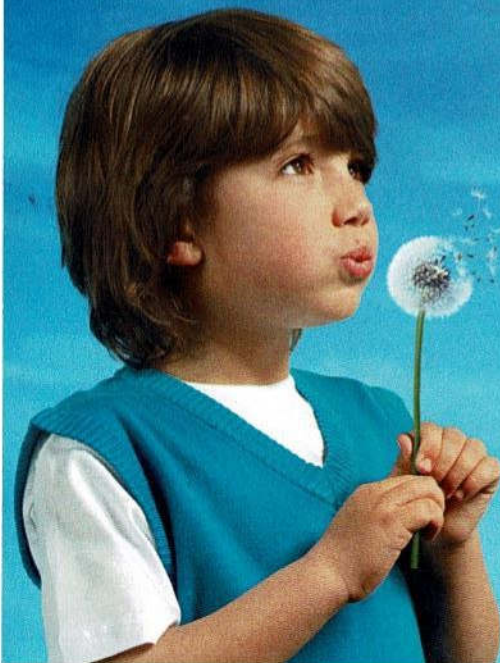


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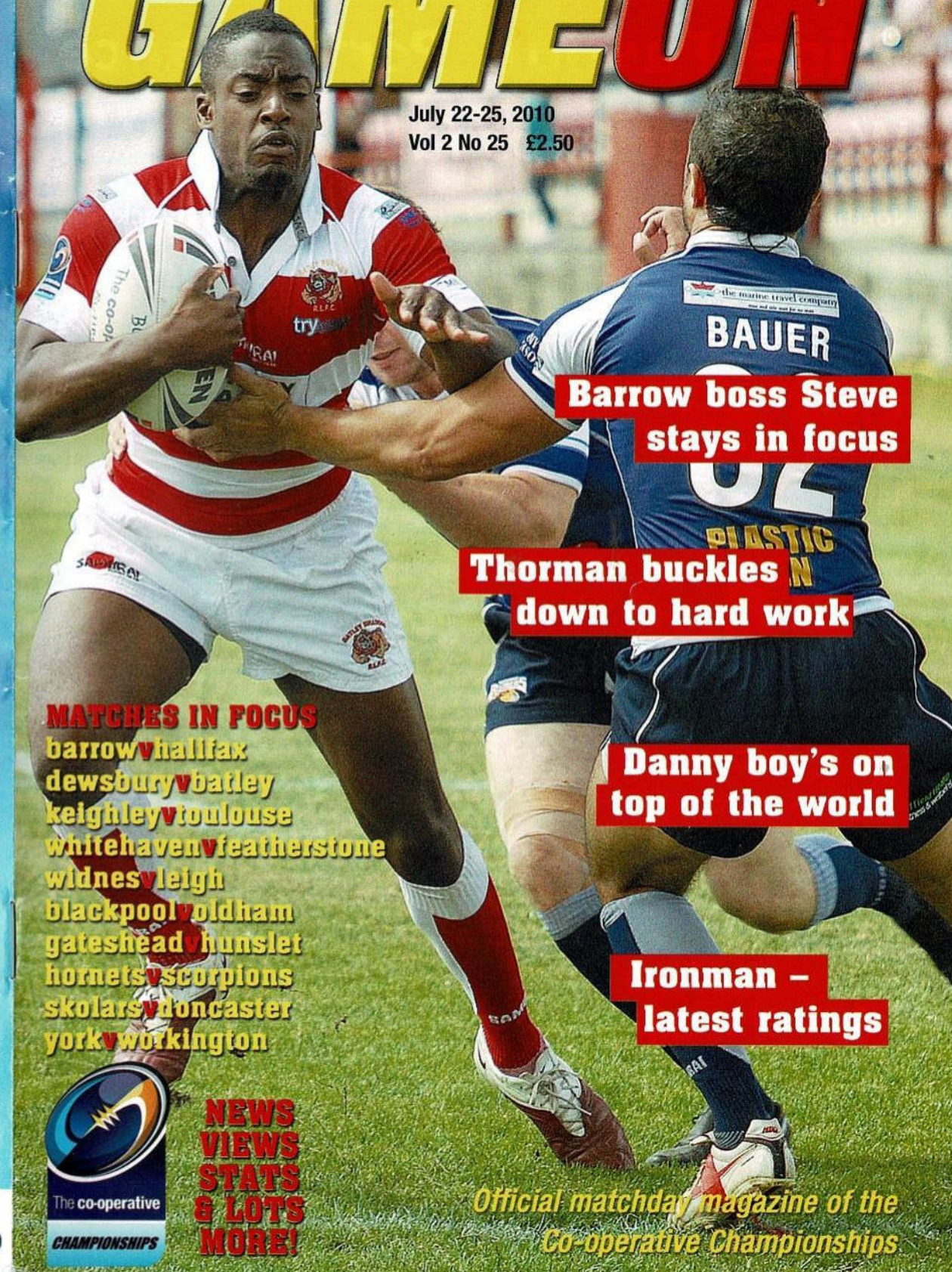


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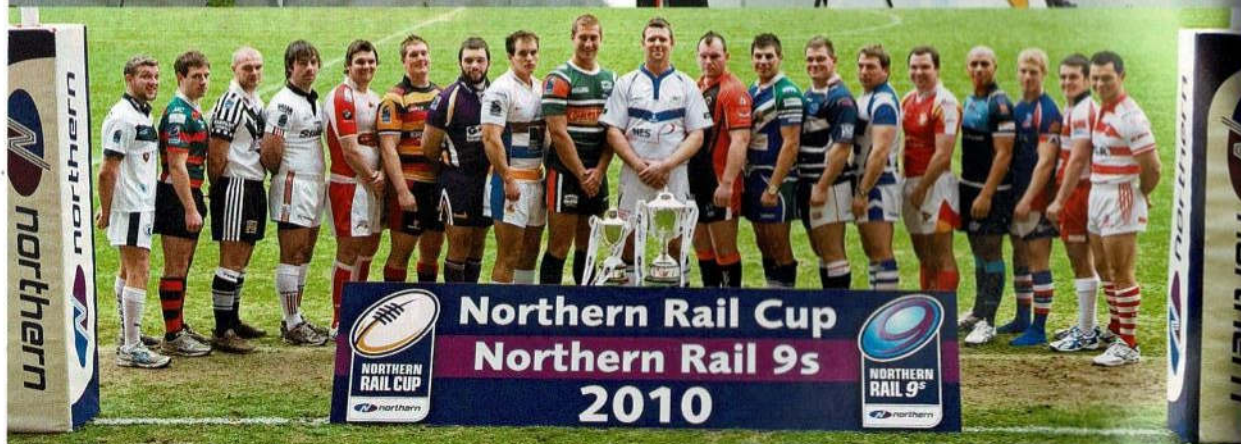
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The Bulldogs show real spirit

Could you have asked for a better finish to the Northern Rail Cup final than that that at Bloomfield Road last Sunday?

Two brilliant tries in the last five minutes from Alex Brown clinched an historic 25-24 victory for Batley Bulldogs after they trailed Widnes by nine points going into the closing stages.

It was tough luck on Widnes who battled well throughout but no-one could begrudge the Bulldogs a first Cup victory since 1924.

The support for both sides was fantastic and I'd like to personally thank every single person who made their way to Blackpool.

We also had the Northern Rail 9s taking place last weekend. Halifax proved victorious against an impressive Sheffield Eagles side but the likes of Keighley Cougars, Leigh Centurions, York City Knights and Swinton Lions also performed heroically.

Swinton were just seconds from a spot in the final but eventually lost in extra time to Halifax.

There's no doubt that this was once again a great advert for the game at this level with fans travelling from up and down the country – and from around the world – to support their clubs.

Hopefully we can make it even bigger and better next year.

Back to the Co-operative Championship action and runaway leaders Featherstone travel west to Whitehaven on Sunday and there's a rare old tussle in prospect at Leigh Sports Village where the Centurions play host to Widnes Vikings.

The game of the day however must be the Heavy Woollen derby at the Tetley's Stadium where Dewsbury take on Batley.

I wonder if the Bulldogs will bring their trophy over?

Hunslet Hawks, another side to perform impressively in the Northern Rail 9s, can extend their lead at the top of Championship One with a win at Gateshead and it's second versus third with Oldham travelling to Blackpool Panthers for another mouthwatering clash.

Enjoy your match today.



Rob Wilkinson,
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Just one match at a time...



Barrow coach Steve McCormack knows all the sporting cliches, but sometimes it's simply the best way to get the job done

Report by BEN COLLINS

STEVE McCormack admits Barrow must lift their game if they are to make it back-to-back titles in the Co-operative Championship.

The Raiders beat Halifax in last year's Grand Final after finishing top in the regular season. And while both remain firmly in contention this year, Featherstone look destined to go into the play-offs as league winners.

Fourth-placed Barrow have two games in hand due to their cup commitments, while Fax are third.

And although the Raiders suffered their third league defeat of the season last time out, losing 34-16 at Batley, they can go within a point of Fax by beating them in Thursday's televised match.

"It's important we're at home, especially against an excellent side like Halifax," said McCormack.

"It's a big game for both teams and we need to bounce back from last week's performance, although Batley were on fire.

"We beat them quite convincingly at home in April (56-10) but last week was totally different. We didn't play well but you can't take anything away from Batley, they're an excellent side.

"That's the kind of division we're in," added the Barrow coach. "If you don't play well you get beat, and that's happened with teams at the top of the division and the bottom.

"We can't rely on two or three individuals. Two or three years ago that might have been enough.

"But the league's that strong now that you have to put performances in as a team, and probably against Batley we tended to do more of the individual stuff."

Barrow lost 46-24 at Fax in the reverse fixture in May before going down to a creditable defeat at St Helens in the Challenge Cup quarter-finals.

They were then knocked out of the Northern Rail Cup quarter-finals by Widnes but regrouped to go on a four-match winning streak leading into the Batley defeat.

So while McCormack has been pleased with his side's progress this season, he accepts there is plenty of room for improvement heading into the business end of the campaign.

"If it were a school report it'd say 'done ok, but can do better'," he said.

"We've had a few good wins and put in some top-class performances but there have been a few weeks we've not been at our best and at the back end of this year we've got to make sure we improve on all aspects.

"We've had a good run, especially considering we've had



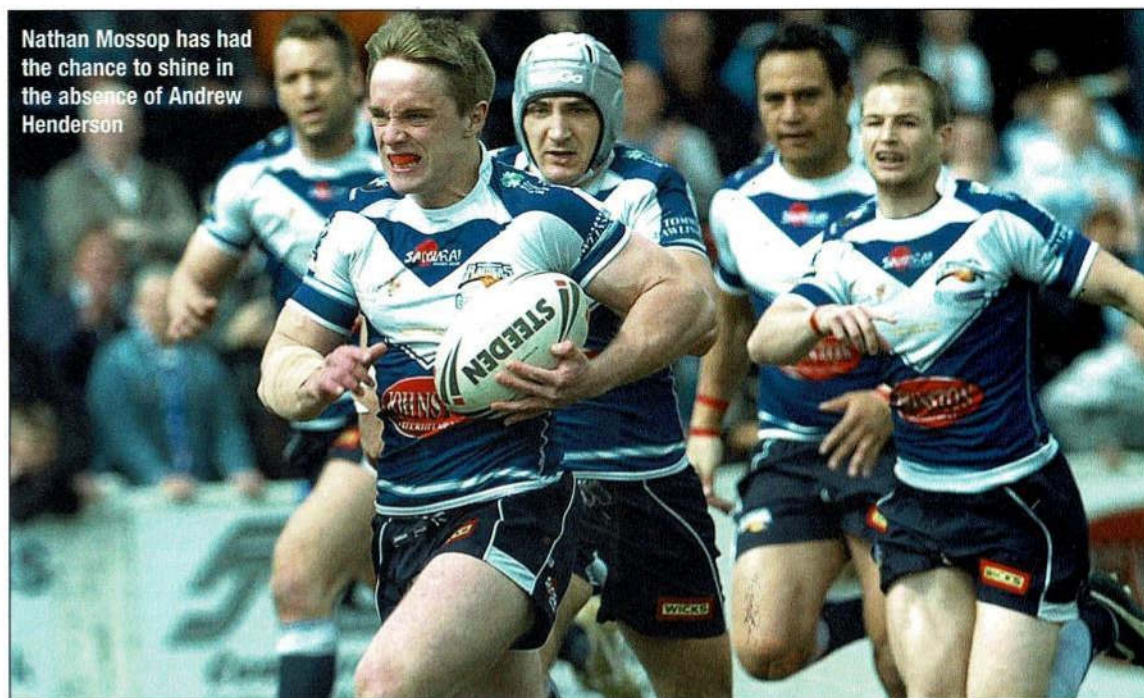
The absence of players like wing scoring sensation James Nixon has had an impact on the Raiders

a few injuries. I know everybody has injuries but we've had a good Challenge Cup run, and although we were disappointed we didn't get to the Northern Rail Cup final, we've had a decent run of form in the league.

"I'd like to think that when we get a few more senior players back we'll be doing well at the back end of the season."

The Raiders' injury list includes the likes of James Nixon, Matt James, Chris Larkin and Richard Fletcher, which had some bearing on McCormack naming a relatively inexperienced squad for last week's Northern Rail 9s in Blackpool.

Nathan Mossop has had the chance to shine in the absence of Andrew Henderson



Barrow drew 14-14 with Oldham in their opener before losing their last two pool games against Featherstone (14-4) and Sheffield Eagles (36-10).

"It was all about blooding a dedicated bunch of young players," he said. "We've highlighted a few of them over the year and they did excellent.

"That wasn't reflected on the scoreboard but it was a big ask for any young player, especially when you look at some of the squads the clubs brought. Sheffield were probably four stone a man heavier than us.

"But that's what it's all about. We need to get our youth structure in order at Barrow; let some of those players come through and do the club proud.

"We've been decimated by injuries and we're struggling in our Academy this year so the squad we took was a credit to themselves and the club.

"More senior players like Paul Noone, Andy Bracek, James Coyle and Liam Harrison did really well, and it's a good concept. I think it was a good day for everyone involved."

One youngster to prosper this season is Nathan Mossop, who has been the starting hooker following the on-off situation with Andrew Henderson, who was identified as a key signing pre-season.

"Nathan's been excellent this year," said McCormack.

"We've put a lot of pressure on him because of the Andrew Henderson situation and he's really stepped up.

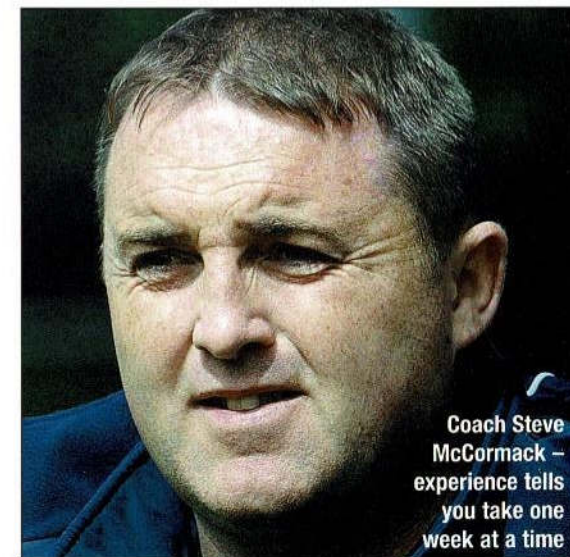
"For a young player who was playing amateur level 18 months ago, his form has been excellent.

"He's got a lot of improving to do but to bring Keal Carlile in as well, that'll hopefully take a bit of pressure off Nathan."

Carlile, 20, joined on loan from Huddersfield earlier this

month on loan until the end of the season and will provide Mossop with some respite during their final six games of the regular season.

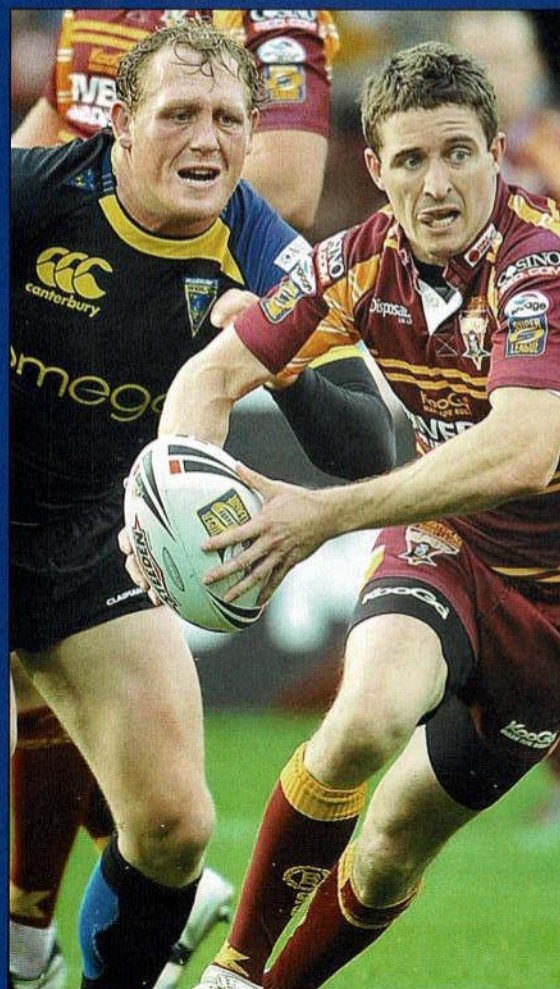
"The target now is just to beat Halifax, that's it," added McCormack. "The league table looks after itself. Featherstone have really improved and are up there this year so we're not looking too far ahead. Experience tells you to take one week at a time."



Coach Steve McCormack – experience tells you take one week at a time

All work and no play makes Chris a happy boy...

Deciding to step down from Super League while still in his prime was a tough decision for Chris Thorman to take. But it was about more than self-gratification and an easy life, as he told Game On's BEN COLLINS



Chris evades Warrington's Ben Westwood in his Giants days

CHRIS Thorman admits his first year as a player-coach has been something of a culture shock - but he wouldn't have it any other way.

After eight years in Super League, punctured by a year in the NRL with Parramatta, the 29-year-old felt it was time to pursue his coaching ambitions at the end of last season and dropped two divisions to the Co-operative Championship 1.

After playing for Huddersfield and Hull, the Geordie decided to stay in Yorkshire and signed a two-year deal with York City Knights.

The former England half-back is now usually up at 5am to walk the dog then in the gym by 6.30am to train clients for his personal training business.

He is then at the Knights from mid-morning before going back to the gym in the evening or doing first-team training with York.

"I've gone from being a full-time Super League professional finishing by 1pm and then drinking lattes and playing Xbox to doing this," he said.

"There aren't enough hours in the day but, to be honest, that's how I like it. I've had a good life so far and it's probably time to do some hard work rather than just run around and get paid too much money to play a game of rugby!"

Thorman had offers to stay in Super League but was ready for the next progression in his career.

"If it had just been myself, I probably would have stayed in Super League, but it's not just me any more, I had other things to think about," he said.

"It would have meant moving away from my home, which I'd just bought, and we were planning on starting a family, so they have to be part of the decision-making process and York was the best option.

"Rugby league's a short career and to coach is something I'd always wanted to do.

"I've played at some of the best clubs in the world and under some of the best coaches.

"I've played under both Smiths - Tony and Brian - and the likes of Jon Sharp and Brian Noble have had an influence on my career.

"I'll always be grateful to York for being the first club to offer me a coaching role."

Thorman began the year working alongside head coach James Ratcliffe and Mick Ramsden, with Dave Woods appointed



The responsibilities of playing and coaching are a big difference for the City Knights star

as director of rugby in April.

But Ratcliffe was sacked in June, with Woods taking over as head coach, and the coaching changes have given Thorman a baptism of fire at York.

"I'd been captain at Huddersfield and vice-captain at Hull but coaching-wise, it's very new to me," he said.

"It's been enjoyable but also really tough. There's been a fair few hurdles along the way this season with getting a new head coach.

"I took charge of first-team responsibilities for a small period and it hasn't been ideal. But I guess the main thing I've gained from it is how to deal with adversity.

"Some sessions are thrown upon you and you just have to think on your feet and handle them as best you can.

"I'm one that likes to be prepared and know exactly what's going on. Sometimes that hasn't been the case so I've had to learn how to deal with circumstances I wouldn't normally put myself in.

"It's all part of a learning curve and I'll certainly be a better coach for it by the end of this season.

"And what's probably been a blessing is that I've been injured for half the year with a quad injury," Thorman added.

"It's made my life a bit easier because if I'd been head coach and playing at the

same time, with only one other member of staff working with me at that time, it would have been difficult.

"Being a player-coach is about getting the balance right really."

Thorman returned from injury in the 34-18 defeat by league leaders Hunslet two weeks ago before boosting his fitness as York narrowly missed out on the Northern Rail 9s semi-finals last Saturday.

The Knights had won their previous four league games to put them on the

"I'm all for hard work now and I'm embracing it" says the new dad

shoulders of the top three and Thorman, who isn't planning on hanging his boots up for a few years yet, hopes to help them back to winning ways against Workington.

"Ultimately the Knights signed me firstly as a player so it's important I got back on the field," he said.

"I've done that now and I'm in the gym every morning so that one particular injury aside, I've never been in better

shape. I was really happy with my performance against Hunslet and to get through it.

"The team performance wasn't as good as it could have been but I don't think this team realises how good they could be.

"Through adversity, through injuries and through people leaving the club, we're still a really good team, and I think we have to start realising that and recognising the potential.

"We've got a good mix of experience and young lads, who have raw potential. We've had some good results but we know we have to finish as high as possible with regard to the play-offs.

"That's the focus for the next few weeks. We're hoping to finish the season on a high."

Thorman was fit to play in the 32-16 win over Doncaster the previous week but his wife gave birth to their first child, a baby girl.

That will put further strain on Thorman's busy schedule but he couldn't be happier.

"I don't need much sleep anyway so I'll try to do my fair share, it's just another responsibility," he said.

"I'm all for hard work now and I'm embracing it!"

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Danny Lockwood

I HAVE to make a confession. It was one of my two favourites clubs' biggest day out on Sunday and I wasn't there. I sincerely hope it won't be another 50-odd years before Batley make it into another final or I might not make that either.

And if I do, then with a telegram from the Queen (or more likely the King) in my pocket, the odds are I won't remember how to get to the ground (any ground) or be able to see what's happening, let alone climb up the stand to my seat. Hey ho, good old Father Time, eh?

It's only 37 years since Dewsbury's last really big day out, the Championship final in 1973 when Stevo led the boys to glory over hot favourites Leeds at Odsal. That's a 'bus' that might not be passing by again any time soon, although both of the grand old Heavy Woollen clubs are a credit to the current Co-operative Championships.

But why did I miss the Bulldogs' big day out?

Well, I have about as good an excuse as could reasonably contrived. No, it wasn't the annual family holiday, not a family member's wedding or funeral, nor even work commitments in the office – which takes precedence over all of the above in the deadline-constricted world of journalism.

I couldn't be in Blackpool because I was in London's Hyde Park on Sunday afternoon, along with about 15,000 people, mostly women, who were taking part in Cancer Research's annual Race for Life – the women, that is. Men were not allowed to participate. Mrs L hasn't been up to much in the way of exercise over recent months, due to the extremely gruelling ordeal that all cancer sufferers have to face, but she managed to walk the modest 5 kilometres along with two friends and they raised a pretty magnificent amount of cash in the process – some £3,700 and counting.

There are few, if any, of you reading this who will not have been touched in some way by this disease, via either friend or family, or possibly even personally. When you attend an event like Race for Life and look around the thousands of people rubbing shoulders with you, it is a truly heart-warming and humbling experience.

It's why the work that Steve Prescott and his supporters continue to carry out on behalf of both Christies and the Rugby League Benevolent Fund's Try Assist appeal is tremendously important and inspirational.

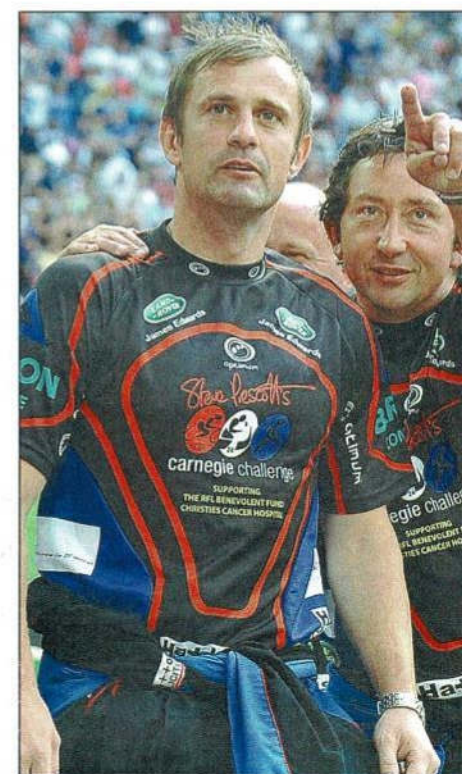
It's why the news we're going to be carrying in coming weeks about the Benevolent Fund's patrons scheme really does deserve your fullest consideration, and why having 'pledged' and forgotten to follow up my good intention last time, I'll be making sure I don't this time. And it's why, on this biggest of big days for the great Batley Bulldogs club, there wasn't a second thought to be had when considering the challenge my good lady was facing.

Liverpool manager Bill Shankly famously said that "some people think football is a matter of life and death. I assure you it's more important than that."

Good manager Shanks and a great quote. But in the real world, it's about as far out as you can get. I think Rugby League people understand that.

Well done Batley. I'm glad the Sky+ worked!

Steve
Prescott – a
true
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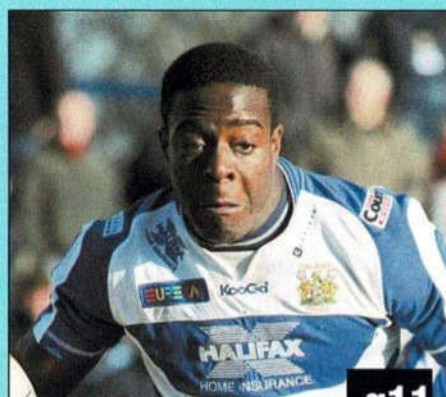
**Danny Lockwood writes in
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XIII QUESTIONS



Do you
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stuff?

- 1) In what year did Northern Rail Cup winners Batley last win a major trophy?
- 2) How many people watched the Northern Rail Cup final on July 18?
- 3) What is Widnes' biggest defeat in the Championship this season?
- 4) Who inflicted this defeat?
- 5) Who were the two finalists in the Northern Rail Nines last weekend?
- 6) Which two clubs won all their matches in the Northern Rail Nines and still went out?
- 7) St Helens are going to be playing at a Championship ground next season. Which one?
- 8) Ruairi McGoff has returned to which club after a loan spell at Workington?
- 9) What football club is situated near the London Skolars' New River Stadium ground?
- 10) Who tops Featherstone's all-time try scoring list?
- 11) Who is the older of the Worrincy brothers, Rob at Halifax or Michael at Harlequins?
- 12) Halifax powerhouse Frank Watene toured England in 1998 with which Antipodean representative side?
- 13) Which Hunslet legend was the last player to leave the pitch at the last match played at Parkside in 1973?



q11

1) 1924 2) 8,138 3) 35-16 (19 points) 4) Batley 5) Sheffield & Halifax 6) Hunslet & Leigh 7) Stobart Stadium, Widnes (nine). 8) Barrow 9) Tottenham 10) Don Fox 11) Rob 12) New Zealand Maoris 13) Geoff Gunney

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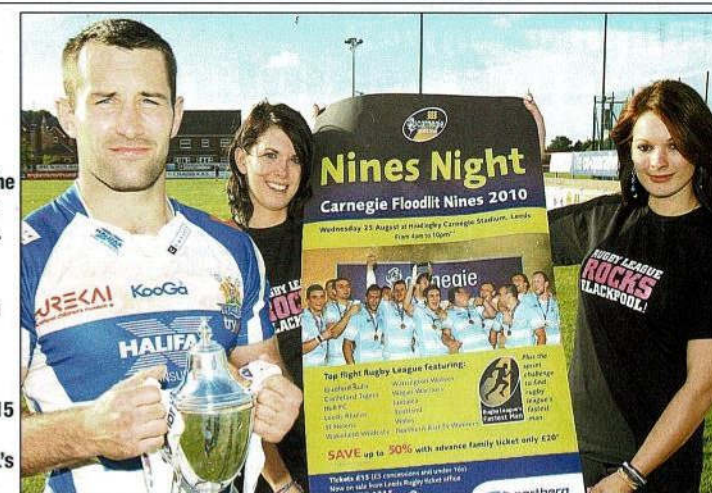
Fax flying our 9s flag

HALIFAX skipper Bob Beswick poses with the Northern Rail 9s trophy on Sunday after his team's victory in the competition last week.

He will be hoping for similar success when the club take on the night of Super League's best in the Carnegie Floodlit 9s on the evening of Wednesday August 25 at Headingley Carnegie.

Tickets are available from the Leeds Rugby ticket office, by ringing 0871 423 1315 or online at www.floodlit9s.com.

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IRONMAN

BATLEY prop forward Sean Hesketh continues to lead the way atop the Co-operative Championships Ironman rankings, with Featherstone Rovers' inspirational Stuart Dickens hot on his heels.

Hesketh has been at the heart of the Batley Bulldogs' excellent season and these two players will take some catching as the regular season nears its climax. All Ironman rankings take place over the same number of games to give every player the same opportunity to make an impression on our match reporters.

In the Championship 1 race Hunslet's David March and Workington's Aussie back-rower Jarrad Stack continue to set the pace and appear to have set an insurmountable challenge to the rest.

The Ironman rankings are based on a 3-2-1 point rating for every regular season league game, considering the efforts of the forwards from both sides.

So far over 200 players have scored points in the competition.



Sean Hesketh	Batley	17	David March	Hunslet	21
Stuart Dickens	Featherstone	14	Jarrad Stack	Workington	17
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Kyle Amor	Whitehaven	11	Kyle Kesik	Doncaster	12
Mark Gleeson	Halifax	11	Nathan Freer	York	12
Jamie Field	Featherstone	11	Andy Hobson	Blackpool	11
Jim Gannon	Widnes	10	Rob Lunt	Doncaster	11
Rob Spicer	Rams	10	Richard Knight	Hunslet	11
James Taylor	Leigh	10	Craig Ashall	Hornets	10
Rickey Bibey	Leigh	10	Tommy Haughey	Hunslet	9
Jon Grayshon	Featherstone	10	Chris Clarke	Oldham	9
Mitch Stringer	Eagles	10	Gil Dudson	Scorpions	9
Adam Robinson	Rams	9	Steve Parry	Scorpions	9
Andy Shickell	Keighley	9	Ryan McDonald	Workington	9
Bob Beswick	Halifax	9	Kurt Haggerty	Blackpool	8
Ryan Hepworth	Eagles	9	Danny Halliwell	Blackpool	8
Ash Lindsay	Batley	9	Ryan Steen	Doncaster	8
Brendan Worth	Toulouse	8	Wayne Kerr	Oldham	8
Martin Mitchell	Toulouse	8	Lee Wingfield	Swinton	8
Matty Dale	Featherstone	8	Dana Wilson	Swinton	8
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COACH: STEVE McCORMACK

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWWL
LAST SIX HOME: WWWWWW
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Campbell, Rooney (11)
GOALS: Rooney (103)
DROP GOALS: Rooney (1)
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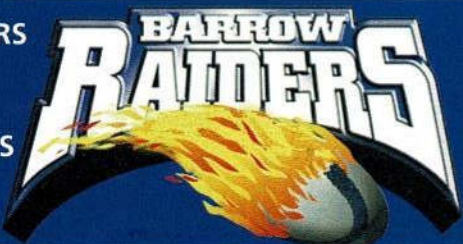
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LAST SIX AWAY: WWWLL
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Branighan (12), Black (10)
GOALS: Paterson (103)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Rob Worrincy

CLUBCALL

Barrow v Halifax

Fax the only team we've still to beat in the league



Andy Ballard will be hoping for a repeat of this try-scoring feat against Halifax

GOOD evening everyone and welcome to the Furness Heating Components Stadium here in Barrow.

Can I just start by congratulating both the finalists in this season's Northern Rail Cup competition.

I was glued to the TV on Sunday for the full 80 minutes and whilst there has to be a loser on the day I believe Championship rugby on the whole was the winner.

Of course many congratulations to the Batley side on their victory. Karl Harrison was a dignified winner in his interview and was quick to thank their supporters and now hopefully a few of them will get the addiction and support the great game on a weekly basis.

Last time out we were completely bossed by an under-strength Batley side and we missed out on a glorious chance to improve our league placing. With games in hand over the teams above us we must now gather our combined strength and try to complete the remaining games unbeaten.

Tonight sees the Halifax side visit us and again when we were the visitors to their ground earlier in the season we were more

than humbled. We had managed to play ourselves back into the game and then the brain explosions and capitulations occur and we end up returning home with nothing to show for our efforts.

Every time we have managed to come second we have not gained the bonus point and that is proving costly as the teams around us are gathering odd points here and there.

Halifax remain the only team we have not conquered in the league since our promotion so we will be looking to lay that little demon to rest tonight.

Hopefully tonight sees the return of Anthony Blackwood after months out with his injured knee. He will be a big plus to our side and has been sorely missed. It does not look like we will be seeing other players on our crippling list again this season. It is the worst situation since I have been involved in the club.

May the best team win tonight.

Jon Livesey
Vice Chairman

WELCOME to the Furness Heating Components Stadium at Craven Park for our Co-operative Championship game against Halifax.

Games between the two teams over the past 12 months have been excellent contests and tonight's game will be no different.

Both clubs are looking to climb up the table and put themselves in a strong position leading into the play-offs.

Our last home game provided us with an excellent performance against a strong Leigh side.

Throughout the game the players worked hard and showed some quality skill and effort. Last week saw us come away from Batley with absolutely nothing. We were beaten in all departments and it is important that we get back to performing at the level we know we are capable of.

The Championship is a tough league this year and the quality on show from all teams has been exceptional. We still have many points to play for and over the next few weeks everybody has to step up their performance. We know on our day we are capable of beating anybody in the division but we are also aware that we have to improve on all aspects of our play.

Finally, welcome to the directors, coaching staff, players and supporters of Halifax.

Steve
McCormack
Head Coach

Dewsbury Rams v Batley Bulldogs



Sunday July 25, 2010. Kick off 3pm. TETLEY'S STADIUM

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

COACH: WARREN JOWITT

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWWLL
LAST SIX HOME: LLLLWL
TRIES: Turner (9), Powell (8), Walker (7), Bostock (6), Robinson (5)
GOALS: Walker (37), Brambani (15)
DROP GOALS: Brambani (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Dom Brambani

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	Full back	
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	Left Centre	
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COACH: KARL HARRISON

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M Drizza
Touch: L Todd, S Bennison
Reserve Referee: J Downham

THE INSIDE TRACK

Rams to cash in on Batley's cup hangover?
Perhaps, but top display needed. Rams by 2

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLLWW
LAST SIX AWAY: LLLWWW
TRIES: Campbell (22), Preece, Moore (8)
GOALS: Moore (99)
DROP GOALS: Moore (2), Handforth (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Paul Handforth

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CLUBCALL

Dewsbury v Batley

Silver lining for the derby

HELLO and welcome to Tetley's Stadium.

I'd just like to start by congratulating Batley Bulldogs on their Northern Rail Cup success.

It's great to see some silverware come back to our local rivals.

It's also great to see you get one over Widnes as we were hard done to the week before, so well done to Karl and the boys.

On that subject, I thought our boys played really well against Widnes, as they have been doing for the last month or so.

With just 30 seconds or so left on the clock, we had completed the maximum tackle sequence, the ball must be turned over on the sixth, but unfortunately, yet again, the man in the middle decided to let play continue and they scored on their seventh play.

This I find really hard to stomach. We had done enough and then some, to win that game. All the hard work spoilt by one person. The points would definitely have been ours, in the bag!

Anyway, this is not our main focus now. We must, instead, concentrate on our last four games, starting today with Batley!

Warren Jowitt
Coach



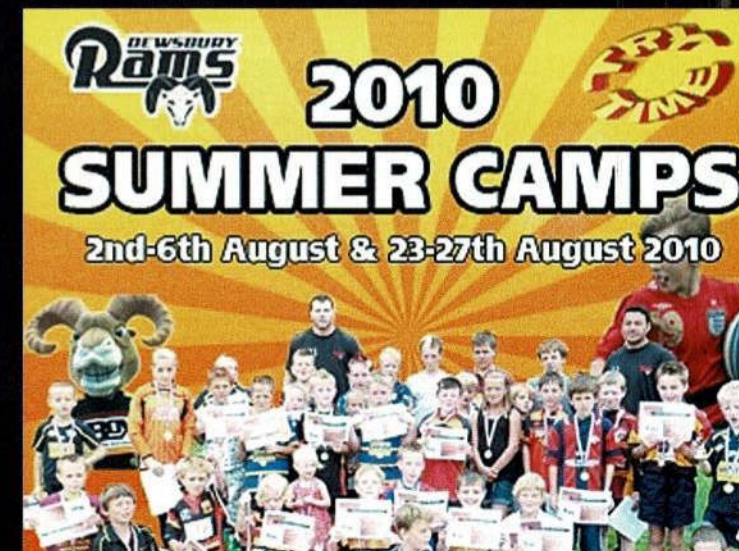
Pat Walker is moving up the try-scoring list - and got another at Widnes

Holiday fun with the Rams

THIS year's Summer Camps are to be held 2nd-6th August and 23rd-27th August 2010, from 10am to 3pm.

It includes professional coaching, themed days, new sports, and various other games with a presentation at the end of the week.

One week costs only £40. Contact the club on 01924 465489.





Keighley Cougars v Toulouse Olympique



Saturday July 24, 2010. Kick off 6pm. COUGAR PARK

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

Match Sponsor
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COACH: BARRY EATON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLLL
LAST SIX HOME: DLWLL
TRIES: Duffy (9), Presley, Jones (7)
Williams (6) Shickell (5)
GOALS: Jones (71)
DROP GOALS: Jones (2)
MAN TO WATCH: Ryan Benjafield

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Halloran
Touch: M Beadle, C Neilson
Reserve Referee: D McNeice

THE INSIDE TRACK

Baz will be hoping Cougars repel the French
but Toulouse a bit too strong. French by 10

No.	PLAYER	No.
1	Rory Bromley.....	Copy Sud
2	Sebastien Payan.....	Bugbusters
3	Sebastien Planas.....	André Raynal - Déménagements
5	Carlos Mendes Varela.....	Gallego
6	Constant Villegas.....	Prosegur
7	Nathan Wynn.....	ICA Patrimoine
8	Brendan Worth.....	Transports Sarrazain
9	Martin Mitchell.....	Renault Etats-Unis
10	Matthieu Griffi.....	Ermes Prestations
11	Timothy Wynn.....	Océanis
12	Simon Worrall.....	Siemex
13	Eric Anselme.....	Inovans
14	Antoni Maria.....	Compass Group
15	Jerome Gout.....	Leroy Merlin
16	Sylvain Houles.....	Aux Docks du Bureau
17	Cedric Gay.....	Force Distribution
18	Yoan Tisseyre.....	La Mutuelle du rempart
19	Romain Mencarini.....	IPS Publicité
20	Bruno Ormeno.....	La Dépêche du Midi
21	Nicolas Faure.....	bonsplan31.com
22	Clement Bienes.....	Bourdarios
23	Kevin Larroyer.....	Errea
24	Andrei Olari.....	Cimpa
25	Teli Pelo.....	Hôtel Latitudes Golf de Seilh
26	Yohann Gigord.....	Clear Channel
	Maxime Herold.....	Socotrap
	Mourad Kriouache.....	IFB
	Cyril Moliner.....	Sporting Finances
	Antoine Reveillon.....	Paru vendu
	Jocelyn Vauvelle.....	Citroën Etats-Unis
	Remi Vigneau.....	Elffage
	Geoffrey Zava.....	Equalliance

COACH: GILLES DUMAS

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWWL
LAST SIX AWAY: WLWLWW
TRIES: Bromley (14), Mitchell, Dupont
(9), Planas (7)
GOALS: Wynn (63)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Rory Bromley



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Keighley v Toulouse

Will it be third time lucky against the Frenchmen?

TODAY we welcome our French counterparts Toulouse to this league encounter.

We have played Toulouse twice this year already, once in the Challenge Cup where we lost narrowly and once in the league, again losing narrowly over in France.

When we travelled over to France for the league game in Toulouse we were looked after very well and it was a first experience of travel and 'stop over' prior to a game for most of our squad so the fact that everything was taken care of in such a good way made it a very enjoyable experience - apart from the narrow defeat. We hope that

Toulouse have a comfortable stay, too, though they will be well and truly used to the travel over to the UK by now. Hopefully we can overturn the two narrow defeats tonight.

It is going to be a very tough game as both teams have lots to play for. If we win then it keeps our chances of survival alive, whereas if we lose then it would be very difficult to achieve. Also if Toulouse win it keeps their chances of a play-off place a possibility so it should be a cracker of a game and one that we are really looking forward to after two weeks without a league game.

Last week we played in the Northern

Rail 9s and managed to reach the semi final stage where we just got edged out 20-14 by Sheffield. We enjoyed the day playing in a more relaxed environment.

We have played the tournament twice now with two different formats over the two years and both have had big plus points, so hopefully we can decide what the best format is from now on and stick to it for a few years.

I believe there is a great deal of value to clubs and players taking part in the tournament.

Barry Eaton
Head Coach

Plenty of action off the field

GOOD afternoon and welcome to today's Co-operative Championship match against Toulouse Olympique.

I would like to welcome all the Toulouse directors, players and fans to Cougar Park this evening. I hope you enjoy your day with us and have a safe trip back to Toulouse.

I would also like to welcome tonight's match sponsors. Main Match Sponsors today are the Cougar Pride Centre which is our playing for success study centre. Welcome to Liz Kidman and Rachel Pressley and all their guests. Cougar Pride Centre do some fantastic work focussing on numeracy and literacy and are a great asset to the club.

Man of the Match Sponsors are Chatfields of Leeds. Welcome to Bryan Hanson and his guests: they are fantastic supporters of the club and have sourced us a fantastic new minibus for the Community Cougars Foundation that is being kindly funded by Sovereign Healthcare Foundation. The minibus is vital to our community programme, especially Sporting Chance, to enable us to break down barriers

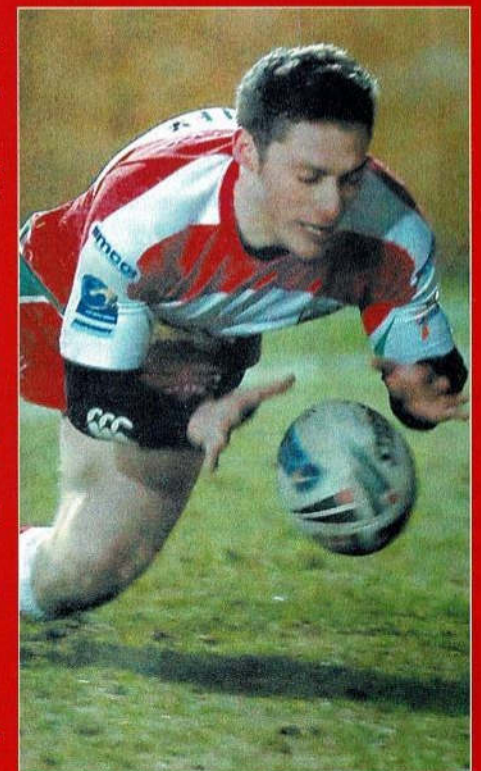
in engaging young people.

The Sporting Chance Award is up and running, the young people have had three sessions now and are all really enjoying it. They have been studying the coaching module which involves developing group and teamwork communication skills.

There are still places left on both Cougar Summer Camps. The Camp is for children aged 8-16: the dates are 26th to 30th July and 23rd to 27th August. The camps run from 10am until 3pm. The cost of each camp is £8 per day or £35 for the week. For an extra £3 there is an extra two hours from 3pm until 5pm. To book a place on the camp or for more information please call the club on 01535 606044.

The Cougars, along with Growing Keighley, are holding a Community Fun Day at Cougar Park on Saturday August 21. There will be inflatables, face painting, sports, arts and crafts, and a Growing Keighley stall where you can get a free planter to grow plants and vegetables plus star guest Iestyn Harris.

Helen Carter
General Manager



Jonny Presley scores a try in the Challenge Cup tie between Keighley and Toulouse. The Cougars lost 26-35.



Whitehaven RLFC v Featherstone Rovers



Sunday July 25, 2010. Kick off 3pm. THE RECREATION GROUND

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Pres Rahe	Craig Benson	1
Wayne's World of Pets	Craig Calvert	2
Shooz N Sox	Rob Jackson	3
Brownriggs	Scott McAvoy	4
Victoria Hotel Drigg	Derry Ellbeck	5
Kwik Collection	Carl Rudd	6
Nuclear Filter Technology	Leroy Joe	7
Unique Sports	Marc Jackson	8
Wellington Bistro	Graeme Mattinson	9
Tracy McCann	David Ford	10
Studsvik UK	Howard Hill	11
Cameron Wood	Spencer Miller	12
Dick Raaz	Dylan Skee	14
Powerhouse Gym	Reece Fox	15
Danielle O'Hare	Andy Thornley	17
Gloria Miller	Dexter Miller	19
WISC	Chris Smith	21
Alphabet Karaoke Disco	Richard Farrer	22
J.D. Raaz	Stephen Fox	23
	Paul Johnson	
Victoria Adams	Kyle Amor	
	Loz Hamzat	
	Kyle Bibb	
	Danny Bowe	

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COACH: GED STOKES

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL
LAST SIX HOME: WWLLLL
TRIES: Calvert (9), Ellbeck (7),
Mattinson (6), Rudd, Fox (5)
GOALS: Rudd (48) Skee (6)
DGs: -
MAN TO WATCH: Craig Calvert

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: W Turley
Touch: B Logan, T Owen
Reserve Referee: S Mikalauskas

THE INSIDE TRACK

Backs to the wall brings out best in Haven
but Fev are a class act and could win by 16

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

COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWW
LAST SIX AWAY: LWWWWW
TRIES: Parker (17), Briggs (15),
Welham, Finn (12), Hardaker (11)
GOALS: Briggs (95)
DROP GOALS: Finn (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Kyle Briggs

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Whitehaven v Featherstone

Youngsters stepping up to the mark as Haven fight on

WELCOME to today's visitors Featherstone Rovers for another very important match for us.

It's going to be another tough one, given Featherstone's form this season, but all we can do is prepare well and see what happens.

Team spirit is good and we'll certainly be giving it our best shot. We'll be trying hard for Whitehaven RL, with a team that wants to represent the club, right up until the end of the season.

At Halifax in our last match we were competitive for probably 25 minutes, while we need to be so for the full 80.

We ran into a side that had been mediocre in their previous couple of games and needed a result against us, which they got. They ran extremely hot and controlled the game. Everything stuck for them.

The one very satisfying aspect of our afternoon was the performances of our young players, Jay Rossi, on debut, Loz Hamzat and Danny Bower.

It was a massive step up for these lads from reserve-grade but they proved up to the task. The club's future lies with players such as these.

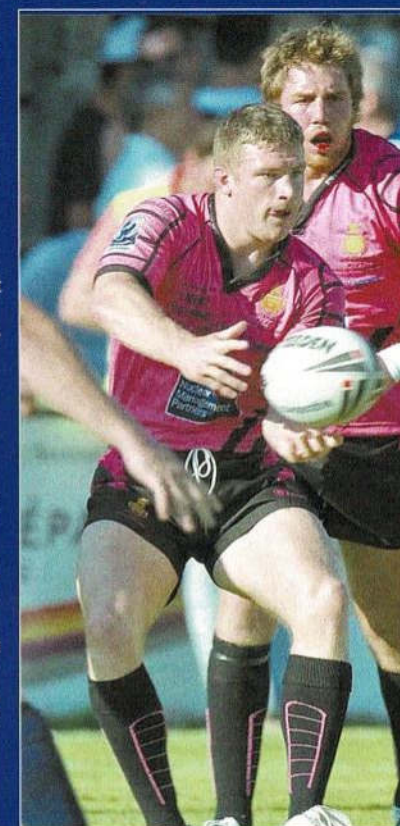
Danny's a kid of 18, coming in at prop, Jay's just turned 17 and Loz is 19 and new to the game this season.

As for our senior players against Halifax, it was tough for some to focus on their own game when they were worried about teammates.

All-in-all, the performance was the culmination of a tough few weeks for the club off the field, in which the concern was to keep Whitehaven RL afloat.

We'll be bidding to do our bit on the field today in that regard. Enjoy the game.

Ged Stokes
Head Coach



Hooker Graeme Mattinson wriggled over the tryline to give Haven a shock lead at Halifax

Big Mac gets plenty support for benefit

WHITEHAVEN and Workington Town star Ryan MacDonald has roped in former

Whitehaven coach Paul Crarey for his benefit game. Crarey will coach MacDonald's Select XIII against a West Cumbria Amateur Select side on Saturday, July 31 at the Recreation Ground.

MacDonald's former Leeds and Widnes colleague Anthony Farrell is also taking part in the benefit match.

Their old Super League coach Neil Kelly has already confirmed he will play in the long-serving star's team.



Big effort to stay in Championship

THE season in closing in with the very real possibility of relegation facing us.

Strenuous efforts necessary to maintain our budget are not helping but we still strive to pull off a win.

A season-ending injury to Rob Jackson will only make this a more difficult task. We appreciate your being here with us in this time of need.

We must express our appreciation to

main club sponsors, Nuclear Management Partners, and today's match sponsors Neil's Waste, Thompson Solicitors, A-Plant and GMB Union.

We welcome the Rovers' fans and hope everyone has a wonderful day.

Dick Raaz
Chairman

Widnes Vikings v



Leigh Centurions



Sunday July 25, 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
VIOL	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	

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COACH: PAUL CULLEN

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWWL
LAST SIX HOME: WLLWLW
TRIES: Thackeray (18), Grady (13), Gardner (10)
GOALS: Grady (97)
DROP GOALS: Coyle (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Shane Grady

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: T Roby
Touch: C Waywell, P Meadows
Reserve Referee: S Johnson

THE INSIDE TRACK

Widnes to lift themselves after cup setback and beat Leigh by 14

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

COACH: IAN MILLWARD

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLWL
LAST SIX AWAY: LWLWL
TRIES: Nanyin (14), Alstead, Ridyard (11), Blythe, Donlan (10)
GOALS: Nanyin (88)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Martyn Ridyard



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Widnes v Leigh

Cup is dead, long live the League...

WELCOME to all our visitors from just up the East Lancs Road, for what promises to be another very tight match between our two great clubs.

The Vikings are determined to raise everyone's spirits after the disappointment of last weekend's Northern Rail defeat to the Batley Bulldogs.

It was not just the fact that we lost the game - every final has a runner up - it was the dramatic late collapse, largely due to our own handling errors, after battling so hard to establish a nine point lead against one of the form sides in the championship.

Rather than reflect on our own shortcomings, we would like to congratulate everyone from the Batley club on their well-deserved victory on the pitch, and their fans for contributing to such a tremendous atmosphere on the terraces.

To the 5,000+ Widnes fans in the stadium, your support for the team was magnificent. We are fortunate to have such a following, and look forward to showing you off around the Super League grounds in a couple of years.

As they say, "we can now concentrate on the league".

Starting with today, a run of victories can propel the Vikings to a much safer play-off spot. Leigh have struggled following an impressive start to the season, but their fightback against Featherstone suggests that they are returning to form. They certainly have had the upper hand in our recent encounters, but with so much at stake the Vikings will be looking to reverse this trend.

Enjoy the game.

Alex Bonney
Chief Executive



Halfback Anthony Thackeray dives over for his try in the NRC final against Batley, and his teammates rush in to congratulate him below...but the joy was short-lived



Blackpool Panthers v



Oldham RLFC

Sunday July 25, 2010. Kick off 3pm. WOODLANDS MEMORIAL GROUND

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

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COACH: MARTIN CROMPTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWWW
LAST SIX HOME: WWWWWW
TRIES: Munro (22), Ainscough (15),
Mayberry (14), Ballard (10)
GOALS: Hemingway (84)
DROP GOALS: Leather (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Martin Ainscough

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Sharrad
Touch: J Callaghan, J Page
Reserve Referee: N Aspey

THE INSIDE TRACK

Panthers proud home record is at stake as
impressive Oldham push for the title. Draw

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

COACH: TONY BENSON

Sponsor: G&G Carpets and Bed Centre

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWW
LAST SIX AWAY: WWLWWW
TRIES: Fogerty (17), Onyango (16),
O'Connor (14), Gillam (10)
GOALS: Ashe (60), McNally (25)
DROP GOALS:
MAN TO WATCH: Gregg McNally

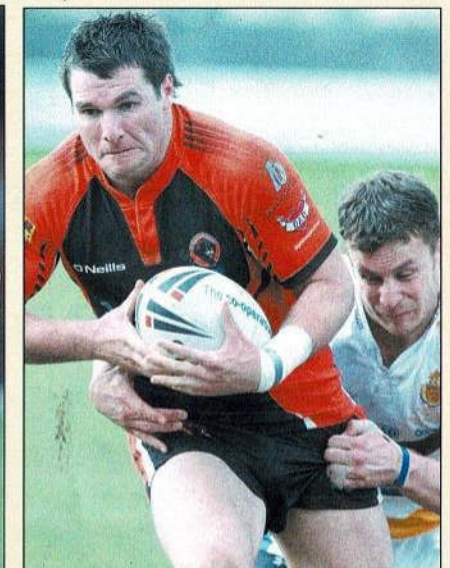
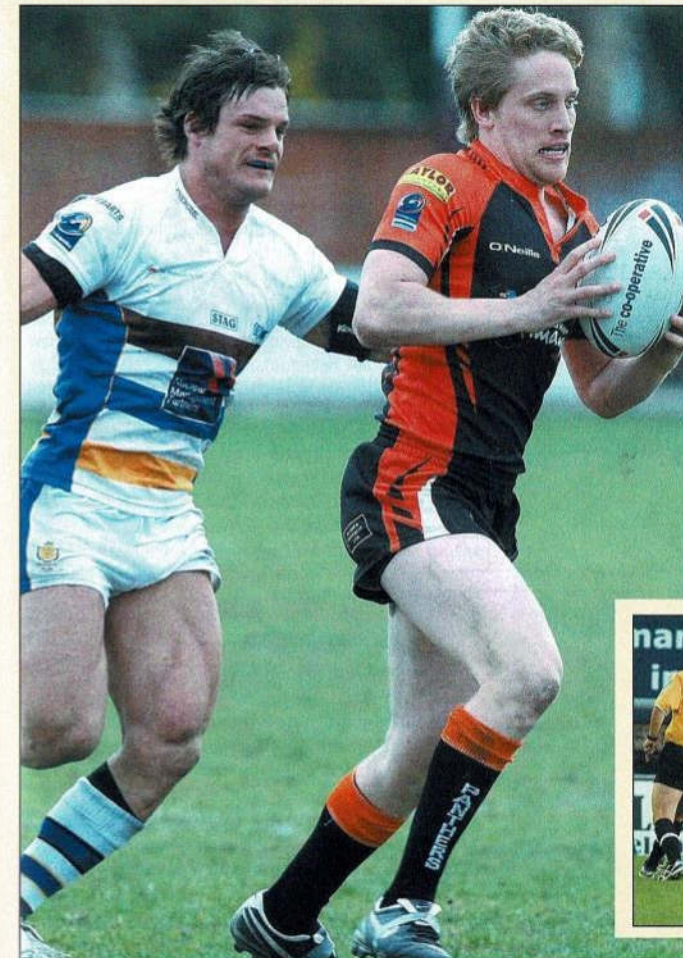
Northern Rail 9s
Winners
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CLUBCALL

Blackpool v Oldham

A 'must-win' game for both teams



Above: Martin Ainscough, ball in hand, is proving one of the Panthers' most potent strikers. Top right: Paul Alcock, one of the unsung heroes in the back row. Right: Paul Ballard shows the try scoring touch that makes him such a useful signing at Blackpool.

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to everyone associated with Oldham today here at the Woodlands Memorial ground. Oldham have done remarkably well this season considering the problems they had pre-season and Tony Benson must take a lot of credit in helping the club to do this.

One player who has been outstanding this season and also a main

part in their success so far is Neil Roden.

Neil has not only been a great servant to Oldham but to the game in general.

If we are to get anything from this game today then Neil must be watched very carefully.

If we look at the league positions you can see the importance of it to both teams.

It's a must win for both.

May I take this opportunity to thank today's match sponsor Bill Quinn.

Bill was involved with Oldham for a few years and I'm sure he will be a very interested spectator today.

Enjoy the game.

Martin Crompton
Head Coach

Gateshead Thunder v



Man of the Match: La Gabbia
Match sponsor: Peter Brack
Ball Sponsor: Peters Pies

Hunslet Hawks



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

COACH: CHRIS HOOD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL

LAST SIX HOME: LLLLLL

TRIES: Wilson (6), Neighbour (5),
Atkinson, Aderiye (4)

GOALS: Neighbour (10), Clarke (9)

DROP GOALS: None

MAN TO WATCH: Ade Aderiye

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

Tries

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Pens

DGs

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G Hewer

Touch: C Dean, M Leach
Reserve Referee: G Hodgson

THE INSIDE TRACK

Thunder have their work cut out against free-scoring Hawks, who should win by 30

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

COACH: PAUL MARCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: LWWWLW

TRIES: McHugh (24), Pryce (16),
Mark (15), P March (13), Haughey, D
March (11)

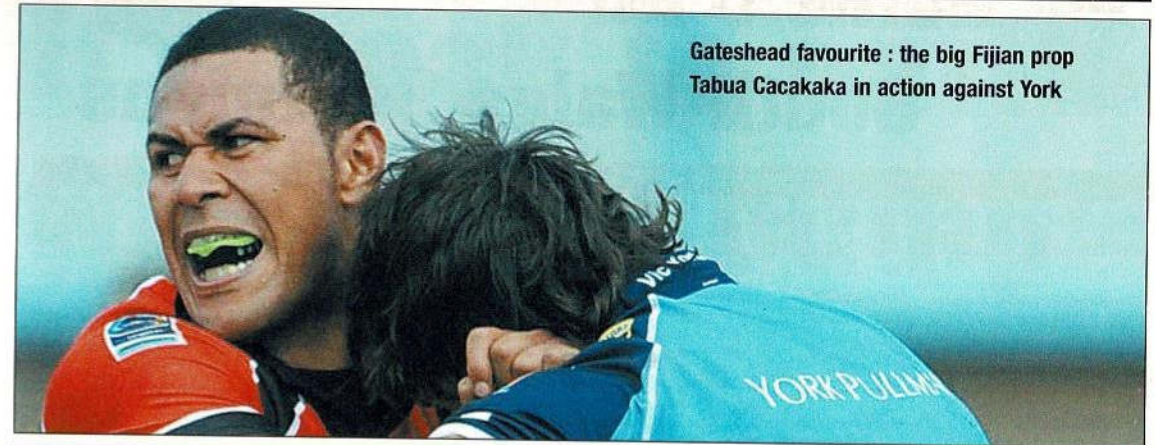
GOALS: McHugh (39), D March (35)

DROP GOALS: None

MAN TO WATCH: Waine Pryce

CLUBCALL

Gateshead v Hunslet



Gateshead favourite : the big Fijian prop
Tabua Cacakaka in action against York

Target is to get back to '0' points for season...

HELLO and welcome to Hunslet Hawks, and specifically their staff, players and fans and we hope you have a good day on Tyneside. As it is now common knowledge, I am stepping down from Head Coach duties at the end of the 2010 The Co-operative Championship 1 season to focus on what is most important to me and for the success of the club in the future - our community development work and our youth performance structures.

We now have both Under 16 scholarship and two Under 18s centres of excellence and we are planning to run a reserve grade - these developments have all happened in our first year of business and it is first time in the club's history.

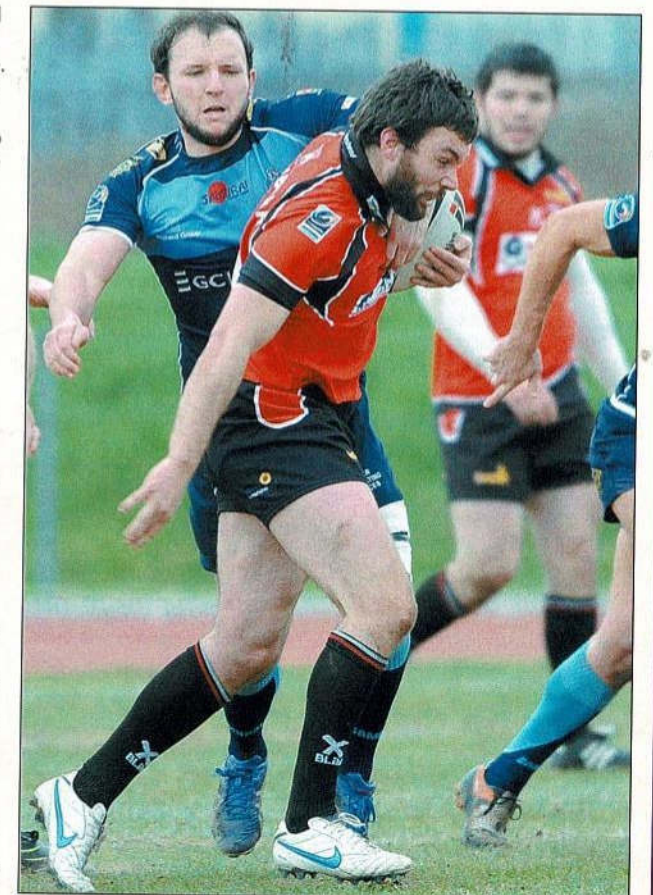
We as directors said at the very start that we were not going to be here to make up the numbers. Our simply plan was to take a step forward every day and we have more than done that.

We have been speaking to some fantastic candidates with the view to taking over for the 2011 season. This has not been an advertised position, but more of an view by us to get the right person for where we are as a business.

Of course it wouldn't be fair to name who they are, but rest assured they all have a sterling reputation in the game and the fact that they would like the job speaks volumes to where they see us in the rugby league world.

With only five games to go in the season, we are still firmly focused on our target to get back to 0 points, which I feel will be a great achievement for this young and progressive squad. We have some big games coming up and they are big for one reason - our own pride and that of our fans.

Chris Hood
Director of Rugby



Fullback Kevin Neighbour likes to join the attack at Thunder





Hornets RL v South Wales Scorpions



Sunday July 25, 2010. Kick off 3pm. SPOTLAND

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

COACH: JOHN STANKEVITCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLL
LAST SIX HOME: WLWWW
TRIES: English (13), Johnson (10),
Gorton (9), Samuel, Saywell (8)
GOALS: Crook (40)
DROP GOALS: Crook (2), Ashall (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Wayne English

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

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M Thomason
Touch: D Sharpe, R Webb
Reserve Referee: S Kilpatrick

THE INSIDE TRACK

Smarting Hornets will need to hit form
against tricky opponents. Should win by 10

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

COACH: ANTHONY SEIBOLD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWL
LAST SIX AWAY: WLLWL
TRIES: Parry (16), Roets (6),
Richards, Dudson (5)
GOALS: White (31), Wildbore (22)
DROP GOALS:
MAN TO WATCH: Steve Parry

We're with the Hornets!

CHALKERS

O'NEILLS



THE WHEATSHEAF
SHOPPING CENTRE ROCHDALE



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CLUBCALL

Hornets RL v Scorpions

It's back to earth with a big bump!

THE last two weeks have been valuable for us in terms of evaluating our team goals for the end of season run-in, and for refreshing the players both mentally and physically.

Our fantastic victory against Hunslet six weeks ago seems so long ago and our form after that fine victory has been rather ordinary.

But, the losses to South Wales, Doncaster and London Skolars have certainly had one major positive, and that is bringing the players back down to earth with an almighty bump.

Although we have performed poorly in our last three games, we have still shown a mentality that is highly encouraging.

Losing all three games by a total of 15 points, and getting bonus points in all three games has shown that we are willing to go toe-to-toe with our opponents.

This will be vital for the remaining games also.

Today's game against South Wales sees us return to Spotland after a five-week absence, and it is very exciting to get back 'home' seeing as our home form has been so good.

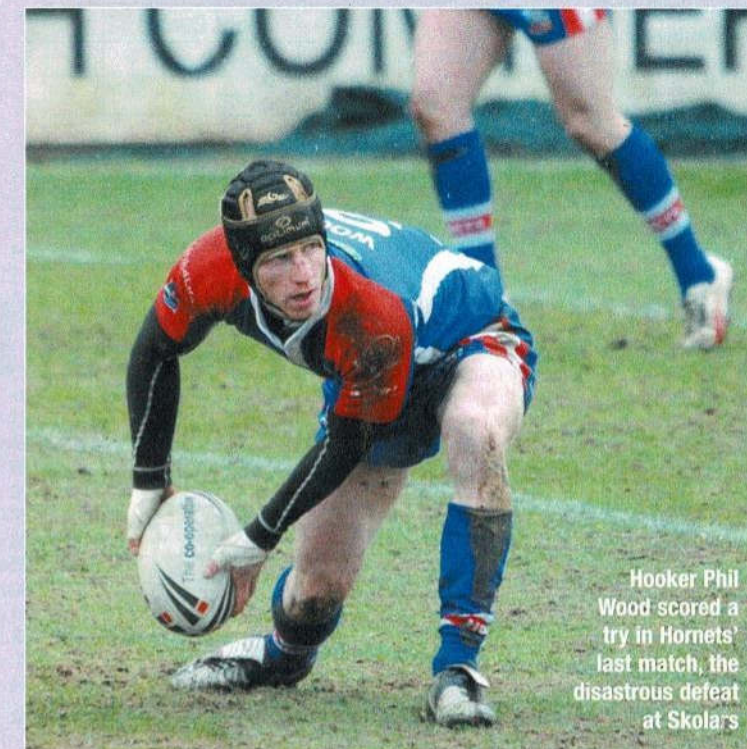
We have won all but one of our Spotland fixtures this term and we have played some fantastic rugby at times.

We hope for more of the same today.

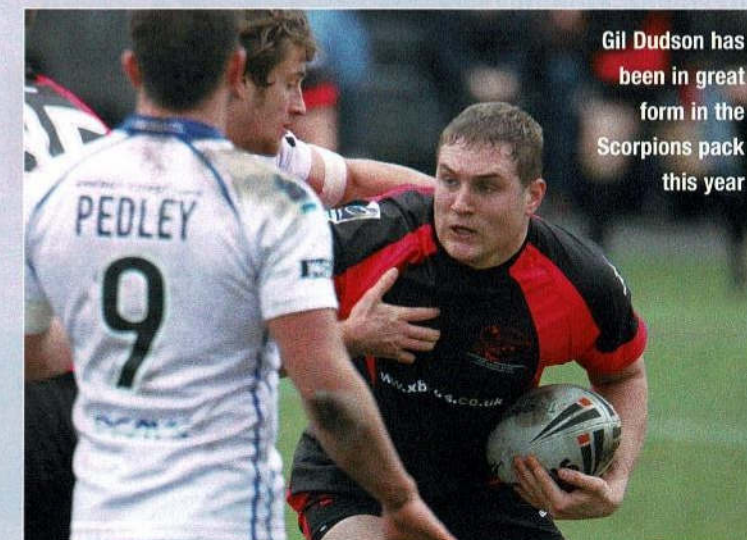
We have prepared very well for today, and although we have no idea which players will turn out for South Wales due to their influx of dual reg players, loanees and new recruits, we are confident of returning to our winning ways.

South Wales are chasing us for league position at the moment so all we have to worry about is looking after our own performance.

John Stankevitch
Head Coach



Hooker Phil Wood scored a try in Hornets' last match, the disastrous defeat at Skolars



Gil Dudson has been in great form in the Scorpions pack this year



London Skolars v Doncaster RLFC



Sunday July 25, 2010. Kick off 3pm. NEW RIVER STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.	No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.	No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
	Joshua Welsh	1		Full back		1	Tommy Griffiths	G.P. Transport
	Dave Arnot	2		Right Wing		2	Aaron Henry	
Fresh Fit UK Ltd	Matt Thomas	3		Right Centre		3	Lee Gomersall	Sue Wilford
Code XIII Sports Media	Jason Cook	4		Left Centre		4	Shaun Leaf	Dons Supporters Club
Alan Greenwood	Austen Aggrey	5		Left Wing		5	Ben Collins	
	Jermaine Coleman	6		Stand off		6	Simon Brown	Fullefex Security
	Paul Thorman	7		Scrum half		7	Craig Fawcett	
Lanes Coaches	Gareth Honor	9		Prop		8	Scott Johnson	
	Tony Williams	10		Hooker		9	Paul Brown	
Canavan Builders	Oliver Purslow	11		Prop		10	David Bates	P. Bird, France
	Matthew Carter	12		2nd row		11	Liam Brown	
	Stephen Ball	13		2nd row		12	Ryan Steen	A.Y. Logistics
Code XIII Sports Media	Luke May	14		Loose forward		13	Grant Edwards	
	Oliver Bloom	16		Interchange 1		14	Jake Bassinder	
One Personal Training	Chad Isles	17				15	Danny Stanley	
	James Simon	18				16	Paul Shaw	
	Liam Prescott	19				17	Jarryn Osborne	
Woodlands PH	David Williams	20				18	Garry Ellery	
	Jamie O'Callaghan	21				19	Jack Ely	
Canavan Builders	Chris Cunningham	22				20	Scott Howlett	
	Olu Iwenofu	23				21	Scott Wilson	
Stag Sports	Lamont Bryan	24				22	Jamie Bovill	
Optimal Life Fitness	Smokie Junor	25				23	Chris Spurr	
	Jamie Boston	26				24	Gary King	
	Aran Quinn	27				25	Matthew Carbutt	
Woodlands PH	Ben Jones	28				26	Paul Hughes	
Ann & Steven Morgan	Ade Adebisi	30				27	Liam Crawley	
	Jaroslav Obuchowski					28	Dean Colton	
	John Paxton					29	Mick Butterfield	
	Michael Sykes					30	Kyle Kesik	
	Neil Thorman					31	Scott Watson	
	Sam Gee					32	Rob Lunt	
	Kris Hodson							

COACH: JAMES MASSARA

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLWL

LAST SIX HOME: LLLLLW

TRIES: Adebisi (10), Thomas (6)

GOALS: Thorman (39)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Ade Adebisi

SCORERS

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DGs

COACH: TONY MILLER

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLWLL

LAST SIX HOME: LWLLLL

TRIES: Ely (8), Griffiths, Leaf (7)

Gomersall (6)

GOALS: S Brown (38)

DROP GOALS: None

MAN TO WATCH: Shaun Leaf

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M Kidd

Touch: J Lowery, P Ward

Reserve Referee: J Greenwood

THE INSIDE TRACK

Skolars coming into contention in matches and will push Doncaster close. Dons by 10.

Get your name on this page!
Sponsor a player for £250 and help support the Skolars

Contact the Skolars' office on 0208 888 8488 for more details



CLUBCALL

Skolars v Doncaster

What a difference a win makes

HELLO and welcome to Tony Miller and his Doncaster team.

I am looking forward to today's test. I know that Doncaster have improved since we last played them and the recent inclusion of our former dual registered player Ben Jones will only make today's game more of a challenge.

The mood in our camp has totally changed since I last wrote notes for the programme. Our first win of the season against Rochdale plus a bonus point away against Workington has given us all a great deal of confidence. I am very proud

of all the lads who have held their nerve and worked so hard throughout the season so far. The last few games have been the type of performances that we were all expecting from the beginning of the season and our challenge is now to carry this form on for the rest of 2010 and into 2011. There is the temptation to take a few pats on the back and think that the hard work is over. In reality it has only just begun. One win and a few bonus points is not something we want to finish the season with.

The break for the Northern Rail 9s

last weekend come at a great time for us. I am a big fan of 9s rugby and I am sure many of the lads enjoyed being able to express themselves in a different environment. We were able to take a squad with a great mix of experience and youth and in my opinion in Austin Aggrey and Sam Gee we had two of the players of the tournament. Taking the likes of Leigh and Hunslet to the wire was very pleasing and means that we have continued our momentum of the last few weeks.

James Massara
Head Coach

Winning mentality

WELCOME to everyone today, especially our guests from Doncaster.

After the last three weeks I think we can be a little more upbeat than in recent months.

The victory against Rochdale was very important to the side and to the club as a whole.

It was clear that there was a lot more confidence in the side up at Workington two weeks ago.

We came back into that game in the second half and almost took the game, which is something we probably wouldn't have done earlier in the season.

Today's game is another important one for us and also for our visitors. Doncaster still have a chance of making the play-offs, but a defeat today would hit those chances considerably.

For ourselves, it's critical that we improve on last season's solitary victory. It's important that we push forward and look to

finish the season the way we would like to start 2011.

Building up a winning team and a winning mentality is what we now have to strive for.

Off-field, our focus is on the next five weeks of events. City Touch was a success in its inaugural season and we are looking to build on that again this year.

Friday Night Lights is our biggest event of the year and the way the Championship 1 leadership race is developing, it could well be the crucial game in deciding promotion.

On the junior side, Urban Rugby will again be a big event for the development team. We also hope that the three home games, starting with today, are just as exciting as the one three weeks ago, although hopefully a little less nervewracking.

Enjoy the game.

Terry Browne
Chairman

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White Hart Lane Community Sports Centre
New River Stadium, London, N22 5QW





York City Knights v Workington Town



Sunday July 25 2010. Kick off 3pm. HUNTINGTON STADIUM

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

COACH: DAVE WOODS

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWWL
LAST SIX HOME: LWLLWW
TRIES: Waterman (22) Ratcliffe (12),
Tuffour, Lineham (9), Schofield (7)
GOALS: Waterman (88)
DROP GOALS: Thorman (2)
MAN TO WATCH: Danny Ratcliffe

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

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: D Merrick
Touch: T Crashley, C Hancock
Reserve Referee: S Daniel

THE INSIDE TRACK

York have all the motivation to raise their
game for the run-in. York by 20

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLLDW
LAST SIX AWAY: LLWWLD
TRIES: Kaighan (12), Low (10),
Marshall (9), Backhouse (8)
GOALS: Kaighan (47), Darren Holt (24)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Scott Kaighan

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the Knights!

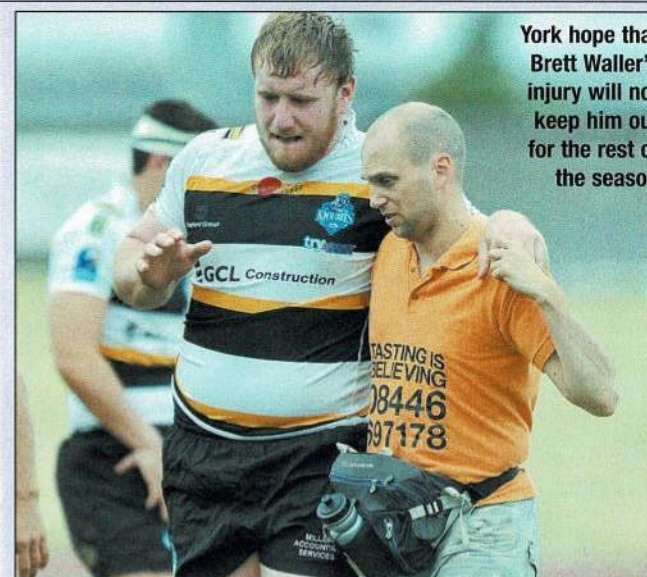


GCL Construction

YORK PULLMAN

CLUBCALL

York v Workington



York hope that
Brett Waller's
injury will not
keep him out
for the rest of
the season

Target of four wins out of the last five...

GOOD afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's Co-operative Championship One clash against Workington Town and on behalf of everyone at the Knights may I take this opportunity to welcome their players, coaching staff, directors and supporters.

A warm welcome also to match sponsors Hedley House Hotel and Castles UK Limited. We hope that the Knights can put on a good show and that you enjoy the afternoon.

With the play-offs approaching it is important that we finish the season strongly and come into form, and with four wins from our last five matches, we hope that we are able to finish in the top four. With wins over both Oldham and Blackpool already this season promotion is still a realistic aim, and it is important that the supporters get behind us in that aim.

The club is now selling tickets for the annual players' presentation evening on Friday 17th September at the Novotel in York. Tickets are priced at £45 and include a three-course dinner, the awards and a disco into the early hours. The evening is always enjoyable and we urge supporters to join us. To book tickets call the Knights office on 01904 641724. Numbers are limited so book now to avoid disappointment. Talking of the presentation evening the Knights will be making the annual summer draw which raises money for the Knights Foundation. If you are willing to sell tickets on our behalf please call the Knights office on the number above. The first prize is a 26 inch Linux LCD HD Ready television with a five year guarantee from Herbert Todd & Sons. Please support this great cause.

We also have a small number of hospitality boxes available for our final match of the season against Oldham priced at a special offer of £300 + VAT. This includes a two-course dinner for 10 guests, a private viewing box, 24 Carlsbergs or Tetleys, access to the sponsors' lounge from 12.30pm and accreditation in the matchday programme and over the tannoy. For further information call 01904 641724.

Finally congratulations to Chris Thorman and his wife Lana and matchday manager Alfie Brown and his wife Gail on the safe arrival of their new born babies. The Knights army continues to grow!

Ian Wilson
General Manager

Knights can play it smart

HELLO and a warm welcome once again to all Knights supporters here today at Huntington for our clash with Workington.

I'd also like to welcome all the Workington coaching staff, board of directors, players and supporters and hope you enjoy your day here.

This is my second home game in charge and it was great to see so many fans come out in support at our last clash with Doncaster. I'm hoping that we can continue our winning ways and play a smart brand of footy bringing more supporters through the gate. To compete and bring players in we need the support of everyone and we realise that by us winning, this will happen.

Once again it has been well publicised lately about how many injuries we currently have. After our last two games it hasn't been

any better with the latest casualty being Brett Waller. Brett suffered a knee injury against Hunslet ruling him out for a little while - we're hoping it won't be the season.

On our game against Hunslet, I must say that we didn't do ourselves any favours. We played pretty dumb in patches and the game was there for us to take. We just weren't clinical enough. This is something that we continue to work on. We then went to Blackpool for the Nines and I must congratulate the boys on the way they played there. We took a young squad and all performed admirably. Dan Mole, Dec Malarki, Callum Dinsdale, Oliver Wilcox-Harrison, Matt Woods, Ed Smith and Adam Caddie certainly are players of the future for us.

Dave Woods
Head Coach

For Danny Boy, the Mount Pleasant pipes are calling

Batley centre Danny Maun was tutored in the Wigan academy, but the pull of 'home' in Batley and Dewsbury has kept him close to his roots. And as he told BEN COLLINS, that's where he wants to stay

DANNY MAUN is not talking in clichés when he says helping Batley win the Northern Rail Cup last week was a dream come true.

Before winning the 1998 Trans-Pennine Cup, the last time the Bulldogs appeared in a cup final was the 1952 Yorkshire Cup and their last major trophy was the 1924 Championship.

And being a Batley lad, last week's thrilling 25-24 victory over defending champions Widnes at Bloomfield Road meant just as much to Maun as it did to the Bulldogs' long-suffering fans.

Over 2,000 of them made the trip to Blackpool and a similar number attended the team's homecoming party on Sunday night at the town's Frontier club.

The players were still celebrating around Batley on Monday, when Maun told Game On: "I still can't believe it. I keep waving my medal around; I think I'll be wearing it all week at work."

"We came back from Blackpool and they had a stage up at the Frontier. We had a few speeches and it stayed open all night for us."

"It was an amazing experience just to see all the Batley shirts and I'll never forget that as long as I live. Everything I'd dreamed of came true."

"I watched us win the Trans-Pennine Cup when I was younger and that was a great day, but Sunday was something else."

Maun works as a binman for Kirklees Council and did a feature for Look North in the build-up before being interviewed by Radio Leeds on Monday morning.

"It's nice to get some exposure for Batley," he said. "People look down at the club because we're not a big name but now everyone will take notice."

"I'm glad for the chairman, the board and the coach Karl Harrison, and it's amazing for the fans because they haven't had much to shout about for a long time."

The Bulldogs put in a resilient defensive performance to shock Leigh in the semi-finals and again they upset the odds in the final, mounting a late fightback to snatch victory with two Alex Brown tries in the last 12 minutes.



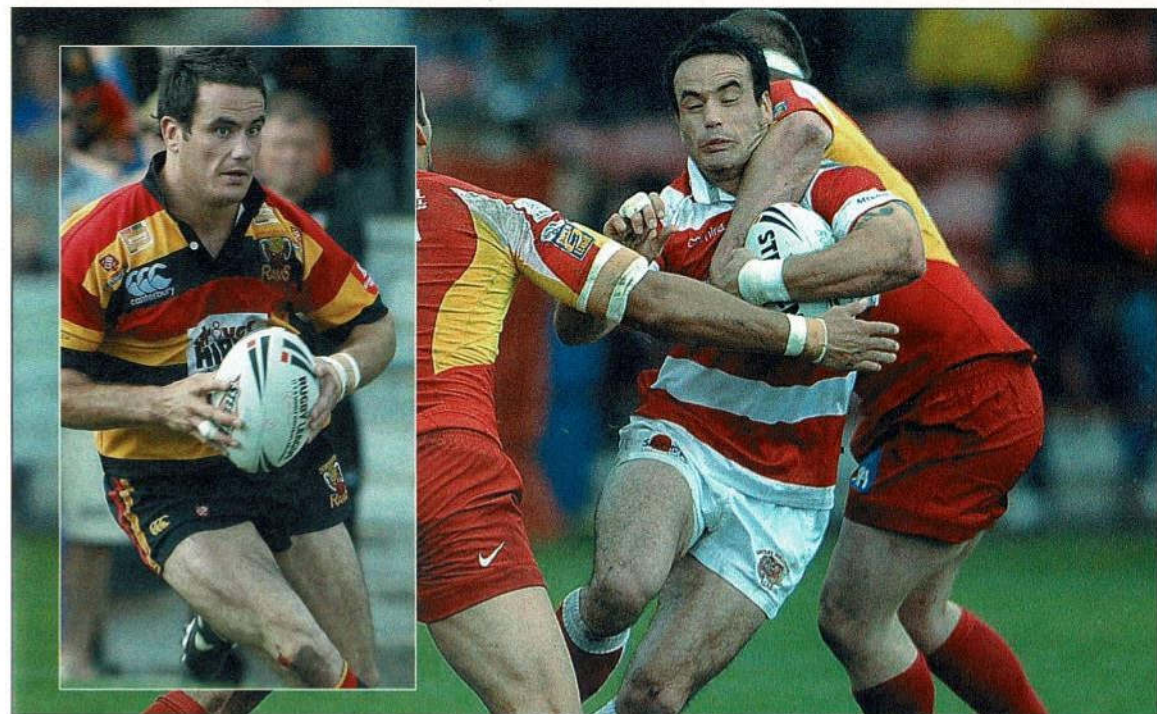
Champion day – Batley celebrate with their fans

"It was massive just reaching the final but going into it I was thinking 'how good would it be to win today?'" said Maun.

"It was an amazing feeling to go out there for the warm-up and to go and win it was magic."

"We may have left it late but we did it, and it's a massive achievement for us."

What has made Batley's surprise success all the more remarkable is that they have done it on possibly the tight-



Danny takes a high shot against Catalans, and (inset) in his days playing for today's foes, Dewsbury

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est budget in the Co-operative Championship.

However, Maun feels that has played a major factor in forging the side's team spirit, which has been there for all to see in recent weeks – not just in the Northern Rail Cup but in the Championship, where the Bulldogs have won four of the last six.

"I'm glad for the chairman, Kevin Nicholas," said the centre. "He's tight with the purse strings but that helps bring us all together."

"We have to earn our money and the win bonus we got is a lot of money to us lads. Some players elsewhere get paid a lot more money and it's pinching it really, in my opinion."

"If you get paid a lot of contract money in this division I think you're more likely to lose because you've got that money to fall back on."

"We don't get paid a lot of money at Batley. The win bonuses pay our bills. Ash Lindsay even says it pays for his kid's nappies!"

"But that's why there's no egos at Batley. We play for the love of the game more than anything."

Maun, 29, is in his second spell at the club having returned to Mount Pleasant from Dewsbury in 2008.

A highly-rated youngster, Maun came through the Wigan academy before first joining Batley in 2000 and he is now one of the senior players in Harrison's youthful squad.

"Being released by Wigan was hard to take," he said.

"But Paul Storey was the coach then and he developed me as a person and gave me a lot of confidence to play at that level."

"There were players like Glenn Tomlinson and Richard Price in that team, and the whole experience made me

the player I am today."

"I was having a bad time of things in 2004 and sometimes I felt I was getting picked because of my name so I needed a fresh challenge at Featherstone," Maun added.

"I then joined Dewsbury and although we won National League 2 in 2006, I always wanted to play for Batley again. Batley's a big part of my life and I'm proud to play for them."

So much so that Maun can see himself spending the rest of his career at Mount Pleasant. He admits Batley's success this year may result in their star players being snapped up by more illustrious clubs for next season but he is determined to stay put.

"You get coaches from other clubs asking if you want to leave but I'm happy here," he said.

"There's a great team spirit here and I've got an outstanding coach who will develop me as a player so there's no reason for me to leave."

"I'm not a greedy player, people who know me know I won't go somewhere for financial gains."

"I want to keep winning things with Batley and I want to see out my career here. Some players might be poached, like Jason Walton, Gareth Moore, and

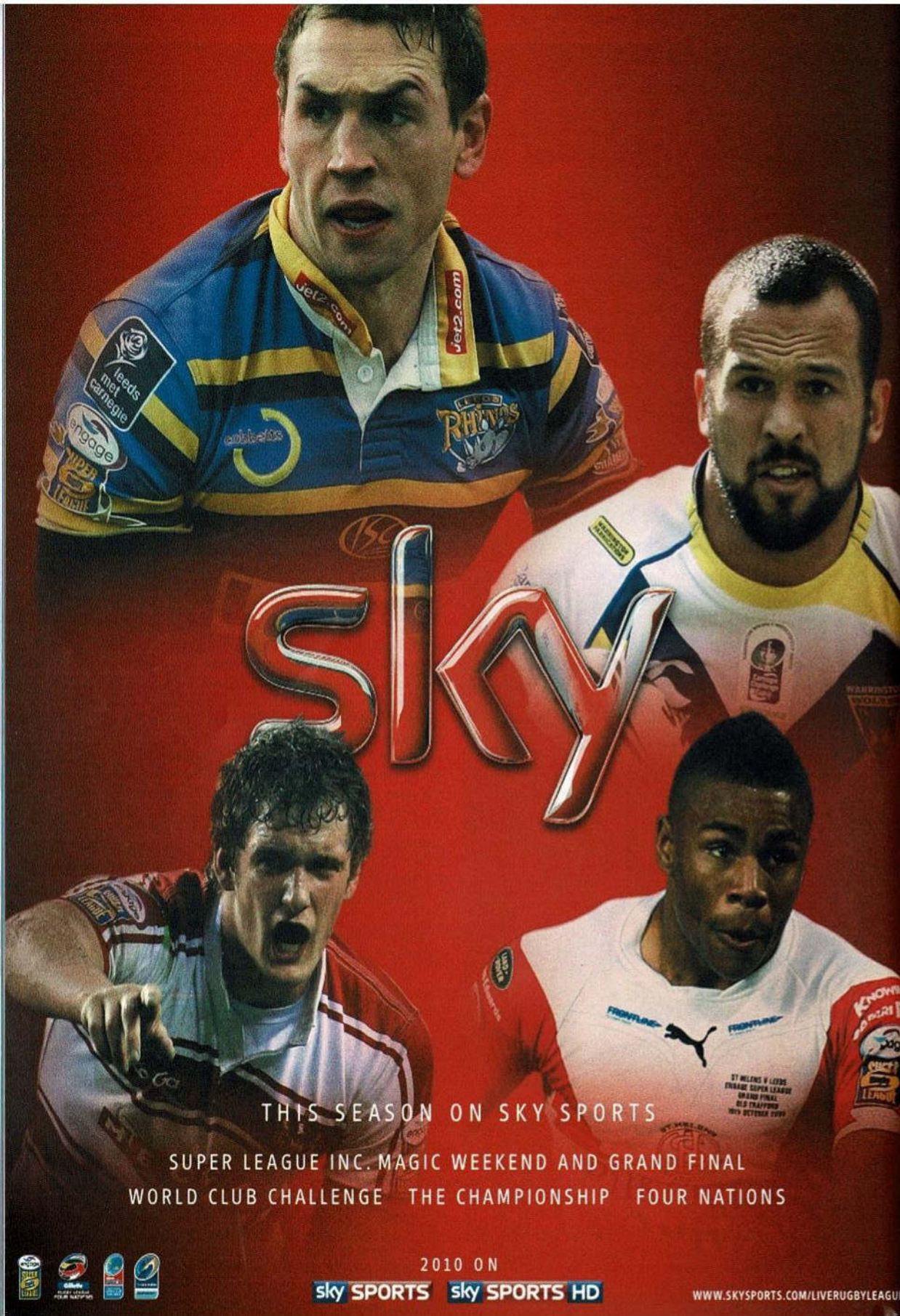
maybe Karl as well."

"But I hope as many of us stay as possible and we can kick on next year."

"This year I really think we can reach the Grand Final," Maun added.

"That may seem a bold prediction but we've got some big games coming up and we'll be looking to win them. We don't fear anybody in this division and why should we?"

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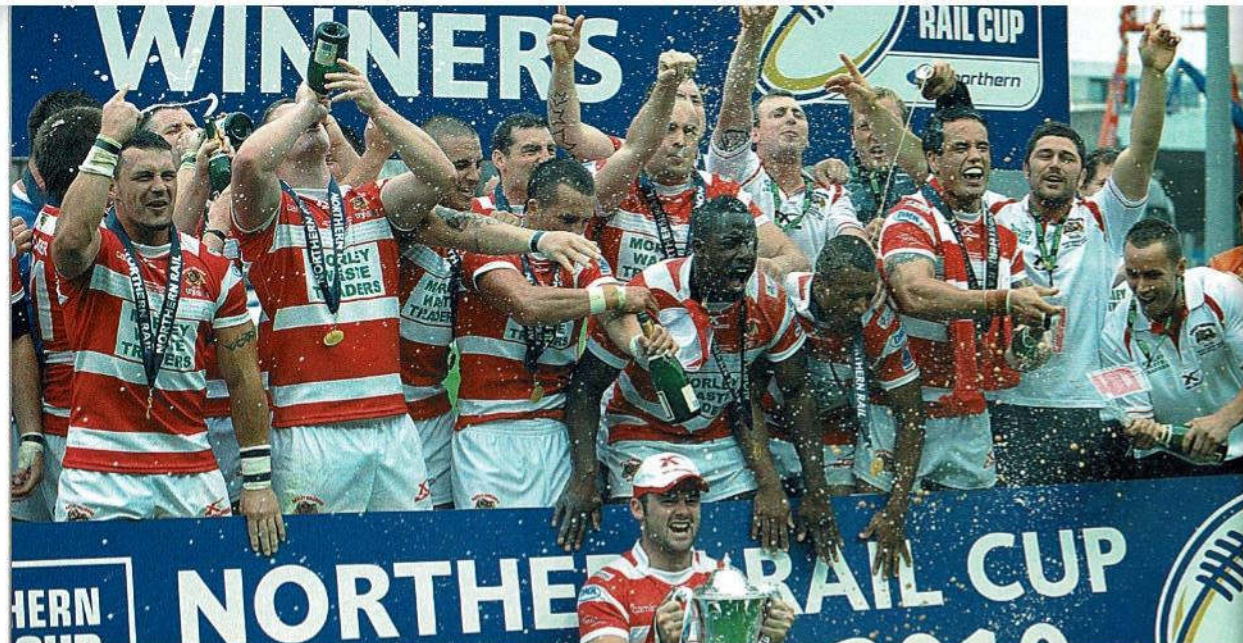
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All hail the Bulldogs' Northern Rail heroes

A FULL eighty-six years since they last lifted a piece of major Rugby League silverware, the roller-coaster Batley Bulldogs rocked Blackpool – and the favourites Widnes Vikings – with a thrilling 25-24 win in the Northern Rail Cup final.

After racing out to a 12-0 lead the Bulldogs twice fought back, first to lead 15-12 at the break, and then from 24-15 down. In the end a cheeky first-half Gareth Moore drop goal – straight after Thomas Coyle had missed one at the other end – proved the difference.

"It's an outstanding achievement for me personally and for this group of local players, which we've recruited in a short space of time," said delighted coach Karl Harrison.

"I'm so pleased for everybody at the Batley club. After being 12-0 up, we made too many mistakes to let Widnes back in the game, but we showed great character to come back and win it. There were some real big individual efforts to force errors from the Widnes ball carrier. We weren't at our greatest today but neither were Widnes. In cup finals, the team that executes their plays at the right time generally gets their rewards and we probably had one more play than them." Harrison paid tribute to dual-reg Huddersfield winger Alex Brown who grabbed two late tries to drag Batley back in front for the final time.

Widnes coach Paul Cullen said: "We had some good patches and were one mistake away from winning the final but I don't think we deserved it. You have to congratulate Batley for the way they stuck at it and finished the game but when you're winning a final, to concede field position so cheaply is very difficult to take. The Widnes players have lost that final, they've thrown it away, and Batley used the field position very well.

"Some decisions went either way but the officials didn't drop the ball on play one and they certainly didn't chip kick to Batley. We lost the ball four or five times on the first or second tackle with a one-hand carry from our tryline.

"Then when we've won the game, we conspire to come up with a very weak kicking game, chip kicking straight to Batley which was outrageous and it's cost us the game."

COMING UP...

... the prospect of anyone catching the run-away Featherstone Rovers atop the Co-operative Championship appear less and less likely by the week, but one team looks certain to drop out of the running on Thursday night when Barrow desperately need to make their games-in-hand count against Halifax, while hoping their county neighbours Whitehaven can pull off the surprise of the season at home to Daryl Powell's men.

Widnes and Leigh provide another classic clash, while the battling Rams will be hoping neighbours Batley are still hungover from their NRC celebrations when the two meet at the Tetley Stadium. They may well be!

Toulouse will hope to continue their play-off charge at Keighley on Saturday evening.

The two teams hoping to peg back Hunslet in the Co-op Championship 1 meet as the action returns to the Fylde coast on Sunday with Oldham the visitors.

The Hawks meanwhile have a less daunting visit to Gateshead on the cards, while the clubs chasing play-off positions have intriguing fixtures with Hornets entertaining a rested South Wales who were not in the Northern Rail 9s, and York hosting Workington. Finally Skolars will harbour hopes of increasing their points tally when Doncaster come to the New River.

Halifax go one better in 2010

HALIFAX showed how seriously they take this competition by winning the Northern Rail 9s at Blackpool Panthers' Woodlands Memorial Ground last Saturday, leaving Sheffield as bridesmaids for the second year running. It gives Fax a place with the 'big boys' at the Carnegie 9s at Headingley next month.

Halifax won the second-tier Plate competition last time out but the change to a one-day format meant there was no 'second chance' for clubs. It also meant there was heartbreak for Leigh and Hunslet, two clubs who emerged from the group stages with three wins from three, but under the points-ranking system, missed out on a semi-final place on their scoring aggregates.

Joining Sheffield and Fax in the top four were Keighley and an impressive Swinton side that managed a win over Championship opposition in Dewsbury, besides cruising past Gateshead and notching a win over derby rivals Hornets. For last year's winners Blackpool, a relatively inexperienced squad meant Martin Crompton's men were never in contention to repeat.

Sheffield's place in the final was earned by emerging from a World Cup-like 'Group of Death' which included both Barrow and Featherstone Rovers, plus plucky Oldham. A total of 104 points in their three games spelled out the danger the Eagles posed.

The Cougars led twice in their semi with Sheffield before Menzie Yere and Tim Bergin sealed a 20-14 victory, while in the other semi Halifax were pushed all the way by a Swinton side that almost took a drop goal decider, before Fax progressed with a 'sudden death' try.

In the final Eagles went ahead through one of their three powerhouse Pacific Islanders, Misi Taulapapa, but for the high scoring Yorkshiremen, that was to be that.

Both sides had taken very strong squads, but Dylan Nash was a massive influence on a particularly strong Halifax side as they eventually took control to run out 16-4 winners.

SHEFFIELD: Tim Bergin, Misi Taulapapa, Menzie Yere, Danny Mills, Tangi Ropati, Andrew Henderson, Mitch Springer, Alex Szostak, Corey Hanson. Subs: Paddy Barcoe, Jamie Cottle, Eddie Battye, Joe Hirst.

Tries: Taulapapa (3). **Goals:** Bergin 0/1

HALIFAX: Rob Worringcy, Anthony Bowman, Sam Barlow, Lee Paterson, Ben Black, Dom Maloney, Bob Beswick, Dylan Nash, Stephen Bannister. Subs: Sean Penkyczyk, Paul White, Jon Goddard, Chris Goddard

Tries: Gordon (6), Nash (14), Black (16). **Goals:** Paterson 2/3



Bob Beswick lifts the Northern Rail 9s trophy

POOL ONE Pools 1,2,3 play each other round-robin

Dewsbury 10 Hornets RL 10
Swinton 40 Gateshead 0
Hornets RL 12 Gateshead 10
Dewsbury 28 Gateshead 16
Dewsbury 8 Swinton 14
Hornets RL 16 Swinton 24

POOL TWO

Barrow 14 Oldham 14
Featherstone 14 Barrow 4
Oldham 0 Sheffield 40
Featherstone 12 Sheffield 26
Featherstone 28 Oldham 12
Barrow 10 Sheffield 38

POOL THREE

Keighley 28 Whitehaven 22
Workington 6 York 10
York 26 Whitehaven 14
Keighley 24 Workington 16
Keighley 26 York 14
Workington 4, Whitehaven 14

POOLS FOUR/FIVE Pools 4,5 play each team in opposite group

Doncaster 20 Halifax 24
Doncaster 6 Leigh 28
Doncaster 16 Hunslet 24
Blackpool 6 Hunslet 20
Blackpool 10 Halifax 36
Blackpool 14 Leigh 18
London Skolars 10 Hunslet 14
London Skolars 10 Halifax 34
London Skolars 16 Leigh 20

Semi-finals:

Sheffield 20 Keighley 14
Halifax 18 Swinton 14

Final:

Sheffield 4 Halifax 16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	B	PTS
Featherstone	16	15	0	1	551	256	295	1	46
Leigh	16	10	1	5	470	310	160	4	36
Halifax	15	11	0	4	506	389	117	2	35
Barrow	14	10	1	3	437	262	175	0	32
Sheffield	16	8	1	7	408	419	-11	3	29
Widnes	14	7	0	7	447	342	105	5	26
Toulouse	15	8	0	7	384	460	-76	2	26
Batley	15	6	0	9	347	358	-11	6	24
Dewsbury	16	2	0	14	295	467	-172	8	14
Whitehaven	16	2	0	14	216	571	-355	4	10
Keighley	15	3	1	11	279	506	-227	3	5

* Keighley deducted 8pts for going into administration

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	B	Pts
Hunslet	16	14	0	2	656	227	429	1	43
Oldham	15	13	0	2	521	324	197	1	40
Blackpool	15	12	0	3	601	250	351	1	37
York	16	9	0	7	515	429	86	3	30
Rochdale	15	8	0	7	518	380	138	5	29
Workington	15	7	1	7	414	366	48	4	27
South Wales	15	7	0	8	458	340	118	5	26
Swinton	16	7	1	8	386	487	-101	2	25
Doncaster	16	5	0	11	360	528	-168	4	19
London Skolars	16	1	0	15	292	738	-446	3	6
Gateshead	15	1	0	14	188	840	-652	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 0
Batley Bulldogs 30, Widnes Vikings 30
Featherstone Rovers 18, Sheffield Eagles 18
Halifax RLFC 24, Dewsbury Rams 0
Keighley Cougars 17, Whitehaven 16
Gateshead Thunder 12, Workington Town 20
London Skolars 12, Hunslet Hawks 00
Swinton Lions 36, Doncaster RLFC 20
York City Knights 13, Leigh Centurions 12

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 - ROUND 2

Oldham 22, Hornets RL 14

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - ROUND 1

Whitehaven 26, Batley Bulldogs 34

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - ROUND 3

Batley Bulldogs 46, Swinton Lions 10
Keighley Cougars 38, Workington Town 10
Leigh Centurions 30, 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 0
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 0, Barrow Raiders 80
Hornets RL 12, York City Knights 38
Workington 16, Swinton 19

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Swinton Lions 12, Widnes Vikings 38
Workington Town 15, Whitehaven 14

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Oldham 22, Sheffield Eagles 24

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Featherstone Rovers 58, 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

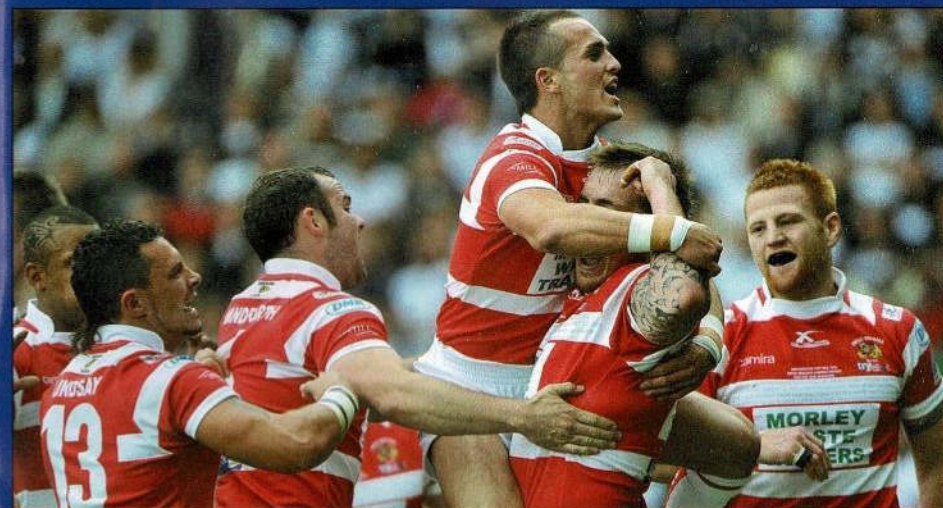
Oldham 46, London Skolars 12

Workington Town 34, Doncaster RLFC 20

York City Knights 10, Hunslet Hawks 46

TUESDAY, 18 MAY

Leigh Centurions 16, Featherstone Rovers 24



Celebration time as Gareth Moore climbs all over try-scorer Batley Sean Hesketh

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 28, Barrow 12

SUNDAY 6 JUNE

Keighley Cougars 32, York City Knights 6

Batley Bulldogs 26, Sheffield Eagles 18

Hunslet Hawks 8, 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

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Whitehaven 14, Sheffield Eagles 24

Widnes Vikings 20, Barrow Raiders 24

Sheffield 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 25

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Keighley Cougars 16, Widnes Vikings 48

Swinton Lions 30, Workington Town 30
Hunslet Hawks 28, Blackpool Panthers 12
South Wales Scorpions 30, Hornets RL 25

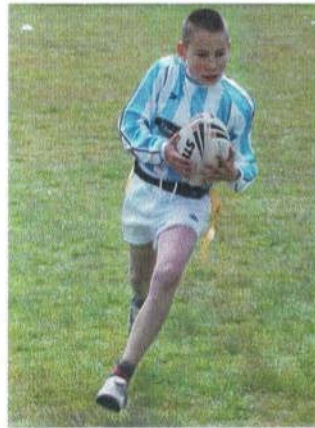
TUESDAY, 22 JUNE

Batley Bulldogs

Blackpool Panthers School TAG Festival

This week we saw the return of Blackpool youth games, where again tag rugby league was one of the 40 sports offered to the schools in the Blackpool area.

Wednesday 30th of June 11 schools took to Stanley Park to compete for Blackpool primary school competition trophy, The 11 teams were split into 2 leagues where they all played 4 very competitive games. There was some excellent skill on show which the 110 pupils had honed over the year in Blackpool Panthers very successful primary school coaching programme. All teams compete furiously but it was Anchorsholme and Roseacre who had the edge and finished top of their respected leagues. The final started well for Roseacre as they took an early lead following on from some excellent running by the Roseacre players, but Anchorsholme showed great courage to fight back to score a great try to level the game 1 – 1 with 2 minutes to go. As the game headed into the final stage Roseacre managed one last push to take the lead and the title of Blackpool primary school Champions.



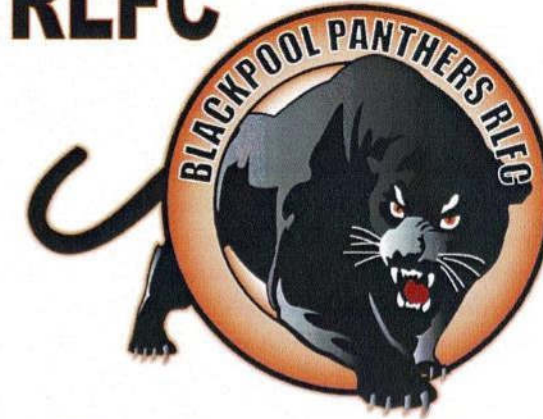
Pictures: above St Cuthberts player, on right winners Roseacre Primary School

Blackpool Panthers and the Blackpool Sport Partnership would like to thank Stanley Park and all the schools and volunteers who took part and help to make events a massive success. Blackpool Stanley is having training session at Stanley Park every Wednesday 6.30 – 7.30pm. If you would like a more information feel free to contact Thomas Brindle on 07779274621.



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The Co-operative Championship 1
SUNDAY 25th July 2009

KICK-OFF 3.00 PM



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Development Update

Regrettably I have to inform everyone involved at the club that I'm leaving at the end of this month to take on the role as the North Yorkshire Service Area Coordinator. I feel this is a great opportunity to further my career in Rugby League.

I would like to thank everyone at the club for their support including John Chadwick and all the Directors, Martin and his playing staff. This has been a great opportunity to develop myself and I feel I have helped the club grow stronger since February 2009.

The past 18 months with the Panthers has been very enjoyable. I feel with my hard work I have developed and raised the clubs profile in the Blackpool and the Fylde Coast. This is down to the good relationships I have made with local partnerships in the Blackpool area. The best relationships were with NHS Blackpool and Blackpool's SSCO team. This enabled me help restructure the school competitions and deliver some high quality coaching sessions. Since this structure has been put into place Panthers have coached over 25 different primary schools, 6 different high schools and helped set up 2 new College Rugby League teams in the Blackpool area. On the back of this successful school structure, I was able to set up Panthers first ever rugby camp. This has gone from strength to strength due to the excellent local coaches Karl Davis and Mark Holden. Thanks for your help guys you have a bright future ahead with your 16's team.

The fan base at the club is growing. The total match attendance figures have risen from an average of 392 in 2008 to 487 in 2009. This equates to an average increase of 24% or nearly 100 people per game. This is a great sign that more people are coming to support Blackpool Panthers.

I believe that during the past 18 months the foundations have been put in place to allow the Panthers to move forward. Panthers now have, thanks to community grants secured during my time at the club, brand new IT and office equipment, state of the art coaching equipment and of course the new community rugby league coach Tom Brindle.

Hope you all enjoyed the game and hopefully I will meet you all again.

Blackpool Panthers Development Manager

Nick Settle

Blackpool Panthers Rugby League Camp

Blackpool Panthers are looking for children aged 8 to 14 to come on their Community Rugby League Camp at Stanley Park. This will be held at Blackpool Cricket Club, home of Blackpool Stanley, on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th July starting at 10.00am.

Panthers will be helping out at Blackpool Scorpions under 14s summer camp this is aimed at helping recruiting new players for the team. The camp will run through out the summer on every Tuesday. The dates are on 27th July, 3rd, 10th 17th, 24th, 31st August . The venue of the camp will be South Shore Cricket Club. For enquiries please contact Wayne Pemberton Blackpool Scorpions U14's Team Manager, 07734949725 or email: pembers1@aol.com



At the Community Rugby Camps, the children will be learning fun basic skills such as passing, kicking and tackling. The children will also will receive free giveaways and prizes. Every child that comes on the camp will receive a free Blackpool Panthers Goodie Bag and free ticket to the London Scholars match on the 31st of July 2pm kick off.

This should be a great day out for any child and will help promote Rugby League in the Blackpool Area. To take advantage of this offer, please go to panthers website www.blackpoolpanthers-rlfc.co.uk. Download the form and send it in to the Panthers Head Office as soon as possible as there are limited numbers for the Camp. Contact Tom Brindle on 01253 635 722 / 077779274621 book your child on the camp.
