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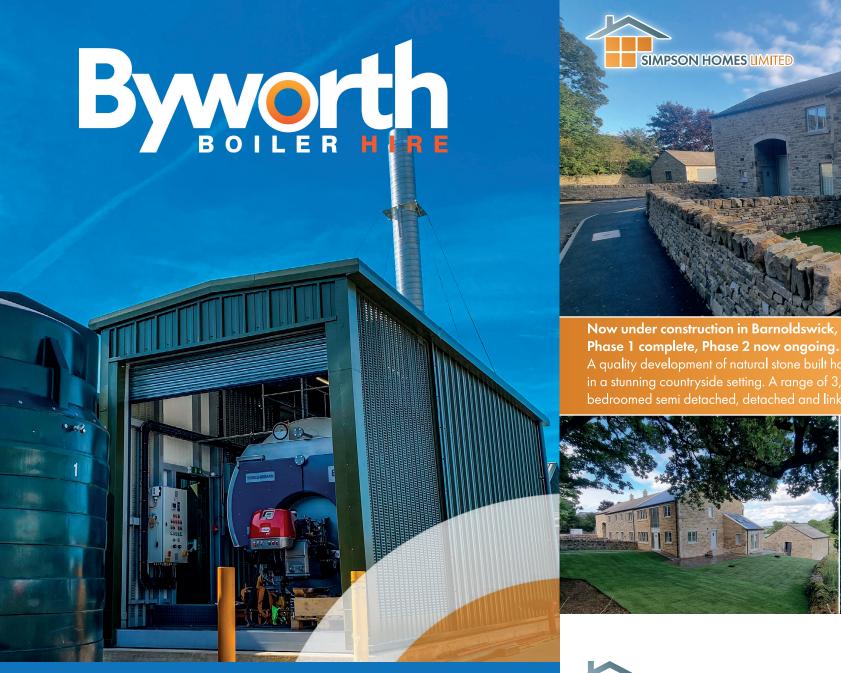


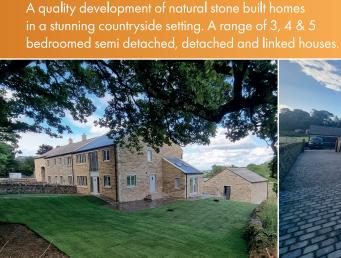


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LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE BENCH!

Is rugby a team game? Or is it more of a squad game? Well for Wharfedale, this season, it emphatically more of a squad game. Each week we seem to have been hit by a new crop of injuries, so that many of us have no idea what constitutes our real First XV.

In truth, there's nothing particularly remarkable about that. Injuries are partand-parcel of the sport, and every club has its tale of woe. What is remarkable is that although our injury list

is worse than most of us can remember, our league position is better than it has been for years. And this is why it's fitting to give a shout-out to the wider squad. To the bench

A fortnight ago against Hull Ionians, a Dale backline which had probably first played together on Thursday training were slick and slicing come Saturday. Even at Hull last week, when injuries left us in abject chaos, another victory seemed quite possible when Louis Verity was reaching for the line. Just grow those fingernails, Louis!

At this point, we could begin a roll-call of those who have come into the team from the wider squad. But let one name stand for them all. Even when he's been an unused sub, Omari Kaup-Samuels has come off the field smiling.

And when he's been used, he's looked dynamic and committed. When we have those attributes on the bench. Wharfedale is an easy team to cheer for.

If we're praising the quality and cohesion of the bench, though, what we're also praising is the coaching. Replacements aren't in the right place for that inside pass, or fitting into the defensive wall, just by chance. Beyond the coaching and support staff, we're also praising the club. The point is that most of the squad has come through from Minis and Juniors, and so the club's enterprising playing style, with its unique DNA, is already present. Harry Bullough, Jack Pinder and Ollie Riddiough might represent different age-groups, but very evidently they've all memorised the same play-book.

But if we're thinking about our own trials and tribulations here, let's pause a moment. Because whatever our team is suffering is nothing compared to what Tynedale have gone through following the death of their young centre Rory Cramb at Christmas. Tynedale's results since then show a strength of spirit which we can only admire - and recognise. So today, to Tyne's players, staff and supporters, we offer the warmest welcome we know.

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 editors, Simon Ravens and Ed Williams and not necessarily that of the club itself.

The cover photo, by Ro Burridge, shows Omari Kaup-Samuels at Typedale earlier in the season.

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TYNEDALE

Probably the club most akin to Wharfedale in geography, size and even name. Tynedale play alongside the River Tyne at the bottom of the hill and over a bridge from Corbridge, both are near to a Station Road -Wharfedale lost the nearby Threshfield Station some time ago but you can still get off the train and have a short walk to Tynedale's ground. Forget the friendship established between the two clubs over 30 years of league fixtures; the matches between the two are fiercely contested events with both sides committed to being "top Dale". Tynedale had a very slow start to the season losing all 5 games in September! Since then things have improved considerably, and they now lie mid-table, just 8 points behind Wharfedale. In recent weeks they have beaten Fylde at home, and lost away at Sheffield. Their form is similar to ours, which augurs for a close match today.



Tynedale Rugby Club began almost by accident, following the arrival in Hexham of a letter addressed to the "Captain of the Hexham Football Club". There being no-one in the town answering to that title, a group of geople decided it was high time there was. On 11th October, 1876, a meeting was called in Hexham Town Hall at which Tynedale Football Club was duly formed and a captain, officials and committee appointed.

A Tynedale team took the field for the first time on 30th December, 1876, when they entertained Elswick (now Northern) at Hexham. winning by a goal and two tries to nil. The 'Hexham Courant' recorded: "the venue will be in Mr Cook's field, in which the flower show was held, at the too of Skinnersburn. The game will commence at two o'clock in the afternoon and, unlike cricket, it is quite possible that it may he over in little more than an hour".

After 13 seasons in league North1 Tynedale eventually gained promotion into national leagues cumulating in the club finishing in the top 5 of National 1 (third tier of English rugby) for three successive seasons between 2008 and 2011. The club's involvement at this level pushed it into unchartered territory with matches in Cornwall and Jersey as well as regular trips to London and Wharfedale.

From 2012 the club's playing resources were pushed to the limit and after flirting with relegation for 3 successive years the club was eventually relegated into National 2(North) at the end of 2014-2015. T'other Dale followed a year later, admittedly after a longer stretch

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UNDER 11S



Good afternoon and happy new year from the U11s. It gives me great pleasure to update on our progress. Our squad has grown in strength confidence and numbers throughout the season. From the great success of the rugby World Cup we have recruited a number of players of all abilities and regularly get 16-20 to training and games. Each year as we progress through the ages the RFU introduces new more laws, this year we are competing in 3 man scrum, allowing 2 in a competitive ruck and last but not least tactical kicking which our lot have taken to well. Well, most of them, some players just should not kick. Mainly forwards.

Each individual is developing their own identity, attitude and position on the field. As we give them responsibility everyone puts their hand up to be counted and perform to the best of their abilities for the team, which gives Ryan, David and myself great satisfaction as what we are teaching them is coming out on the field. The ulls are

starting to play as a unit and not individual's, finding space to run the ball in, and work in pods of 2s and 3s.

So, Sunday mornings whether it be training or a game the squad have developed a cohesion for one another putting their bodies on the line for the shirt they are wearing. As in the picture the huddle showing them working out play defence and attack. Or probably talking about the latest computer games.

This season has also given us the honour of doing ball duty on home games so gives the children chance to support the green machine on their superb home form, and the heart and passion that the 1st team play with is influencing them and taking into Sunday morning's.

So, from all the ulls thank all involved in the club that make it possible for us the play the glorious game.





TODAY'S SPONSOR

On March 29th 2012 there was a half-time presentation by Club President, John Spencer. The recipients were Fred and Val Bullough, on behalf of Bulloughs, who were sponsoring for their 25th successive year. They had started at the beginning of when the Leagues began and the club had only lost one of



these games!! On that day Dale comfortably beat Blaydon. Today they sponsor the match against another North East team, Tynedale, and we hope for the same result - a Wharfedale victory and a clean sweep if the Foresters win as well. They also advertise in the programme - the famous pig joke features in the advert. Bulloughs are a family-run, independent business founded in 1967, therefore we offer continuity and consistency, as well as unrivalled industry knowledge.



The family has playing connections with Dale; Duncan Bullough is the present MD of the company, his daughter Kate is the partner of Josh Prell, and nephew Harry, has recently returned to add even more sparkle to the Green back line.

We thank Bulloughs for their wonderful support over the years, and wish Duncan and his guests a cheery, cheering day

The photo (from the CH) shows a very young handsome man on the left - that used to be John Spencer. Fred and "Pam" still look as young as they did in this photo.

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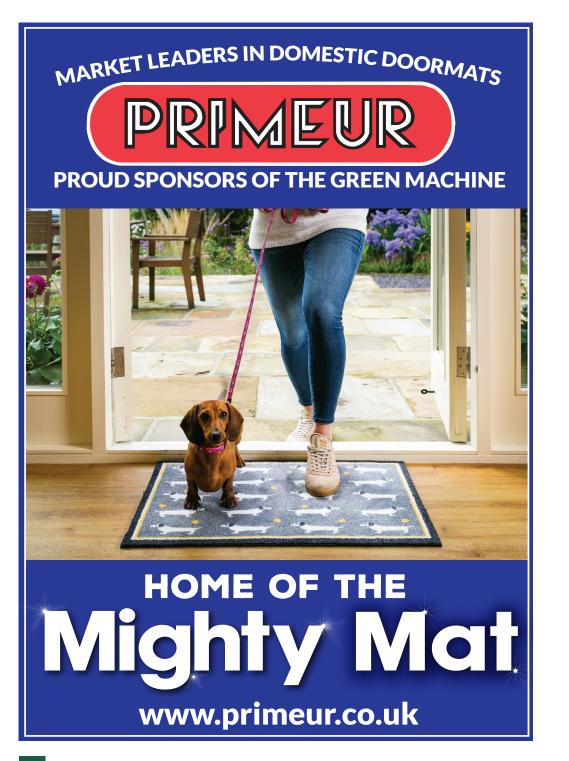
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TYNEDALE MEMORIES

To my considerable astonishment I now find myself, a mere offcumden, to be one of the club's longer-standing supporters, with recollections which predate those of the vast majority of fellow members. I have been thinking about our fixture with Tynedale, and while many will recall Woodie's heroic last-minute try to give us the bonus-point win we needed to avoid relegation (was that in 2018?) the fact is that they have had the better of us in the head-to-head battles over the years. This applies particularly at Corbridge, although one of our fairly rare successes came in 1993/4, when we won a ferocious battle there to secure promotion to National 5 North; our front row are unlikely ever to forget the legendary Parker brothers, local farmers. The other Tynedale thorn in our flesh more recently was their exceptional winger Hamish Smales, now a Premiership referee.

However, although their head-to-head record is better than ours, the fact is that compared with our twenty seasons at level three, they shared that status for only six seasons, from 2009/10 until 2014/15. In each of the first two of those seasons they finished in a very creditable fifth position, before starting to struggle, like us, to keep our heads above the incoming tide of professionalism; our own relegation followed the next season.

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1st XV - Fixtures/Results 2023/2024

Date	Opponents	Comp	Venue	W/L	Results
12 Aug 23	Billingham	Friendly	Away	L	41 - 19
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					-
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	W	31 - 17
	Preston Grass'	N2N	Away	W	22 - 35
02 Dec 23	Billingham	N2N	Home		P - P
09 Dec 23	Huddersfield	N2N	Away	W	12 - 26
16 Dec 23	Rotherham	N2N	Away	L	33 - 7
23 Dec 23					
30 Dec 23					
06 Jan 24					
13 Jan 24	Tynedale	N2N	Home		P - P
20 Jan 24	Fylde	N2N	Away	W	7 - 24
27 Jan 24	Sheffield	N2N	Away	L	31 - 14
03 Feb 24		N2N	Home	W	31 - 7
10 Feb 24		N2N	Away	W	0 - 41
17 Feb 24	Hull Ionians	N2N	Home	W	39 - 19
24 Feb 24	Hull	N2N	Away	L	21 - 10
02 Mar 24		N2N	Home		-
	Leeds Tykes	N2N	Home		-
	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		N2N	Away		
27 Apr 24	Lymm	N2N	Home		-

National League Division Two North **NEXT HOME GAME AT THE AVENUE** vs LEEDS TYKES

Saturday 9 MARCH 2024

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League Table 2023/2024 National League Division Two North							
Club	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
1 Leeds Tykes	20	20	0	0	878	352	99
2 Rotherham	19	18	0	1	675	328	88
3 Sheffield	20	14	1	5	627	476	75
4 Wharfedale	19	13	0	6	482	366	62
5 Fylde	20	10	1	9	616	525	62
6 Sheffield Tigers	20	11	1	8	564	559	59
7 Tynedale	19	9	1	9	506	461	54
8 Hull	20	10	1	9	506	579	50
9 Otley	19	6	0	13	481	595	39
10 Lymm	20	6	1	13	524	649	38
11 Preston Grass'	19	5	1	13	517	662	38
12 Hull Ionians	20	4	1	15	494	698	32
13 Billingham	20	4	2	14	401	617	27
14 Huddersfield	19	2	0	17	430	834	18

Today's Fixtures National League Division Two North					
Huddersfield		v		Rotherham	
Otley		v		Preston Grass'	
Wharfedale		v		Tynedale	

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



	Billingham	Fylde	Huddersfield	IF.	Hull Ionians	Leeds Tykes	Lymm	Otley	Preston Grasshoppers	Rotherham	Sheffield	Sheffield Tigers	Tynedale	Wharfedale
Billingham		25-38	23 Mar	24-30	24-17	12-29	25-25	29-40	24-38	27 Apr	16-14	09 Mar	20-17	06 Apr
Fylde	32-26		62-19	35-8	23 Mar	13 Apr	14-15	41-18	33-27	27-32	09 Mar	26-26	28-34	7-24
Huddersfield	24-8	32-34		12-49	31-39	10-52	24-33	06 Apr	17-41	02 Mar	16 Mar	25-44	19-57	12-28
Hull	40-24	06 Apr	60-26		25-30	22-58	34-27	27 Apr	40-33	16 Mar	15-33	24-18	10-34	21-10
Hull Ionians	38-38	14-36	27 Apr	18-23		34-49	31-19	34-39	15-19	24-49	06 Apr	25-26	16 Mar	36-23
Leeds Tykes	57-13	30-17	57-17	41-11	66-15		16 Mar	31-18	53-21	26-20	27 Apr	49-6	06 Apr	20-8
Lymm	13 Apr	28-50	41-48	09 Mar	31-30	24-43		15-14	46-22	22-36	26-41	23 Mar	33-26	21-22
Otley	10-12	16 Mar	48-28	27-32	13 Apr	14-47	45-34		02 Mar	13-34	41-45	24-31	31-26	0-41
Preston Grasshoppers	16 Mar	27-41	09 Mar	30-30	44-35	14-45	06 Apr	26-41		7-34	24-26	39-41	27 Apr	22-35
Rotherham	52-24	34-19	43-15	28-9	09 Mar	23 Mar	33-10	34-32	13 Apr		32-14	35-17	42-7	33-7
Sheffield	26-13	34-28	71-19	13 Apr	40-10	35-40	28-24	23 Mar	36-14	17-37		33-24	27-19	31-14
Sheffield Tigers	35-25	27 Apr	34-32	36-17	49-5	29-50	47-35	24-16	32-26	06 Apr	28-32		0-10	16 Mar
Tynedale	24-12	45-22	33-18	23 Mar	28-25	12-35	26-18	09 Mar	38-43	19-33	19-19	13 Apr		22-24
Wharfedale	31-7	27-26	13 Apr	35-6	39-19	09 Mar	27 Apr	31-7	23 Mar	19-34	33-25	31-17	02 Mar	





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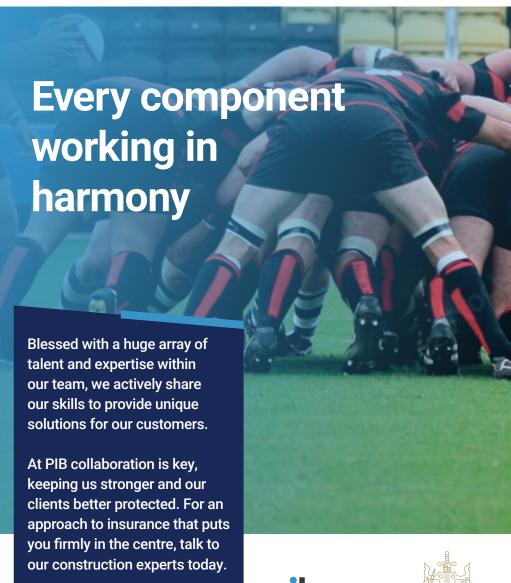
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Wharfedale Foresters Fixtures/Results 2023/2024

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12	Aug	23					
19	Aug	23	Chester	Friendly	Н		Cancelled
26	Aug	23					
02	Sep	23					
09	Sep	23	Scunthorpe	Merit	Н	W	50 - 10
16	Sep	23	Tynedale	Merit	Α	L	54 - 12
23	Sep	23					
30	Sep	23	Sheffield	Merit	Н	L	17 - 21
07	Oct	23					
14	Oct	23					
21	Oct	23	Driffield	League	Н	W	26 - 17
28	Oct	23	Hull Ionians	Friendly	Α		Cancelled
04	Nov	23					
11	Nov	23	Heath	Merit	Н	W	47 - 7
18	Nov	23	Sheffield Tigers	Merit	Н	W	60 - 10
25	Nov	23	Preston Grass'	Friendly	Α	L	23 - 10
02	Dec	23	Billingham	Merit	Н		Cancelled
09	Dec	23	Heath	Merit	Α	W	11 - 14
16	Dec	23					
26	Dec	23	North Ribblesdale	Friendly	Н	W	20 - 9
30	Dec	23					
06	Jan	24					
13	Jan	24	Tynedale	Merit	Н		Cancelled
20	Jan	24	Fylde	Friendly	Α	W	5 - 45
27	Jan	24	Sheffield	Merit	Α	W	13 - 17
03	Feb	24	Driffield	Merit	Α	W	30 - 36
10	Feb	24	Billingham	Merit	Н		Cancelled
17	Feb	24	Hull Ionians	Friendly	Н		Cancelled
24	Feb	24	Knaresborough	Friendly	Α	W	7 - 58
02	Mar	24	Tynedale	Merit	Н		
09	Mar	24					
16	Mar	24	Sheffield Tigers	Merit	Α		
23	Mar	24	Scunthorpe	Merit	Α		
30	Mar	24					
06	Apr	24	Billingham	Merit	Α		
13	Apr	24	Huddersfield	Friendly	Н		
20	Apr	24	League Semi-Final	Merit	TBA		
29	Apr	24	League Final	Merit	TBA		

NEXT FORESTERS HOME GAME VS HUDDERSFIELD Saturday 13 April 2024

Yorkshire League Merit Tables

Premiership 2023-2024								
		P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
1	Tynedale Raiders 2	6	5	0	1	205	147	27
2	Wharfedale Foresters	10	8	0	2	283	173	41
3	Driffield 2	14	10	0	4	478	324	55
4	Sheffield 2	15	10	0	5	386	263	57
5	Sandal 2	13	8	2	3	378	297	46
6	Heath 2	12	5	0	7	295	310	36
7	Alnwick 2	8	4	0	4	94	158	23
8	Billingham Lions 2	6	3	0	3	152	119	17
9	York 2	8	3	0	5	196	198	19
10	Ilkley 2	8	2	1	5	142	215	16
11	Sheffield Tigers 2	10	0	0	10	178	373	17
12	Scunthorpe 2	14	2	1	11	198	408	19

Cath Harrison Trophy 2023-24								
		Р	W	D	L	F	Α	%
1	Foresters	13	10	0	3	449	207	76.92
2	Dev XV	7	5	0	2	254	109	71.43
3	1st XV	22	14	0	8	544	455	63.64

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Today's referee is a former Fylde player, Henry Pearson. Henry is making his first appearance here at the Theatre of Bleats.

Assisting him on the lines are Josh Smith and Liam Taylor.

Don Helme is given a week off from running the line, but (no escape for the wicked) is still slated to be here. this time as AR Cnach.





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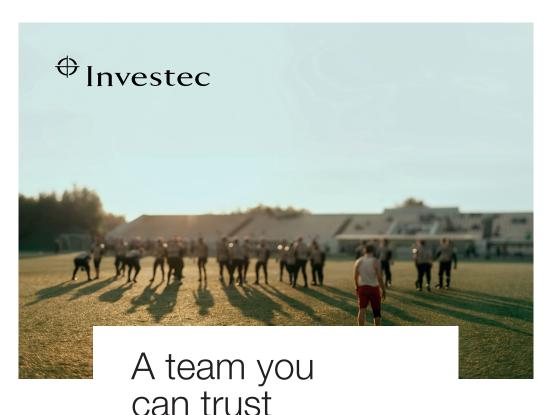
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AN ADVENTURE!

In the pre-season friendly away at Blackburn, your humble scribe was lucky enough to win a raffle prize. What a prize - 4 tickets to a Sale Sharks Premier League game!!!! The best fit, avoiding Wharfedale games, was the Sale vs Saracens fixture on December 22nd. Kick-off was at 7.45pm so it meant a late evening getting back to the Dale. I have a friend living in Manchester that supports Sale so we arranged to meet up and take our wives. In the end the wives' places were taken up by Ted and Adam Mason who were enthusiastic about the trip (Free tickets!!). We parked in Audenshaw and then set off on an adventure – an adventure for folk in the country. We took the tram into Manchester and then changed for a tram to the Trafford Centre. We got a little lost in the Trafford Centre as we were looking for the shuttle bus to Sale Sharks ground. We ventured inside and were somewhat overawed with the size of the place; "It's bigger than Burnsall". We were directed to the bus station and excitedly caught the bus - a double decker! A short trip to the ground and then find the food trucks. Plenty to choose from and we had the pork option with onion and apple sauce. Bumped into a large contingent of the Peel family and then found our seats, the Mason boys enjoying a few pints of Guiness.

A great game for the neutrals; plenty of incidents; some good rugby and the result always in doubt until the final whistle. There was a big crowd – near capacity and a great atmosphere. Sale probably just about deserved to win! The highlight of the journey home was being upstairs on the double-decker shuttle bus - one of the group confessed that he had never been upstairs on a bus before. An enjoyable trip and many thanks to Blackburn RUFC for providing the tickets.

Ed Williams











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