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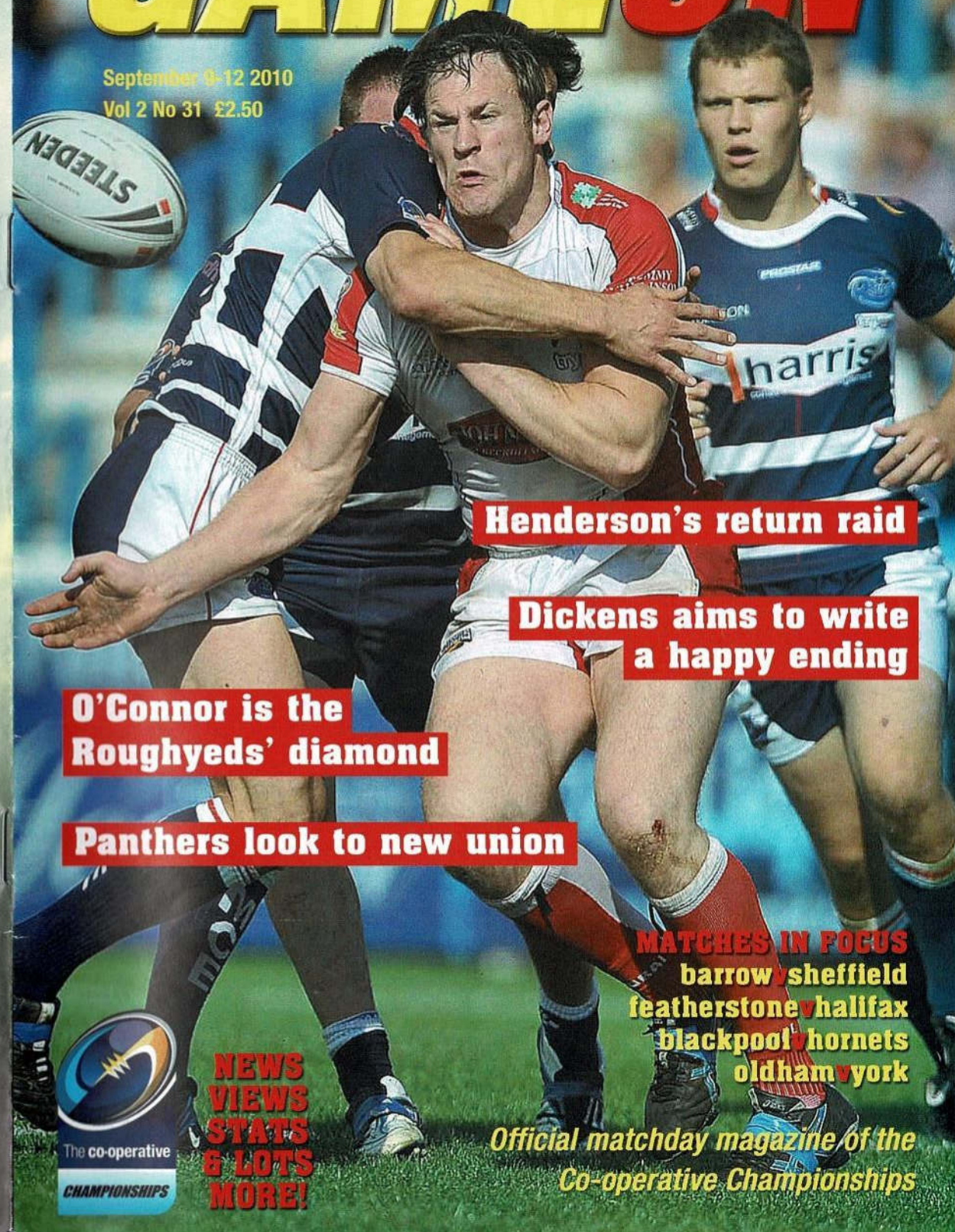
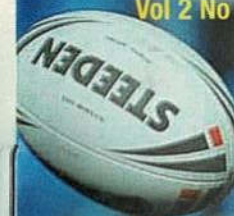
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Can Eagles raid Barrow's nest?

SHEFFIELD Eagles really will be soaring after a great 26-24 win at Leigh. A late try from Tim Bergin sealed their passage into the semi-final eliminator and they now face another tough (and long) road trip to Barrow Raiders.

The reigning champions made easy work of Widnes Vikings in front of just under 2,500 fans and they look like they are hitting a bit of form just when it matters.

Everything points to a classic encounter in Cumbria with both teams just two games away from the Holy Grail, a place in the Co-operative Finals Day at Warrington on Sunday September 26.

All eyes will be on the Big Fellas Stadium on Thursday night in the other Co-operative Championship play-off with Featherstone Rovers hosting Halifax in what promises to be one hell of a West Yorkshire battle in front of the Sky cameras.

Rovers may have wrapped up the League Leaders Shield and beaten Halifax home and away during the season, but you can bet they'll be taking nothing for granted against Matt Calland's charges who know how to turn on the style when it's needed.

Both sides will be aware that there's a second chance waiting around the corner but will be determined to secure immediate passage to the Grand Final.

In Championship One Blackpool will be playing host to Rochdale's Hornets and York City Knights traverse the M62 to take on Oldham. The Panthers pipped Workington in an entertaining encounter on the Fylde coast in front of a disappointing 300 fans.

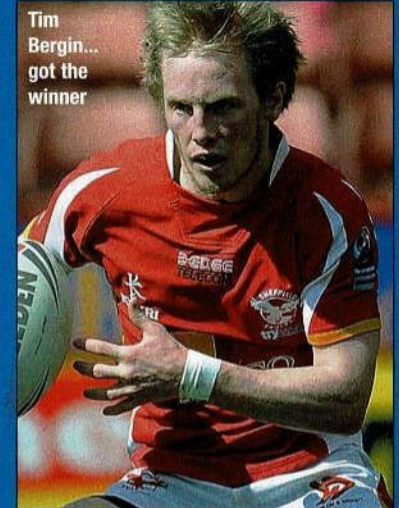
The game against the Hornets will be the biggest in Blackpool's recent history so let's all hope the fans get behind them and they get a few more through the gate.

Spotland hosted a tryfest as the Hornets saw off the Scorpions in an 80 point thriller. Full credit to South Wales for getting this far in their first season and this is just the platform they were hoping for as they bid to rebuild the profile of the sport in the Valleys.

Apart from Hunslet the Roughyeds have been the form team in Championship One and they'll start as favourites against York. You can bet the Oldham supporters will turn out in force for a game that could see them clinch their fourth consecutive spot in the season finale.

Both sides have played some terrific rugby this season and York will be keen for a repeat of their victory at the Whitebank Stadium back in early May.

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Tim Bergin... got the winner

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Dickens hopes the Fev story has a happy ending...

In many ways he is 'Mr Featherstone Rovers' but captain and prop forward Stuart Dickens feels that plenty of people deserve credit for the rise of the club, as he told Game On's BEN COLLINS



Captain Fantastic ... Dickens receives the League Leaders' Shield from RFL President Bev Risman

IT'S 12 years now since Stuart Dickens made his debut for Featherstone. And but for a brief Super League spell with Salford in 2005, the 30-year-old prop has been a 'Fev' player for the duration.

That's something he is very proud of, but he is on the brink of his proudest moment yet with Rovers.

Dickens has skippered Fev to the Co-operative Championship title this season, losing just two league games in the process, and they now host Halifax hoping to book their place in the Grand Final.

While Fev were pleased to secure top spot in such convincing style, Dickens is eager to add gloss to a fine season by backing it up with Grand Final glory.

"If we finish the season well, get to the Grand Final and win it, it'll probably be the best season I've played in," he said. But if the season peters out and we don't finish the job off I suppose it'll be a disappointing one.

"I've been at Featherstone a long time and to play in a team that finishes top of the league is a massive achievement.

"I think it's been a bit understated really. Wigan have finished top of Super League and had a lot of publicity, Hunslet finished top of Championship 1 and they get promoted. It seems to have bypassed us a bit so we want to make sure we go all the way.

"We've been pretty good this year and if we finish strongly and achieve what we set out to, I'm sure we'll get the credit we deserve."

Dickens has become part of the furniture at Post Office Road having now racked up over 350 appearances for Fev.

Although his return from Salford towards the end of the 2005 season was not enough to avoid relegation, he stuck around to help them get promoted back into the second tier in 2007.

Dickens has seen many changes at the club and feels that this year's success is the culmination of two years' hard work since the arrival of head coach Daryl Powell after the 2008 season.

"You know the familiar faces amongst the supporters that you see every week, but coaches and players have come and gone so there has been some turnover," he said.



Tommy Saxton in action against play-off opponents Halifax. The Rovers winger was narrowly pipped for a place in the All-Stars team.

"But I think the last couple of years have probably been the most stable the club's been on the playing front. There's not been as much change-around as there has in the past.

"We weren't able to get the club back out of the division straight away in 2006 but we did it at the second time of asking.

"Every year since then the club seems to have built and developed even further and the club's moving in the right direction.

"Mark Campbell, the chairman, is doing a good job. He's very ambitious and wants to take the club as far as he can.

"Then there's the coaching staff. Daryl Powell and Ryan Sheridan are both outstanding coaches and really good blokes as well. I think they've improved everybody's game massively since they've been at the club.

"And the players we've brought in as well. We've got a strong squad now and we're a really close bunch of lads as well so everything's looking pretty positive.

"It's a great club to be around, I love being here and I love playing for the club so I've enjoyed every minute of it."

That has shown on the field with Dickens putting in a string of commanding performances to be named in the Championship All-Star team yet again.

Dickens is one of four Fev players in

the side, along with Liam Finn, Jon Grayshon and Matty Dale, although he reckons more of his teammates could have made it.

"I think I've played all right but I am pretty critical - I always think I can improve and play better," he said.

"I've been named in it a few times before but as you get older you appreciate things a bit more.

"It's not a goal you set at the start of the season but it's nice when you do get personal recognition like that.

"I think two or three lads are unlucky

'Tommy Saxton's been outstanding all year - so too have Kyle Briggs and Tony Tonks - but there are other good players out there'

not to be in there as well.

"Tommy Saxton's been outstanding all year - so too have Kyle Briggs and Tony Tonks - but there are other good players out there."

Featherstone had impressed from the outset this season and it was not until their ninth league game that they lost their 100% record, losing 26-24 at home to Toulouse.

And Dickens feels the pressure of maintaining that start was better than

the pressure of trying to make up ground, like they had to do last season when they finished sixth yet still went within a game of the Grand Final.

"We managed to get off to a good start and once you're up there, it's a lot easier trying to stay up there than losing a couple of games early and trying to play catch-up," he said.

"The two games we lost, we were nowhere near our best but we still only lost by two points so we must have been doing something right.

"We've had a couple of dips through the season, just like everybody else, but we still managed to get the results."

Halifax beat Fev 36-30 in the final eliminator last year and Dickens, who has signed a new two-year contract through to the end of 2012, knows going into the play-offs as league winners matters little.

"We're not getting carried away, we know there's some good sides in there so we'll have to be right at the top of our game," he said.

"We've had a couple of weekends off and some of the lads went to Wembley for the Challenge Cup final. It's been a bit of a balancing act - giving everybody some time off to keep them fresh but making sure they keep their sharpness and match fitness.

"But we've beaten all these teams this season so if we're at our best, we're pretty confident we can get a result."

EAGLE ON A MISSION



Henderson's heading 'home' on play-off raid

His contract dispute with Barrow still hasn't been resolved, but only play-off victory will be on the mind of Sheffield's new hooker Andrew Henderson as he squares up against his old team. By JAMES COLLINS

ANDREW Henderson won't need any motivation when he takes the field at Barrow Raiders. The hooker feels his season has been rescued by the move to Sheffield Eagles after a protracted contract dispute at Craven Park.

Henderson admits there was a wry smile when he saw the Eagles would face his old club in the second play-off elimination round.

"I'd enjoy a win – I have nothing against the Barrow players, they are a great bunch and the fans were great to me when I was there," he said.

"Obviously there was an issue with the Barrow board and I didn't feel they treated me very well and it would be nice to get a win there."

The mid-season row left Henderson out of the Raiders team kicking his heels on the sidelines before the lifeline offer of a contract from Eagles coach Mark Aston just before the July signings deadline.

That dispute still has to be settled at an employment tribunal but for the Scottish international playing again has been a great morale booster.

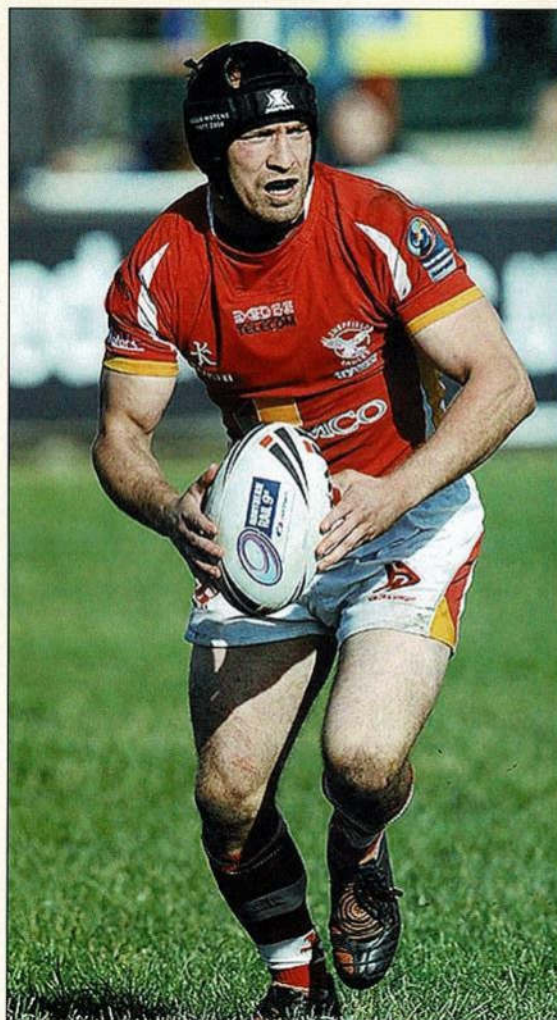
What lies ahead could be a contract for 2011 at Sheffield.

"It's been fantastic and I'm grateful for the opportunity Mark and the Sheffield club have given me at a difficult time and late in the season," he said.

"I wanted to be playing and in the short time I've been at Sheffield I've seen how the club operates and I've been impressed."

He added: "The facilities, organisation and infrastructure are great. Mark and his team have done a fantastic job in resurrecting the club from where it was 10 years ago."

"They have a vision and want to move forward and it's something I certainly want to be part of in the future."



On familiar ground – Andrew Henderson won't have far to travel

The former Castleford and Gateshead player coming off the bench has helped the Eagles grab the final Championship play-off place and to record a 26-24 win in their first round game at Leigh Centurions.

Eagles coach Mark Aston knows the game will have a



Hendo knows that Zeb Luisi is a real danger man for the Raiders – whichever position he finds himself in

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little 'extra' for Henderson. He said: "I'm sure Andy will be up for it, he'll have a point to prove to Barrow."

"He doesn't have to do anything special just give us the type of game he has since he came in the squad."

"He's a champion bloke who will be trying to make Barrow sit up and take notice. But it's not about one player it's about the Sheffield Eagles team and getting into the next round."

The crunch comes at Craven Park with the winners booking a ticket into the semi-final and just 80 minutes away from competing for the £100,000 Grand Final prize.

For this weekend's game Henderson has been spared the 300-plus miles round trip with his new team from Sheffield – he's still based in Barrow with his family.

The Eagles face having to play all their games away for the duration of their play-off run but Henderson said: "I've been fortunate enough to feature in Grand Finals and from my experience I think we can go all the way."

"This year any side is capable of winning the Grand Final."

"We have the long road coming from sixth position but we believe we are capable of doing it."

He added: "We play a pretty exciting game of rugby, we move the ball around well and we have the plenty of skilful players and striking ability out wide."

"There are some areas defensively we need to improve on and we need to be more clinical. In the Leigh game we created four or five chances, which in play-offs you need to take, but the last pass just wasn't sticking."

"We have to learn that in big games we have to take the opportunities because we might not be as fortunate at Barrow."

"Barrow have strike power all through the team – Ned Catic is in great form, Jamie Rooney and James Coyle at halfback are very creative and good organisers."

"Zeb Luisi is a danger man at the back. He's playing full-back at the moment but if he does go back to 13 he'll still be floating around and he's a dangerous player if you give him time and space."

"There's plenty for us to look at but I'm confident we can get it right."

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FORGIVE me giving a blatant plug here, but everyone interested in the sustainability of our game might want to perk their eyes and ears up and take notice of a Rugby League themed conference which is taking place at The George Hotel in Huddersfield next month.

It's the Saturday after the engage Super League Grand Final (October 9th) a fortnight after the Co-operative Championships' big day at Warrington, and will come appropriately enough just about the time as more than a few club Finance Directors sit down, scratch their heads, sharpen their pencils and wonder how on earth they're going to make ends meet in 2011.

I can picture the scene right now – an enthusiastic coach dashes into the club office: "Bob/Sid/Fred, you'll never know who I've just taken a call from – that star loose-forward we've been chasing for months. He's had a change of heart and doesn't want to get the number 13 shirt for Leeds/Wigan/Wolves next season, he wants to play with US, here at the Shay/Mount/Stobart/Spotland/South Leeds etc etc Stadium! And he's not asking the earth either!"

"Hmmm" says Bob/Sid/Fred. "He'd better be quite handy at digging earth too ... or washing windows ... or selling raffle tickets ... or doing something to make up a decent wage if he wants to play here. I've just been doing the books and we're 20 grand over budget and we haven't got a scrum half or hooker on the books yet. And the VAT man's been ringing all morning."

"Oh stuff the VAT-man, he can wait. This is too good to turn down," enthuses the giddy kipper of a coach. "This lad's a marquee name. If we sign him it will put 500 on the gate. Sponsors will be knocking the door down to sign up for next season. We'll be nailed on to get promotion or win the Northern Rail. This is the answer to all our dreams..."

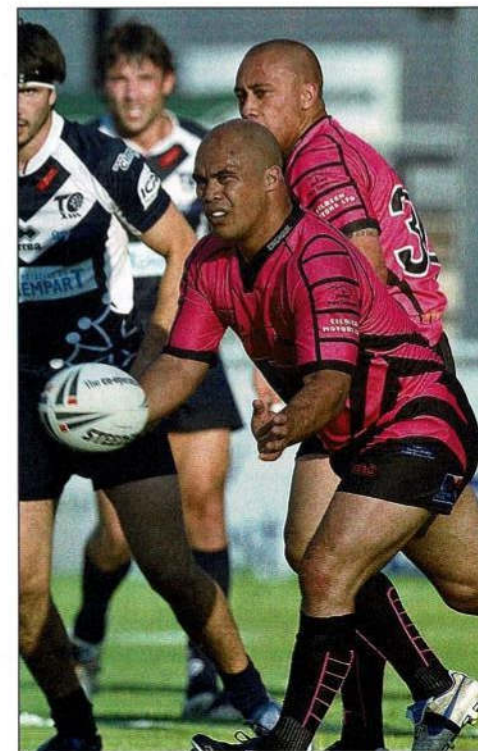
Sound familiar?

Come another season, come another boom and bust story at one or more of our professional clubs. As predictable as the first cuckoo in spring, or the first yell of "gerrem outside!" it will be someone else's turn to open a bank statement with fearful trepidation and finally face up to the inevitable.

That's where Supporters Direct comes in, and their Rugby League executive Laura Harrison has been writing regularly through this season here in Game On. There are some real success stories out there in Co-operative clubland – and beyond – as the fans start to exercise their influence and channel their passion into the running and ownership of clubs on a more sustainable basis.

I'll be there on October 9th to talk about some of the issues surrounding this critical matter for the game, as will Robbie Paul, and others too. It's not just for directors or committeemen, administrators or coaches or players or whatever. It's for everyone who loves and cares about Rugby League. In other words, it's for you. For more information email Laura on laura.harrison@supporters-direct.org See you there.

Whitehaven have recently had financial troubles



Danny Lockwood writes in League Weekly every Monday

All-star pals line up to honour Garry's memory

FOURTEEN players from Garry Purdham's former clubs will turn out in his honour for Cumbria against England on Sunday October 3 at Whitehaven's Recreation Ground.

This initial squad, which is subject to some changes nearer the event, will be captained by Garry's brother Rob Purdham and will include Huddersfield's Gregg McNally and Kyle Amor of Leeds Rhinos, plus former Workington Town playmaker Liam Campbell, now at Barrow.

Cumbria will be coached by Paul Crarey, with assistant coaches Gary Charlton of Workington Town and Whitehaven's David Seeds, both friends and former team-mates of Garry Purdham.

"Garry was a great friend of mine and this game is quite fitting, even though he wouldn't have wanted the fuss," Seeds said.

"It's the strongest Cumbria team I have seen for a long time. It has been picked on merit and there is quality in there.

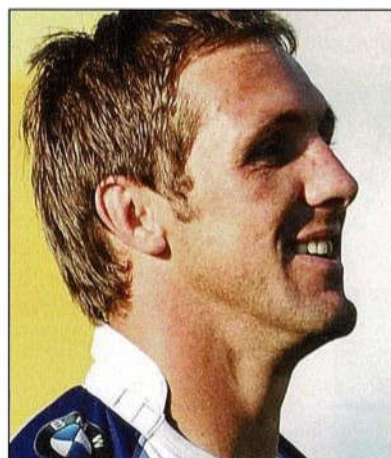
"I'm getting quite excited about what we are doing, not just for Garry's family, the reason it's being played, but for the whole of Cumbria. I can't remember the last time a full England team came to West Cumbria."

Carnegie Challenge Cup winner Jon Clarke of Warrington Wolves; St Helens winger Ade Gardner and Oliver Wilkes from Harlequins, will also feature in the Cumbria side.

"We have picked a handy squad," Charlton said. "We all know these lads can play and they won't let anyone down."

Surprise additions to the squad are young amateurs Rhys Davies and John Paul Brocklebank, both from Egremont Rangers, the club where the late back-rower started and ended his career.

Spokesman Dave Bowden added: "It was felt at an early



Cumbria skipper Rob Purdham (top) plus evergreen full-back Gary Broadbent and joint-coach Paul Crarey

stage from everyone involved that representation in the Cumbrian squad should be from all the clubs Garry played for, it's a great opportunity for John Paul and Rhys to be part of the day and I'm sure Garry would have approved."

The final selection of the England team will depend on which sides contest the Engage Super League Grand Final, which is the day before the October 3 Recreation Ground clash but national coach Steve McNamara has pledged to field his strongest possible line-up.

Admission will be by means of a special commemorative programme. The programme will be priced at £15 for adults and £5 for children. For more information or to order your programme please visit www.garrypurdham.co.uk

CUMBRIA: Calvert, McAvoy, M Jackson, Hill, S Miller, Mattinson, Sice (all Whitehaven); Frazer, Mossop, Low, Coward, Pedley (all Workington Town); Broadbent, Harrison, Campbell, McDermott (all Barrow); Davies, Brocklebank (both Egremont); R Purdham, Wilkes (both Harlequins); Amor (Leeds); McNally (Huddersfield); Clarke (Warrington); Gardner (St Helens).

Panthers set for a brand new 'union'

BLACKPOOL are set to be taken over by Fylde rugby union club. The Panthers have been looking for new investors since chairman Bobby Hope's resignation in mid-season and are now poised to enter into a Harlequins-style "joint venture" with their landlords.

The move makes real sense for the co-operative Championship 1 club, given they already share the Woodlands Memorial Ground with the National League Two North side.

It appears Fylde are not only prepared to pump funds into the Panthers but will also offer the rugby league club a deal whereby they share income from the bar and catering on match days.

Panthers head coach Martin Crompton, who is eager to see a takeover go through quickly so that he can plan his squad for 2011, described Fylde's takeover proposal as "an offer we couldn't refuse".

"This gives us a bit more stability and a lot more security," Crompton said.

"The RFL know all about it and they agree it is the best way forward for the club.

"We've not had a share of bar takings or food money before and I'm sure most clubs will tell you that's where most of your money comes from.

"Fylde can see the benefits of having us here and it's a good deal for us."

Former chairman John Chadwick has been leading the



Blackpool head coach Martin Crompton

search for new investment since Hope's walk-out, which he attributed to "ill health".

It is understood that Chadwick, representing the Blackpool board, met with representatives from Fylde twice last week.

Hope, who took over the club last autumn, has been holding out on selling his majority shareholding but Crompton says the club expect to force a deal through soon.

The Panthers were docked 10 points by the RFL in July as a result of "contractual irregularities" and breaches of registration and salary cap rules.

Red Hall are understood to have shown leniency on the club because of the circumstances surrounding their ownership.

A quick resolution could see Crompton pledge his own future to the club amid rumours linking him with the vacant head coach job at Championship Barrow.



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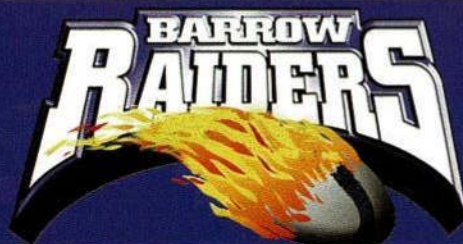
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THE INSIDE TRACK

Barrow have come out of their slumber and the Eagles will suffer. Raiders by 16



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MAN TO WATCH: Brendon Lindsay

CLUBCALL

Barrow v Sheffield

Fully fit, rarin' to go



Martin Ostler deserved to get the man of the match award for his outstanding performance against Widnes last week

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

A very warm welcome to the Sheffield Eagles team, who shocked some of the rugby league fraternity last week in front of the Sky cameras.

I say some because I for one fancied them to do the business and I do know of some people who benefited financially - don't worry Keith I will not tell Trish!

At last we showed the rugby league world what we were capable of.

Over the last few months our performances have been so unpredictable it is untrue.

The performance that really did hurt me was the Dewsbury encounter.

When you are up all hours performing the tasks that are required to run a rugby league club and you witness performances of that type it is gut-wrenching.

Just because we are directors of the club does not mean we are impervious to pain.

But the flip side of those emotions is the ones we all felt last

Sunday afternoon.

In all honesty we could and quite possibly should have racked up the half century.

The difference last week was the fact that everyone was playing without injury.

Due to our injury situation this time round it is possible to say that Chris Young has often been the sacrificial lamb.

Chris picked up a hamstring injury early in the season and has never really recovered.

A nothing of an injury you would think. But whilst he was getting over the problem people around him were dropping like flies with serious injuries.

So this left Chris as the only forward available and he was forced back into the side a week or two earlier than his niggles would have liked. This has cost Chris game time but also made the team vulnerable on the park.

But now there are a full set of forwards to choose from this pressure on Chris has been eased.

I must say that the man of the match award last week went to the correct person again.

That was the Martin Ostler that

we all know and adore. But he was very well backed up by every single one of his teammates and I think that the performance from Richard Fletcher was his best one in a Raiders shirt.

To nil any side in a competitive game is not an easy feat but to do it at this stage of the competition is nothing short of sweet.

This is the last home game of our season so I will take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support through the year; it is very much appreciated by everyone connected with the club.

Hopefully we can give you all a day out in Warrington again but as this game brings down the curtain on our second year in this division I believe we are a club on the up.

We have exceeded everyone's expectations of position in the league and as a result of this the view has to be one of satisfaction and we can feel justifiably proud of our achievements.

See you all in the bar after the game.

Jon Livesey
Vice Chairman

Featherstone Rovers v Halifax RLFC



Thursday September 9, 2010. Kick off 7.30pm. BIG FELLAS STADIUM

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

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COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWW
LAST SIX HOME: LWWWLW
TRIES: Hardaker (20), Briggs, Parker (17), Welham (14), Finn (13)
GOALS: Briggs (111)
DROP GOALS: Finn (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Zak Hardaker

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R. Hicks
Touch: S. Wright, T. Crashley
Reserve Referee: G. Dolan

THE INSIDE TRACK

Featherstone should just have the edge but it will be a classic of a try-fest. Fev by 8

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

COACH: MATT CALLAND

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWW
LAST SIX AWAY: WLLWWW
TRIES: Royston (27), Worrincy (20), Penkywicz (14), Branighan (13), Paterson (12), Black (11)
GOALS: Paterson (129)
DROP GOALS: None
MAN TO WATCH: Sean Penkywicz

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Featherstone v Halifax

One step from a place in the Grand Final



Rovers' powerhouse Tony Tonks smashes his way through the Barrow defence for a try under the sticks in the last home match.

SO this is it - a team works hard for a full season and then it comes down to knock-out rugby league to determine the ultimate champions.

Both ourselves and our opponents tonight have had strong seasons and are rightfully contesting a game which gives the winners passage to the Grand Final on the 26th September.

Both teams have had a decent period without a game due to the week off as a result of finishing in the top two and the placement of the Challenge Cup final nowadays.

The impact on this time off is always difficult to know until you get into the game. Coaches will take differing approaches with some giving players time off and others keeping players tuned in.

We have done a bit of both with quite a lot of opposed sessions against our reserves mixed in with only two sessions per week providing a rest over weekends.

After 80 minutes tonight we will know which team got their preparation right.

Last Sunday we had a great community day which gave our fans a tremendous chance to mix with and challenge our players.

We had all the players currently with our club on the field of play.

Both scholarships played against each other and then our first team played against our reserves.

After this we had challenges with three of our players. It was great to see so many kids racing against Zak

Hardaker, goal-kicking against Kyle Briggs and passing to beat Andy Kain.

It was a quality day attended by around 500 fans. Thanks to all who contributed.

We are all aware that it is now that coaches and players are judged heavily on how they go about things. Tight tough situations such as play-off games provide a stern test.

Halifax will be ready tonight and so will we, so it promises to be an outstanding game of rugby league. Thanks to all our fans for your tremendous support this season you have been fantastic.

Enjoy the challenge tonight.

Daryl Powell
Head Coach



Blackpool Panthers v Hornets RLFC



Sunday September 12, 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
	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
	Adam Thomas	19
Panthers Fundraisers Shop, Waterloo Rd.....	Marlon Miller	20
RR Yates Drafting & Design Services.....	Peter Fairhurst	21
Paul & Lucy Breeze, Fylde Internet Radio.....	Dave Llewellyn	22
	John Boland	23
Blackpool Supporters Club.....	Paul Ballard	24

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COACH: MARTIN CROMPTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWLWW
LAST SIX HOME: WWLWLW
TRIES: Munro (25), Mayberry, Ainscough (19), Clough (15), Forber (12), Ballard (10)
GOALS: Hemingway (120)
DROP GOALS: Leather (1)
MAN TO WATCH: John Clough

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J. Leahy
Touch: J. Cobb, T. Mahar
Reserve Referee: C. Halloran

THE INSIDE TRACK

Panthers have a fine record at home and Hornets will not wreck it. Blackpool by 10

COACH: JOHN STANKEVICH

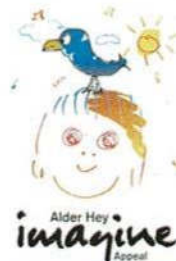
LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLLW
LAST SIX AWAY: WLLLLL
TRIES: English (14), Gorton, Ashall (11), Johnson (10), Saywell (9), Smith, Samuel (8)
GOALS: Crook (62)
DROP GOALS: Crook (2), Ashall (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Craig Ashall



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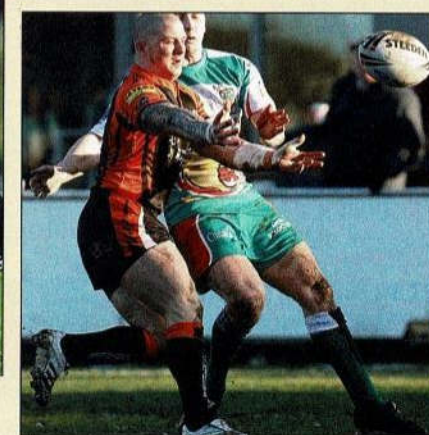
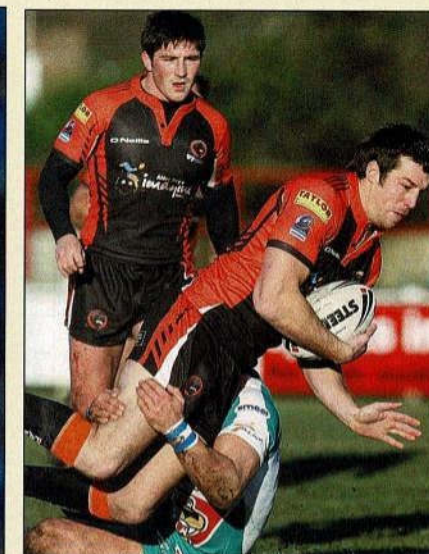
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Blackpool v Hornets

Panthers still in it in spite of knocks



There's more to Tom Hemingway than kicking all those goals. Here he is in action at Headingley against Leeds Rhinos.



Top right: Mark McCully scored a try last weekend while Casey Mayberry, right, has been busy in the Blackpool centres.

GOOD afternoon and a warm welcome to everyone from Rochdale here at The Woodlands Memorial Ground.

Well we eventually made it through to the next phase in the play-offs after a slow start last week against Workington.

It definitely was a game of two halves were Workington played better in the first and we played better in

the second half.

It's what the scoreline says at the end that matters and fortunately we were on the right end of it.

One thing is for sure is we must start better today against a well-drilled Rochdale team who have had a fantastic season under Stankov.

Another concern for me is the number of penalties we are conceding and it's always easy to blame the

officials, but the reality is we are not helping ourselves at times and I will be addressing this to the players in the build-up to today's game.

Once again thanks for all your support this season as this is definitely our last home game. Enjoy the game.

Martin Crompton
Head Coach



Oldham RLFC v York City Knights



Sunday September 12, 2010. Kick off 3pm. WHITEBANK STADIUM

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

MATCHBALL SPONSOR:
DOUGHTY'S GYM (SHAW)

COACH: TONY BENSON

Sponsor: G&G Carpets and Bed Centre

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWWW
LAST SIX HOME: WLWWLW
TRIES: Fogerty, O'Connor, Onyango
(18), Gillam (12), Chandler (9)
GOALS: Ashe (67), McNally (30)
DROP GOALS: Roden (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Neil Roden

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R. Laughton

Touch: D. Griffiths, C. Saywell

Reserve Referee: M. Thomason

THE INSIDE TRACK

Oldham have the game to beat York. On form they should win by 12.

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

COACH: DAVE WOODS

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWLW
LAST SIX AWAY: LWWLWW
TRIES: Waterman (22), Ratcliffe (12), Lineham (11), Tuffour (9), Schofield, Wilson (7)
GOALS: Waterman (88), Ratcliffe (17)
MAN TO WATCH: Jack Lee

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What a fantastic season it's been for all at the club

Chris Hamilton
Chief Executive

HELLO and welcome to Whitebank Stadium for what is sure to be a highly emotional afternoon of rugby league with a place in the 2010 Grand Final up for grabs.

Today's visitors York need no introduction to us as they were the party poopers on 9 May when we played our first ever game at our new ground.

That afternoon we suffered as a result of a sending off but the fact that York literally only won the game in the dying seconds was testament to the hard work and determination that has been a characteristic of this side all season.

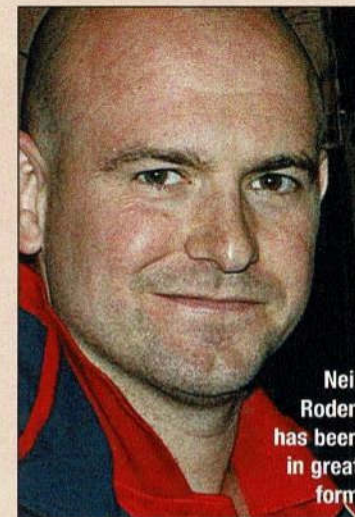
To be in a position whereby we could qualify for a fourth successive Grand Final would, in itself, be a fantastic achievement particularly when so many people outside of the club wrote us off before a ball had been kicked.

Proving people wrong has been something of a forte of the club over the years and this season has been no exception.

It has seen the club move forward at a dramatic pace given that last November nobody would have even dreamt (apart from me!) that we could have had such a successful season and have moved into our own ground.

We now have the chance for the first time since the club was formed to go forward with confidence and whilst acknowledging there is still a lot of work to be done we are relishing the opportunity.

As ever I will take this chance to thank everybody connected with the club, in whatever capacity, for their hard work this year. The Reserves under John Hough have had a successful season, finishing fifth and as one of only three Championship One sides to run a team at that level we take pride in not only finishing the highest of those clubs but also in finishing higher than several Championship sides. It was a justified reward for the work, particularly pre-season, that everybody put in and I know that watching the team has pro-



Neil Roden
has been
in great
form

vided a lot of entertainment for the fans.

The First Team under Tony Benson have performed with distinction all season and deserve every bit of recognition they get not least of which are the records they have set this season including the highest ever points scored and winning margin against Blackwood Bulldogs in the Challenge Cup but particularly the feat, never before managed by any Oldham side, of winning every single away game in the league. Fantastic!

Our staff has again gone above and beyond the call of duty which seems to be an integral part of working at the club! Nothing fazes them and they provide a lot of support for me personally.

The volunteers and match day staff have again demonstrated their desire to see us be successful and without them, like most clubs, we could not survive.

The fans have been terrific, not only in their support, which is always vocal and in numbers with many away games feeling like home games, but also in the way that so many of them have worked down at the ground over the past few months.

The Whitebank Stadium has really brought everybody together and long may the feel good factor continue - starting at 3 o'clock today!

Oldham v York

We're ready for today's tussle

WE face our biggest game of the season so far at Whitebank today when we take on a very good York City Knights side in the qualifying semi-final of the play-off series.

Both teams go into the game knowing they are only 160 minutes away from promotion and only 80 minutes away from an appearance in the Grand Final.

Honours are even in league competition, the Knights having won here at Whitebank in May when they took the gloss off our big day - it was our historic first game at this venue - by snatching a last-gasp try to triumph 34-28. We had to wait three months before we went up to Huntington for the return fixture but when we finally got there we managed to win 33-18 en route to completing all ten away league games with victories.

We felt we were unlucky to lose the home match in which Wayne Kerr was sent off for an alleged high tackle just after half-time. Despite that numerical disadvantage we pulled back from a 24-16 interval deficit to level at 28-28 before the Knights snatched it with that dramatic finale as the hooter sounded.

Both those games, of course, will count for absolutely nothing today. Nor will final league positions. Nor will our 100 per cent away record. Nor will all the hype that has accompanied our second-place finish and our best points haul in league competition over the four seasons we have been in this division.

All that counts today is what happens on the field over 80 minutes. You can rest assured that neither York nor ourselves will have anything on our minds today beyond turning on a good and a winning performance. We will be totally focused on the big job ahead of us. York will be up for it, but we have prepared well and will be ready for them in what should be a terrific play-off tussle.

Once again the fans will play a part. All you Oldham people reading this today know what we as a club and we as a squad think of you. We firmly believe we have the best fans in the business. You have supported us superbly all season and we couldn't have asked for better backing from the sidelines.

We are now firmly at the business end of the comp and never is the need for maximum vocal support greater than it is in games like this. We know you will get behind us big style, as you have done all season.

In return you can rest assured that we will be flexing every muscle and straining every sinew in our efforts to make significant play-off progress over the 80 minutes that count.

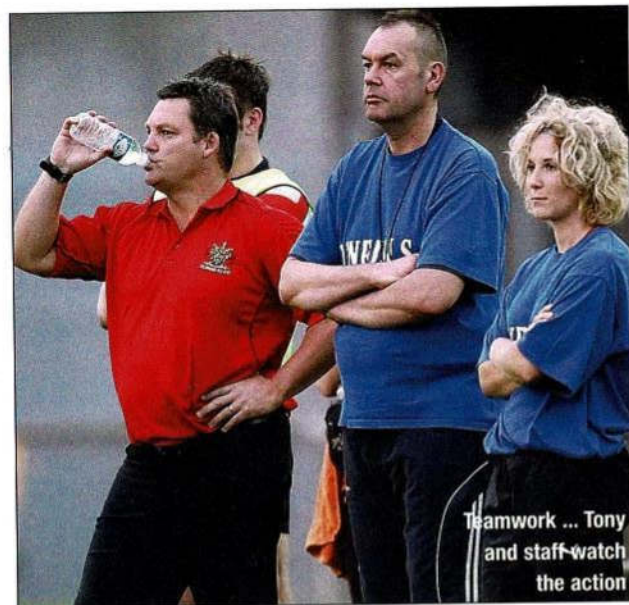
Enjoy the game, and give us even more vocal backing than usual. We know you will.

Tony Benson
Head Coach

Home or away, Benson's boys deliver the winning goods



OLDHAM R.L.F.C.



Teamwork ... Tony and staff watch the action

BY BEN COLLINS

OLDHAM coach Tony Benson finds himself in an unusual situation. The Roughyeds are hoping to book a fourth successive Grand Final appearance when they host York City Knights on Sunday.

Yet there is barely any pressure on the Kiwi to ensure they go one better and finally earn promotion back into the Co-operative Championship.

Staying in business was the main concern for the Roughyeds this year after Bill Quinn left the club at the end of last season, with Chris Hamilton becoming chairman and taking on the unenviable job of managing the club's debt.

To move into the Whitebank Stadium in May, the club's first permanent home in 13 years, was an achievement in itself given the club's circumstances.

But Benson has also managed to keep the team competitive on the field, securing second place just three points behind Championship 1 winners Hunslet.

"At the beginning of the season we weren't given a hope of being anywhere near the play-offs so to get where we are with the side we've got, we've done really well," said Benson.

"I think we're better prepared now than this time last year. We'd just lost five or six of our better-paid players and were re-organising ourselves going into the play-offs.

"This is quite a different team. Ben Heaton, Chris Clarke, Scott Mansfield and Luke Sutton have come from reserve grade, Mick Fogerty and John Gilam have come from nowhere really, Danny Whitmore, Joe Chandler and

Valu Bentley have come from academy teams and Dave Ellison has come from the Skolars so it's a totally new team.

"We've replaced last year with genuine enthusiasm. We've a lot of young players who are eager to improve but we've also got some important senior leaders in there, who we've teamed up with our reserve graders this year almost as mentors. They've come together as a really good group that's driven."

While the enthusiasm of the youngsters has given Oldham a welcome lift it is the quality and experience of full-back Paul O'Connor and stand-off Neil Roden that have been crucial to their campaign.

Their contribution was recognised as both were named in the Championship 1 All-Star team and Benson was particularly pleased for O'Connor, who won three of the four club awards with Roden earning the other.

"It's no fluke and it's no gift from God - Paul works really hard," said Benson. "In the off-season he had to bulk up and he did that, and that's responsible for a lot of the improvement in Paul."

"He just needed a bit of size. Paul's got the heart of a front-rower, he gets bashed game-in, game-out and just bounces back every time, but adding a bit more power there, he's actually achieving more on everything he does. It means he's a lot safer, physically, too."

"We've also worked hard on his passing game and that's really come on. As for Neil, the three games we lost he didn't play so that tells you he's pretty important, not necessarily with his hands on the ball, but because he's a



Wayne Kerr offloads in the final away win of the season at Skolars

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very good guiding influence on the field. Everyone's available for Sunday so I've got a headache - but a good one."

Despite exceeding expectations so far, Benson believes his side can secure Grand Final glory.

"There's a buzz around the place and the exciting thing is that where we're at as a team now, I think we can go all the way," said the former Leigh and Skolars coach.

"We've been one of the most consistent teams and it's been shown by only three losses during the year. We've beaten Blackpool twice and Hunslet so there's no-one we really fear."

Oldham inflicted one of just two defeats for Hunslet back in March and they maintained that away form right through the season. They claimed a crucial last-gasp victory at Blackpool in July and won their last three league games to ensure they went finished the season with a 100% away record.

"It's mental toughness involved there as well as just having a stable environment," said Benson. "If you can keep the environment away as close as you can to how it is at home then you can get that sort of consistency."

"Our away fans usually outnumber the home fans so we've got the same support wherever we go and that certainly has a big bearing on things."

"We built the confidence week on week and I think we're a far better team now than we were two months ago or even six weeks ago."

"To do it up to that point with the team we have then still improve says so much about the group of boys we've got together. We've made a conscious effort to improve each week and I think we've done that."

Benson hailed the club's supporters as they rallied round to help get Whitebank ready for its first game back in May,

when York were also the visitors and ruined the party by snatching a 34-28 victory.

Crowds have been just below the 1,110 there that day but the Roughyeds are hoping for a bumper gate at the Whitebank's first play-off match.

"I'd be surprised if it's not a sell-out, which is about 1,500," said Benson. "It's pretty amazing what's happened at the stadium because the hard work hasn't stopped, to be honest. The next stage is getting terracing and I think once that's in it's going to be a pretty fantastic place."

What's working really well is people being so close to the pitch - the atmosphere's really good - and before and after the game there's a great area to socialise right on site.

"We've also got corporate facilities up and running, which helps to bring more money into the club and also other people who may not normally come."

After securing a second-placed finish, fans were rocked by news the club was facing a winding-up order. But chairman Chris Hamilton insisted the problem was

over 'old debt' from the previous regime and that the club's future is secure.

"The atmosphere around the club's really good," Benson added. "It's very positive. We've got full confidence in Chris. He said he'd sort it out and I believe he has. It never really crossed our mind, to be honest. The players know that regardless, they'll still get paid, and that was the same only last week."

"The one thing with Chris, in 13 years a player has never gone without what he's been promised."

And with such a man at the helm, Benson would be happy to stay on regardless of how the play-offs pan out.

"There's nothing formal yet but I'm not looking to leave," he said.

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Widnes quick to sign two new boys

CLUBS in the Co-operative Championships have been quick to start recruiting for 2011 following the passing of the September 1st anti-tampering deadline.

WIDNES were swift to make a double signing for the 2011 season. The Vikings have brokered deals with Leigh second rower Macgraff Leului and Hull KR half back Chaz l'Anson.

Leului is the brother of Wigan's New Zealand international scrum half Thomas. l'Anson, meanwhile, spent a month on loan at the Stobart earlier this season.

STANLEY GENE is set to become coach of French club Villeneuve having won his case for unfair dismissal by Halifax.

Gene was set to fly to France this week after being offered the role of player-coach at the club. Fax terminated the contract of the former Hull, Hull KR, Bradford and Huddersfield star in July after he had struggled to overcome a knee injury.

But a Rugby Football League operational rules tribunal ruled that the Championship club had not followed the correct procedure. The tribunal ordered Halifax to compensate Gene for the remaining five months of the first year of his two-year contract.

DEWSBURY RAMS coach Warren Jowitt expecting to finalise deals with two new players with Super League experience – a back and a forward – as he rounds off his squad-building for 2011.

With most of his 2010 team already signed up, Jowitt is also waiting for a decision from prop Luke Stenichon on whether he'll be staying on.

The Rams are holding a fans' forum event on Sunday September 12, in the Royal Suite at Tetley's Stadium, starting at 3pm. The new signings for 2011 will be revealed.

WHITEHAVEN'S plans for a new multi-million pound community stadium are still on track – as long as the club survives.

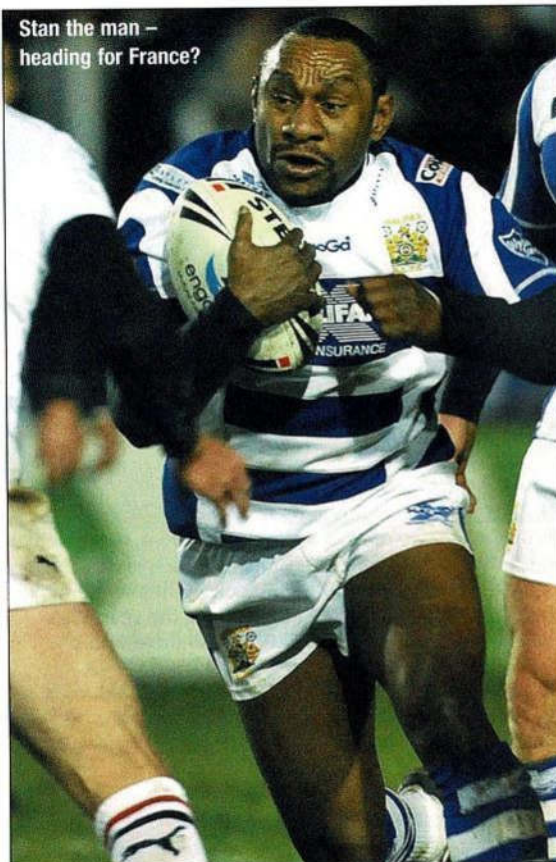
The relegated Championship side may be set to go into administration, but planning permission for the council-funded new ground at Pow Beck is still set to be sought at the end of the year.

However, chairman Dick Raaz has warned the local authorities that the stadium would be "difficult to justify" if Haven were allowed to go under. Haven plan to share use of the ground with the town's amateur football club.

Raaz himself hopes to put together a consortium to take the club out of administration.

Opposition fans will not be too happy to hear that SHEFFIELD EAGLES have agreed a deal that will keep Papua New Guinea international Menzie Yere at the club for the next three years.

Stan the man – heading for France?



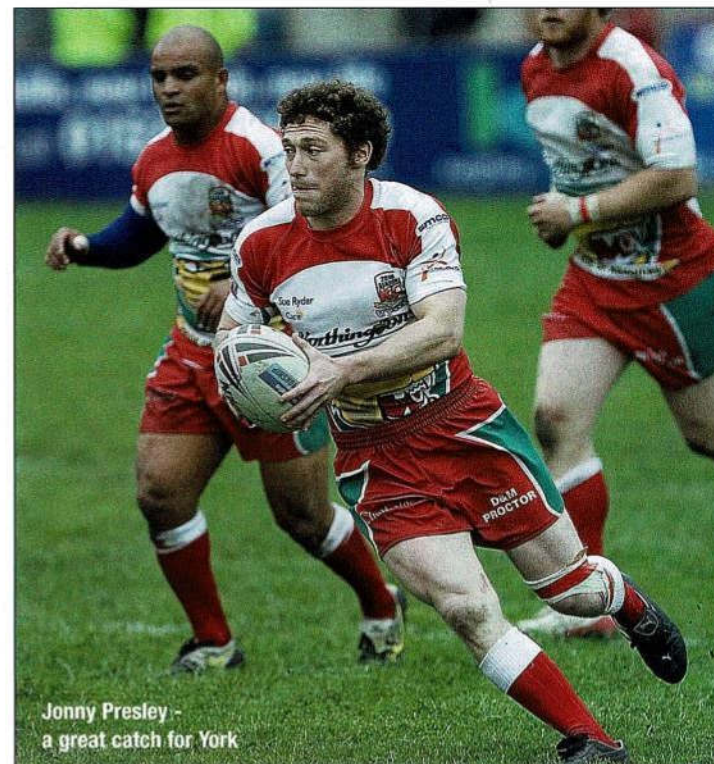
Coach Mark Aston says the length of the contract shows the confidence the club has in the centre. "It's not a problem and it shows the club's confidence in Menzie," he says.

Meanwhile BATLEY'S long-serving hooker Kris Lythe has become the latest Bulldogs player to re-sign for the 2011 season. The Leeds-born forward played in all 31 of the Bulldogs' games this season – the only player to do so.

Lythe will also be joined by prop Dave Tootill at the Mount for 2011 after he also committed his future to the club. Formerly with the Leeds Rhinos and Harlequins, Tootill had an outstanding season at Batley.

KEIGHLEY coach Barry Eaton is set for showdown talks with Danny Jones in a bid to ward off interest from two of the Championship's biggest clubs.

Halifax and Widnes Vikings are both understood to be interested in signing the 24-year-old scrum half for 2011.



Jonny Presley – a great catch for York

The former Ovenden junior has already had one spell with Fax and a return to The Shay could appeal given the Cougars' relegation.

But coach Eaton says Jones "may still sign" with Keighley. He has already brokered new deals with several members of his first team squad – the latest being forward Brendon Rawlins. The Australian has agreed a 12-month contract extension.

Keighley have been making back office cuts since their relegation with popular General Manager Helen Carter understood to be a victim.

YORK boss Dave Woods says new signing Jonny Presley will be a key man for the Knights whatever division they're in next year.

The Knights wasted little time in snapping Presley up from Keighley and Woods said: "Jonny's played at a higher level and if we go up then that experience will be really useful to us. If we don't then we know he can be dominant at this level. It's great for the club that he wanted to come and join us."

The Cougars had wanted to keep the stand off but Presley has just re-located to York, making a switch to the Huntington Stadium particularly appealing.

DONCASTER have completed the signing of Keighley loose forward Carl Hughes, and announced a new deal for his brother Paul. The duo have both penned 12 month contracts at the Keepmoat Stadium.

"It's great news for the club," Dons coach Tony Miller said. "Obviously we had Paul here this season and he's a really good professional. We've got a young team and whilst Paul is a quality player he's also top notch off the field."

"His brother, Carl, is similar. They're both decent people who will set a good example for the young players at our club."

SOUTH WALES Scorpions have lost Wales international Geraint Davies to French rugby league. Former Crusaders forward Davies, who joined the Scorpions from Coventry RU in April, has agreed a deal with Limoux. On the flip side, Casey Bromilow and Christian Roets have told the club that they're willing to stay next season.

SWINTON have handed new deals to brothers Richie and Darren Hawkyard. Prop Joe Fitzpatrick has also signed terms for 2011. Meanwhile, outgoing Leeds assistant Willie Poching, Leigh no.2 Paul Rowley and ex-Barrow boss Steve McCormack have been linked with the vacant top job at the Lions.

2010 AWARDS WINNERS

CHAMPIONSHIP ALL-STARS

1. Shad Royston (Halifax)
2. Johnny Campbell (Batley)
3. Mick Nanyin (Leigh)
4. Ned Catic (Barrow)
5. Rob Worrincy (Halifax)
6. Jamie Rooney (Barrow)
7. Liam Finn (Featherstone)
8. Stuart Dickens (Featherstone)
9. Craig Cook (Sheffield)
10. Sean Hesketh (Batley)
11. Jon Grayshon (Featherstone)
12. Lee Doran (Widnes)
13. Matty Dale (Featherstone)

CHAMPIONSHIP 1 ALL-STARS

1. Paul O'Connor (Oldham)
2. Damien Munro (Blackpool)
3. Lee Waterman (York)
4. Wayne McHugh (Hunslet)
5. Waine Pryce (Hunslet)
6. Neil Roden (Oldham)
7. Paul March (Hunslet)
8. Andy Hobson (Blackpool)
9. Phil Wood (Hornets)
10. Gil Dudson (Scorpions)
11. Jarrad Stack (Workington)
12. Craig Ashall (Hornets)
13. David March (Hunslet)

Co-operative Championship Ironman

Sean Hesketh (Batley)	20
Stuart Dickens (Featherstone)	19
Jim Gannon (Widnes)	16
Sean Penkywicz (Halifax)	15
Chris Hill (Leigh)	15
Ash Lindsay (Batley)	14
Tony Tonks (Featherstone)	14
Andy Shickell (Keighley)	14
Rob Spicer (Dewsbury)	14
Mitch Stringer (Sheffield)	13
Kyle Amor (Whitehaven)	13
Bob Beswick (Halifax)	12
Rickey Bibey (Leigh)	12

Co-op Championship 1 Ironman

David March (Hunslet)	27
Jarrad Stack (Workington)	20
Craig Ashall (Hornets)	20
Andy Hobson (Blackpool)	15
Rob Lunt (Doncaster)	15
Nathan Freer (York)	15
Kyle Kesik (Doncaster)	14
Phil Joseph (Swinton)	13
Tommy Haughey (Hunslet)	12
Ryan Steen (Doncaster)	11
Darren Hawkyard (Swinton)	11
Lloyd White (Scorpions)	11
Phil Wood (Hornets)	10

Oldham's award winning full-back O'Connor 'has the heart of a lion'

PAUL O'Connor swept the board at Oldham Rugby League Club's presentation dinner, winning three of the four major trophies that were on offer.

Coach Tony Benson, the fans and his fellow players all voted for 26-year-old O'Connor as their respective player of the year - and at the end of the night Paul needed help to carry his collection of silverware to his car.

"He's a real champion in every sense," said Tony Benson.

"It was a tough decision. I have a full team of battlers, but one bloke stood out in every aspect and that was Paul O'Connor."

And speaking on behalf of all the players, loose-forward Valu Bentley added: "He's got the heart of a lion."

"He's only a little fella, but every time he gets smashed he jumps up again. He's got the biggest heart of any player I've ever come across. And he's a friend - a REAL friend - to everybody else in the team."

O'Connor edged out third-placed Chris Clarke and second-placed Neil Roden to win the supporters' prize.

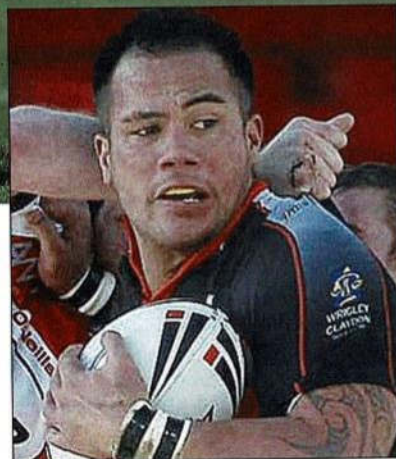
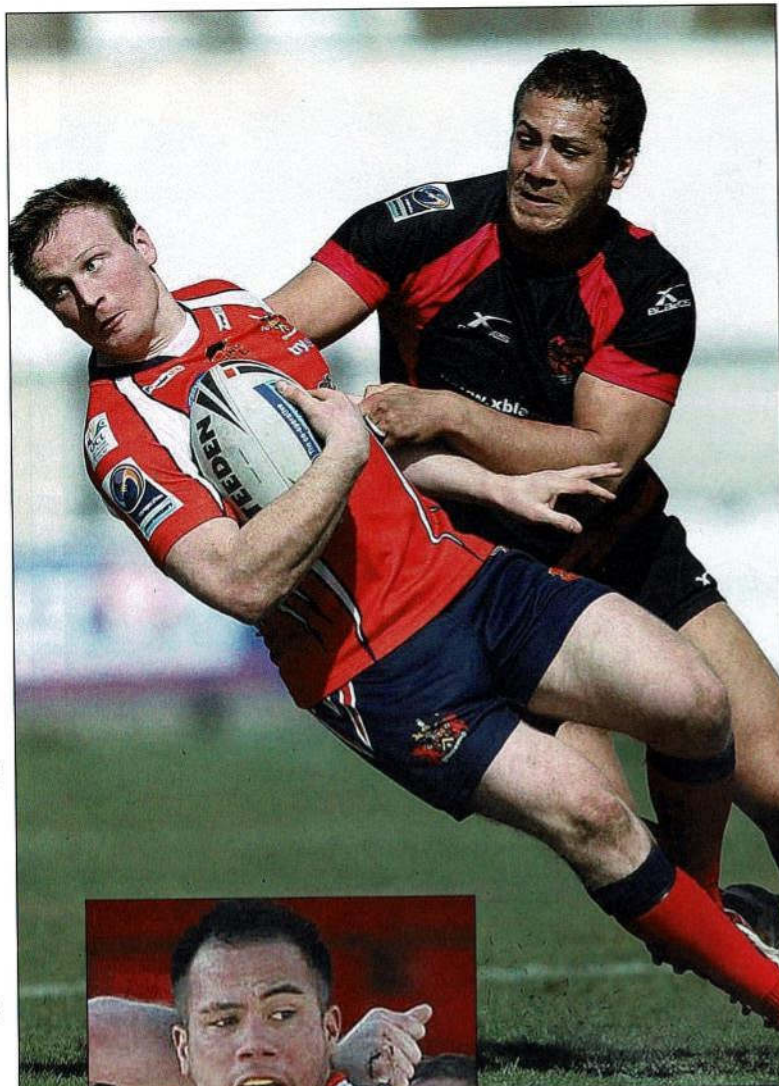
Club chairman Chris Hamilton described the full-back's triple-trophy triumph as a "fantastic achievement" and added: "One stand-out incident was typical of his performances throughout the season. We were losing at Blackpool with seconds to go but he lifted the whole team with a surge into the heart of the Blackpool defence - and that led directly to Mick Fogerty's winning try right on the hooter."

"That summed him up, and also summed up the spirit of the team."

Said O'Connor: "I feel very humble indeed, and a little bit embarrassed by all the things that are being said. Ours is a team game after all and I wouldn't be able to do anything but for the contribution of my colleagues."

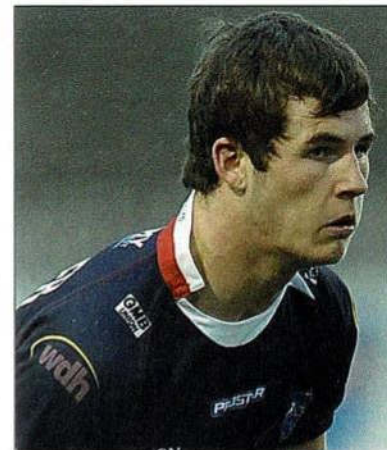
"To hear what Valu said, and to win the vote of my peers, put a lump in my throat. Not everyone gets the plaudits, but everyone works hard for the team. We are all mates."

The other major award - that of Junior Supporters' player of the year - was won by stand-off Roden, who is also enjoying an excellent season.



Teammate Valu Bentley (left) paid tribute to award winner Paul O'Connor (top)

Rovers celebrate their super season



It was a gala Evening at 'The Atrium' the Featherstone Rovers Social Complex last Friday Night, when the contribution to the club made by those on the field and off it were celebrated and given due recognition.

Ever-improving stand-off Kyle Briggs and winger Tommy Saxton lifted the top awards on a night when literally every Rovers first team player was honoured - the club supporters voted whole squad as their Player(s) of the Year.

The winners were as follows.

TOP TRY SCORER: Zak Hardaker
JUNIOR BUCCANNEERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Ian Hardman.

RESERVES' PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Dave Nurse

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'FRISA' PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Tommy Saxton

'HANDS ON BACKWARDS AWARD'(don't ask): Kyle Briggs

JOINT SUPPORTERS GROUP PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Entire Squad

'COMEDY MOMENT OF THE YEAR' (in memory of Gareth Swift): Liam Welham

YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Zak Hardaker.

DON FOX AWARD FOR MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: Tony Tonks

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR: Paul Coventry/ Margaret Coventry

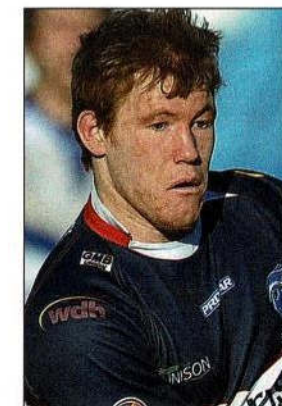
PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Kyle Briggs

'FEATHERSTONE ROVERS QUALITIES' PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Matty Dale

PLAYER OF THE YEAR (the Steven Mullaney Trophy): Tommy Saxton

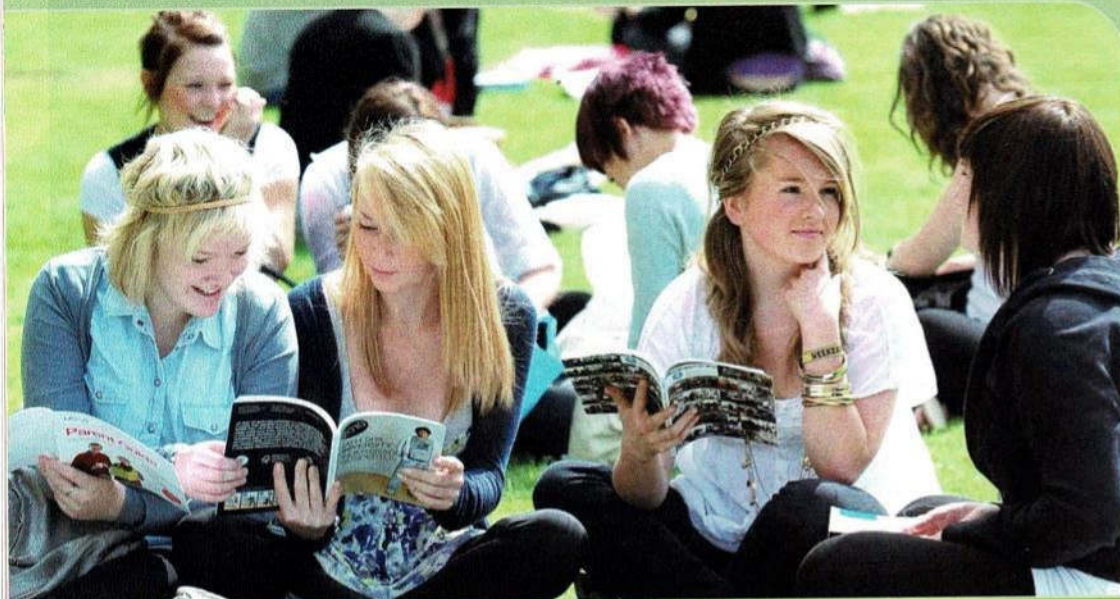


CLOCKWISE: Award winners Zak Hardaker, Kyle Briggs, Ian Hardman and Tony Tonks



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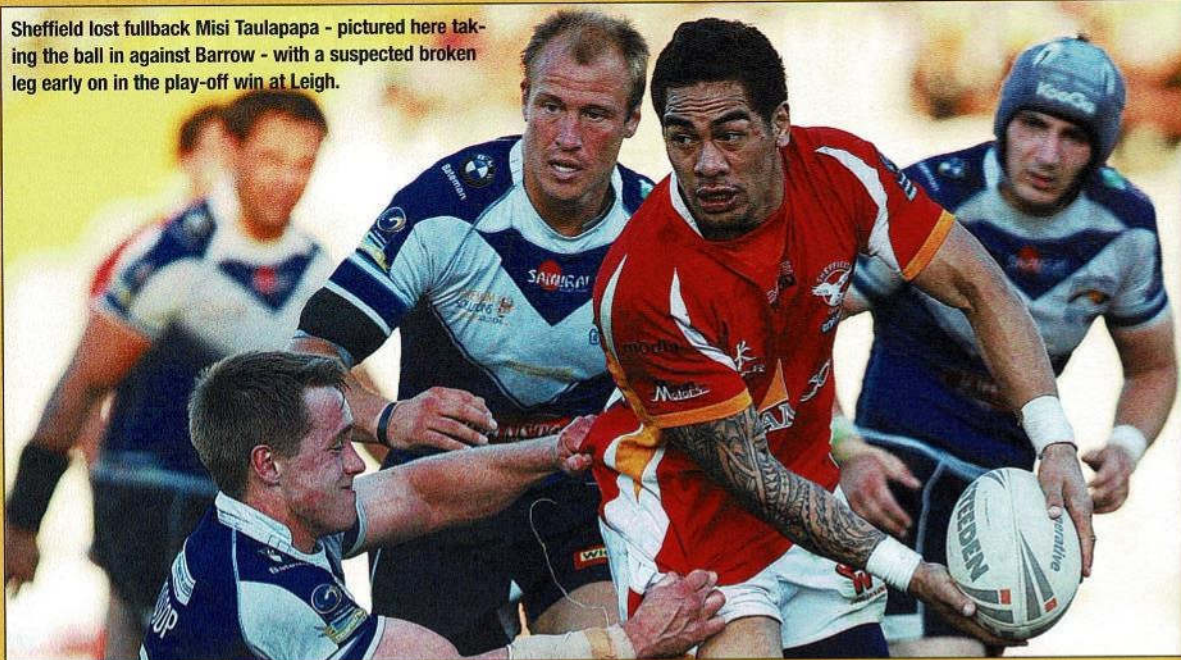
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Sheffield lost fullback Misi Taulapapa - pictured here taking the ball in against Barrow - with a suspected broken leg early on in the play-off win at Leigh.



End of a dream for Centurions

TWO of the big guns with Super League aspirations crashed out of the play-offs at the first hurdle.

Leigh Centurions, who finished third in the Championship, squandered an eight-point lead at Leigh Sports Village to let unfancied but workmanlike Sheffield Eagles through to Week 2 and a qualifying semi-final spot.

Leigh had banked on making the Grand Final to boost their Super League application in 2012 but despite battling away to the bitter end they could not stop the South Yorkshiremen from throwing a gigantic spanner in the works.

Sheffield lost star full back Misi Taulapapa, who had scored a hat-trick two weeks earlier against the Centurions, after only a minute with a suspected broken leg.

But despite having to switch Tangi Ropati to full back and then to juggle his three remaining substitutes for the next 79 minutes, Mark Aston steered his side a week closer to the final.

It could have been a case of stage fright in front of the Sky Sports cameras, but one player who was not affected was Eagles' centre Menzie Yere. The Papua New Guinea international was the most dangerous player on the pitch and finished with two crucial tries.

Leigh led 18-12 at half-time with Mick Nanyn adding to his prodigious try haul but the Lancastrians began poorly after the re-start and Sheffield made them pay.

The crowd were ready for one last onslaught from Ian



Millward's men but prop Chris Hill lost the ball 10 metres out and the hooter sounded to bring the curtain down on a season that started with Leigh bouncing back from Championship 1, then promising so much, only to fall short.

It completed a mixed night for Hill, who was sent to the sin-bin after 90 seconds for what looked like a timid late hit on Brendon Lindsay kicking downfield on the last tackle.

Sheffield will now face Barrow Raiders, who destroyed the dream of another ambitious club, Widnes Vikings.

Two weeks ago the Vikings had plundered the league points at Craven Park and Barrow were in the doldrums. Not so this week.

Barrow were back at their best - under temporary coach Dave Clark - and they romped home 38-0 and never gave Widnes a sniff.

They looked a totally different team to the one that stumbled to a string of embarrassing defeats in the closing weeks of the regular season.

Led by the likes of the returning Richard Fletcher, Martin Ostler and ex-Widnes man Paul Noone Barrow had too much energy and too many ideas for the Vikings.

Raiders notched seven tries, two coming from substitute Liam Campbell who intercepted for one of his scores.

Widnes needed another gear but couldn't find one. There was no stopping Barrow as a long ball from Noone found wingman Andy Ballard and he crossed with ease for

his 22nd try of the campaign to give the Raiders a 28-0 lead and kill the game stone dead.

On a sour note, Raiders lost Liam Harrison and Jamie Rooney with leg injuries late in the game and they face a battle to get fit for the home tie with Sheffield.



BLACKPOOL produced a superb second-half fightback to recover from a 14-0 deficit and go through to week two of the Championship 1 play-offs.

It looked as though the Panthers, who finished fourth, would blow home advantage for the second year running when Andy Hobson and Martin Keavney were sin-binned in the first half.

Town led through two converted tries and a penalty but Blackpool hit back with 24 unanswered points in 10 minutes early in the second half.

Having kept a clean sheet in the first 40 minutes Town lost the plot from the re-start.

James Robinson knocked on under the posts for Town and then began the Blackpool fight-back, with John Clough going over. Martin Ainscough, who had just switched to left centre then intercepted a pass and there was no stopping him from

scoring a 90-metre try.

A Tom Hemingway kick was then spilled by Andrew Beattie for a goal-line drop-out and Martin Keavney wriggled through to put the Panthers in front for the first time.

Blackpool extended their lead with the try of the match-by Mark McCully.

Town would not go down without a fight and Elliott Miller jinked over but hopes of a Town comeback were soon dashed as Damien Munro then Munro then Danny Halliwell touched down.

Any hopes South Wales Scorpions had of winning through to the next round of the play-offs were blown away by a blistering spell of attacking rugby by the Hornets in the opening half-hour at Spotland on Sunday.

The home team raced into a 32-0 lead, scoring five tries, all converted by Paul Crook, plus a penalty from the same player and the game as a contest was virtually over. And so it proved as Hornets continued to dominate, scoring 10 tries, nine of which were converted by Paul Crook.

The Scorpions were starved of possession during this period as Hornets, inspired by impressive loose forward Craig Ashall, who was at the centre of most things for the hosts, ran riot.



Craig Ashall scored two tries for Hornets in their runaway win over the South Wales Scorpions at Spotland

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFFS Preliminary Semi-finals

Barrow Raiders (18) 38

T: N Catic 1, L Harrison 1, L Campbell 2, J Coyle 1, A Ballard 1, M James 1.

G: J Rooney 4, A Ballard 1.

Widnes (0) 0

T: G.

Att: 2,434.

Leigh Centurions (18) 24

T: M Smith 1, M Nanyn 1, S Nash 1, D Armitstead 1.

G: M Nanyn 4.

Sheffield Eagles (12) 26

T: M Yere 2, J Hirst 1, T Bergin 2.

G: S Brown 1.

Att: 1,516.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	B	PTS
Featherstone	20	18	0	2	735	334	401	2	56
Halifax	20	16	0	4	684	509	175	2	50
Leigh	20	12	1	7	580	403	177	5	43
Barrow	20	12	1	7	607	449	158	1	39
Widnes	20	11	0	9	619	488	131	5	38
Sheffield	20	10	1	9	503	545	-42	3	35
Batley	20	7	0	13	479	488	-9	8	29
Toulouse	20	8	0	12	486	649	-163	3	27
Dewsbury	20	6	0	14	444	505	-61	8	26
Whitehaven	20	4	0	16	281	707	-426	4	16
Keighley *	20	4	1	15	362	703	-341	5	10

* Keighley deducted 9pts for going into administration

CHAMPIONSHIP 1 PLAY-OFFS Preliminary Semi-finals

Blackpool Panthers (0) 36

T: J Clough 1, M Ainscough 1, M Keavney 1, M McCully 1, D Munro 1, D Halliwell 1.

G: T Hemingway 6.

Workington Town (14) 26

T: J Pedley 1, J Stack 2, E Miller 1.

G: D Holt 4, S Kaighan 1.

Att: 308.

Rochdale (38) 60

T: W English 1, A Bowman 1, P Crook 2, C Ashall 2, D Bloomfield 2, J Cookson 1, G Hayes 1.

G: P Crook 10.

South Wales Scorpions (4) 26

T: S Parry 1, J Murphy 2, L Mills 1, A James 1.

G: A James 3.

Att: 375.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	B	Pts
Hunslet	20	18	0	2	828	305	523	1	55
Oldham	20	17	0	3	694	438	256	1	52
York	20	12	0	8	617	534	83	3	39
Blackpool *1	20	15	0	5	805	370	435	3	38
Rochdale	20	10	0	10	630	498	132	7	37
South Wales	20	9	0	11	576	468	108	7	34
Workington	20	8	1	11	494	498	-4	7	33
Swinton	20	9	1	10	570	581	-11	4	33
Doncaster	20	8	0	12	518	588	-70	4	28
London Skolars	20	2	0	18	444	900	-456	4	10
Gateshead *	20	1	0	19	236	1232	-996	1	-2

* Gateshead deducted 6pts for going into administration

**Blackpool deducted 10 points for operational breach

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NORTHERN RAIL CUP

SUNDAY JANUARY 31 - ROUND 1

Dewsbury Rams 50, London Skolars 4
Leigh Centurions 24, Oldham 12
Blackpool Panthers 22, Keighley Cougars 20
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - ROUND 1
Widnes Vikings 50, Gateshead Thunder 0

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - ROUND 2

Barrow Raiders 34, Blackpool Panthers 8
Batley Bulldogs 30, Widnes Vikings 30
Featherstone Rovers 18, Sheffield Eagles 18
Halifax RLFC 24, Dewsbury Rams 0
Keighley Cougars 17, Whitehaven 16
Gateshead Thunder 12, Workington Town 26
London Skolars 12, Hunslet Hawks 60
Swinton Lions 30, Doncaster RLFC 20
York City Knights 13, Leigh Centurions 12

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 - ROUND 2

Oldham 22, Hornets RL 14

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - ROUND 1

Whitehaven 26, Batley Bulldogs 34

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - ROUND 3

Batley Bulldogs 46, Swinton Lions 10
Keighley Cougars 36, Workington Town 10
Leigh Centurions 36, Featherstone Rovers 6
Sheffield Eagles 40, York City Knights 10
Whitehaven 54, Doncaster RLFC 10
Widnes Vikings 22, Barrow Raiders 26
Blackpool Panthers 74, Gateshead Thunder 6
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 0
Doncaster RLFC 0, Barrow Raiders 80
Hornets RL 12, York City Knights 39
Workington 18, Swinton 19

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Oldham 22, Sheffield Eagles 24

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Featherstone Rovers 55, Hornets RL 10

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Dewsbury Rams 22, Leigh Centurions 44

THURSDAY MARCH 4

Hunslet Hawks 0, Featherstone Rovers 68

WEDNESDAY MARCH 10

York City Knights 34, London Skolars 10

Barrow Raiders 82, 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 24

THURSDAY, 25 MARCH

Keighley Cougars 12, Batley Bulldogs 22

SATURDAY, 27 MARCH

Toulouse Olympique 16, Barrow Raiders 48

SUNDAY, 28 MARCH

Dewsbury Rams 30, Widnes Vikings 36
Featherstone Rovers 54, Whitehaven 18
Halifax RLFC 10, Leigh Centurions 48
Blackpool Panthers 54, Swinton Lions 6
Doncaster RLFC 40, York City Knights 24
Hunslet Hawks 44, Rochdale Hornets 8
South Wales Scorpions 48, London Skolars 6
Workington Town 44, Gateshead Thunder 0

THURSDAY, 1 APRIL

Whitehaven 8, Barrow Raiders 19

FRIDAY, 2 APRIL

Featherstone Rovers 44, Halifax 4
Keighley Cougars 16, Sheffield Eagles 16
Toulouse Olympique 6, Leigh Centurions 36
Batley Bulldogs 22, Dewsbury Rams 8
Hunslet Hawks 54, Doncaster RLFC 12
London Skolars 18, Blackpool Panthers 42
Rochdale Hornets 16, Oldham 22
York City Knights 72, Gateshead Thunder 14

MONDAY, 5 APRIL

Barrow Raiders 50, Sheffield Eagles 4
Dewsbury Rams 10, Keighley Cougars 42
Halifax RLFC 50, Toulouse Olympique 6
Leigh Centurions 26, Batley Bulldogs 4
Widnes Vikings 48, Whitehaven 18
Blackpool Panthers 27, York City Knights 14
Doncaster RLFC 38, London Skolars 28
South Wales Scorpions 12, Hunslet Hawks 52
Oldham 16, Workington Town 14

THURSDAY, 8 APRIL

Halifax RLFC 40, Keighley Cougars 20

SATURDAY, 10 APRIL

Widnes Vikings 38, Toulouse Olympique 42
Barrow Raiders 56, Batley Bulldogs 10

SUNDAY, 11 APRIL

Dewsbury Rams 12, Whitehaven 20
Sheffield Eagles 16, Featherstone Rovers 40
Gateshead Thunder 28, Doncaster RLFC 32
Hunslet Hawks 46, Swinton Lions 12
South Wales Scorpions 16, Oldham 22
Rochdale Hornets 68, London Skolars 10
Workington Town 12, Blackpool Panthers 32

FRIDAY APRIL 16

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP 4th ROUND

Swinton 4, Halifax 56

SATURDAY 17 APRIL

Limoux 20, Leigh Centurions 32
Sheffield Eagles 34, Wigan 50
St Helens 56, Toulouse Olympique 16

SUNDAY 18 APRIL

Blackpool 24, Whitehaven 18
Castleford 28, Barrow Raiders 34
Dewsbury 0, Bradford Bulls 50
Hunslet 42, Oldham 12
Siddal 2, Batley Bulldogs 34
Warrington 48, Featherstone 24
York City Knights 8, Crusaders RL 58

THURSDAY, 22 APRIL

Widnes Vikings 44, Lezignan-Corbières 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

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



Shad Royston will be hoping to add to his impressive tally of 27 tries for Halifax when they take on Fev

SUNDAY, 23 MAY

Keighley Cougars 32, Halifax RLFC 46
Whitehaven 8, Leigh Centurions 12
Widnes Vikings 16, Batley Bulldogs 35
Doncaster RLFC 16, Swinton Lions 0
Gateshead Thunder 24, Workington Town 42
Oldham 4, Hunslet Hawks 60
London Skolars 22, South Wales Scorpions 70
Rochdale Hornets 44, York City Knights 34

THURSDAY, 27 MAY

Sheffield Eagles 24, Keighley Cougars 25

SATURDAY, 29 MAY

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER FINALS

St Helens 32, Barrow Raiders 12

Batley Bulldogs 12, Catalans Dragons 74

SUNDAY, 30 MAY

Featherstone Rovers 36, Dewsbury Rams 32
Leigh Centurions 40, Halifax RLFC 46
Doncaster RLFC 20, Hunslet Hawks 30
Gateshead Thunder 6, Rochdale Hornets 64
Swinton Lions 56, London Skolars 28
Workington Town 16, Oldham 28
York City Knights 24, Blackpool Panthers 22

THURSDAY 3 JUNE

NORTHERN RAIL CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Widnes 26, Barrow 12

SUNDAY 6 JUNE

Keighley Cougars 32, York City Knights 8
Batley Bulldogs 26, Sheffield Eagles 16
Hunslet Hawks 6, Leigh Centurions 42

Halifax 28, Dewsbury Rams 8

Oldham 40, Blackpool Panthers 26

Gateshead Thunder 12, Swinton Lions 34

TUESDAY, 8 JUNE

Barrow 30, Whitehaven 0

THURSDAY, 10 JUNE

Halifax 16, Featherstone 26

SATURDAY, 12 JUNE

London Skolars 12, York City Knights 44

SUNDAY, 13 JUNE

Keighley Cougars 16, Dewsbury Rams 20

Whitehaven 14, Sheffield Eagles 24

Widnes Vikings 20, Barrow Raiders 24

Batley Bulldogs 32, Leigh Centurions 12

Oldham 28, Doncaster RLFC 18

Rochdale Hornets 28, Hunslet Hawks 22

South Wales Scorpions 12, Swinton Lions 16

Blackpool Panthers 24, Workington Town 10

THURSDAY 17 JUNE

NORTHERN RAIL CUP SEMI-FINALS

Leigh Centurions 4, Batley Bulldogs 25

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Keighley Cougars 18, Widnes Vikings 40

Swinton Lions 30, Workington Town 30

Hunslet Hawks 28, Blackpool Panthers 12

South Wales Scorpions 30, Hornets RL 25

TUESDAY, 22 JUNE

Batley Bulldogs 40, Toulouse Olympique 42

THURSDAY, 24 JUNE

Sheffield Eagles 26, Barrow Raiders 36

SATURDAY, 26 JUNE

Toulouse Olympique 34, Whitehaven 12

Gateshead Thunder 12, York City Knights 60

Doncaster RLFC 30, Rochdale Hornets 20

SUNDAY, 27 JUNE

Dewsbury Rams 37, Halifax RLFC 30
Featherstone Rovers 30, Widnes Vikings 22
Leigh Centurions 36, Keighley Cougars 18
Hunslet Hawks 60, London Skolars 16
Swinton Lions 6, Blackpool Panthers 28
Workington Town 38, South Wales Scorpions 24

THURSDAY, 1 JULY

Whitehaven 4, Widnes Vikings 40

SATURDAY, 3 JULY

Barrow Raiders 34, Leigh Centurions 24
Dewsbury Rams 12, Toulouse Olympique 36

Blackpool Panthers 44, South Wales Scorpions 24

SUNDAY, 4 JULY

Keighley Cougars 6, Featherstone Rovers 24

Batley Bulldogs 12, Sheffield Eagles 20

Gateshead Thunder 10, Oldham 68

London Skolars 28, Rochdale Hornets 26

Swinton Lions 10, Hunslet Hawks 58

York City Knights 32, Doncaster RLFC 16

THURSDAY 8 JULY

Featherstone Rovers 34, Leigh Centurions 26

SATURDAY, 10 JULY

Toulouse Olympique 24, Sheffield Eagles 34

SUNDAY, 11 JULY

Halifax RLFC 66, Whitehaven 10
Widnes Vikings 27, Dewsbury Rams 26

Batley Bulldogs 34, Barrow Raiders 16

Doncaster RLFC 18, Blackpool Panthers 46

South Wales Scorpions 70, Gateshead Thunder 16

Hunslet Hawks 34, York City Knights 18

Oldham 42, Swinton Lions 30

Workington Town 38, London Skolars 34

SATURDAY/SUNDAY JULY 17/18

NORTHERN RAIL CUP WINNERS - HALIFAX

NORTHERN RAIL CUP FINAL

Widnes Vikings 24, Batley Bulldogs 25

THURSDAY, 22 JULY

Barrow Raiders 34, Halifax RLFC 42

SATURDAY, 24 JULY

Keighley Cougars 27, Toulouse Olympique 26

SUNDAY, 25 JULY

Dewsbury Rams 36, Batley Bulldogs 16

Whitehaven 0, Featherstone Rovers 48

Widnes Vikings 18, Leigh Centurions 38

Blackpool Panthers 22, Oldham 24

Gateshead Thunder 16, Hunslet Hawks 86

London Skolars 26, Doncaster RLFC 38

Rochdale Hornets 46, South Wales Scorpions 14

York City Knights 18, Workington Town 14

THURSDAY, 29 JULY

Halifax 30, Widnes Vikings 16

SATURDAY, 31 JULY

Barrow Raiders 42, Toulouse Olympique 6

Blackpool Panthers 54, London Sk