocket and put people in place in the youth section, and other Championship clubs don't have that."

And given what those youngsters gain from the presence of dual-registered players, O'Connor cares little that Widnes must wait and see who they have available for the final.

"Michael Maguire and Shaun Wane at Wigan aren't daft," he said. "They know that having their dual-reg players play in big games like that will benefit them and we've helped Ben Davies and Liam Farrell progress into Wigan's first team."

"If you lose them would it disrupt your team? It probably would - for a week or so."

"But would you have him in your side if available? I per-



Liam Farrell - more and more familiar in a Wigan shirt

sonally would and I know Paul Cullen would too.

"To me it's a no-brainer and anyone who says 'no' is absolutely barmy."

"We're getting youngsters coming in who play and train with some of the best in the game and are showing our youngsters what it takes to be a full-time professional and sharing the experience of being at Wigan, or wherever it may be."

"They're in five hours a day, whether it be watching videos, doing weights or conditioning, and what our youngsters get from that is knowledge about the whole package needed to be a top player."

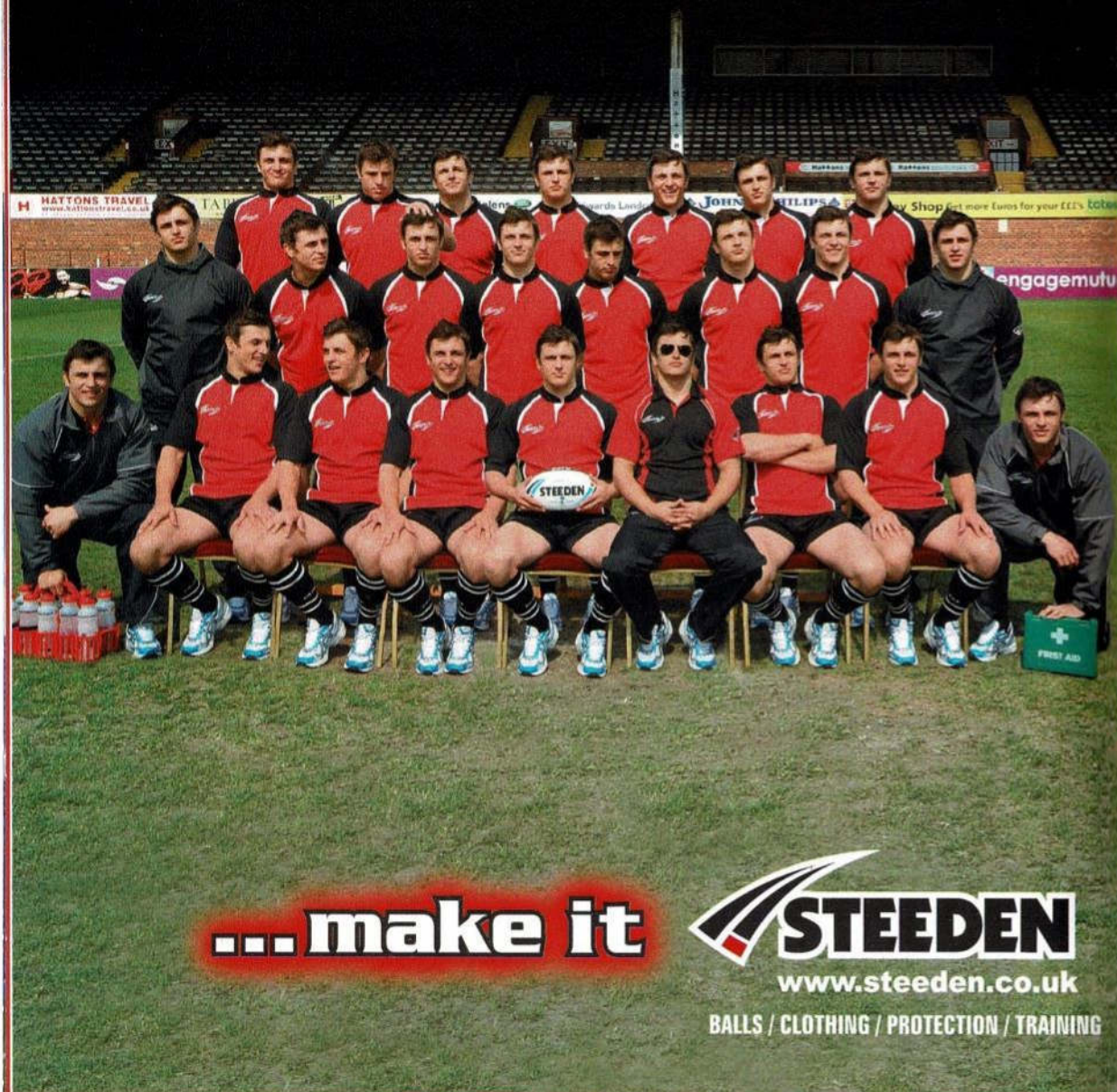
"I know coaches have been moaning about players being pulled back but if you know that when you go into it I don't see what the problem is."

"We've got a thing in this country about always looking at the negatives and taking the glass half-empty view."

O'Connor will maintain the glass half-full approach, though. "We've lost seven league games but five of which we've lost by eight points or less, and now there's silverware on offer - not just two points," he said.

"It'll be two boxes out of three ticked for a Super League licence and will give us a push towards the play-offs, when we'll have some key personnel back."

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KEEP AN EYE ON THE BALL



Danny Lockwood

A FEW months ago I was present at the Stobart Stadium, Widnes, when the Vikings' go-getting chairman Steve O'Connor and his management team launched the club's Super League bid.

In essence, what O'Connor and coach Paul Cullen outlined was the fact that the Vikings had been running a 'shadow' Super League operation this season, specifically but not exclusively since they had ticked the box of qualifying for a licence by virtue of winning last year's Northern Rail Cup final.

Whichever way you look at that plan it smacks of resounding common sense. The Vikings haven't had the easiest of times with injuries this year – rumour has it that they put in a transfer bid for Florence Nightingale – so their league position looks rather more disappointing than it otherwise might.

However in plumping to blood their own talented youngsters, to put pride back into the local community game and get Widnes folk cheering on Widnes blokes, there is surely a lesson to be learned for clubs currently enjoying the luxury of life amongst the elite.

Halifax were the Thursday night visitors that early spring evening and I recall standing alongside their then-Chief Executive Graham Clay as he enviously cast an eye over the stadium and the impressive Widnes facilities. Clay has departed since then but at least Halifax now have – finally – the benefit of their new east stand open for business.

I suspect Clay knew that in terms of chasing that elusive Super League licence, Fax were a step or two behind the Vikings in terms of preparations, and of course they hadn't achieved the on-field qualification.

That will all come down to the league competition and a certain few sides by the names of Featherstone, Barrow and Leigh will have something to say about that over the next couple of months.

But what also impressed me that night at Widnes was the range of activities and levels of input that spoke very healthily of the wider base of Widnes as a club.

The Widnes Rugby League Museum has been created in the cavernous hall beneath the stadium's east stand and if you have an hour to spare, it will delight any Rugby League follower.

You can't imagine a Leeds Utd fan wanting to visit the Man Utd hall of fame, can you? But we're creatures cut from a different cloth in our sport and to witness the heritage of a club so artfully and proudly displayed as Widnes's is, is to while away an enjoyable hour regardless of partisan attachments.

It doesn't cost a fortune to pull together such a display, and it doesn't have to be on a 'Tate Modern' scale either. What's more our clubs have nothing if not the heartfelt support of many volunteers and people with a passion for the sport's heritage.

Many of them already do this to a greater or lesser extent. And those who don't are missing a trick. To find out more about visiting the Vikings exhibition, check out www.wrlheritagegroup.co.uk

**Widnes heroes
like 'national
treasure' Ray
French feature
in the club's
museum**

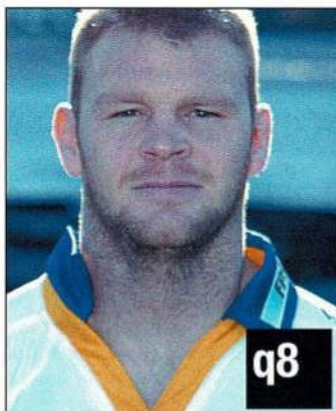


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XIII QUESTIONS

DO YOU KNOW YOUR RUGBY LEAGUE STUFF?

- 1) London Skolars broke their losing streak last weekend. Who did they beat?
- 2) Who did they last beat before that?
- 3) How long ago was that?
- 4) Skolars' losing streak lasted how many matches?
- 5) Which Championship club has the longest winning streak - in all matches - this season?
- 6) Which three Championship One clubs have the longest winning streaks - in all competitions?
- 7) Which club in the two Championships has the longest home winning streak?
- 8) Which Super League player has joined SW Scorpions on loan?
- 9) Scorpions coach Anthony Seibold worked at that player's previous Super League club. Name it.
- 10) Oldham coach Tony Benson originates from which country?
- 11) Which Championship coach was in charge of the French national team from 1998-2004?
- 12) Which team won last season's Northern Rail Nines Plate competition?
- 13) Who did they beat in the final? *answers at the bottom of the page!*



Blackpool rolls out red carpet for Championships' big visit

RUGBY LEAGUE fans heading to Blackpool for the Northern Rail Cup Final on Sunday July 18 will be able to take advantage of a number of valuable discounts at some of the resort's key attractions.

Supporters of the finalists, Batley Bulldogs and Widnes Vikings, as well as those following the Northern Rail 9s on Saturday July 17 at Fylde Rugby Club, can visit venues including Sea Life, Blackpool Pleasure Beach and the UK's biggest night-club, Syndicate, for reduced admission upon production of their Northern Rail tickets.

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BLACKPOOL'S reputation as one of Rugby League's favourite venues has long been established and the statistics surrounding the sport's seaside special speak for themselves.

Did you know...

...Bloomfield Road has hosted the last five finals and since 2005 a total of 236 points have been scored with an average of 47.2 points per game.

...The average winning margin has been 26 points with Doncaster faring worst in the 2008 final when they lost 60-0 to Salford City Reds. The closest result was the thrilling Hull KR 18-16 win over Castleford in 2005.

...A total of 40,321 fans have attended the five games making an average of 8,064 per final. A record crowd of 9,400 was in attendance last year as Widnes defeated Barrow 34-18. The low crowd of 6,328 was 2006 when Leigh pipped Hull KR 22-18.

...So far in this year's competition both finalists have been unbeaten although they shared the spoils in the pool stages with a 30-30 draw at Mount Pleasant.

...Batley, the competition's top scorers, have notched 261 points and conceded 90 in six matches with an average of 43-15 whilst Widnes have scored 212 and conceded 98 giving an average 35-16 scoreline.

...Widnes have shaded the last 10 games between the sides in all competitions going back to April 2007 with six wins to Batley's three and one draw. An average scoreline of 37-25 in Widnes' favour over that period suggests we could be in for a try fest.

...Widnes winger Dean Gaskell is looking to maintain his 100 per cent winning record in Northern Rail Cup finals as he prepares for his fourth final in five years.

Gaskell appeared for Leigh in their victory over Hull KR in 2006 and then followed that up with 2007 and 2009 triumphs for the Vikings against Whitehaven and Barrow, respectively!

Game On Awards - June

Co-operative Championship Team of the Month

- 1 Rory Bromley (Toulouse)
- 2 Carlos Mendes Varela (Toulouse)
- 3 Ayden Faal (Dewsbury)
- 4 Liam Welham (Featherstone)
- 5 Rob Worrincy (Halifax)
- 6 Jamie Rooney (Barrow)*
- 7 Dominic Brambani (Dewsbury)
- 8 Stuart Dickens (Featherstone)
- 9 Nathan Mossop (Barrow)
- 10 Sean Hesketh (Batley)
- 11 Rob Spicer (Dewsbury)
- 12 Kevin Larroyer (Toulouse)
- 13 Matty Dale (Featherstone)

COACH: WARREN JOWITT (RAMS)

Co-operative Championship 1 Team of the Month

- 1 Brett Carter (Workington)
- 2 Richard Flocks (Swinton)
- 3 Shaun Leaf (Doncaster)
- 4 Lee Waterman (York)
- 5 Ade Adebisi (Skolars)
- 6 Loz Wildbore (Scorpions)
- 7 Tom Hemingway (Blackpool)
- 8 Adam Sullivan (Hunslet)
- 9 John Clough (Blackpool)
- 10 Nathan Freer (York)
- 11 Jarrad Stack (Workington)*
- 12 Ian Hodson (Oldham)
- 13 Rob Lunt (Doncaster)

COACH: TONY BENSON (OLDHAM)

*Player of the Month

- 1) Rochdale Hornets 2) Workington Town 3) May 2009 4) 30 5) Featherstone 6) Hunslet, Oldham & York (three). 7) Blackpool (nine). 8) Jamie Thackray 9) Crusaders 10) New Zealand 11) Gilles Dumas 12) Halifax 13) Gateshead

Hood to step down as Thunder ring the changes

GATESHEAD Thunder Director of Rugby Chris Hood is to step down as Head Coach at the end of the 2010 Co-operative Championship season, but will remain at the club as Director of Rugby.

Hood, who alongside fellow directors Rod Findlay and Keith Christie set up the new company that saved Thunder's existence in professional rugby league, says that it is something that has always been part of the new company's plans and now is the right time to make it happen.

Alongside Hood's change of role, Community Development Manager Sam Shaw-Kew is leaving his post at the club.

Shaw-Kew and current Community Development Officer Claire White worked for free alongside the club's directors throughout the off-season period to ensure the new company was set up after the previous company went into administration.

Hood commented: "At the start of the season, I said to both Rod and Keith that I wanted to concentrate on the essential long-term plans that are paramount to our future success, such as our youth performance systems and charitable foundation."

"At that time it was more important that we set up a team as soon as possible and it was essential that we had a team on the park for both the players, sponsors and fans to focus on."

"I am remaining as Director of Rugby and my new remit will encompass both the club's community development programmes and youth performance systems, as well as working alongside the new head coach to continue the progress that we are making on-field."

"This has been something that I wanted, and the board knew about this and agreed a long time ago. With Sam's departure from the club, the opportunity has arisen to do that and I am now able to concentrate on what I feel is very important."

"I have always received nothing but support and good wishes from those who attend the games and those are the people that have always counted the most, not an anonymous forum."

Even with the club entering the final phase of the season, the recruitment of a new head coach has already begun, and Hood is excited with some of the people they have been speaking to



Rod Findlay left, and Chris Hood, Thunder directors

with a view to joining the club for the 2011 season.

Hood continued: "I have already been looking for suitable candidates and preliminary discussions have already taken place with a few, and they all have a fantastic pedigree and a wealth of experience in the game."

"I will ultimately be responsible for the new head coach and I, alongside the other directors, are keen to make sure we have the right person to work alongside the players and personnel at the club. I will make sure that the new Head Coach has everything that he needs to continue to progress the on-field side of the club and give him all the support I can."

"It is also important to recognise that we would not be in this position without the hard work and dedication of Sam Shaw-Kew and the fantastic work that he has done."

"We have a vibrant community programme and a wealth of contacts throughout the local community that have given real strength and credence to our community arm, and that is largely down to Sam."

Rovers name three more Hall of Famers



David Hobbs - player and coach

Featherstone Rovers are to induct three more Hall of Famers who have been at the heart of some of the club's greatest achievements, and contributed to the club's proud heritage.

Half-back Carl Dooler won the Lance Todd Trophy in the 1967 Challenge Cup Final.

Carl joined Rovers in 1960 and was the epitome of the proud heritage of Sharlston-born Featherstone Rovers half backs, until joining Hull Kingston Rovers in 1969.

David Hobbs was another Lance Todd Trophy winner, for his performance in Rovers' amazing win over Hull FC in 1983.

Hobbs made his international debut in 1984, staying at Rovers until the following year. David was a quality all round forward and excellent goal kicker.

He later returned to Rovers as head

coach and gained promotion and grand final honours with the club.

Another half back, Deryck Fox came to Rovers in the wake of their 1983 cup final victory. Deryck was a classic half back cast in the 'little general' mould, and he had two spells at Rovers, commencing a distinguished international career whilst at the club.

Hall of Fame induction night is becoming one of the highlights of Rovers' social programme. The event which takes place on 9th of October will consist of a three course meal, live music, video footage of the career of each player, and drinks in the Gallery with the opportunity to watch that evening's Super League game. Compere will be Mike Emmet.

Special guests will be Allan Agar, coach of the 1983 Wembley side and Peter Fox, coach of the 1973 and 1974 Wembley sides.

Batley Bulldogs v



Barrow Raiders



Sunday July 11, 2010. Kick off 3pm. MOUNT PLEASANT

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

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COACH: KARL HARRISON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWLL
LAST SIX HOME: WLWWLL
TRIES: Campbell (21), Walton, Maun (9), Moore, Preece (8),
GOALS: Moore (95)
DROP GOALS: Handforth, Moore (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Danny Maun

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

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R Laughton

Touch: M Beadle, G Hodgson

Reserve Referee: G Evans

THE INSIDE TRACK

Will Bulldogs have one eye on the NR Cup Final? Barrow by 10

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

COACH: STEVE McCORMACK

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWWWW
LAST SIX AWAY: WLLLWW
TRIES: Catic (17), Ballard (15),
Rooney, Campbell (11)
GOALS: Rooney (103)
DROP GOALS: Rooney (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Ned Catic



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CLUBCALL

Batley v Barrow

Doing it tough



Batley's players enjoy the moment in the semi-final win at Leigh Sports Village and packman Sean Hesketh, below, punches the air in delight

WE HAVE home advantage again today, but that is the only advantage we have as we play what appears to be an in-form Barrow who have Jermaine McGillvary back in their fold and scoring tries.

We were again disappointed with the Sheffield result following on from the Toulouse defeat, but there seemed to be a conspiracy against us last week.

Clearly Sheffield put us under a lot of pressure in the first half and the penalty count did not help, but their third try looked to be a blatant knock-on from where I stood.

In the second half without any of our regular half-backs we did not allow Sheffield to score a try but just could not score ourselves as I lost count of the number of times we crossed the line to be held up or have the try disallowed.

The effort of our players was there for all to see but it simply was not to be.

We now need Paul Handforth, Gareth Moore, Danny Maun, Jason Walton and Mark Barlow back as soon as possible if we are to put forward a realistic challenge in the league and of course our Final.

At least Gareth has not broken his collar bone so there is hope. We are unsure who if any of these will be fit today.

We are now hoping to take a 'con-

voy' of coaches departing from the Frontier at 10am to Blackpool and prices £14 Adults and £8 children accompanied by adults, with no concessions, which is a reasonable price.

Also there are meant to be plenty of other trips going so it promises to be a great day for as many as possible.

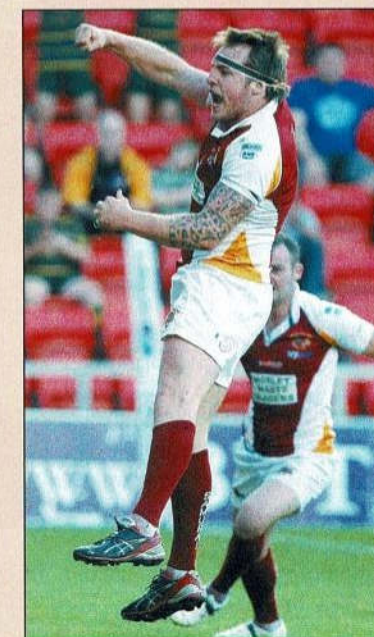
A train would have been great but again it was not to be.

Match tickets need to be booked soon as we have a deadline and need to sell all our tickets by tomorrow or they will be returned to the RFL and you may not get the ticket you want with the Batley supporters.

Please pay a visit to the Supporters Club Shop as we have new merchandise including Cup Final replicas with all the players' names on them and a pink ladies version – so that would make a good belated Valentine's present if there is such a thing!

Last week I mentioned Gareth Moore heading for club records and promptly put the hoodoo on him, so I will not mention similar matters again until they have been achieved.

A massive 'Thank You' to our main sponsor Stan Whittaker of Morley Waste Traders who has now sponsored a brand new kit for the Final where the players will be able to keep the shirt as a souvenir, as well as new warm-up tops, new shorts and polo shirts which all look pretty impressive.



Our coach on the day will be the best available as we seek to make it a special occasion – but let's concentrate on today's game first. Enjoy the game, Kevin

Kevin Nicholas
Chairman

Featherstone Rovers v Leigh Centurions



Thursday July 8, 2010. Kick off 7.30pm. BIG FELLAS STADIUM

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

COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWW
 LAST SIX HOME: WWWLWW
 TRIES: Parker (17), Briggs (14),
 Welham (12), Finn (11)
 GOALS: Briggs (90)
 DROP GOALS: Finn (1)
 MAN TO WATCH: Kyle Briggs

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
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SCORERS

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J Leahy
 Touch: T Crashley, T Maher
 Reserve Referee: S Mikalauskas

THE INSIDE TRACK

Front-runners Featherstone likely to win a high-scoring game by 12

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 Tyres 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 Cuniffe	Wilmar Engineering Ltd
24	Andy Ainscough	SuperLeigh Lottery

COACH: IAN MILLWARD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLWL
 LAST SIX AWAY: WLWWLL
 TRIES: Nanyin (14), Alstead (11),
 Donlan, Ridyard (10)
 GOALS: Nanyin (88)
 DROP GOALS: None
 MAN TO WATCH: Ricky Bibey

CLUBCALL

Featherstone v Leigh

Quality game in front of us against top side



The injury to Tommy Saxton, pictured passing the ball, is not as bad as was feared according to his coach Daryl Powell

I WAS at one of my old stamping grounds as a player last week at Cougar Park and it brought back some fond memories of a great club whose support during my time there was superb and in numbers averaged around four and a half thousand.

Since then the numbers have dwindled significantly but the fabric of the place still remains and I met some of the past players and fans who have remained loyal to a quality club.

It was a pleasure to go back with our team. It was a tough afternoon for us but I thought we dug in really hard when things weren't going our way and came up with the win against a team fighting for points desperately; credit must go to Keighley for the way they worked.

We have been picking up some key injuries recently which always makes it difficult for any team, particularly the loss of key individuals, Tommy Saxton

followed on from Iain Morrison who we have lost for the season.

Tommy doesn't look as bad as at first feared and we are hopeful of a speedy return for one of our top performers this season.

I would like to pay tribute to our conditioner and our physio for their work in keeping our training ground injuries to an unbelievably low level. Dave Downs and Carl Chapman have been magnificent all season and have played no small part in our consistency as a team.

Some thought must be given by the RFL to the make-up of the season next year as the current season has put pressure on the teams who haven't made the knock-out stages of the Northern Rail Cup.

It doesn't take a genius to work out one game in a month at home will put a strain on a club's finances. Most have found it difficult and this should be

factored into the thinking for next year's planning. Maybe splitting the Northern Rail knock-out games into different months will help.

We are looking forward massively to tonight's game.

It promises to be a quality game against a team full of Super League experience and coached by Ian Millward who has spent a long time at the top level of our game.

We are approaching the sharp end of our season and are taking each game as it comes and focusing on one challenge at a time.

Leigh have done superbly after the disappointment of last season. They are genuine contenders and will be a tough act to beat tonight.

Enjoy the game.

Daryl Powell
Head Coach

Halifax RLFC v



Whitehaven RLFC



Sunday July 11, 2010. Kick off 3pm. THE SHAY

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Fax Supporters Trust	Miles Greenwood	1
Windsor Yarns	Lee Paterson	2
Vision Express	Jon Goddard	3
Chadwick Lawrence	Shad Royston	4
Chadwick Lawrence	James Haley	5
Chadwick Lawrence	Luke Branighan	6
Harvey's Department Store	Ben Black	7
Also Wines	Makali Aizue	8
Riley & Co Accountants	Sean Penkylwicz	9
AA Moving Solutions	Neil Cherryholme	10
Windsor Yarns	Dave Larder	11
Howard Posner	Stanley Gene	12
Complete Building Materials	Bob Beswick	13
David/Terry Kendall	Mark Gleeson	14
Steve Shurety - EMB Ltd	Mark Roberts	15
Liz Smith (Matthew Walker)	Said Tamghart	16
Complete Building Materials	Frank Watene	17
The Kietly Family	Dylan Nash	18
Glenda Shaw	Dom Maloney	19
Glenda Shaw	Paul White	20
Calderdale Service Area	Anthony Bowman	21
Glenda Shaw	Dave Wrench	22
Griffin Sport & Work Wear	Rob Worrincy	23
Glenda Shaw	Stephen Bannister	24

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COACH: MATT CALLAND

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWLL
LAST SIX HOME: LWWWWL
TRIES: Royston (19), Worrincy (14)
Branighan (11)
GOALS: Paterson (92)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Luke Branighan

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M Drizza
Touch: A Sweet, D Tindall
Reserve Referee: S Bennison

THE INSIDE TRACK.

Halifax have slipped up a few times but won't fail against Haven. Fax by 30

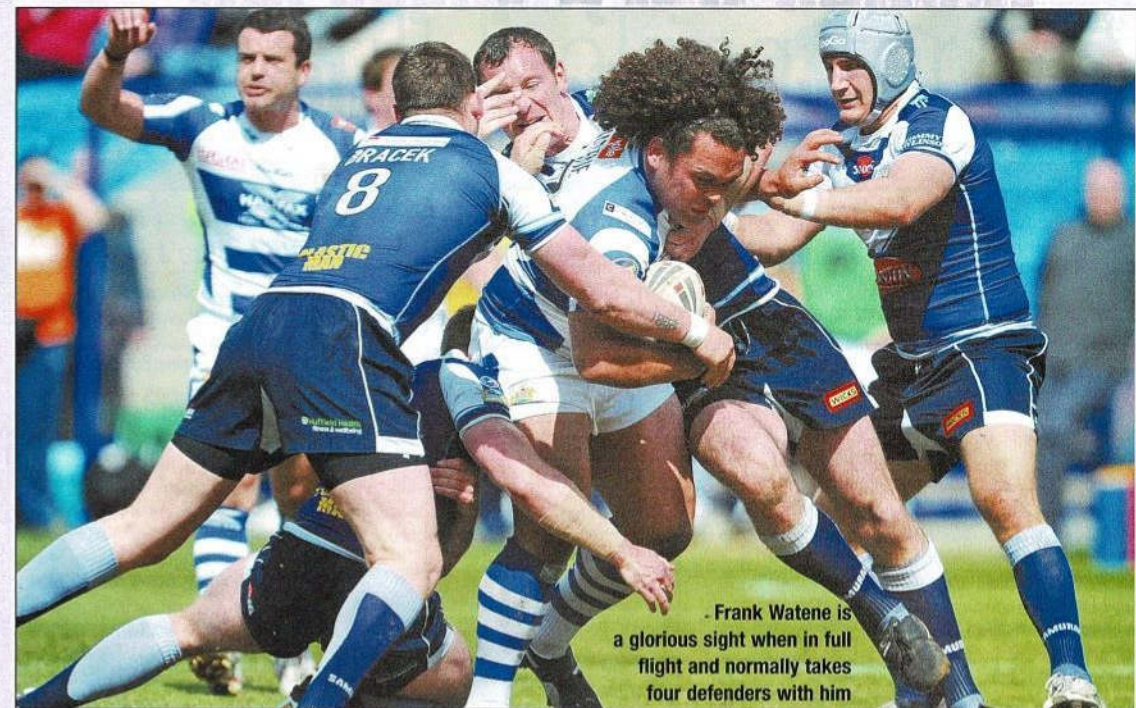
COACH: GED STOKES

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL
LAST SIX AWAY: WLLLLL
TRIES: Eilbeck (17), Calvert (9)
GOALS: Rudd (46)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Derry Eilbeck



CLUBCALL

Halifax RLFC v Whitehaven



Frank Watene is a glorious sight when in full flight and normally takes four defenders with him

Fax seek recruits

THERE are many in Halifax talking of disappointment this season.

And all at the club recognise that on and off the field there have been areas of concern. But our visitors today, from Whitehaven, really understand adversity.

Certainly they arrive at The Shay wounded, and with every reason to leave with the league points they need to turn round an inexorable drift towards relegation.

Whitehaven have been formidable opponents since Halifax joined this league, and they must not be underestimated. We welcome directors, supporters, staff and team.

As I write, efforts were being made to secure reinforcement on the field before the transfer deadline. That is not to question the efforts of the playing staff, but to recognise the painful fact that we have too many injuries, and the playing resources are overstretched.

Of course no season ends 'before the Fat Lady sings' and there are still twists and turns to come. Our supporters deserve another day out at the Grand Final, and we are all working to achieve that, and having achieved it to go one better than last year.

Off the field, and without fanfares, a significant event occurred in midweek, with the RFL AGM and council meeting



Shad Royston still tops Fax's try scorers' list

held in the new East Stand hospitality facilities.

For the first time, the RFL's Board of Directors and those who run the game can see The Shay as a stadium fit for purpose, both for Super League and representative or neutral ground matches. In the long term this is a major step forward in the club's ambition to return to the top flight.

Until that ambition can be realised, your board considers that the Co-operative Championship represents fantastic entertainment, deserving of more support than it gets. With only two home League matches after today, we need our supporters to pass that message on.

We receive many letters and e-mails from newcomers to Rugby League telling us how enjoyable it is. Bring them in, and let the team show them the entertainment.

And please, please, remember that this is THE family game. We must avoid the scourges of threatening language, racism and homophobia which have caused problems elsewhere. This is Rugby League, the greatest game of all, and those who support it are the best.

Michael Steele
Chairman



Toulouse Olympique XIII v Sheffield Eagles



Saturday July 10, 2010. Kick off 7pm. Stade Arnauné/Minimes

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Copy Sud	Rory Bromley	1
Bugbusters	Sebastien Payan	2
André Raynal - Déménagements	Sebastien Planas	3
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
Ernes 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	26
Socotrap	Maxime Herold	
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: LWLWWW
LAST SIX HOME: WLLWLW
TRIES: Bromley (14), Duport, Mitchell (9)
GOALS: Wynn (59)
DROP GOALS: Wynn (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Nathan Wynn

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	Full back	
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	Left Centre	
	Left Wing	
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	Scrum half	
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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R Hicks

Touch: TBC

Reserve Referee: TBC

THE INSIDE TRACK

TOXIII looking solid and should beat Eagles by 16 at Arnaune.

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Jonny Woodcock	AMCO
2	Danny Mills	Edge Telecom
3	Menzie Yere	OSI Ltd
4	John Coleman	Jim Hawksworth & Susan Atkin
5	Ashley Thackeray	Anne Collins
6	Brendon Lindsay	Pennine Business Forms
7	Aaron Groom	AMCO
8	Jack Howieson	Hanlon & Wright
9	Craig Cook	In Memory of Jack London
10	Mitch Stringer	OSI
11	Alex Szostak	Jack Smith
12	Ged Corcoran	Hanlon & Wright
13	Peter Green	Everlast Waterproofing
14	Kyle Kesik	
15	Sam Barlow	Redbrook Business Coaching
16	Trevor Exton	Airborne Eagles
17	Alex Rowe	Buckingham Insurance
18	Michael Haley	Premier Kia
19	Joe Hirst	Stewart & Liz ELFLet
20	Matty Brooks	Jayne Whaling
21	Dane McDonald	Bethany, Ian & Jackie Swain
22	Ryan Hepworth	Elaine, Simon & Stephen McGuire
23	Tangi Ropati	Albion Detection Systems
24	Misi Tualapapa	Modis International
25	Jason Mossop	
26	Tim Bergin	
27	Rhcie Barnett	Steve & Samantha Rendi
36	Eddie Battye	Jill Swire
37	Mark Penschaw-Smith	Insign Signage & Digital Imaging
38	Dan Hawksworth	Mr & Mrs Lee

COACH: MARK ASTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLWLW
LAST SIX AWAY: LLWLWW
TRIES: Cook (18), Stringer, Ropati (10), Yere (9)
GOALS: Stringer (31), Lindsay (12)
DROP GOALS:
MAN TO WATCH: Brendon Lindsay

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Toulouse v Sheffield

TOXIII still looking for 1st win against the Eagles...

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

DEPUIS son intégration dans le Co-operative Championship, Toulouse court après sa première victoire contre Sheffield.

Battu de peu cette année, grâce à deux essais marqués en fin de partie par les Eagles, le TO s'est approché de l'exploit dans l'antre du prestigieux stade de Sheffield United qui héberge d'habitude les évolutions de l'équipe de soccer local. Un essai en contre suite à un arrachage de balle sur un tenu a fait basculer le sort du match.

L'an passé, Toulouse pour son second match de la saison avait fait douter les visiteurs (après un match accroché en Cup quinze jours avant contre ces mêmes Eagles). Un petit essai séparant les deux formations au coup de sifflet final. Par contre au match retour en Angleterre, le TO avait concédé une lourde défaite après une entame de match difficile.

Contre cette équipe à la défense bien en place (9 points de bonus défensifs en 2009), il faut être patient, construire en jouant les chaînes tactiques jusqu'au bout des 5 tenus et surtout être concentrés pour éviter les pertes de balle.

Les Eagles n'aiment rien tant que de chapper un ballon tombé ou une passe mal ajustée pour planter des banderilles qui font mal au moral.

C'est sur ce schéma que s'est bâti la victoire de Sheffield au match aller.

Pour gagner ce soir, il faudra donc éviter les cadeaux et surtout éviter de courir après le score. L'entame de match sera donc décisive.

Il faudra aussi être soudé pour compenser les absences de nombreux cadres (Villegas, Tim Wynn, Mitchell, Worrall...) et espérer que les bobos que la répétition de matches de haut niveau entraîne, ne seront pas préjudiciables pour tenir la dragée haute à nos visiteurs de ce samedi.

A toutes et à tous bon match!

SINCE we have entered the Co-operative Championship, we are still looking for our first victory against Sheffield.

The first game this season against the Eagles was a close one. We were just beaten in the end by two late tries. The Toulouse Olympique nearly did it in the wonderful Bramall Lane Stadium, home of Sheffield United. The gamebreaker was a loss of ball early in the tackle count that ended in an Eagles try.

Last year, Toulouse in the second game of the season, held two points from what looked like a draw until the 79th minute (after a close first match in Challenge Cup against

those same Eagles two weeks before). Indeed, a last minute try for Sheffield, after a missed drop goal from Nathan Wynn, gave the victory to Mark Aston's boys. In May, the game at Don Valley Stadium was more difficult for us with a bad start and was a big success for Sheffield.

To beat this team that has a very good defence (9 bonus points in 2009), we have to be patient, to complete our sets and to avoid the turnovers.

The Eagles are very efficient when they put their hands on a loose ball or a bad pass. This was the case in this season's first encounter in May.

Tonight, we need to avoid making silly errors and letting the Eagles make a score.

Therefore, the beginning of the game will be very important.

With all the key players injured (Villegas, Tim

Wynn, Mitchell, Worrall...) our boys will have to show their great team spirit to, at last, bag the three points against this good Sheffield side.

Thanks to all the English fans that came all the way from Yorkshire. We hope you'll enjoy your stay in Toulouse and we wish you all a very pleasant game.



Sebastien Payan works in support of Eric Anselme
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Widnes Vikings v



Dewsbury Rams



Sunday July 11, 2010. Kick off 3pm. STOBART STADIUM, HALTON

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
RJ Lewis	James Ford	1
Katie Kingsley	Dean Gaskell	2
The Spence Family	Richard Varkulis	3
Widnes Vikings Supporters Club	Toa Kohe Love	4
Reg and Lesley Warner	Paddy Flynn	5
Applied Acumen	Anthony Thackeray	6
Widnes Vikings Supporters Club	James Webster	7
Alan Bruce	Steve Pickersgill	8
Leann Fox	Mark Smith	9
Widnes Vikings Supporters Club	Jim Gannon	10
Colin Pheysey Swavesey Newsagents	Lee Doran	11
MB Hydrographic Ltd	Dave Allen	12
VIQI	Chris Gerrard	13
MWEL Electrical Ltd	Thomas Coyle	14
ACS Building Maintenance (07725884913)	Shane Grady	15
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	
	Kirk Netherton	

COACH: PAUL CULLEN

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWLW
 LAST SIX HOME: LWWLW
 TRIES: Thackeray (16), Grady (12), Gardner (10)
 GOALS: Grady (90)
 DROP GOALS: None
 MAN TO WATCH: Lee Doran

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G Hewer
 Touch: J Cadogan, J Greenwood
 Reserve Referee: J Callaghan

THE INSIDE TRACK

Vikings will push the NR Cup Final out of their minds to beat the Rams by 20

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Lee Lingard	John & Gwen Sawyer
2	James Haynes	Sue Walford
3	Stewart Sanderson	The West Riding
5	Andrew Tillotson	
7	Tom Wandless	
8	Dominic Brambani	John Calvert
9	Mike Emmett	Lesley & Lily Whittaker
10	Scott Turner	
11	Adam Robinson	Matthew Dudding
13	Pat Walker	Mount Tabor Church
14	Luke Stenchion	Tony & Mary Diskin
15	Bryn Powell	Sam & Peggy Hill
16	Austin Buchanan	Dewsbury Rams Study Centre
17	Alex Bretherton	The Buzz Room
19	Adam Hayes	Elaine and Peter Holyoake
20	Rob Spicer	Jack Addy & Pat Hayward
21	Andrew Bostock	The Grayson Family
23	Keegan Hirst	Peter Brooke & David Kirby
24	Anthony England	Phil & Rhoda Andruchow
25	James Lockwood	
26	Ayden Faal	The Three G's
27	Allister McMaster	
30	Luke Menzies	BW Print
32	Martin Woodhead	
33	James Walker	
35	Danny Addy	Mr & Mrs Humphrey
37	Luke Blake	Lance Day Plastering 01924 264260
40	Ed Barber	

COACH: WARREN JOWITT

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLWWL
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLLLLW
 TRIES: Turner (9), Powell (8)
 GOALS: Walker (37)
 DROP GOALS: Brambani (1)
 MAN TO WATCH: Rob Spicer



Backing the Vikings!

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Widnes v Dewsbury

Vikings on song

IN FOOTBALL, songs such as 'You'll Never Walk Alone' and 'I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles' will forever be associated with both Liverpool and West Ham United, whereas in Rugby League such anthems, bar a few exceptions, are pretty much few and far between.

However, in Widnes' case I think I've just unearthed a little ditty which admittedly won't live on and become a fans' favourite, but it definitely sums up their 2010 season thus far, to an absolute tee, I'm sure you'll agree.

Remember the all-time children's favourite, 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'?

Of course you do. Well, that pretty much sums up the Vikings' season on the injury front doesn't it?

If I haven't convinced you already, then continue to the very next line in the song, 'and eyes and ears and mouth and nose'.

You see, you're singing along already aren't you!

In all seriousness though, Paul Cullen's men have certainly done it tough this season, so much so, that at a recent press conference the Vikings' head coach revealed to the assembled media that one of the new rituals they have at the club is to meet-up on match-days, 90 minutes before kick-off, and introduce themselves to each other, such has been the massive player turnaround that has littered their current campaign.

There's been many occasions this season when, through injury, Widnes have had as many 'crooked' players sitting in the stands as they've had on the pitch.

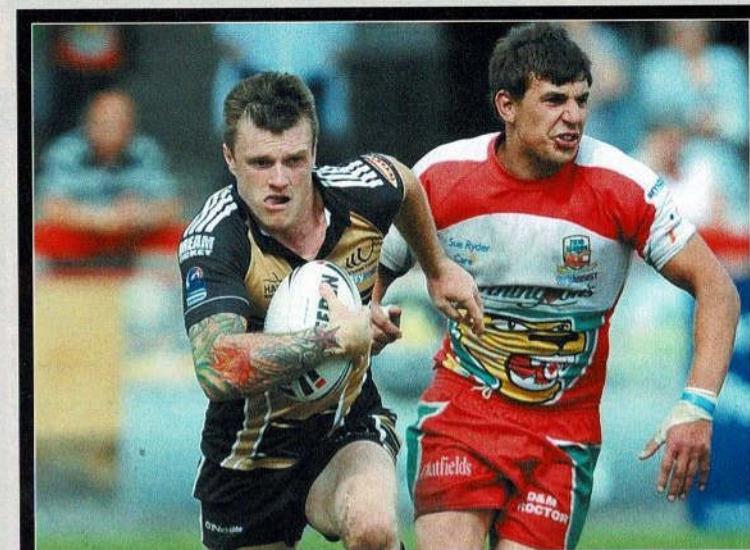
But despite being under-strength and under-the-cosh, these players to a man have each stood tall and pulled on that famous jersey with pride and throughout this period they've done themselves, the coach, supporters and club proud!

Not bad for a team who, at the time of writing have already used 37 different players so far and we're only just through the half-way stage of the season.

So much for a good team being a settled team, hey!

As the cliché states "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog!" and believe me, this 2010 Vikings outfit have still got plenty left in their battle-hardened bodies for the scuffles still to come their way.

Mark Naughton
Community & Media
Officer



Widnes' halfback star Anthony Thackeray attacks Keighley in the NR cup semi-final

VIKINGS chief executive Alex Bonney has praised the Vikings' travelling support and urged them to head for Blackpool in their droves for the Northern Rail Cup final against Batley Bulldogs on July 18.

Bonney maintains that the fans who made the trip to Keighley had a massive part to play in the semi-final victory.

"They were like a 14th, 15th and 16th man and really gave us the edge at Cougar Park," said Bonney. "The players respond to the supporters and vice versa but there were times during that game when we really all were in perfect harmony. The players hear the vocal support when we go over and they want to repeat the adulation as often as possible.

"Our supporters have had to endure a very tough season so far with some indifferent performances but they've now been rewarded with a cup final. "It's also another significant step on the road to getting a Super League licence in 2012 and that's a big consideration.

It's also another significant step on the road to getting a Super League licence in 2012 and that's a big consideration.

WIDNES Vikings Supporters Club is inviting everyone to get in the mood for the trip to Blackpool by joining them for a Family Fun Night to be held in the Sports Bar at the Stobart Stadium from 7:30pm on Wednesday July 14.

With a prize for the 'best dressed fan' up for grabs, everybody is invited to come along, dressed in their Cup Final outfits, to enjoy a disco and karaoke evening with the added opportunity to 'get in tune' for Bloomfield Road by rolling back the years and taking part in a sing-a-long of some traditional Widnes songs (sheets provided).

Those attending can add their names to a 'Good Luck' message flag which will be displayed in the dressing room prior to the match, and buy cup final merchandise. Tickets are available from Deb Townsend at the Widnes Vikings Museum (07968 865596) or Alan Rae (07837 283634), and including food, are £5 (£3 for under 16s).

THE Vikings are delighted to announce a new sponsor / supplier in JST Nutrition. Mick Cassidy has been working hard behind the scenes to find the right partner for the Vikings, and JST Nutrition will supply top quality supplements to the First Team squad, to complement Mick's rigorous training regime. The Vikings will wear the JST warm up tops on match-days, and provide pitchside advertising.



Doncaster RLFC v



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Blackpool Panthers

Sunday July 11, 2010. Kick off 3pm. THE KEEPMOAT STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
G.P. Transport	Tommy Griffiths	1
	Aaron Henry	2
Sue Walford	Lee Gomersall	3
Dons Supporters Club	Shaun Leaf	4
	Ben Collins	5
Fullefex Sexurity	Simon Brown	6
	Craig Fawcett	7
	Scott Johnson	8
	Paul Brown	9
P. Bird, France	David Bates	10
	Liam Brown	11
A.Y. Logistics Ltd	Ryan Steen	12
	Grant Edwards	13
	Jake Bassinder	14
	Danny Stanley	15
	Paul Shaw	16
	Jarryn Osborne	17
	Garry Ellery	19
	Jack Ely	20
	Scott Howlett	21
	Scott Wilson	22
	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
	Scott Watson	33
	Rob Lunt	34

COACH: TONY MILLER

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLWL
LAST SIX HOME: WLLWLW
TRIES: Griffiths (7), Leaf, Ely, Gomersall (6)
GOALS: S Brown (38)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Shaun Leaf

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	Full back	
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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: D Merrick
Touch: R Dolan, J Downham
Reserve Referee: A Fossett

THE INSIDE TRACK

Doncaster will push Blackpool all the way but might just fall short by 4

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Jonny Leather	Sue Walford
2	Damien Munro	Derek Way Roofing
3	Casey Mayberry	TLC UPVC Double Glazing
4	Mark McCully	John Barlow - Timekeeper
5	Tom Woodcock	Norris & Oxley
6	Carl Forber	Blackpool Supporters Club
7	Tom Hemingway	The Colonial Hotel
8	Dave Best	Brennan & Best Joinery & Const
9	John Clough	Chorley Supporters
10	Andy Hobson	Shelf Village Bakery
11	Kurt Haggerty	Blackpool Reservations
12	Paul Alcock	Interbake
13	Lee Marsh	
14	Martin Keavney	Morris's Quality Bakers
15	Paul Anderson	AGS Mortgage Solutions
16	Simon Svabic	Rema Tip Top
17	Kris Ratcliffe	RR Yates Drafting & Design Services
18	Martin Ainscough	Recruitment Solutions
19	Adam Thomas	
20	Marlon Miller	Panthers Fundraisers Shop, Waterloo Rd
21	Peter Fairhurst	RR Yates Drafting & Design Services
22	Dave Llewellyn	Paul & Lucy Breeze, Fylde FM
23	John Boland	
24	Paul Ballard	Blackpool Supporters Club

COACH: MARTIN CROMPTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWLWW
LAST SIX AWAY: WLLLLW
TRIES: Munro (21), Ainscough (14), Mayberry (12)
GOALS: Hemingway (77)
DROP GOALS: Leather (1)
MAN TO WATCH: John Clough

CLUBCALL

Doncaster v Blackpool

Crommy and boys have stuck together

Carl Hall,
Chief Executive Officer

TODAY I welcome to the Keepmoat my good pal Martin Crompton and his Blackpool team.

Over the last month or so there have been many rumours going around about Martin and his Blackpool team - it's a credit to them that they have all stuck together.

Whatever the ins and outs of the problems at Blackpool it's always the coach and his players left having to dig the club out of it on the field and they've certainly been giving it their best.

Stick in there, Crommy.

Last week we let ourselves down at York with a bit of ill-discipline creeping into our game, giving away cheap penalties.

We gave York easy field position. Today we must keep our discipline, stick to what we have been doing good and just give 110%.

In attendance today is European Boxing champ - Doncaster's own - Jamie McDonnell, who successfully defended his title at the Dome last Friday live on Sky TV.

Jamie did it in style, stopping his opponent in three rounds. Well done pal.

Our next home match, on August 1 against Gateshead, we are dedicating to Kevin Parkhouse.

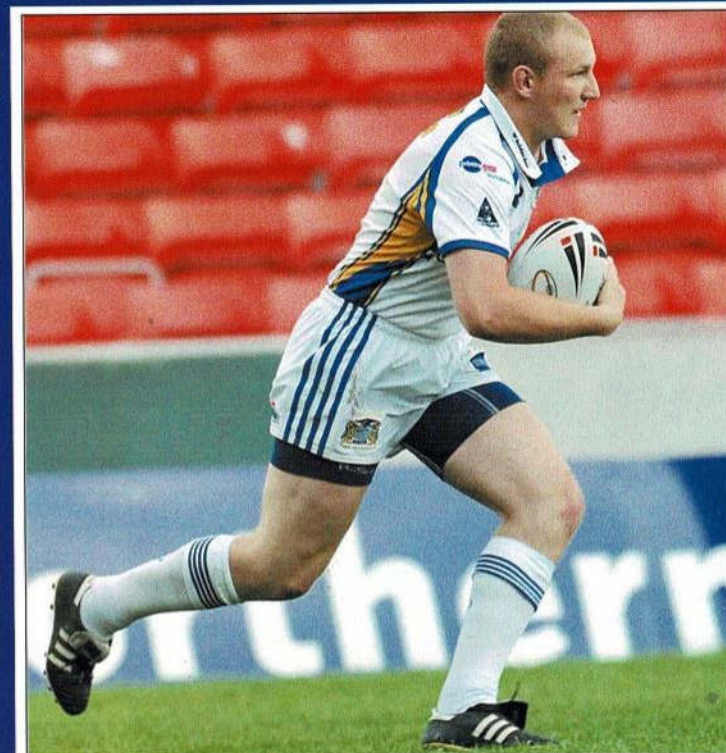
Kev was a great player and personality for this club.

I was very fortunate enough to play with Kev, who always played with a big grin on his face, so please spread the word about this game.

We are donating £2 of every full paying adult to the Kevin Parkhouse Foundation.

"COME ON U DONS!"

Carl Hall



Above: Shaun Leaf remains joint top of the Doncaster try-scorers list with seven.
Below: Chris Spurr has been a regular try poacher since joining from Dewsbury



A WARM welcome to Blackpool, both players and officials.

Blackpool are riding high in the table and rightly so. A lot of credit must go to the coach Martin Crompton who has done an excellent job. He has built the team from scratch over the past three years.

Our form of late has been good apart from the result against York when we didn't play smart and made things very difficult for ourselves. Having said that I thought we had a

lot of bad 50/50 calls go against us. The penalty count was 16-8 against us. We on average had conceded less than eight penalties a game before the York game.

We need to get back to what we do best which is play with commitment and enthusiasm for the full 80 minutes. If we do this then we will prove to be a match for any team in our division.

Tony Miller
Head Coach

Hunslet Hawks v



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York City Knights



Sunday July 11, 2010. Kick off 3pm. SOUTH LEEDS STADIUM

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

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COACH: PAUL MARCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLWWW

LAST SIX HOME: WWWLWW

TRIES: McHugh (24), Pryce, Mark (15), P March (12), D March (11)

GOALS: McHugh (39), Knight (35)

DROP GOALS: None

MAN TO WATCH: David March

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Sharrad

Touch: J Darbyshire, S Matthews

Reserve Referee: D McNeice

THE INSIDE TRACK

Hunslet march on and York will not be able to stop them. Hawks by 20

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
	Dennis Tuffour.....	YCK Matchday Volunteers
	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 (Spon: York RL Refs), Mark Falkingham, Danny Hill, Danny Bell, Jack Stearman (Spectacular Diveways)	

COACH: DAVE WOODS

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: LWLLWW

TRIES: Waterman (22), Ratcliffe (12), Lineham (9)

GOALS: Waterman (88)

DROP GOALS: None

MAN TO WATCH: Tom Lineham

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CLUBCALL

Hunslet v York

Hawks finally beat their bogey team

WE FINALLY managed a win at Sedgley Park after all these years – I was beginning to think the place was impregnable for us. Our performance on Sunday was exceptional once more, as we again put over 40 past our opponents.

Today's game will no doubt be a stiffer test of our strengths, and the York lads will no doubt be well fired-up for this one.

They also have a defeat at Huntington Stadium earlier in the season to avenge, so Paul March will need to ensure we play to our potential today if we are to claim the points.

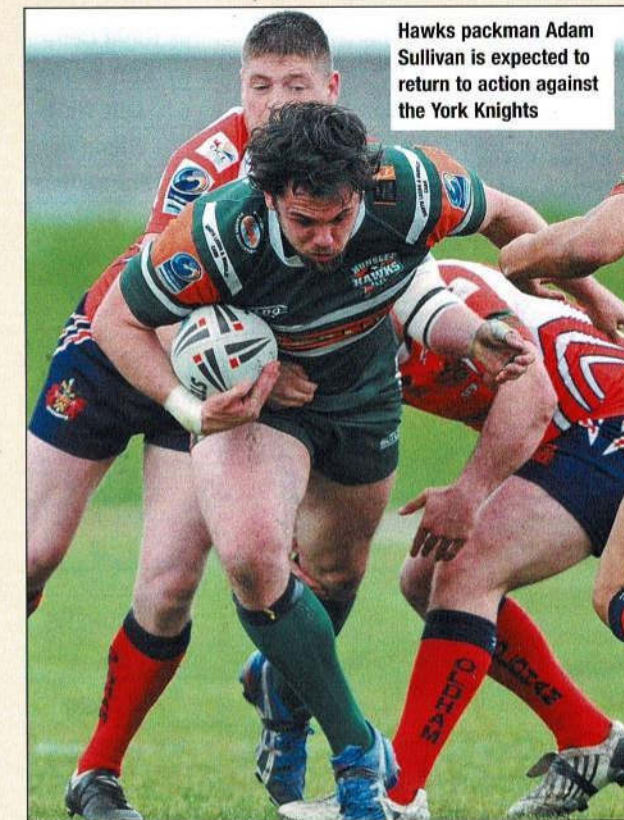
Next week sees the return of the Blackpool 9s and we are sending a good strength squad to compete.

Anyone wanting tickets can obtain them today from the club office. All sales go to the club and will help us with the finances as the season progresses.

I hope everyone having the pre-match carvery enjoys the occasion once again, as this has been a successful venture for the club this year and we will be trying to build on it for next season.

Our last pre-match meal will be for the South Wales fixture, and this is already fully booked! Once again a big thank you for all your support this year.

Alan Stephenson
Chief Executive



Hawks packman Adam Sullivan is expected to return to action against the York Knights

Can we win the last five?

IT IS five matches to go for the Hawks and counting, if we are to win Championship 1.

Last week's match against Swinton was a rare away win against the Lions. Swinton have been Hunslet's bogey team for many years and our result hopefully shows our clear intention to win every match until the end of our season.

This week's opposition is the improving York City Knights, who look likely to finish fourth in the league. They have already beaten

both Oldham and Blackpool this season and we will not be underestimating them. With the March brothers and plenty of ex-York players in our side, there will be plenty of extra interest in the game.

We know the match will be clearly contested but the added spice that exists between the players will make it even more intriguing.

We are hoping, with all the rivalry that exists between the two sides, that there will be a bumper crowd. The crowds continue to disappoint in

Championship 1 despite some great rugby played and keenly fought matches.

It is a credit to the administrators that they are able to generate enough monies outside gameday to continue.

So let us enjoy today's match, buckle our seatbelts and hope for not too bumpy a ride.

Charlotte Ball
Promotions Officer



Oldham RLFC v Swinton Lions



Sunday July 11, 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
Willscalf.....	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 l'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: LWLWWW

LAST SIX HOME: WWLWLW

TRIES: Fogerty (17), Onyango (16), O'Connor (14)

GOALS: Ashe (60)

DROP GOALS: None

MAN TO WATCH: Paul O'Connor

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: P Brooke

Touch: J Ashton, S Kilpatrick

Reserve Referee: J Cross

THE INSIDE TRACK

Derby might close the gap but expect Oldham to win comfortably, by 30

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
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 KIDD

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWDLL

LAST SIX AWAY: LLWLWW

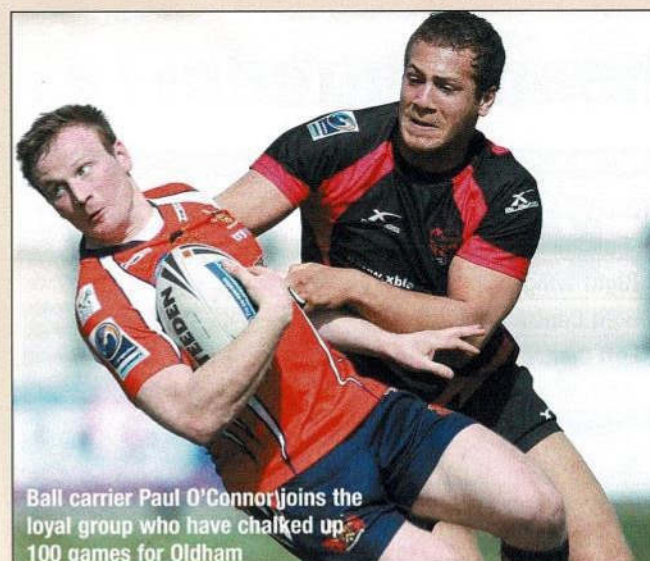
TRIES: Foxen (12), Joseph (8), Dodd, Wilson (7)

GOALS: Dodd (41)

DROP GOALS:

MAN TO WATCH: Phil Joseph

CLUBCALL



Ball carrier Paul O'Connor joins the loyal group who have chalked up 100 games for Oldham

Progress on and off field

**Chris Hamilton
Chief Executive**

WELCOME back to the Whitebank Stadium, which after our initial glut of games seems like a long time since we played here.

Throughout that time work has continued at the ground and although not all of it is "front of house" progress is being made each week. On the field the team continues to do its part with another win up at Gateshead last Sunday - our first game for three weeks.

The team has performed very well for nearly the entire season and looking back at what the pundits predicted prior to a tackle being made we have already rubbed a few people's nose in it.

We have a great team spirit and I would like to think that is in part down to the way the club is run and that in itself fosters a healthy respect.

We are continually striving to make ourselves better on and off the field. John Hough continues to make rapid progress with the reserve team which already holds several players on professional contracts hoping to make a way in the game and our

home games this season to date have seen good attendances with some super rugby to boot. The atmosphere at those games is one to savour.

My year as president of the Rugby Football League ended earlier this week and that was a great honour for the club as well as for me personally and I would like to publicly thank all of the people who helped me during my term, particularly the girls at Red Hall.

One of the things you get to see in that role is the togetherness that a common love brings to so many people. The work of Try Assist (benevolent fund) is particularly touching as, quite often, it is only in the spotlight when tragedy strikes. I have been called upon to represent the game on some of those occasions and have been genuinely touched by the dedication and professionalism of the fund and its volunteers.

As far as today's game goes, we never have an easy game against the Lions and after a disappointing result last Sunday they will no doubt raise their game against us.

The support the team has had at Whitebank has been very noticeable and hopefully you can again play your part today in what will hopefully be another win for the lads.

Oldham v Swinton

I'm happy - we have had a hat-trick of wins

I WAS very happy with our results for the club over the weekend with three good wins from three.

The first result came from Chris Hamilton - in securing a full licence for alcohol to be sold in the ground at Whitebank. It can only add to what is already regarded as a great day out with your mates, a Holland's pie, and some entertaining rugby now washed down with a nice cold ale...rugby as it was meant to be.

Then came Friday night and once again the Reserves set the weekend off with a fantastic result against Dewsbury.

The style of game they play is a pleasure to watch and goes a long way towards creating the fantastic atmosphere people can now rely on to ensure a good night out at any of their home games at Whitebank.

The weekend was topped off with a good win for the 1st Team that could have been a very difficult assignment with the long trip to Gateshead after a three-week break.

I'll admit I was worried as we certainly lost a lot of ground during the last break we had back in March after an encouraging start. But this time I think we learnt from it and have matured greatly as a team.

I feel now that our structures and principles are ingrained as was evident to all the fantastic supporters that travelled to witness what I felt was a very clinical display at the Thunderdome on Sunday.

But as they say 'you are only as good as your last game', so today we look forward to another tough encounter with our close neighbours from Swinton.

We always look forward to these games and I'm sure you will enjoy a very entertaining battle at Whitebank. As always can I please offer a very warm welcome to our friends from Swinton and hope that you enjoy what has become a unique fun day out for visiting fans.

Finally I'd like to welcome Sticks McNally and his family back into the fold, and congratulate everybody's favourite Paul O'Connor, on his 100 games for the club.

A great Oldham players reach the ton, and that's a big achievement in itself, but not many will have consistently put so much heart into each of the 100 games as my good mate POC.

**Tony Benson
Head Coach**



South Wales Scorpions v Gateshead Thunder



Sunday July 11, 2010. Kick off 2pm. THE GNOLL

PLAYER	No.
Craig Richards	1
David James	2
Lee Williams	3
Stephen Ireland	4
Ashley Bateman	5
Loz Wildbore	6
Steve Parry	7
Lewis Mills	8
Shaun Owens	9
Gil Dudson	10
Christian Roets	11
Neil Dallimore	12
Aled James	13
Jamie Murphy	14
Andrew Gay	15
Joe Burke	16
Barrie Phillips	17
Matt Hutchings	18
Lewis Reece	19
Geraint Davies	20
Sam Studley	21
Curtis Cunningham	22
Alan Pope	23
Jamie Tibbs	26
Dalton Grant	27
Loren Quick	28
Harri Greville	29
Elliot Kear	31
Lloyd White	33
Ben Flower	34
Casey Bromilow	
(on loan) Jamie Thackray	

COACH: ANTHONY SEIBOLD

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWL
LAST SIX HOME: WLLLL
TRIES: Parry (13), Roets (6)
GOALS: White (31)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Steve Parry

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MATCH-OFFICIALS

Referee: C Leatherbarrow
Touch: I Curzon, K Povah
Reserve Referee: R Webb

THE INSIDE TRACK

Scorpions meet the league's whipping boys. Should be a stroll by 36

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Kevin Neighbour	Querido & Davidson Opticians
2	Robin Peers	Lorne Campbell/More Than Mortgages
3	Tom Wilson	Dean Taxis
4	Michael Brown	The Schooner
5	Joe Brown	O'Briens (Team Valley)
6	Liam Duffy	Rob Gardener (Matthew Wells)
7	Rod Attard	The Schooner
8	Jason Payne	Brack Office Solutions
9	Ryan Clarke	The Wheatsheaf
10	Tabua Cakacaka Foe	Rob Gardener (James Wells)
11	Johnny Scott	Neil & Christine Hutchinson
12	Rhys Clarke	CLA Risk Solutions
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22	Rob Harvey	Gateshead College
23	Karl Brandt	Hilton Newcastle Gateshead
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25	Gareth Barron	Back Group
26	David Cash	St Wilfrid's School
27	Luke Watson	Go Beyond Training/Peterlee Pumas
28	Jason Elliott	NHS
29	Jimmy Atkinson	North-East Rugby League
30	Richie Humphries	Jordan Engineering
31	Matt Garside	Evening Chronicle Sunshine Fund
32	Ade Aderiyi	Newcastle Gateshead Initiative
33	Josh Stoker	NESLC

COACH: CHRIS HOOD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL
LAST SIX AWAY: LLLLLL
TRIES: Wilson (6), Neighbour (5)
GOALS: Neighbour (10), Clarke (9)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Will Bate



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Scorpions v Gateshead

Scorpions on a learning curve



Scorpions' scrum-half Steve Parry had a big impact on the game against Blackpool, scoring two tries

LAST weekend's game was certainly the proverbial "tale of two halves".

After playing our best half of rugby away from home this season, leading one of the big threats of the competition in Blackpool 16-4 after 39 minutes, and going close to extending the lead just before the break, fatigue seemed to set in as the game wore on.

In the second stanza we let ourselves down defensively. We have the fourth best defence in the league and for the majority of the season our defensive shape, structure and willingness to work for each has been very good and a real strength.

At the weekend we were guilty of not working hard for each other in the little areas of the game in the second half, such as not tying in defensively when the ball had gone away from us, or just being half a step away from where we should be. It only takes a few guys to think the

job is done for you to get 'burnt' in professional rugby league. Again our youngsters learned a valuable lesson and we now need to continue to move forward and work hard.

Steve Parry, Elliot Kear, Lewis Mills, Loz Wildbore and Ash Bateman figured prominently for us throughout the game.

Our depth has been tested in recent weeks due to injuries or unavailability to key players like Jamie Murphy, Lee Williams and Aled James but it has allowed players like Lewis Reece, Dai James and Harri Greville to get further game time and experience at this level.

This weekend we have a massive game at home, hosting Gateshead. We look forward to having them come to South Wales as there is already a healthy rivalry between the two clubs due to our bases being away from the traditional areas of the game.

We are likely to have Aled James avail-

able and we look forward to our captain returning to the team.

On Sunday we had an opportunity as a squad to travel to Wrexham and watch the Crusaders v Warrington fixture as guests of the Crusaders. This was a great experience for our lads as many have never seen a live Super League game previously. It also showed many of our younger players what they need to aspire to. It was great to catch up with some of the staff like Ben Stirling and Matt Pritchard and also some of the players whom I had worked with previously. Our players and staff appreciated the opportunity to attend the game.

It was great to see guys like Lloyd White and Ben Flower play Super League as they have spent some time with us this season.

Anthony Seibold
Head Coach

Workington Town v London Skolars



Sunday July 11, 2010. Kick off 2pm. DERWENT PARK

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

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	Full back	
	Right Wing	
	Right Centre	
	Left Centre	
	Left Wing	
	Stand off	
	Scrum half	
	Prop	
	Hooker	
	Prop	
	2nd row	
	2nd row	
	Loose forward	
	Interchange 1	
	2	
	3	
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COACHES: GARY CHARLTON &
MARTIN OGLANBY

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLLD
LAST SIX HOME: WWLLWL
TRIES: Kaighan (10), Low, Stack,
Backhouse, Marshall (8)
GOALS: Kaighan (47), Holt (14)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Darren Holt

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Halloran
Touch: P Huck, P Ward
Reserve Referee: L Todd

THE INSIDE TRACK

Town might find Skolars in high spirits after
their recent win but should prevail by 25

COACH: JAMES MASSARA

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLLW

LAST SIX AWAY: LLLLLL

TRIES: Adebisi (10), Thomas (5)

GOALS: Thorman (34)

DROP GOALS:

MAN TO WATCH: Ade Adebisi

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Workington v Skolars

We're moving in right direction



Neil Frazer was
a try scorer in
the win over
South Wales

We wish a warm welcome to London scholars making the long journey to Cumbria this weekend, congratulations must go to them for achieving that well deserved first win last week.

They will be keen to record back to back victories today and whilst we have never lost to scholars in London they have recorded victories at Derwent Park in recent times.

We will therefore need to be as enterprising as we were in last week's win over South Wales Scorpions to get the right result today.

The remaining games are critical to our play-off aspirations and the consistency

Dave Bowden Chairman

that Gary and Martin have been asking for was very evident last week.

The fact is that if we can continue that kind of form and consistency today, and carry on with it, then we'll be there or thereabouts at the end of the season.

What's more, and for our loyal fans and where they are concerned, then we'll see some real entertaining rugby league from a much improved Workington Town.

Enjoy the game and the rest of the season.

Much improved Solars will provide a real test

HELLO and welcome to Derwent Park for this Championship 1 match against London Skolars.

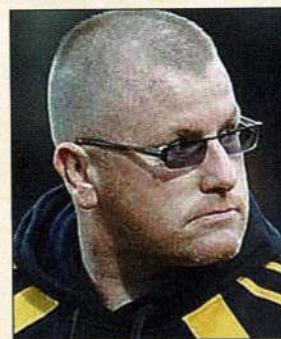
In our last match against the Scorpions we played up to the standard me and Martin have been looking for and thought we were dominant through out the game. We will be looking to keep this standard up to the end of the season.

London have just come off a win last week so will be really up for their trip to Cumbria. As such any thoughts of this being a so-called 'easy game' have gone right out of the window and I will be telling our team to prepare for a tough game.

In our last game against them they pushed us all the way and it wasn't till the last ten minutes we took control. Hope you all enjoy the game and cheer on the lads - I know they appreciate it.

Gary Charlton
Coach

Nines brings a whole new approach



TRAINING will be very different this week for 18 Co-operative Championship and Championship 1 sides as they prepare for the Northern Rail 9s next Saturday.

The competition was staged for the first time last year and will again be hosted by Fylde RU, home of Blackpool Panthers, after being a huge success.

The event was staged over two days, with the group stage at Fylde on the Saturday while the knock-out games were played at Bloomfield Road the following day ahead of the Northern Rail

It's a whole new ball game – for one week only. But BEN COLLINS spoke to two coaches who know a bit more than most about 9s footy...

Cup final. Again it serves as a prelude to the cup final, although this year all games will be staged at Fylde on the Saturday.

And it promises to be an action-packed day as the first game kicks off at 10am with the final not until 6.30pm.

Blackpool ran out winners of the Trophy last year, while Halifax won the Plate, and the hosts are hoping for another enjoyable weekend all round.

"We're really looking forward to it, it's a great day out and a great concept," said coach Martin Crompton.

"Being defending champions, on your own soil, it adds a bit of spice to it as well.

"It's all about enjoying the day and trying to win it. If not then hopefully not picking up any injuries.

"We just hope that the fans turn out in their numbers and come to support it."

Crompton actually represented Great Britain at the World 9s in Australia in 1997. However, the former Wigan and Salford scrum-half admits Blackpool are up against it to defend their title next weekend.

"It was a fantastic achievement last year and it would be great to do it again," he said.

"But I have to be realistic, I don't think we'll be in the running this year. I'm limited for numbers because there's been long-term injuries to Paul Ballard and Jonny Leather, and there's a few others who might not be available so I don't think we'll be the favourites this year, put it that way."

Last year's success came as a surprise to even Crompton himself having had just one session playing 9s before the tournament.

But the players joked he had given them the inside track.

"Because I played in the World 9s, the lads were laughing and joking, saying 'we've got a secret weapon, he's the only coach with experience of playing nine-a-side'.

"But I have to hold my hands up and say it was all down to the lads! We used it more as a team-bonding exercise, to be honest," he added.

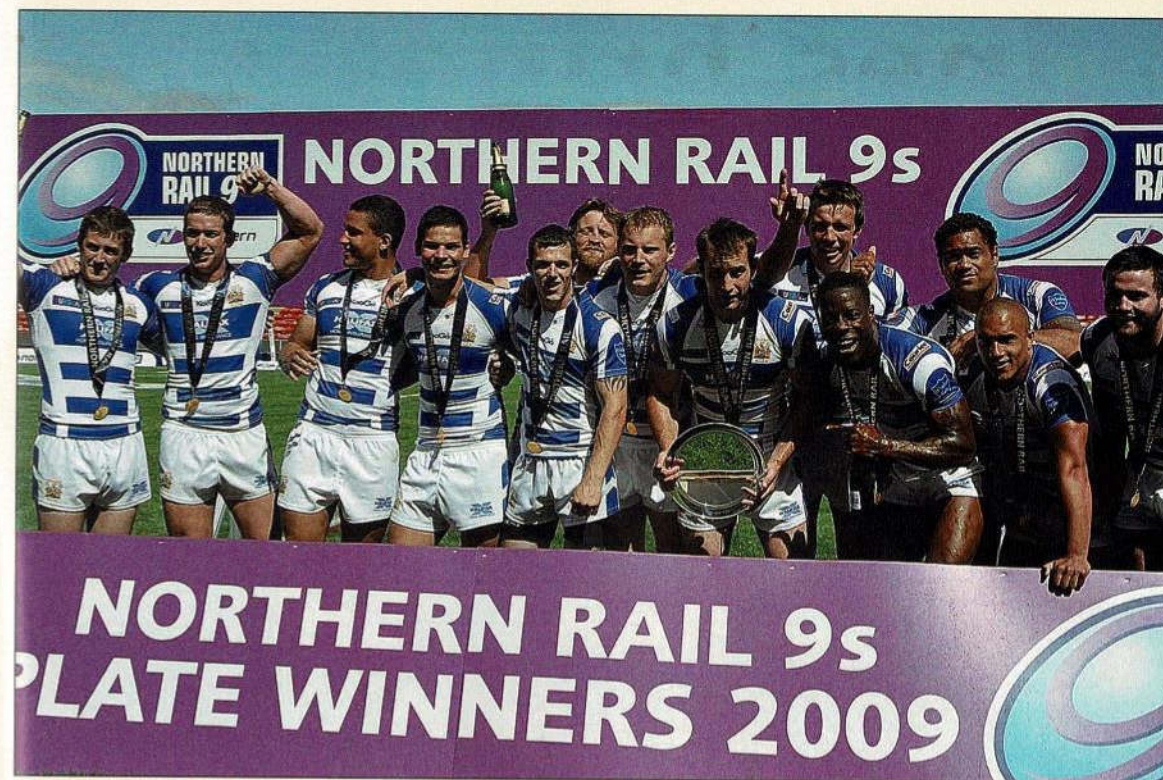
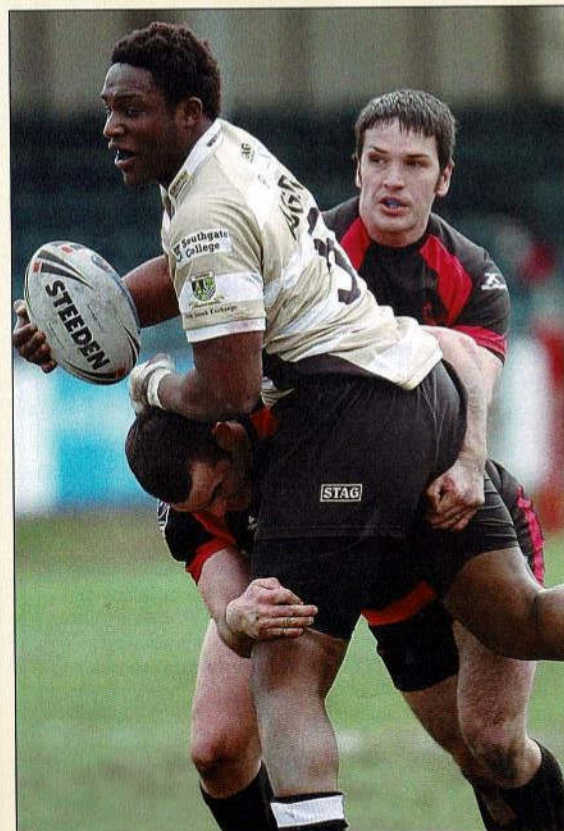
"When we qualified for the quarter-finals on the Sunday we just thought, 'eh, we've got a chance here'.

"When we won that and got to the semi the lads really picked it up, there was loads of confidence and you could see it

in them that they really wanted it.

"We must have been massive underdogs in the final against

Austin Aggrey is one explosive player that Skolars coach James Massara will hope to have at his disposal



Two coaches with 9s experience, Martin Crompton (above left) and James Massara (below). Meanwhile Halifax will be hoping to go one better this year in the Trophy

Sheffield because they had the Fijians out and lots of pace and size about them.

"But I thought we fully deserved to win the final. We went 10-0 up, Sheffield came back at us and then Dean Thompson scored right on the hooter."

London Skolars coach James Massara is another with previous experience of 9s rugby league so he too knows the value of the concept.

While Blackpool have been flying high in Championship 1, the Skolars have claimed just one win this season, so Massara is hoping to boost morale.

"I'll pick as strong a team as I can, although it depends a lot on who's in the England Students team," he said.

"I have eight of their players and they're playing in Dublin that weekend in the Student Championships.

"We've been concentrating on the league so far but the week before the 9s will fully be about that.

"It's a different environment, it'd be really nice to do well and we'll be heading up there to do our best.

"We've had a tough season and we have some players I think 9s will suit.

"I coached a London team at the Middlesex 9s and I know from that, it can really help young players who have been out of form.

"They've been doing the hard stuff all year and it can help them express them-



selves more and help get their confidence back."

Blackpool and Skolars have been drawn in pool 4, although the format means they will play each team in pool 5 in the group stage, namely Halifax, Hunslet and Leigh – some sizeable task ahead!

The overall winners will have the chance to test themselves against Super League opposition as they will be rewarded with a place in the Carnegie Floodlit 9s at Headingley on August 25.

NORTHERN RAIL 9s

Teams in pools 1-3 play each other in round-robin format. Teams in Pools 4-5 play each side in the opposite group

Pool 1

Dewsbury Rams
Rochdale RL
Swinton Lions
Gateshead Thunder

Pool 2

Featherstone Rovers
Barrow Raiders
Oldham
Sheffield Eagles

Pool 3

Keighley Cougars
Workington Town
York City Knights
Whitehaven RL

Pool 4

Doncaster
Blackpool Panthers
London Skolars

Pool 5

Halifax
Hunslet Hawks
Leigh Centurions



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Runaway Rovers – and Skolars get a 'w'

CAN anyone catch the runaway Rovers? With just five rounds left for the leaders and the others playing catch-up, it doesn't look like it.

Barrow, with two games in hand after their victory over title rivals Leigh have the best chance with the opportunity to 'narrow' the gap at the top to seven points, but surely even that would be too much to ask against a team that has only dropped two points all season – and that a bonus point shock at home to Toulouse.

The final margin in their latest win at Keighley rather flattered Rovers and coach Daryl Powell said: "I thought we were a bit off our game to be honest. A few people have said to me that they expected a bigger score today and that's



what we thought too, but Keighley came at us and played really well and you have to give credit to them.

"We made too many errors and we had to dig in and work hard to win the game."

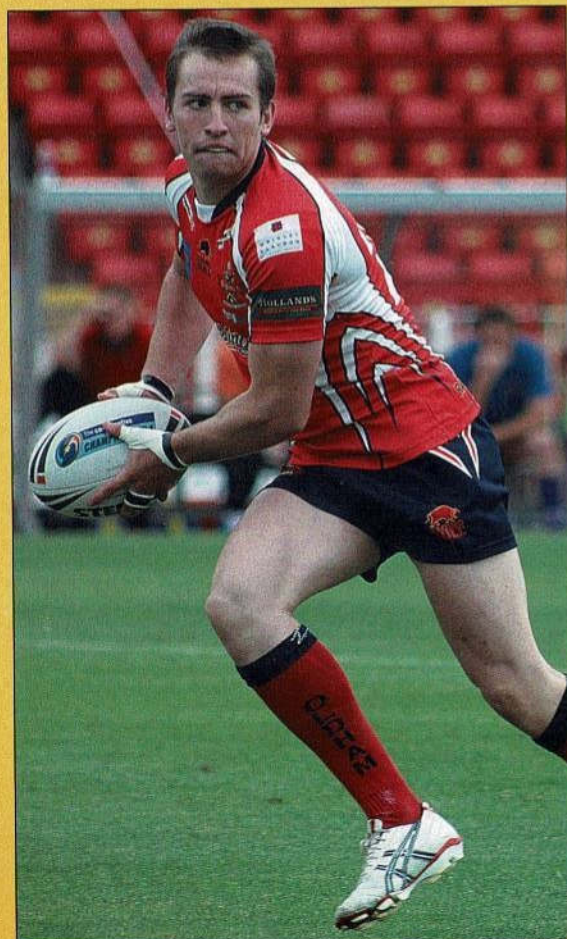
Keighley coach Barry Eaton hasn't given up on avoiding relegation but it gets more unlikely by the week. However he remained upbeat. "When the game was level at six all, we had some opportunities and of course two tries disallowed," said Eaton. "It was a fantastic effort from the boys and I think we matched them pound for pound today."

Batley can be forgiven for having other things on their mind – like next week's Northern Rail Cup final, but coach Karl Harrison will be disappointed by the way they went down at home to Sheffield, who they knocked out of the cup. 'Ironman' Sean Hesketh however showed he isn't just brawn, adding two goals to his try! The Eagles had Menzie Yere sent off in the 66th minute for a trip.

Both Batley and Widnes are slipping behind Toulouse and Sheffield in the race for the play-offs and the Frenchmen did themselves a power of good with a convincing 36-12 win at the Tetley's Stadium. Aussie trio Nathan Wynn, Rory Bromley and Martin Mitchell were red hot for TOXIII who now look a good bet to make the play-off series in their second season.

For Rams coach Warren Jowitt it was a disappointment after back-to-back league wins, but they remain three points clear of Whitehaven in the battle to avoid the drop.

In the Thursday night tv game Haven suffered a blow before kick-off when Motu Tony was injured while warming up. Things didn't get better when the action started and although the Cumbrians competed at times, Widnes had too much firepower and organisation and ran out comfortable 40-4 victors.



Gregg McNally has been a big influence on-loan at Oldham

COMING UP...

...LEIGH'S travels don't get any easier, a trip to Featherstone on the cards after their battle at Barrow in a Thursday night match which could go a long way to settling the league leader's shield. Barrow meanwhile will be confident as they travel to a Batley side with one eye on the Northern Rail Cup final.

In the relegation shoot-out both Dewsbury and Whitehaven have tough-looking trips, to Widnes and a rested Halifax. Toulouse host the up-and-down Eagles.

In Championship 1 York will discover how much they have improved when they travel to leaders – and quite a few of their old boys – at Hunslet, while Blackpool look to maintain momentum at Doncaster.

It's derby time at Oldham with a struggling Swinton the visitors, while both Gateshead (South Wales) and Skolars (Workington) face going on their travels with a tough welcome guaranteed at the other end.

In the pack chasing Featherstone, Barrow made up some ground but a late flourish gave Leigh a bonus point which frustrated Barrow boss Steve McCormack.

"It is a big win for us and we have beaten a very good side tonight, but I am disappointed that we let them back in to get that bonus point," he said. "We have to be a bit more ruthless."



LONDON SKOLARS had much to celebrate after ending their two-year-long home drought with a last gasp win over Hornets.

Skolars coach James Massara said: "We are all absolutely delighted. There has been a lot of work gone into this and, credit to the lads, it has been a long time coming."

"The challenge to my players is to make sure that this is not the only win. Now we have to do it again next week."

Hornets had put themselves in position to win after going behind, but in a frantic last few minutes full back Wayne English dropped the ball when 'celebrating' a try too soon, and the Skolars nicked the win at the death – leaving just Andy Saywell to be sent off for dissent, following his coach John Stankevitch who had been sent to the stands by referee Chris



Andy Saywell - sent off in Hornets' last-gasp defeat at Skolars

Leatherbarrow.

Hornets coach John Stankevitch said afterwards: "It was most disappointing to lose, but the truth is we didn't deserve anything today."

"Our discipline was atrocious and it had a bearing on the result. It is the same old story: the players who did so well three or four weeks ago didn't do it."

Elsewhere there were commanding wins for the two leaders Hunslet and Oldham, at Swinton and Gateshead respectively.

Blackpool and York kept up their pursuit, the Minstermen seeing off the ever-improving Doncaster at home and the Panthers spotting Welsh new boys the South Wales Scorpions a handy lead before storming back in the second half to cruise to victory by 44-24.

York coach Dave Woods was satisfied with the victory but indicated that his side still had a lot of work to do over the coming weeks.

"Our line speed was terrific and in the second half we upped the tempo of our game," he said. "We were able to play the ball a lot quicker in the second half as the wind was with us, in terms of the players could run onto the ball more."

"I am very pleased with the performance but there are still some areas which we will be working on before our next game."

Keighley (2) 6
T: B Rawlins 1. G: D Jones 1
Featherstone (6) 24
T: Z Hardaker 1, K Briggs 2, A Kain 1. G: K Briggs 4. Att: 1,185

Batley (0) 12
T: A Brown 1, S Hesketh 1. G: S Hesketh 2.
Sheffield (18) 20
T: M Taulapapa 1, M Brooks 1, R Hepworth 1. G: T Bergin 4. Att: 747

Dewsbury (0) 12
T: L Lingard 1, P Walker 1. G: D Brambani 2.
Toulouse (6) 36
T: R Bromley 2, N Wynn 1, M Mitchell 3. G: N Wynn 6. Att: 864

Barrow (22) 34
T: G Broadbent 1, A Ballard 1, J McGilvary 1, J Rooney 2, B McDermott 1.
G: J Rooney 5.
Leigh (6) 24
T: M Ridyard 1, M Morrison 1, L Mitchell 1, T McCarthy 1. G: M Nannyn 4.
Att: 2,072

Whitehaven (4) 4
T: D Ellbeck 1.
Widnes (18) 40
T: S Grady 2, R Varkulis 1, L Doran 1, D Allen 2, K Netherton 1. G: S Grady 4.
D Craven 2. Att: 1,580

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	B	PTS
Featherstone	15	14	0	1	517	230	287	1	43
Leigh	15	10	1	4	444	276	168	3	35
Barrow	13	10	1	2	421	228	193	0	32
Halifax	14	10	0	4	440	373	67	2	32
Sheffield	15	7	1	7	374	395	-21	3	26
Toulouse	14	8	0	6	360	426	-66	1	25
Widnes	13	6	0	7	420	316	104	5	23
Batley	14	5	0	9	313	342	-29	6	21
Dewsbury	15	2	0	13	269	440	-171	7	13
Whitehaven	15	2	0	13	200	505	-305	4	10
Keighley	15	3	1	11	279	506	-227	3	5

* Keighley deducted 9pts for going into administration

York (14) 32
T: D Wilson 1, M Mitchell 1, L Waterman 1, T Lineham 3, J Lee 1.
G: D Ratcliffe 2.
Doncaster (12) 16
T: C Spurr 1, S Leaf 1, R Lunt 1. G: S Brown 2. Att: 735

Gateshead (6) 10
T: K Neighbour 1, W Bate 1. G: N Scott 1.
Oldham (28) 68
T: P O'Connor 2, L Onyango 1, M Fogerty 3, W Kerr 1, C Clarke 1, D Ellison 1.
B Heaton 1, D Whitmore 2. G: M Ashe 1, G McNally 9. Att: 433

Swinton (4) 10
T: P Joseph 1, R Foxen 1. G: G Dodd 1.
Hunslet (20) 58
T: S Kain 2, T Haughey 1, W Pryce 3, D Grimshaw 1, L Haigh 2, S Dooler 1, D March 1. G: R Knight 1, D March 6. Att: 386

London Skolars (18) 28
T: J Paxton 2, J Coleman 1, S Gee 1, M Thomas 1. G: P Thorman 4.
Rochdale (4) 26
T: D Bloomfield 2, A Saywell 1, S Roper 1, P Wood 1. G: P Crook 3.
Att: 372

Blackpool (10) 44
T: M Ainscough 1, T Woodcock 1, T Hemingway 1, J Clough 2, M McCully 1.
C Maybury 2. G: T Hemingway 6.
South Wales (16) 24
T: A Bateman 1, A Gay 1, S Parry 2. G: L Wildbore 4. Att: 266

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	B	Pts
Hunslet	15	13	0	2	622	209	413	1	40
Oldham	14	12	0	2	479	294	185	1	37
Blackpool	14	11	0	3	555	232	323	1	34
York	15	9	0	6	497	395	102	3	30
Rochdale	15	8	0	7	518	380	138	5	29
Workington	14	6	1	7	376	332	44	4	24
Swinton	15	7	1	7	356	445	-89	1	24
South Wales	14	6	0	8	388	324	64	5	23
Doncaster	15	5	0	10	342	482	-140	4	19
London Skolars	15	1	0	14	258	700	-442	2	5
Gateshead	14	1	0	13	172	770	-598	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 9
Keighley Cougars 17, Whitehaven 18
Gateshead Thunder 12, Workington Town 26
London Skolars 12, Hunslet Hawks 60
Swinton Lions 30, Doncaster RLFC 20
York City Knights 13, Leigh Centurions 12

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 - ROUND 2

Oldham 22, Hornets RL 14

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - ROUND 1

Whitehaven 26, Batley Bulldogs 34

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - ROUND 3

Batley Bulldogs 46, Swinton Lions 10
Keighley Cougars 36, Workington Town 10
Leigh Centurions 36, Featherstone Rovers 6
Sheffield Eagles 40, York City Knights 10
Whitehaven 54, Doncaster RLFC 10
Widnes Vikings 22, Barrow Raiders 20
Blackpool Panthers 74, Gateshead Thunder 5
Hunslet Hawks 28, Oldham 14
London Skolars 0, Halifax RLFC 68
Rochdale Hornets 12, Dewsbury Rams 48

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Sheffield Eagles 13, Halifax RLFC 6
Doncaster RLFC 4, Barrow Raiders 60
Hornets RL 12, York City Knights 36
Workington 18, Swinton 19

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Oldham 22, Sheffield Eagles 24

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Featherstone Rovers 56, 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 18

WEDNESDAY MARCH 17

Gateshead Thunder 4, Batley Bulldogs 100

SUNDAY MARCH 21

Halifax RLFC 36, Hunslet Hawks 42

WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH

Doncaster 20, Blackpool 40

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS

THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY

Leigh Centurions 20, Barrow Raiders 20

SUNDAY, 28 FEBRUARY

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

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

THURSDAY, 11 MARCH

Batley Bulldogs 24, Halifax RLFC 34

FRIDAY MARCH 12

Blackpool Panthers 36, Hornets RL 14
Hunslet Hawks 16, Oldham RLFC 29

SATURDAY, 13 MARCH

Whitehaven 34, Toulouse Olympique 20

SUNDAY, 14 MARCH

Dewsbury Rams 10, Featherstone Rovers 40
Keighley Cougars 12, Leigh Centurions 34
Sheffield Eagles 30, Widnes Vikings 44
Doncaster RLFC 8, South Wales Scorpions 18
London Skolars 16, Swinton Lions 52
Workington Town 32, York City Knights 22

THURSDAY, 18 MARCH

Widnes Vikings 28, Halifax RLFC 30

FRIDAY, 19 MARCH

Sheffield Eagles 22, Dewsbury Rams 10

SATURDAY, 20 MARCH

Toulouse Olympique 34, Keighley Cougars 26
Barrow Raiders 6, Featherstone Rovers 20

SUNDAY, 21 MARCH

Leigh Centurions 44, Whitehaven 12
Gateshead Thunder 24, London Skolars 18
Rochdale Hornets 32, Workington Town 24
Swinton Lions 36, Doncaster RLFC 30
York City Knights 25, South Wales Scorpions 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 16, Featherstone Rovers 24



Sebastian Planas tries to burst through the Rams defence as Toulouse make their move on the play-off places in the Co-operative Championship

WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY

Swinton Lions 6, Batley Bulldogs 58

THURSDAY, 20 MAY

Dewsbury Rams 20, Sheffield Eagles 22

SATURDAY, 22 MAY

Toulouse Olympique 28, Featherstone Rovers 34

SUNDAY, 23 MAY

Keighley Cougars 32, Halifax RLFC 46

Whitehaven 8, Leigh Centurions 12

Widnes Vikings 16, Batley Bulldogs 35

Doncaster RLFC 16, Swinton Lions 0

Gateshead Thunder 24, Workington Town 42

Oldham 4, Hunslet Hawks 60

London Skolars 22, South Wales Scorpions 70

Rochdale Hornets 44, York City Knights 34

THURSDAY, 27 MAY

Sheffield Eagles 24, Keighley Cougars 25

SATURDAY, 29 MAY

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER FINALS

St Helens 32, Barrow Raiders 12

Batley Bulldogs 12, Catalans Dragons 74

SUNDAY, 30 MAY

Featherstone Rovers 36, Dewsbury Rams 32

Leigh Centurions 40, Halifax RLFC 46

Doncaster RLFC 20, Hunslet Hawks 30

Gateshead Thunder 6, Rochdale Hornets 64

Swinton Lions 56, London Skolars 28

Workington Town 16, Oldham 28

York City Knights 24, Blackpool Panthers 22

THURSDAY 3 JUNE

NORTHERN RAIL CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Widnes 26, Barrow 12

SUNDAY 6 JUNE

Keighley Cougars 32, York City Knights 8

Batley Bulldogs 26, Sheffield Eagles 18

Hunslet Hawks 6, Leigh Centurions 42

Halifax 28, Dewsbury Rams 8

Oldham 40, Blackpool Panthers 26

Gateshead Thunder 12, Swinton Lions 34

TUESDAY, 8 JUNE

Barrow 30, Whitehaven 0

THURSDAY, 10 JUNE

Halifax 16, Featherstone 26

SATURDAY, 12 JUNE

London Skolars 12, York City Knights 44

SUNDAY, 13 JUNE

Keighley Cougars 16, Dewsbury Rams 20

Whitehaven 14, Sheffield Eagles 24

Widnes Vikings 20, Barrow Raiders 24

Batley Bulldogs 32, Leigh Centurions 12

Oldham 28, Doncaster RLFC 18

Rochdale Hornets 28, Hunslet Hawks 22

South Wales Scorpions 12, Swinton Lions 16

Blackpool Panthers 24, Workington Town 10

THURSDAY 17 JUNE

NORTHERN RAIL CUP SEMI-FINALS

Leigh Centurions 4, Batley Bulldogs 28

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Keighley Cougars 18, Widnes Vikings 46

Swinton Lions 30, Workington Town 30