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INTRODUCTION

A fine performance at home to Hull last week resulted in a comfortable win with all 5 points accrued.

Captain George Headley was adjudged Man of the Match and he also gained the top accolade from the Rugby Paper as Player of the Week from Round 8. There were other players who ran him close down the Avenue, but above all it was a superb team effort with everybody, including the bench, contributing manfully to the cause. Outstanding tries were scored by Oscar Canny (before he succumbed to another hamstring injury), Jack Pinder, Oli Cicognini (shrugging off 4 would be tacklers in the process) and Tom Beresford. Sam Gaudie added 12 points with the boot and looked very much at home in the fly half position with the highly promising Oliver Riddiough inside him.

This level of performance was maintained in the match at Leeds Tykes. It was most encouraging despite the 20-8 defeat. To win the second half 8-3 was a monumental achievement against an unbeaten Leeds outfit who for the first time failed to score 4 tries and are of course undefeated.

In a season when our other teams have been under employed due to the opposition being unable to raise a team we were so pleased that the 3rd team were able to play Old Brodleians, winning and amassing 50 points. Our thanks go to them for entertaining us when others have been reluctant to do so or cannot raise a team. The Foresters finally had a match last Saturday against Heath Hawks. It was good to be able to watch two decent matches within 16 hours without having to travel too far. They won convincingly 47-7, but our opponents had some promising players, particularly in the backs, and gave their all. Our 3rd XV had their 4th match of the season at Yarnbury which they lost 44-22. This was yet another welcome match played in good spirits.



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, **John Clark** and not necessarily that of the club itself.

Cover photo:

Total commitment in evidence at Leeds Tykes.

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The officials who may make the journey include the Chairman Paul Walker, the President Graham Cockshutt and the Secretary Tim Walker. It is good too to note the wholehearted involvement of Kate Noble as Treasurer and Helen Oliver as Fixture Secretary. We extend a specially warm welcome to Director of Rugby Jack Howieson. We also join in the tributes to the late Tony Wood, a dedicated one club man and Vice President, who died in mid October.

The Tigers have made a very satisfactory start to the season with five wins and a draw in the nine matches played so far and have taken third place in the table from the Greens. They matched Preston's five tries last week and won by 2 points thanks to Mark Ireland's 5th conversion. Centre three quarter Barney Goatley's hat trick was the highlight. Ireland as is so often the case is high in the table of leading points scorers with 112 to date and William Archer and Jamie Broadley have each scored 6 tries. They, Josh Redfern and Goatley will have to be closely marked if we are to regain our position ahead of the Tigers. 35-25 was their recent victory margin at home against Billingham, no mean feat against a competitive side. There is much to play for today.



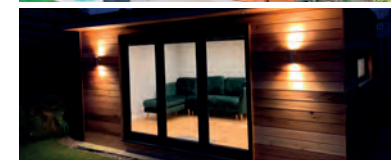
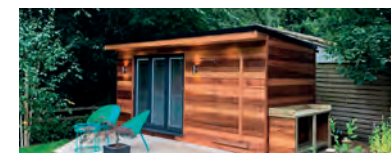
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UNDER 9'S

So the new season is here for the U9s. The one major change this season is we have moved into full contact for the first time. Myself and the other coaches didn't quite know what to expect from the kids as this is very different to playing tag rugby.

It really shouldn't have surprised me to then see the kids taking to tackling like a duck to water.

The kids have been absolutely fantastic from day one of the season again and our numbers are continuing to grow. We now currently have 26 players registered which is testament to our coaches and wonderful support from all the parents who have been so supportive over the 3 years travelling home and away. Our first away game this season took us to Wensleydale and we had 23 players.

The players have created a real bond with each other and are really starting to act like a team.

Long may this continue and like I said previously this couldn't be achieved without the support of our parents turning out in all weather conditions and to all our coaches making the games competitive and most importantly fun.

Let's hope this all continues for many years to come. Come on the Greens ♥.

Sean Kennedy



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Have you any brothers and sisters?

One older sister.

Did any of your family play rugby by?

An uncle was an important player for North Ribblesdale.

When did you first play rugby and where?

During PE in school, then played at North Ribblesdale from the ages of 11 to 15. Joined Wharfedale when 16.

Which senior teams have you played for?

All at Wharfedale (3rd XV, Foresters and now the 1st XV)

What made you join Wharfedale?

I knew at age 15/16 I was a decent player and I always wanted to try to play at as high a level as possible. Dale was always the team to play for to improve oneself. That made the decision an easy one.

What is special about the Club?

The supporters on a match day. The atmosphere is something you can't experience anywhere else.

Have you any favourite activities?

I am a big fan of CrossFit and enjoy doing that in the off season. I also love skiing.

Have you a favourite holiday spot?

Any ski resort. A small village in Crete called Koutouloufari is very special to me.

Is there someone who has been a big influence on you?

My PE teacher at school - he encouraged me to play rugby. Without him, I wouldn't be where I am today.



Jack Pinder scores v Hull.

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Steve Borthwick, the England coach, is renowned for being abstemious. Jamie George states that he played alongside him for five years, was coached by him for four and had probably seen him have two beers! At the end of the recent World Cup campaign we are assured that he did have a beer with the squad.

With regard to the England team, the most obvious predicament seems to be over who should play scrum half. Harry Randall and Ben Spencer may have come back into contention. The former was apparently asked to improve his kicking by ensuring that he could kick off both feet. It is not in Spencer's favour that he is 31 whereas Randall is 25, Alex Mitchell 26 and Jack van Poortvliet just 22. This would be an appropriate time to congratulate two other number 9's, Danny Care and Ben Youngs, for their huge contribution over 17 years (96 appearances) and 13 years (127 appearances) respectively to the England cause. The team will also miss such stalwarts as Jonny May and Courtney Lawes, but there is much to be excited about with Theo Dan, Ben Earl, a revitalised Sam Underhill, George Martin and Tom Curry amongst those looking highly promising in the pack alongside Itoje, and Freddie Stewart and Marcus Smith in the backs.



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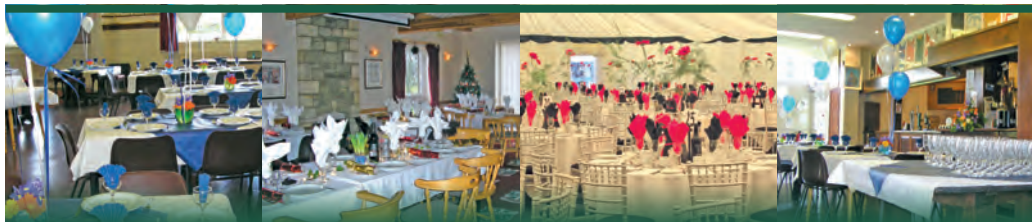
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19 Aug 23	Chester	Friendly	Home	L	12 - 14
26 Aug 23	Blackburn	Friendly	Away	W	24 - 33
02 Sep 23	Lymm	N2N	Away	W	21 - 22
09 Sep 23	Rotherham	N2N	Home	L	19 - 34
16 Sep 23	Tynedale	N2N	Away	W	22 - 24
23 Sep 23	Fylde	N2N	Home	W	27 - 26
30 Sep 23	Sheffield	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	W	35 - 6
11 Nov 23	Leeds Tykes	N2N	Away	L	20 - 8
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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10 Feb 24	Otley	N2N	Away		-
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24 Feb 24	Hull	N2N	Away		-
02 Mar 24	TBC				-
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				-
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2 Rotherham	9	9	0	0	349	179	43
3 Sheffield Tigers	9	5	1	3	301	250	31
4 Wharfedale	9	6	0	3	222	197	28
5 Hull	9	5	1	3	251	244	27
6 Sheffield	9	4	1	4	253	241	25
7 Fylde	10	3	1	6	293	272	25
8 Otley	9	3	0	6	235	257	21
9 Preston Grass'	9	3	1	5	260	312	20
10 Lymm	9	3	0	6	238	293	20
11 Tynedale	9	2	1	6	234	249	20
12 Billingham	9	4	0	5	183	246	19
13 Hull Ionians	9	3	0	6	230	300	18
14 Huddersfield	9	1	0	8	195	404	6

Today's Fixtures National League Division Two North

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

League Fixtures/Results 2023/2024 National League Division Two North



	Billingham	Fylde	Huddersfield	Hull	Hull Ionians	Leeds Tykes	Lymm	Otley	Preston Grasshoppers	Rotherham	Sheffield	Sheffield Tigers	Tynedale	Wharfedale
Billingham	-	13 Jan	23 Mar	17 Feb	24-17	12-29	09 Dec	27 Jan	18 Nov	27 Apr	16-14	09 Mar	20-17	06 Apr
Fylde	32-26	-	62-19	02 Dec	23 Mar	13 Apr	14-15	18 Nov	16 Dec	10 Feb	09 Mar	26-26	28-34	20 Jan
Huddersfield	25 Nov	24 Feb	-	12-49	31-39	10-52	16 Dec	06 Apr	17-41	20 Jan	16 Mar	25-44	10 Feb	09 Dec
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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	20-8
Lymm	13 Apr	27 Jan	41-48	09 Mar	31-30	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	34-32	13 Apr	-	17 Feb	02 Dec	27 Jan	16 Dec
Sheffield	20 Jan	34-28	18 Nov	13 Apr	02 Dec	35-40	10 Feb	23 Mar	36-14	17-37	-	16 Dec	24 Feb	27 Jan
Sheffield Tigers	35-25	27 Apr	17 Feb	27 Jan	49-5	29-50	25 Nov	13 Jan	24 Feb	06 Apr	28-32	-	09 Dec	16 Mar
Tynedale	16 Dec	17 Feb	33-18	23 Mar	18 Nov	02 Dec	20 Jan	09 Mar	38-43	19-33	19-19	13 Apr	-	22-24
Wharfedale	02 Dec	27-26	13 Apr	35-6	17 Feb	09 Mar	27 Apr	31-7	23 Mar	19-34	33-25	18 Nov	13 Jan	-



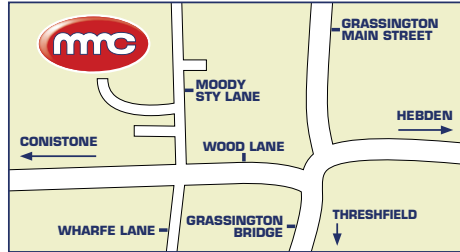


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26 Aug 23					
02 Sep 23					
09 Sep 23	Scunthorpe	Merit	H	W	50 - 10
16 Sep 23	Tynedale	Merit	A	L	54 - 12
23 Sep 23					
30 Sep 23	Sheffield	Merit	H	L	17 - 21
07 Oct 23					
14 Oct 23					
21 Oct 23	Driffield	League	H	W	26 - 17
28 Oct 23	Hull Ionians	Friendly	A		Cancelled
04 Nov 23					
11 Nov 23	Heath	Merit	H	W	47 - 7
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	3	3	0	0	99	41	15
2 Tynedale Raiders 2	4	3	0	1	136	88	17
3 Alnwick 2	5	3	0	2	82	136	19
4 Driffield 2	6	4	0	2	232	152	22
5 Wharfedale 2	5	3	0	2	152	109	18
6 Sandal 2	6	4	1	1	190	147	21
7 Sheffield 2	7	4	0	3	129	128	22
8 Heath 2	5	2	0	3	95	138	13
9 York 2	5	2	0	3	120	108	11
10 Sheffield Tigers 2	4	0	0	4	80	138	8
11 Ilkley 2	5	1	0	4	70	133	8
12 Scunthorpe 2 (Stags)	5	0	1	4	49	116	6

Cath Harrison Trophy 2023-24

	P	W	D	L	F	A	%
1 Dev XV	4	3	0	1	154	70	75.00
2 1st XV	12	7	0	5	286	276	58.33
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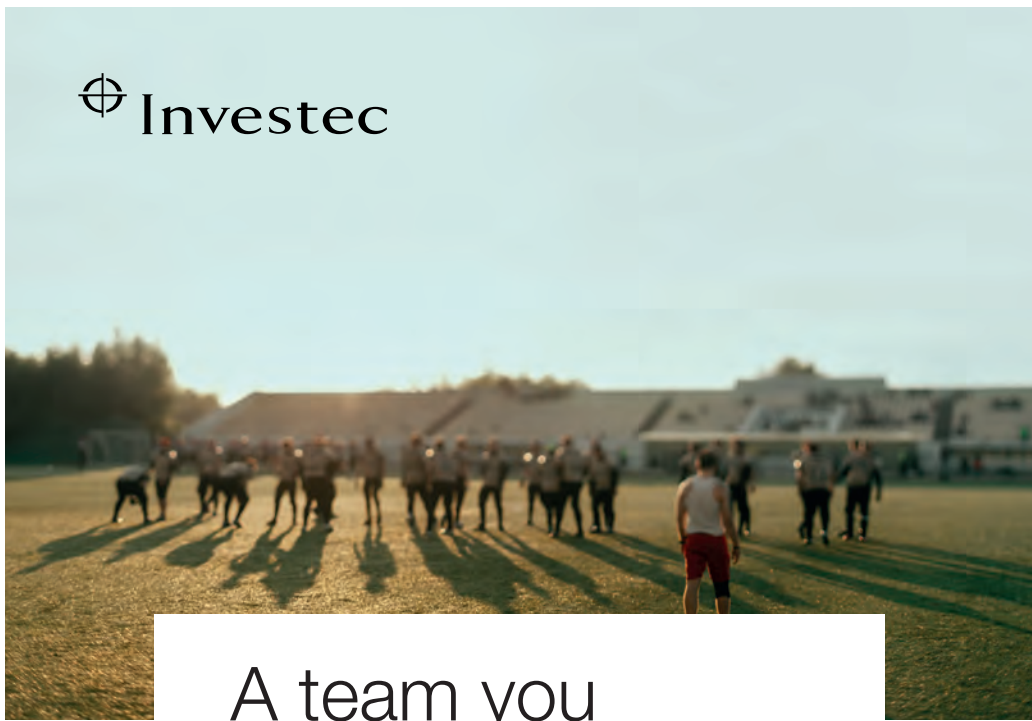
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£20		139	John Sykes	
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	£20	30	Karen Greenwood	
	£10	152	Gordon Brown	
September	£100	103	Bob Mavir	
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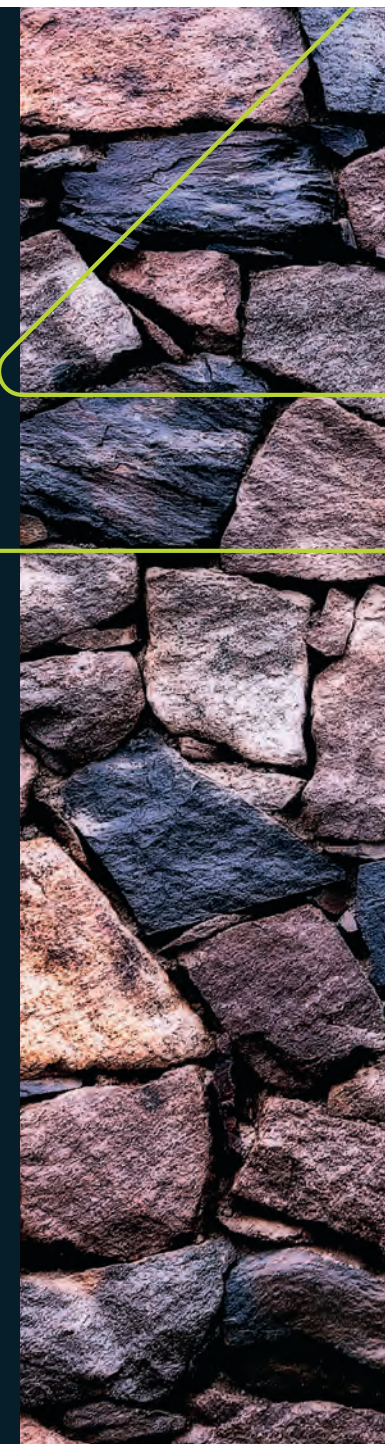
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