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TODAY'S OPPONENTS

It seems an age since our last First XV match but in the meantime we have seen the strength and depth of our community club with the Foresters and 3rd team playing some great rugby and our under 15s and 16s in Cup action. As set out later there has been activity in all sections of the Club down to under 8s..

We have also seen some truly great exciting and mind blowing rugby being played in France. Many of our M&Js now have new heroes like Jordie Barrett, Aaron Smith or Will Jordan or Pieter-Steph du Toit, Cheslin Kolbe or OX Nche as well as our boys like Tom Curry, Freddie Steward and Maro Itoje. We have also seen the Women's WXV creating a new competition for our girls to aspire to in the future including players like Ruby Tui and Lark Atkin-Davies. I wonder if one of our M&Js will be in a men's World cup in 2031 or will play in the WXV?

During the break from first team action Rob Baldwin has visited 10 Downing Street. Byworth Boilers is recognised as having one of the best apprenticeship and training schemes in the country. He tells us he took a Green Machine shirt down to the big smoke to give to Rishi. Bearing in mind the size difference I guess it wasn't one of Robs!

Turning to the action this weekend we entertain Hull having been, I am afraid, roundly beaten by the "other" Hull side, the Is, last time out. However we still sit 3rd in the table and with home advantage and a great crowd behind the team hopefully we can get rid of the demons of the Ionians match and put up a strong performance. Hull are a very good team. They may have struggled in the National League One last season but we know they

are one of the best teams in National 2 and having read the reports of each of their games this year it is clear they have a strong pack and their matches have been very competitive. It is against teams like Hull that we can measure our progress. Last time out Hull secured their 400th win in their history. Hopefully they will need to wait a little longer for their 401st. We will of course welcome them to the Avenue in true Dales spirit and hope their supporters have an enjoyable day watching a wonderful match.

We are now into our second century, having celebrated our first in fine fashion a few weeks ago. We are looking forward to a positive Green future. It feels our club is in safe hands.



Rob Baldwin at number 10 Downing Street

Opinion warning:

Readers should be aware that this organ may contain something which resembles an opinion. The Wharfedale club wishes to point out that it is the view of this week's editor, **Robin Johnson** and not necessarily that of the club itself.

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Fiona's late husband Andrew was a longstanding member of the Wharfedale faithful & it was the family's wish that a large proportion of the money raised in memory of Andrew be donated to the club. Fiona has maintained the family's season ticket & is regularly accompanied by one or both of their boys, James & Robert, who currently study at university in Edinburgh.

Pictured in the photograph are Fiona and members of the Friday Gang pitch maintenance crew. Keep up the good work fellas!



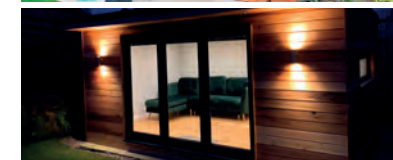
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REFLECTIONS ON THE CENTENARY WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

Saturday the 30th of September and Sunday the 1st of October saw the club host its centenary celebration weekend and what a celebration it turned out to be!

The ground was abuzz on the Saturday even though the weather varied greatly over the course of the day. We welcomed more than 800 visitors to the ground on Saturday alone, a remarkable achievement in itself. The day's rugby opened with a thrilling girls' fixture between the Airewharfe and West Park Girls. It is great to see the growing interest in female rugby & the club must support this development as much as we can. This was quickly followed by our respective first and second teams playing Sheffield RUFC in two pulsating matches. The rugby concluded on Saturday with Sheffield Colts playing us in some horrendous rain. If you were lucky enough to see this match, you were indeed fortunate. There was some fantastic attacking rugby on display. These boys are the club's future and you won't be disappointed if you can get to see them at some point. Thanks must go to Sheffield RUFC for their contribution to the day's success; it would have not been possible without them!

The mini and junior sections' co-chairmen, Anthony Donald & Mark Tywang, together with club Secretary Philip Eddleston were largely responsible for organising the weekend's events and thanks must go to them and the small army of staff & volunteers who worked so hard to make the weekend a success. What a signal that sends out about the club! We should also mark the generosity of everyone who contributed silent auction & raffle prizes. Fair to say that those raising money for M&J tours were not disappointed by the sums they raised. Thank you to all concerned.

The weekend was rounded off with an inaugural 10 a side under 15's round robin competition, the Michael Harrison Tens Tournament. The excitement lasted to the very end with the Green Machine just edging it on a tries scored basis. Thanks to Lymm, Otley, Keighley, Bangor & an assembled Barbarians side for their participation & support.

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Numbers remain strong in the group which is either a reflection on my coaching or speaks volumes of how resilient the kids (and parents) are!! The later been more accurate!

We are now 3 games in and getting stronger by the week. Keighley, Wensleydale and Ribb all providing solid opposition thus far with lots more games planned in going forwards.

Reflecting on progress to date, it's fair to say all my guys have improved week on week and all are certainly eager to play and 'sometimes' willing to listen!!

Some real stars (and characters) starting to appear and the countdown has already started to when they can officially tackle in a game and not just knock lumps out of each other before and after - when they're all under the watchful eye of their parents I might add!!

Looking forward to seeing how they all develop in the coming weeks, months, and years ahead.

I'd also like to put on record my thanks to my trusted helpers Charlie Bond and Tom Eggy, the job clearly runs smoother with 3 whistle blowers!!

Rob Baldwin



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This week's sponsor are the folks from "up t'dale supporters".

It shows what a great community club we are when individuals group club together to support the team. We are delighted to have commercial and individual sponsors within our community base.

We welcome Graham Chamberlin and the up t'dale group today and hope they enjoy cheering on the team from the balcony.

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

We welcome as officials today, Jack Moorhouse, Richard Arthur and Carl Walsh.

Jack had a distinguished playing career at Sale. It is his first year as a referee at National League level and we are looking forward to him referring us for many years to come.

Richard is a distinguished architect and Carl is a hotel leisure bed specialist. They will make a great eclectic team.



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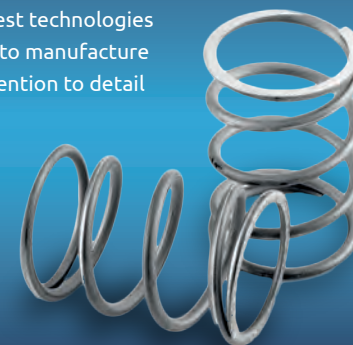


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MATCH REPORTS

For our last home game we entertained the folks of Lower Wharfedale AKA Otley and what a performance we turned in.

Clearly the waters of the upper reaches of the river run stronger than when it winds its way through Ilkley. From the start The Green Machine was purring with good handling and movement, even though there was a touch of wayward passing, but with Otley losing men to yellow cards and the likes of Oscar Canny and Jake Armstrong on fire (though in reality it was a strong team performance) in the end the Dale came out comfortably on top to record one of our biggest win margins for some time. Our



Oh no you don't!

defence was solid and with our attacking intent we slowly wore the opposing team down. We saw glimpses of the existing future the team can offer when Otley targeted Ollie Riddiough but like a weeble he wobbled but didn't fall down. Otley will be sore and will be looking to exact revenge next year. We should anticipate a tough away match where local bragging rights will be very much at stake.

However from the euphoria of a resounding win over our local rivals, last time out our 4 game winning run came to a juddering halt at Hull Ionians. As good as we were against Otley, we had a first half to forget in Hull which meant the game was over by half time notwithstanding a much improved second half performance. We were however not able to turn possession into points until late on



One, two, three!

in the game. The score of 36-23 accurately reflected the game. Ionians comfortably won the first half and we won the last 40 but we had given the Ionians too much of a head start. We didn't deserve a bonus point and didn't get one. The team will have been training hard over the last couple of weeks in order to iron out the issues they experienced on the pitch.

Fundamentally we are an exciting free flowing team with a great mix of grit in the pack and skill in the backs. We have put in some great performances this season and know what we are capable of achieving on the day. Hopefully we can show this side of our game against Hull today.

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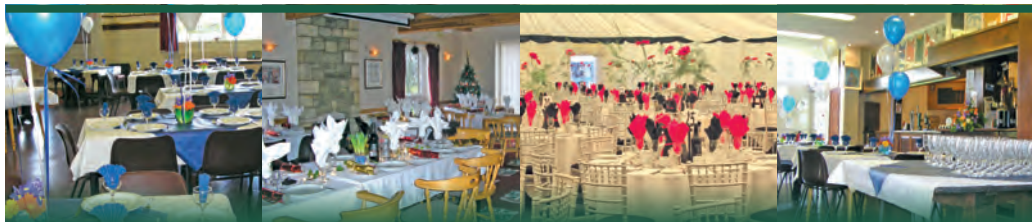
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19 Aug 23	Chester	Friendly	Home	L	12 - 14
26 Aug 23	Blackburn	Friendly	Away	W	24 - 33
02 Sep 23	Lymm	N2N	Away	W	21 - 22
09 Sep 23	Rotherham	N2N	Home	L	19 - 34
16 Sep 23	Tynedale	N2N	Away	W	22 - 24
23 Sep 23	Fylde	N2N	Home	W	27 - 26
30 Sep 23	Sheffield	N2N	Home	W	33 - 25
07 Oct 23	Otley	N2N	Home	W	31 - 7
14 Oct 23	Hull Ionians	N2N	Away	L	36 - 23
21 Oct 23	TBC				-
28 Oct 23	TBC				-
04 Nov 23	Hull	N2N	Home		-
11 Nov 23	Leeds Tykes	N2N	Away		-
18 Nov 23	Sheffield Tigers	N2N	Home		-
25 Nov 23	Preston Grass'	N2N	Away		-
02 Dec 23	Billingham	N2N	Home		-
09 Dec 23	Huddersfield	N2N	Away		-
16 Dec 23	Rotherham	N2N	Away		-
23 Dec 23					-
30 Dec 23					-
06 Jan 24					-
13 Jan 24	Tynedale	N2N	Home		-
20 Jan 24	Fylde	N2N	Away		-
27 Jan 24	Sheffield	N2N	Away		-
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09 Mar 24	Leeds Tykes	N2N	Home		-
16 Mar 24	Sheffield Tigers	N2N	Away		-
23 Mar 24	Preston Grass'	N2N	Home		-
30 Mar 24	TBC				-
06 Apr 24	Billingham	N2N	Away		-
13 Apr 24	Huddersfield	N2N	Home		-
20 Apr 24	TBC				-
27 Apr 24	Lymm	N2N	Home		-

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3 Wharfedale	7	5	0	2	179	171	23
4 Hull	7	4	1	2	211	182	22
5 Sheffield Tigers	7	3	1	3	225	186	21
6 Billingham	7	4	0	3	146	182	19
7 Sheffield	7	3	0	4	200	194	18
8 Fylde	8	2	1	5	203	219	18
9 Hull Ionians	7	3	0	4	176	220	17
10 Tynedale	7	2	0	5	189	199	16
11 Otley	7	2	0	5	172	197	14
12 Preston Grasshoppers	7	2	1	4	180	254	13
13 Lymm	7	2	0	5	180	229	13
14 Huddersfield	7	1	0	6	159	301	6

Today's Fixtures National League Division Two North

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Fylde	v	Huddersfield
Lymm	v	Hull Ionians
Preston Grass'	v	Sheffield Tigers
Rotherham	v	Otley
Tynedale	v	Sheffield
Wharfedale	v	Hull

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Leeds Tykes	24 Feb	30-17	27 Jan	41-11	13 Jan	-	16 Mar	31-18	53-21	25 Nov	27 Apr	10 Feb	06 Apr	11 Nov
Lymm	13 Apr	27 Jan	41-48	09 Mar	04 Nov	18 Nov	-	17 Feb	02 Dec	13 Jan	26-41	23 Mar	33-26	21-22
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Rotherham	52-24	34-19	43-15	18 Nov	09 Mar	23 Mar	33-10	04 Nov	13 Apr	-	17 Feb	02 Dec	27 Jan	16 Dec
Sheffield	20 Jan	11 Nov	18 Nov	13 Apr	02 Dec	35-40	10 Feb	23 Mar	36-14	17-37	-	16 Dec	24 Feb	27 Jan
Sheffield Tigers	11 Nov	27 Apr	17 Feb	27 Jan	49-5	29-50	25 Nov	13 Jan	24 Feb	06 Apr	28-32	-	09 Dec	16 Mar
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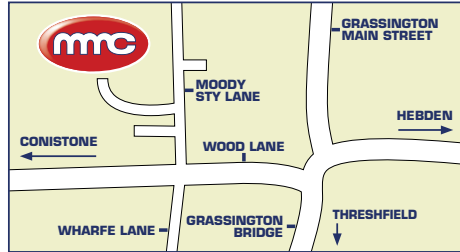


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19 Aug 23	Chester	Friendly	H		Cancelled
26 Aug 23					
02 Sep 23					
09 Sep 23	Scunthorpe	Merit	H	W	50 - 10
16 Sep 23	Tynedale	Merit	A	L	54 - 12
23 Sep 23					
30 Sep 23	Sheffield	Merit	H	L	17 - 21
07 Oct 23					
14 Oct 23					
21 Oct 23	Driffield	League	H	W	26 - 17
28 Oct 23	Hull Ionians	Friendly	A		Cancelled
04 Nov 23					
11 Nov 23	Heath	Merit	H		
18 Nov 23	Sheffield Tigers	Merit	H		
25 Nov 23	Preston Grass'	Friendly	A		
02 Dec 23	Billingham	Merit	H		
09 Dec 23	Heath	Merit	A		
16 Dec 23					
26 Dec 23	North Ribblesdale	Friendly	H		
30 Dec 23					
06 Jan 24					
13 Jan 24	Tynedale	Merit	H		
20 Jan 24	Fylde	Friendly	A		
27 Jan 24	Sheffield	Merit	A		
03 Feb 24	Driffield	Merit	A		
10 Feb 24					
17 Feb 24	Hull Ionians	Friendly	H		
24 Feb 24	Clitheroe 1st XV	Friendly	A		
02 Mar 24					
09 Mar 24					
16 Mar 24	Sheffield Tigers	Merit	A		
23 Mar 24	Scunthorpe	Merit	A		
30 Mar 24					
06 Apr 24	Billingham	Merit	A		
13 Apr 24	Huddersfield	Friendly	H		
20 Apr 24	League Semi-Final	Merit	TBA		
29 Apr 24	League Final	Merit	TBA		

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Premiership 2023-2024

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Billingham 2	2	2	0	0	56	36	10
2 Alnwick 2	4	3	0	1	77	53	18
3 Tynedale Raiders 2	3	2	0	1	102	66	12
4 Driffield 2	5	3	0	2	149	147	17
5 Wharfedale 2	4	2	0	2	105	102	13
6 Sheffield 2	5	3	0	2	107	94	16
7 Sandal 2	5	3	1	1	148	113	16
8 Heath 2	4	2	0	2	88	91	12
9 Sheffield Tigers 2	3	0	0	3	75	95	7
10 York 2	4	2	0	2	86	66	9
11 Ilkley 2	5	1	0	4	70	133	8
12 Scunthorpe 2 (Stags)	4	0	1	3	49	116	6

Cath Harrison Trophy 2023-24

	P	W	D	L	F	A	%
1 Dev XV	2	2	0	0	82	26	100.00
2 1st XV	10	6	0	4	243	250	60.00
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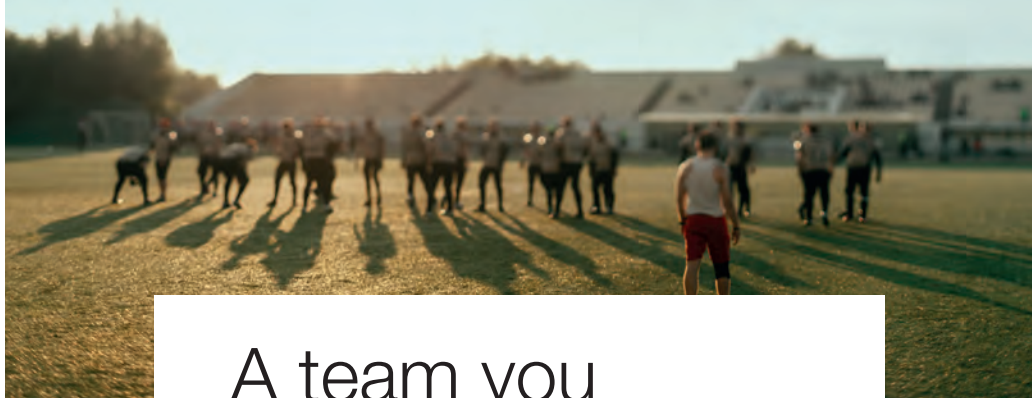
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		£20	30	Karen Greenwood
		£10	152	Gordon Brown
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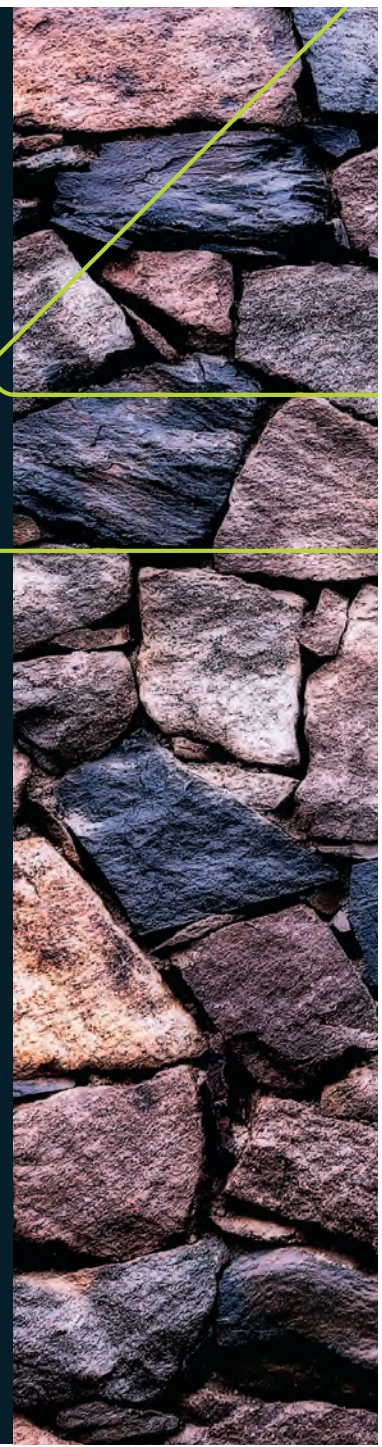
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