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OUR VISITORS TODAY – HUDDERSFIELD

No more “Underneath the arches” then as we say goodbye to Huddersfield who have been relegated. Today’s match will not be an easy one. We beat ‘Field at Lockwood Park by 4 tries to two and they gave a good account of themselves. They will play with total freedom today and it should be an entertaining match. Scoring points has not been a major problem for the visitors, they have scored 4 tries in a game on 10 occasions only one less than Dale. Last week they put in a solid performance when they drew with Otley. “With nothing at stake in terms of league position both teams showed commitment in defence and enterprise in attack and delivered an open, even and entertaining spectacle for the sizeable crowd”.

Huddersfield have a long history; here is a snippet from their archives “Early records show that the game was first played in the town in 1869 when members of The Huddersfield Athletics Club, which had been formed five years earlier, decided to start a team. The rugby team enjoyed much early success and had international and county men amongst its playing ranks. In 1890 Huddersfield won the Yorkshire Challenge Cup by beating Wakefield by one goal to nil. (NB In those days three tries equalled a goal.) Alas the trophy was destined not to return to the town for well over 100 years!”.



Cico scoring underneath the arches

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

Cover photo:

Jake Armstrong enjoying the mud at Huddersfield.

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Billingham cleverly stopping Burrige from scoring

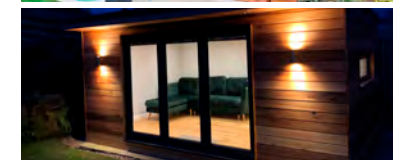
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For clarity, the details are as follows:

- No club is relegated from the Championship
- Winners of National 1 are promoted to the Championship
- The bottom two clubs in National 1 are relegated to National 2
- The top team in each of the three National 2 leagues are promoted to National 1
- The winners of the six-level 5 leagues are promoted to National 2
- The clubs in 14th position in the three National 2 leagues are relegated to level 5
- The playing records of the three clubs in 13th position in the three National 2 leagues are compared. The club with the best playing record remains in National 2 and the other two are relegated to level 5

The best playing record is the process used to determine league positions and is as follows...

If two or more Clubs have the same number of League points at the end of the season, final League positions shall be determined firstly by the number of wins achieved, then the number of draws and then on the basis of match points scored as follows:

- a Club with a larger number of wins in the League shall be placed higher than a Club with the same number of League points but fewer wins.
- a Club with a larger number of draws shall be placed ahead of a Club with a fewer number of draws.
- if Clubs have equal League points and an equal number of wins and draws in the League then a Club with a larger difference between match points 'for' and match points 'against' shall be placed higher in the League than a Club with a smaller difference between match points 'for' and match points 'against.'
- should two Clubs have the same number of League points and an equal number of wins and draws and the same match points difference, a Club having scored more match points 'for' shall be placed higher in the League than a Club having the lesser number of match points 'for.'
- if this still does not establish the positions, then the Clubs involved shall be ranked according to the number of matches won, excluding the first League match of the season. If necessary, this process shall be extended to exclude the second match, third match and so on until the final positions are established.

So, the situation as it stands after last Saturday is:

Coming up from Regional 1 North are Harrogate and Macclesfield; There is doubt if anybody will come down to National 2 North as the bottom four clubs are Bishop's Stortford, Leicester Lions, Cinderford and Taunton Titans. This means a very good chance that Chester will move back to a more comfortable Northern Division. Relegation is still not decided. Billingham, Hull Ionians and Wimbledon all won last week so the tension rumbles on for another week. Billingham have Lymm away and finish with Rotherham at home; Ionians are away at Otley and then have Huddersfield at home. Wimbledon have Worthing and Dorking to play. It could go down to the last game. The same at the top of our division. Leeds are strong favourites to be promoted but if they slip up then Rotherham are snapping at their heels.

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U16s



As we approach the end of this season I can once again say that we will be on the podium for the most successful team at WRUFC, this year as the U16s. Having narrowly missed out on the Yorkshire Cup this season we can at least bring home the U16s Yorkshire shield.

In October after months of fundraising, including a team sponsored walk of the three peaks & the support of prolific sponsors, the team scoured the reaches of our great country for opposition and toured Cornwall. An amazing few days of playing rugby, surfing and developing fine singing voices whilst always wearing flat caps were fully enjoyed by the team.

An U16s tournament held at WRUFC in February was a great occasion with three other teams invited. A great day was had by all with firm friendships made by players, coaches and parents and a fabulous service procured by the catering and bar staff only reinforced an event we hope to repeat. On a broader success there were 7 of the team still involved on the England Development program that takes players from different teams in a pyramidal system to see how far each player can progress within county rugby and beyond.



With fellow coaches Tom Whittaker, John Lancaster, Andy Goulty, Jamie Fitton and huge assistance from Andy Hodgson and David Pears we look forward to a promising young Colts side next season. The very Green Grassroots of WRUFC continue to flourish in these troubled times of club rugby.

John Brewster

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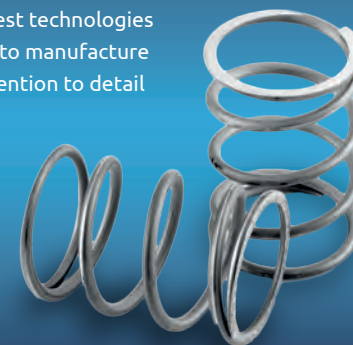
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RUGBY AND THE LAW

We have again had new laws introduced at the beginning of the season and players and aficionados have had a season to get used to them. There still seems to be uncertainty about the drop-out under the posts and when that is awarded rather than the old traditional 22! This leads me to my only disagreement with the new laws. I accept that the old held up over the line led to a 5-metre scrum which could lead to another scrum and so on – it meant a pretty stagnant state of affairs. The new law now means a drop-out under the posts (or behind the line?) and heavily favours the defending team who with a good kick and chase can push the attack way back from their own try line. So, after countless phases battering the line the attacking team could find themselves back on halfway. Some might say it was their own fault for not being more efficient in the “red zone”; fair comment, but I would still prefer something akin to our cousins in League where a held-up leads to the attacking team keeping the ball but restarting 10 yards out.

Having been one of the “pretty boys” when I was a player, another gripe about the modern game is the scrum option when a scrum penalty has been awarded. Scrum, scrum, scrum – another x amount of minutes waiting for the ball to emerge and we can watch some rugby. I know some ex-props and hookers dream about days when they could spend a lot of the game huddling and cuddling with other like-minded individuals but I would like to see more open play. So, no scrum option either kick at goal, kick to touch, the old “up and under” or tap and go. I sometimes feel cheated when a series of scrums takes up to five minutes! If the scrum has to be reset then stop the clock give us our money’s worth. I still love the game though!



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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	W	31 - 17
25 Nov 23	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
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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	Billingham	N2N	Home	W	31 - 7
10 Feb 24	Otley	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	Tynedale	N2N	Home	W	18 - 17
09 Mar 24	Leeds Tykes	N2N	Home	L	8 - 12
16 Mar 24	Sheffield Tigers	N2N	Away	L	20 - 18
23 Mar 24	Preston Grass'	N2N	Home	W	31 - 21
30 Mar 24	TBC				-
06 Apr 24	Billingham	N2N	Away	L	20 - 17
13 Apr 24	Huddersfield	N2N	Home		-
20 Apr 24	TBC	N2N	Away		-
27 Apr 24	Lymm	N2N	Home		-

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League Table 2023/2024 National League Division Two North

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Leeds Tykes	24	23	0	1	1049	423	115
2 Rotherham	23	22	0	1	827	412	108
3 Sheffield	24	16	1	7	720	577	85
4 Wharfedale	24	15	0	9	574	456	74
5 Fylde	24	12	1	11	742	649	74
6 Tynedale	24	11	1	12	633	618	67
7 Sheffield Tigers	23	12	1	10	627	650	64
8 Hull	24	12	1	11	632	724	62
9 Otley	24	8	1	15	631	702	54
10 Preston Grass'	24	8	1	15	692	817	52
11 Lymm	24	8	1	15	654	819	49
12 Billingham	24	7	2	15	526	708	42
13 Hull Ionians	24	5	1	18	602	835	38
14 Huddersfield	24	2	1	21	531	1050	22

Today's Fixtures National League Division Two North

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

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	-	25-38	53-29	24-30	24-17	12-29	25-25	29-40	24-38	27 Apr	16-14	30-19	20-17	20-17
Fylde	32-26	-	62-19	35-8	45-17	13 Apr	14-15	41-18	33-27	27-32	23-22	26-26	28-34	7-24
Huddersfield	24-8	32-34	-	12-49	31-39	10-52	24-33	26-26	17-41	12-31	15-36	25-44	19-57	12-28
Hull	40-24	39-36	60-26	-	25-30	22-58	34-27	27 Apr	40-33	29-47	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	48-14	25-26	26-36	36-23
Leeds Tykes	57-13	30-17	57-17	41-11	66-15	-	78-17	31-18	53-21	26-20	27 Apr	49-6	55-14	20-8
Lymm	13 Apr	28-50	41-48	28-22	31-30	24-43	-	15-14	46-22	22-36	26-41	43-24	33-26	21-22
Otley	10-12	46-22	48-28	27-32	13 Apr	14-47	45-34	-	41-12	13-34	41-45	24-31	31-26	0-41
Preston Grasshoppers	26-22	27-41	70-19	30-30	44-35	14-45	46-42	26-41	-	7-34	24-26	39-41	27 Apr	22-35
Rotherham	52-24	34-19	43-15	28-9	42-17	32-26	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	21-15	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	P-P	28-32	-	0-10	20-18
Tynedale	24-12	45-22	33-18	34-36	28-25	12-35	26-18	26-22	38-43	19-33	19-19	13 Apr	-	22-24
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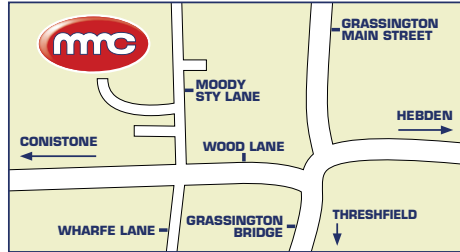


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04 Nov 23					
11 Nov 23	Heath	Merit	H	W	47 - 7
18 Nov 23	Sheffield Tigers	Merit	H	W	60 - 10
25 Nov 23	Preston Grass'	Friendly	A	L	23 - 10
02 Dec 23	Billingham	Merit	H		Cancelled
09 Dec 23	Heath	Merit	A	W	11 - 14
16 Dec 23					
26 Dec 23	North Ribblesdale	Friendly	H	W	20 - 9
30 Dec 23					
06 Jan 24					
13 Jan 24	Tynedale	Merit	H		Cancelled
20 Jan 24	Fylde	Friendly	A	W	5 - 45
27 Jan 24	Sheffield	Merit	A	W	13 - 17
03 Feb 24	Drifffield	Merit	A	W	30 - 36
10 Feb 24	Billingham	Merit	H		Cancelled
17 Feb 24	Hull Ionians	Friendly	H		Cancelled
24 Feb 24	Knaresborough	Friendly	A	W	7 - 58
02 Mar 24	Tynedale	Merit	H	L	0 - 26
09 Mar 24					
16 Mar 24	Sheffield Tigers	Merit	A	W	19 - 40
23 Mar 24	Scunthorpe	Merit	A	W	24 - 26
30 Mar 24					
06 Apr 24	Billingham	Merit	A	W	5 - 26
13 Apr 24	Huddersfield	Friendly	H		
20 Apr 24	League Semi-Final	Merit	TBA		
29 Apr 24	League Final	Merit	TBA		

Yorkshire League Merit Tables

Premiership 2023-2024

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Tynedale Raiders 2	8	7	0	1	231	147	37
2 Drifffield 2	17	13	0	4	550	351	70
3 Wharfedale Foresters	14	11	0	3	375	247	57
4 Sheffield 2	16	10	0	6	412	290	60
5 Sandal 2	15	10	2	3	450	335	56
6 Heath 2	16	6	0	10	385	456	46
7 Billingham Lions 2	9	3	0	6	212	218	23
8 Alnwick 2	13	7	0	6	207	258	33
9 York 2	11	3	0	8	227	305	23
10 Sheffield Tigers 2	12	1	0	11	230	440	23
11 Scunthorpe 2	17	3	1	13	289	469	29
12 Ilkley 2	10	3	1	6	191	243	16

Cath Harrison Trophy 2023-24

	P	W	D	L	F	A	%
1 Foresters	17	13	0	4	541	295	76.47
2 Dev XV	8	6	0	2	287	136	75.00
3 1st XV	27	16	0	11	636	555	59.26

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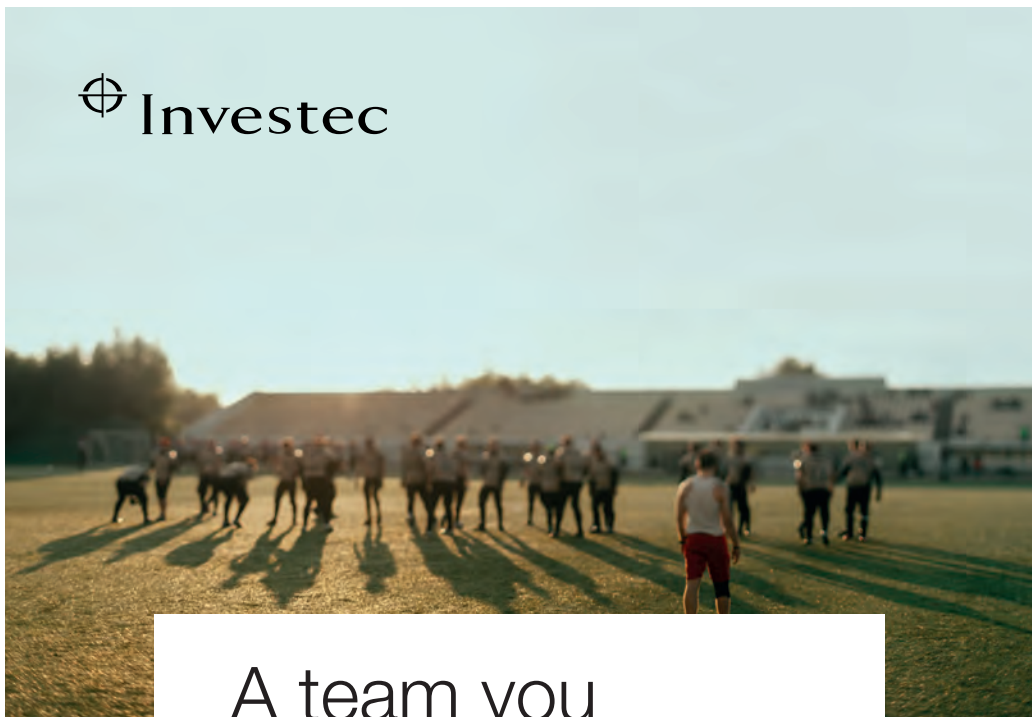
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£20		104	Jeremy Daggett	
£10		55	Len Tiffany	
February	£40	33	Gordon Jackson	
	£20	23	Louise Stockdale	
	£10	106	John Utley	
March	£100	5	Cath Hartley	
	£40	122	Alice Eddleston	
	£20	157	Gill Stockdale	
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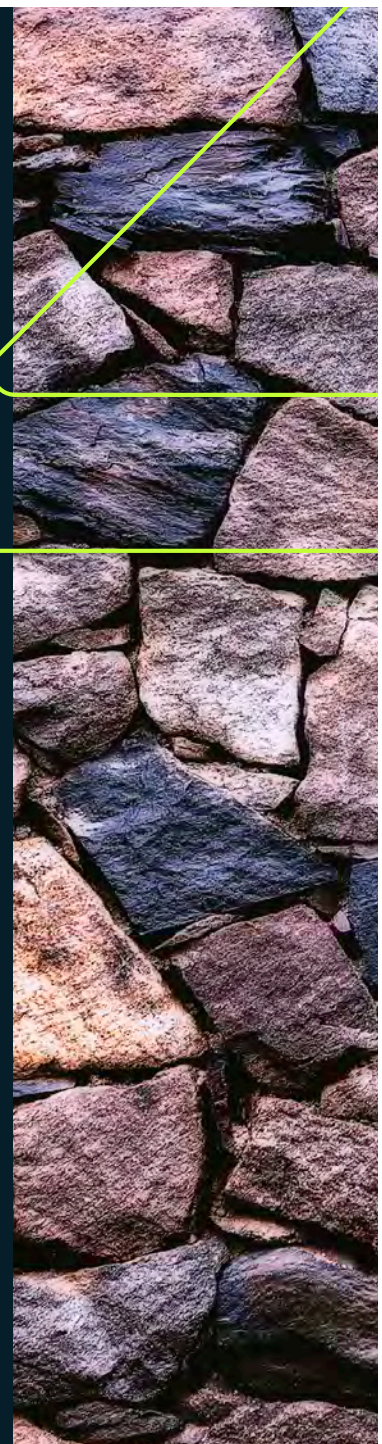
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