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We are the champions!

Goole RUFC 1st XV 69
Old Otliensians
RUFC 1st XV 12

Goole's emphatic win on Saturday over already relegated Old Otliensians saw them crowned Yorkshire League Division Two champions. They will be plying their trade in Yorkshire One in September. The celebrations – and deservedly so – carried on long into the evening in the clubhouse that was packed to the rafters for several hours after the game.

It had all started with a narrow 24-20 win against the same opponents back on September 8, setting an early trend for hard-fought and close successes, but once into their stride the team's winning margins became that bit wider and wider still, despite a blip earlier on this year with three successive defeats.

Promotion looked possible from quite a way out, with only the title taking it to the last day after Leodensians' extraordinary second half to the campaign.

Goole started the match on the front foot, and an early Rhys Moore penalty, followed shortly afterwards by a try from James Walton, converted by Moore, saw them race to a 10-point lead after six minutes, to settle any nerves.

It was on 18 minutes when they extended their lead. A turnover close to their own line, after a period of pressure from the visitors, saw 10 passes and direct running release Richard Barrass to score an unconverted try for 15-0.

Soon afterwards Walton was in the sin bin for his seemingly regular mid-game rest, and Luke Beecher was sacrificed for ten minutes to allow replacement prop Louis Sugden on the field. It was in this period that the visitors scored – an elusive run by their powerful centre saw him over by the posts, converted for 15-7.

The return to full strength had Goole resurgent, as a Sam Smith break saw Sugden in support to score 20-7.



The celebration begins as Goole deservedly take the champions spot in Yorkshire Division Two. Pictures by Sean Stewart.

At 34 minutes, yet another superb passage of play, forwards and backs combining, allowed Connor Walker to grab the bonus point try, converted by Moore for 27-7.

Old Otliensians rallied and a period of pressure saw them held up over the Goole line, but they were not to be denied from the resulting scrum and registered an unconverted try for 27-12 at the half time break.

As with many games this sea-

son, the second half saw Goole totally dominate and a steady stream of unanswered tries ensued, the visitors often chasing shadows as the home side went through the gears. Defensive pressure high up the field saw the excellent James Chantry steal the ball and set up a ruck, Jack Smith hitting a powerful line to burst between two defenders to score, Moore converting for 34-12.

Moore then got in on the try

scoring as he ghosted through a tiring defence to score, which he converted himself for 41-12. Further pressure following dominant tackles from Chantry and Jack Smith saw the ball pop up to Barrass, for him to scoot down the touchline to score his second, converted by Moore for 48-12.

With a quarter of an hour remaining and the title seemingly safe in their hands, a minor scuffle escalated quickly, and the visitors' second row and Goole hooker Chris Wood were shown red cards for their part in the melee, to slightly spoil the occasion.

Beecher then fielded a weak clearance kick 40 metres out, as rugby returned, and stepped through the defence to score under the posts, Moore again converting for 55-12. Incessant pressure and an untidy lineout from the visitors saw Will Devenish intercept and score beside the post, Moore adding the extras for 62-12.

If this had been a boxing match the referee would have stopped it to save further punishment, but Goole had time for

one more: a Will Townend turnover allowed Sugden to release Matty Taylor to score. Moore's conversion brought the final whistle and a final score of 69-12.

It was a fitting end to a superb season for not only the first team, but the second team, who won their Merit League at a canter and have a home semi-final play-off on Saturday.

The third team finished fourth in their Merit League and also have a top four play-off semi-final on Saturday, away at Pocklington, which is where attention also turns this Good Friday for the annual sevens tournament, of which more elsewhere in Goole and Selby Sport.



Captain Rhys Moore and Greg Bone, director of rugby.

A page of pictures celebrates the big day - page 2

Goole RUFC firsts.



victorious!

Sean Stewart captured the excitement of a day which saw Goole RUFC crowned champions of Yorkshire 2.



Final chance, which Vikings must take

Goole AFC go into Saturday's penultimate league game of the season at home to Staveley MW at the Victoria Pleasure Grounds, kick off 3pm, having been given one last life-line, which they just have to take.

Hall Road Rangers' 9-1 capitulation at Liversedge last night sees the Vikings out of the rele-



Matty Bloor (top) and Terry Barwick say changes will be needed at the club if it manages to avoid relegation.



gation zone on goal difference – fragile as it is – three goals is the margin and, whether they deserve the opportunity or not, they have to take it with both hands.

The fixture list just happened to present Goole v Hall Road Rangers as the final game of the campaign on Saturday week, but a win over Staveley, far from easy, would all but see mission accomplished if Hall Road lose at Hemsworth.

The other side in the equation are Harrogate Railway, but they only have one game left and that is at Staveley on Saturday week - they have 19 points.

Whatever the ramifications of this season are, on and off the field, to avoid the ignominy of a second successive relegation would hardly be cause for celebration, but it would surely represent a warning that the town's football team has reached a point where it can go no lower. The joint-management team have tried to instil a more professional approach to the job in

hand and have found their hands tied in so many ways, but if they can get across the line – and there are no guarantees, of course – they have expressed a wish to try and resurrect the club's fortunes.

Joint-manager Matty Bloor told Goole and Selby Sport this morning: "We have to get through our final two games of the season – nothing is settled, but if we survive there have to be changes. I have had four pretty stressful months with Goole AFC and it looks like the target Terry (Barwick) and I set is going to be missed slightly, but we may be ok."

"The approach for these last two games has to be right as well. The job is far from complete, but the opportunity has been presented and at the moment is back in our hands."

Bloor had Hall Road Rangers watched at Liversedge last night, and by all accounts they were poor, but he said: "If it comes down to that game it will be 11 against 11 and physically and mentally we will have to be switched on. It may not come down to it, but at this moment we have to assume it will."

On the playing front, he has plenty of walking wounded, but is hopeful of having both Mo Hamid and Carl Stewart back for the weekend, also Jordan Emery after a long injury lay-off. And of those carrying knocks and playing through the pain barrier, he knows he can rely on them to give it their all.

From the Garforth game, Bloor said: "It was much of a muchness – we had our chances and didn't take them, and we were a little naïve at the back and were punished. At times we have an attitude that thinks we can pass the ball around and teams will cave in, but that is not the way in this league or any other, to be honest."

Saturday's opponents, Staveley will be a dangerous animal for sure and, although their form has dipped, they showed in their 4-1 win over the Vikings earlier this year that they have good, young talent for whom the season may have just proved too long and exhausting, given their earlier cup commitments as well.

Support will be most welcome

Long-suffering supporters have stood by Goole AFC this season home and away. The club hopes that for these last two games they continue to show the same commitment and try and cheer the team over the survival line.

Details of a Super Saver ticket for £10 on the day incorporating admission, refreshments, etc can be found on the club website. Why not take advantage?

Weakened Vikings are leaving it late

Garforth Town 2 Goole AFC 0

Just when the Vikings needed their strongest, fittest side on the field they were left with huge problems for their game at Garforth Town on Saturday - and promptly went down 2-0, to leave their survival hopes still hanging by a slender thread.

Further recriminations on this wretched season should be left until the end, but, until nine minutes from time in a controversial ending at Knaresborough, the Vikings were heading back to the bottom of the table, before Harrogate Railway conceded a late goal to earn a point instead of three.

Hall Road Rangers also went down 3-0 at Yorkshire Amateur, and are above the Vikings on goal difference, with their game in hand at Liversedge last night, Tuesday, and two more away games to come as well.

Whether Matty Bloor and

Terry Barwick can now conjure up two home wins, against Staveley on Saturday, and what may be 'do or die' against Hall Road on Saturday week, remains to be seen, especially with players injured and/or unavailable. They were without three potential strikers on Saturday in Mo Hamid, Carl Stewart and Leigh Hutchinson, and with Matty Bloor and Jacob Stannard part of the walking wounded, risking further damage to play, one could see where the continuing problems lie with the club.

The Vikings still had their chances at Wheatley Park, and were certainly better than the corresponding game at the VPG, where they simply allowed the West Yorkshire side to dictate throughout. The lack of a cutting edge has been there all season and was in evidence again, albeit the home keeper did make one or two splendid stops.

Goole opened their last away league game of the campaign brightly, as they have done in this run of five on the trot,

where they had led in the previous four but had only gone on to win once – that at bottom club Harrogate a fortnight before.

This time, though, they would not get their noses in front, although Dan Barrett and Terry Barwick both had early efforts which tested Wells in the Garforth goal, the second unconventional, but crucial, with his legs.

Despite the lack of personnel, there was no shortage of determination from the visitors, but they were always susceptible, too, to a lively home attack and Silva went close, as did Williams and Wilkinson, as James Hitchcock was kept on his toes. But there was nothing he could do about the opening goal on 20 minutes, as Sam Barker was on the end of a good move to score from the edge of the area.,

Turner's fine ball almost set up another Garforth goal, who then had claims for a penalty turned down as Williams looked to be impeded before, at

the other end, the home side's carelessness almost allowed Harry Thompson a chance to equalise.

Goole's problems were apparent in that they did not have a really effective bench, with only Bartley available to come on if required – and he was, during the second half, to replace Bloor.

Still the second half was one of fine saves from both keepers. Lewis Stannard was so close to a first Vikings' goal, as Wells once more did well, as did James Hitchcock, to keep the visitors in the fight from Barker and Wilkinson.

The match-deciding second goal came to the home side, though, as Joe Colley ended the Vikings' resistance and hopes of getting a vital point with a strike ten minutes from time.

Goole AFC: Hitchcock; Schofield; Buttelle; Griffin; Stannard (J); Lund; Stannard (L); Bloor; Thompson; Barwick; Barrett. Subs; Bartley; Emery (N); Emery (J).

All the drama in the last ten minutes as Robins win

Armthorpe Welfare 1 Selby Town 2

All the real action and drama of a welcome win for the Robins came in the last ten minutes of Saturday's Toolstation Northern Counties East League Division One game with Armthorpe Welfare at Church Street.

Goals from Ryan Woodhead on 81 minutes, and Gary Collier three minutes later, seemingly gave them a comfortable cushion, although Craig Aspinall's last minute effort for the home side did ensure a nervy spell of added-on time before the three points returned along the A19.

A side containing many changes from the midweek defeat at Rossington Main saw Zac Lawrence return at left back, alongside Joe Dunnett. Jordan Snodin was back in midfield with Chris Bilton and Charlie Clamp, whilst Gary

Collier and Fraser Hansen joined Ryan Woodhead in a front three missing Liam Flanagan. Reuben Pearse was named with four other replacements, but he was the only one fit and available if required. The home side, managed by former Robins' coach Mick Carmody, included Josh O'Neill, well known to Robins followers.

A minute's silence was impec-



cably observed for John Steeples, who served both Armthorpe and the Robins, and who passed away recently. A collection of £80 was raised for MIND, the Mental Health charity, from a crowd well populated with Selby supporters once more.

There was not a lot to enthuse supporters enjoying the cool, spring sunshine, although the Robins seemed to be in reasonable control. Gary Collier had one miscue with Ryan Woodhead, Collier, Jordan Snodin and Zac Lawrence having shots saved.

The home side were forced into long, hopeful balls, which the Robins' defence coped with calmly, and they were quite adept at catching the Amrthorpe forwards offside. Although Selby were the better of two

sides, it was ordinary fare that was unsurprisingly goalless at half time.

Having looked resplendent in their away kit of black and white, the interval brought a request for them to change their tops into Armthorpe's away kit, although it hardly improved the standard on the field.

Having said all that, at least Peter Lawrie was brought into action from a better Armthorpe display, and they did have the ball in the net, only to suffer their first half malaise of being caught offside. Selby were having to scramble to clear their lines as well, with Joe Dunnett's timely block.

Josh Dacre went the closest for Town, as the game entered the latter stages, desperately needing a goal. Against the run

of play generally in the second half, it was the Robins who broke through with less than ten minutes to go. Ironically, their first shot on target of the half was to see Woodhead run on to Collier's neat pass, after a good turn, and slide the ball home past Alfie Stevens-Neale.

It brought a flurry of more determined activity not previously seen, with the home side immediately searching for the equaliser, which was only to lead to a second goal for the Robins at the other end, as Chris Bilton sliced through the cover and then fed Collier with a simple chance, after drawing the keeper out.

If they thought they could relax and see the game out, a goal conceded on 89 minutes for Aspinall to slot past Lawrie set up a nervy few minutes, which they managed to see out for a second away win in three games, having gone almost five months without in the league.

Selby Town: Lawrie; Ramsey; Lawrence; Clamp; Dacre; Dunnett; Woodhead; Snodin; Collier; Bilton; Hansen. Sub: Pearse.

Malt Shovel up the points

Barmby Moor 1
Malt Shovel 5
Malt Shovel 7
Rufforth United 1
Cawood 0
Malt Shovel 5

The games keep on coming thick and fast for the Malt Shovel firsts in their quest for a treble this season - and it is still a possibility. Seventeen goals in three games in five days means it is now just four wins and a draw from their last six games to seal promotion, and the Division Two championship, in the Minster Engineering League.

In the first of four more matches in eight days, they were 5-1 winners at bottom club Barmby Moor last Wednesday evening, to keep up their hopes of the league as they chase Stamford Bridge, who they had beaten on the Saturday by a single goal.

The win also gave their close neighbours, Cawood and Bubwith White Swan, a lift in their respective battles against the drop, albeit the former then found themselves on the end of the Shovel bandwagon on Monday evening (see below).

Two goals for Deacon Brace and one each for Kie Latham, Jack Morris and Luke Pearse helped their goal difference as well, as they made more ground up on the leaders.

The goal equation continued to

be important as they then hammered a depleted Rufforth United at Dennison Road on Saturday afternoon. 7-1 was the scoreline against a side who were looking at promotion themselves at one stage.

The Shovel playing staff is showing one or two signs of wear and tear, but they keep churning out the results and made a fast start here, with Kie Latham taking advantage of a place in the starting 11 and slotting home after five minutes.

The lead did not last long, as the visitors were immediately on level terms from a direct free kick, but that was to be their one and only moment of joy.

Patience was the key word initially, as the Rufforth defence stubbornly refused to give in, until they regained the lead from the penalty spot with Latham scoring. Leading scorer Luke Pearse then made it 3-1, and that was effectively it, apart from Malt Shovel making sure their goal difference crept closer to leaders, Stamford Bridge, in case of need.

That was made easier after the break against a now nine-man Rufforth, such was their lack of resources, and further goals from Pearse, for a double, Jake Raistrick scoring twice and then player/manager Chris Harkin helped to overcome a hurdle which had looked tougher on paper.

Thanks to the match sponsors, Ryther Arms Steak House and to Christine for after-match hospitality.

There was little or no time to

relax, as they were back on the field at Maypole Gardens on Monday evening, but if a local derby was going to prove troublesome, Malt Shovel made light work of relegation-haunted Cawood, who themselves had been beaten in the League Junior Cup 48 hours before at Pollington.

Whether time and games does catch up with the Dennison Road side, they are making a brilliant attempt at another promotion/championship and, despite obvious need for changes, it did not interrupt the rhythm.

Luke Raynor and Jack Stocks played in midfield and up front, respectively, and they were ahead quickly, with the latter flicking the ball into the path of Kie Latham for his fourth goal in three games, and that was then added to by Stocks himself, a delicate chip after the returning Darren Moore fed him.

To their credit, Cawood tried hard to stem the flow, and it was only two-nil at the break, but they found little to trouble Theo Ciepley in the visiting goal, or his colleagues protecting him.

One of those defenders, Tom Fox, added a third. Luke Pearse came off the bench, with Thursday night's semi-final in mind, but still managed to score the fourth with a great finish from Chris Harkin's pass, and there was time late in the piste for Sticks to net his second, following Jack Morris' outstanding work, and with it the Shovel have, should they need it, the positive goal difference ahead of the leaders and

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second placed The Beagle.

They take a break from the league until Saturday, but do play their semi-final in the West Riding Challenge Trophy tomorrow night, Thursday, kick off 7.30pm, travelling to Woodlesford to face Crackenedge firsts for a place in the final. This will be on the same ground, scheduled for next Wednesday, April 24, against the winners of tonight's other semi-final between Wortley and Linthwaite.

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Robins can spoil promotion party

Selby Town will be looking to spoil Hallam's promotion hopes on Saturday when they travel to the world's oldest football ground at Sandygate in Toolstation Northern Counties East Division One, kick off 3pm.

Their penultimate game of the campaign sees them casting envious eyes towards their opponents, who will be looking for another huge crowd in the absence of Sky Bet League football, who play on Good Friday. The ground, which first staged football in 1857, will be rocking to the foundations if the home club can recover from the disappointment of last night's 1-0 defeat to their promotion rivals, Campion.

They stay third, with the pressure now very much on them, although they will also be aware that their two other rivals above them, Grimsby Borough and Campion, meet on the final day.

Last Saturday's win for the Robins over Armthorpe was a belated birthday present for manager Christian Fox, who always knew that the season was a tough one, especially with clubs having lofty ambitions in the division. His disappointment will have come from injuries and a complete loss of form around Christmas and New Year, when only a big win over Shirebrook at the FPH Stadium in early January kept spirits up.

He knows, though, that on their day Town can beat the best in the league and, with as strong a side as he can field, he would love to see his team prey further on the fraying edges of the Hallam players and supporters.

Tickets are £30 per head and there is also further entertainment and fund-raising on the evening.

Eighth place is still up for grabs, with points at Sandygate and in their final game at home to Nostell on Saturday week, and Fox should be able to call on the services of striker Liam Flanagan, who missed the win at Armthorpe.

He has carried the forward line since the departure of Carl Stewart, and the injury problems for Joe Dale, and although he has been criticised in one or two areas for missing chances, the fact he is always there to be on the end of them shows his pedigree. He has 26 goals this season, 22 of them in the league, and will oppose Kieran Watson for the home side on Saturday, with 34 to his name, but only three more than Flanagan in league games.

Three weeks to go

Selby Town's centenary Sportsman's Evening at Jannah Restaurant in the town is just over three weeks away now.

With guest for the evening the former Doncaster Rovers, Leeds United and Everton midfielder, Ian Snodin, Town will hope to celebrate their big year with a successful night, incorporating the awards for the first team throughout the campaign, of which voting for the Player of the Year award has been taking place on the club website.

Club chairman Ralph Pearse said last week that there had been a good response from sponsors and public to the night and that they were trying to confirm final numbers.

Tickets are £30 per head and there is also further entertainment and fund-raising on the evening.

Thorpe can help themselves to runners-up spot

It is a tall order, and already Thorpe United have excelled in establishing themselves back in the Minster Engineering League Premier Division after a lengthy absence.

However, they can still finish runners-up, but may need to win all their three remaining games, at home, against Church Fenton FC, Huntington Rovers and Wigginton Grasshoppers, respectively, to do so.

Those three teams just happen to be above United as it stands, so they can only help themselves in aiming for those wins in their quest. The first of those games is against Church Fenton at Landing Lane, Riccall, on

Saturday, kick off 2pm.

Meanwhile in Section 'A' their reserves' quest for the league title continues to shine, after completing a treble this season over their near neighbours, and relegation-threatened Hemingbrough United Reserves, at School Road on Saturday.

Doubles from Thomas Murden, Tom Knight and Jay Smyth completed a clinical 6-0 win, to take them top of the table on goal difference over Dunnington reserves and with a game in hand.

On Saturday they travel to Pocklington Town III, kick off 2pm, and their closest rivals are at Poppleton United Reserves.

Cliffe stay up, but Riccall are sweating

The Division One Minster Engineering League relegation fight continues into Easter week, with any two teams from four now fighting it out for the drop.

Cliffe were the latest team to be assured of safety, joining Malton and Norton from last week, after they completed a terrific 6-3 win over Rawcliffe, who were third before the game. They still entertain hopes of promotion, after it was confirmed that Pocklington Town, champions as they are, are unable to be promoted as their first team already play at step seven football in the Humber League. They are also subject to ground inspection.

Bottom club Heworth had no game, but with four games remaining will probably feel

they have a chance of getting out of jail, needing two wins and having a significantly better goal difference than their three rivals above.

For the 2014 Premier Division champions, Riccall United, it was another poor day at home as they went down 3-6 to Haxby Town and are in the relegation places on goal difference from Bishopthorpe United, who lost 4-0 at home to champions, Pocklington Town seconds.

They do have a game in hand, and that may be crucial, but Harrison Signs are now vulnerable, albeit with 22 points, but they are complete, after a credible draw at second placed Easingwold.

Tonight, Wednesday, sees crucial action at Landing Lane, Riccall, where Riccall entertain Strensall Tigers and have to win, as their goal difference is against them. Equally, Bishopthorpe also have to get at least something from their last game at home to Cliffe. Bottom club Heworth travel to Easingwold, and on Saturday entertain Rawcliffe.

Cliffe made sure there would be no more alarms for them this season with a fine win on a day of high scores in the division. Rawcliffe, who were looking at a now possible play-off spot – and can still do it – did not help themselves with the setback.

The Oxen Lane side, who have had one or two notable scalps in an inconsistent campaign, saw Isaac Leach score twice on a day when his father, Simeon, scored for the reserves in a 1-1 draw at

Fulford United Reserves. Andy Addison, Josh Heselwood, Tom Collins and Lewys Williams were on the scoresheet - a good way to sign off the home season.

The visitors tried to stay in the game with Niall Smallwood, Paul Branscombe and Jonathan Gothard on the mark, but they have complicated matters for themselves, as well as having ground grading issues in any possible promotion. They will seek revenge when the two sides meet again on Saturday week, April 27, to close out the campaign.

Riccall were undone by Adam Chaplin's finishing for visitors Haxby, as he scored a hat-trick, and one each for Rhodes, Waddington and Douse. There is no margin for error left if survival is to be assured.

win their remaining games and pass a ground inspection.

Hemingbrough can still escape

any play-off if they can creep

above one of Tadcaster Magnet

and Sporting Knave'shire in

their three remaining games – all

away.

Confused? You will be!

Easy guide to promotion and relegation

Goole and Selby Sport will attempt to clear up any confusion over promotion and relegation issues from the top two divisions of the Minster Engineering League, which currently affects Hemingbrough United.

As you will see from our

Premier Division, but the team in the other relegation place will have a play-off with the second placed finisher in Division One.

Going into tonight's games

Easingwold occupy the promotion spot, but can be caught by

Rawcliffe in fourth, who have to

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Final heartbreak for Olympia Sundays

**Barham Rangers 3
Selby Olympia 3
(after extra time, 90 min.
score 2-2, Barham win 5-
4 on penalties)**

In a dramatic East Riding FA Vice President's Cup final on Sunday, Olympia suffered penalty shoot-out misery, after drawing 3-3 after extra time with Barham Rangers.

Travelling by coach, with excited followers with them for the occasion, they made a tremendous attempt at lifting the cup. Even in penalties it was tight, with the visitors just missing one crucial one, which enabled Barham to edge home 5-4 on spot kicks.

Free-scoring striker Lambert had a golden chance after 20 seconds of the final in a blistering start by the Olympia side but although beating the keeper he hit the post. The bar was set for the first 20 minutes which Olympia controlled.

Barham, who slowly grew into the game, took the lead when a cross-cum-shot was turned into his own goal by an unfortunate Olleanu.

Olympia levelled from the award of a penalty against the dangerous Lambert, who together with Lazenby caused Barham many problems. Lazenby took the spot kick that was saved by the keeper but, after a goalmouth scramble, the ball went in off the back of the keeper.

Barham recovered well and

Olympia check Helperby

**Selby Olympia 2
Helperby United 2**

Selby Olympia completed their Saturday season in Division Three of the Minster Engineering League with a hard-earned point against potential divisional champions, Helperby United, at Barby on Saturday.

The visitors came in confident mood, having hammered the Olympia outfit in the corresponding game just a fortnight earlier, but this was a far better contest and the hosts will be slightly disappointed they conceded a two-goal lead given to them by top scorer, Lambert.

Pollington in cup last four

Pollington kept their season going as they reached the last four of the League Junior Cup, with a comprehensive win over Cawood in their home quarter final on Saturday.

Having finished in what appears to be a creditable sixth spot in the league, with all their games completed, they made sure that their visitors can now concentrate on their own bid to stave off the drop in Division Two by scoring three without reply.

Goals from Alex Hunt, Matthew Wright and Joe Lock

regained the lead to take into the half time interval when their striker broke through flimsy Olympia cover to beat Prince-Iles with a fine shot.

The second half was a largely cagey affair with neither side wanting to make a mistake which would settle the tie.

The longer the game went the challenges in midfield started to get even more intense and Olympia found an equaliser to send the match into an additional 30 minutes.

Good work by Thompson and May found McAllister in the opposing penalty area and his cheeky back flick from the cross deceived the keeper and extra time it was.

Barham regained control in the added period and made it 3-2 with a fine half volley, this time leaving Prince-Iles stranded once more.

It seemed that, despite never giving up, the trophy was in the hands of Barham. But a dramatic intervention from Lambert led to the equaliser. His composed header from a Olleanu cross beat the keeper with all the quality in the ball provided.

When all the excitement had calmed down, the shoot-out was a bit of an anti-climax, as Friar missed Olympia's first penalty and Barham were simply 100 per cent, for them to lift the trophy in a dramatic final.

Helperby pulled a goal back before half time, and Olympia still had the opportunity to restore the two-goal lead in the second, but spurned those key moments, and the visitors came back strongly towards the end, to salvage a point, which keeps them on course for the title with games still to play.

Man of the Match for Olympia was Owen Nee.

It was a fifth-place finish for early season leaders, Olympia, who with 41 points from their 22 games have a full 37 more than last season's forgettable one in Division Two, and credit to the management team led by Richard Milner.

'Boro relegation fears growing

Hemingbrough United's first team hopes of avoiding relegation from the Minster Engineering League Premier Division were dealt further blows at the Fairfax Plant Hire Stadium over the last week, heaping enormous pressure on their remaining games against several of the league's top clubs.

'Boro lost 2-3 at home to bottom club Osbaldwick, already doomed to the drop, but incurring revenge for a hammering they took from the villagers earlier in the campaign. But then they recovered face somewhat by holding second in the table, Dringhouses, to an astonishing 5-5 draw on Saturday.

With matches against Old Malton St. Mary's and

Dunnington to come, the Osbaldwick game was seen as the one to restore parity with Sporting Knavesmire, just outside the bottom two, but it was not to be, when they were reduced to ten men following the dismissal of former Riccall player, amongst others, Gareth Roberts.

He had already been booked when he was shown a red card and it completed an eventful evening for the player, who had scored their first goal. But despite Nathan Parker scoring too, the league's bottom club made the hosts pay, with two goals from Isaac Clarke and one from substitute Nick Lawrie.

How significant Saturday's vital point was against

Dringhouses remains to be seen. Their last home game of the season was ding-dong fare, Nathan Parker with two, Josh Gill, David Whitaker and Guy May were on the scoresheet but, unfortunately, for all their prowess up front, they were leaky at the back, to a good side admittedly, who had several very experienced players in their line-up.

Liam Robertson hit a hat-trick, with Sam Backhouse and Cameron Mulhearn also on the scoresheet, and 'Boro are two points behind Sporting Knavesmire and Tadcaster Magnet, who lie on 22 with just one game left. The villagers have to now do it on their travels, starting at Church Fenton tonight, Wednesday, and then

Dunnington on Saturday. There is really no room for error.

The reserves lost heavily to Thorpe United at home and face a looming relegation threat.

However, congratulations to the Veterans, who on Sunday achieved back-to-back promotions in the ER Veterans League by beating Hanson Electrical 3-2 with goals from McMahon (2) and Cauldwell.

'Boro lottery news

19-35-38 were the numbers drawn on the weekly 'Boro lottery on Sunday evening at the Crown by Brad Famill.

With no winner, the Easter Sunday jackpot, then, will be a healthy £1100. Tickets available behind the village pub bar.

New season of Foss Evening Cricket League

The 2019 Foss Evening Cricket League will commence on Wednesday, May 1, with four divisions consisting of several of the top sides in the county fielding midweek teams for their youngsters to develop.

The league is played over the Twenty/20 format and runs until the early weeks of August, with competitors

hoping for a repeat of the long, hot summer of 12 months ago.

Reigning champions Bubwith, in Division One, and Kelfield, new for 2019 replacing Stillingfleet (Division Four), are our two immediate area sides, with others from North and East Yorkshire.

Fixtures for the first Wednesday:

Division One – Barmby Moor v BUBWITH COMMUNITY;

Heworth v Woodhouse Grange;

Middleton and North Dalton v Osbaldwick;

Yapham v Asgard Vikings.

Division Two - Bishop Wilton v Westow;

Woodhouse Grange II v Dunnington;

York v Thixendale.

Division Three - Bolton Percy v Heworth II;

Heslington v Stamford Bridge;

Tang Hall Tigers v Londesborough Park.

Division Four - KELFIELD

v Asgard Vikings II;

Stockton and Hopgrove v Copmanthorpe;

Wheldrake v Ovington.

Busy day at Harrogate for hockey under14s

Selby Hockey Club under14 girls faced a very chilly Sunday morning in a three-team tournament at Harrogate against the home club, and Ben Rhydding, whom they played twice each.

The results may have not gone their way, but the experience gained will count for the future, with manager's Player of the Day, keeper Lucy Moore, certainly kept warm in the opening contest against the hosts, with a raft of early saves.

A terrific response saw them take the lead through one of Emily Askham's trademark runs, and she fed Isabella Khosla, who fired her shot past the onrushing keeper.

Harrogate pushed hard for an equaliser after the break, but solid play from Sophie Harrison gave the Selby side a break, with Player of the Day Anne Pickup linking with Emily Cann, and they seemed to have done enough to hold on for a win until a late, unfortunate, own goal levelled things up.



Either side of the midday break, there were two games against Ben Rhydding with no reward in terms of goals and two defeats, 3-0 and 4-0 respectively. The opponents showed plenty of skill, but Selby, through feisty tackling from Sienna Stronach, and then linking with Kate Fawcett, did try to establish a foothold.

Neve Burden and Khosla also worked hard, but the counter-

attacks from the Ben Rhydding outfit were to prove lethal.

Joint-manager's Player of the Day, Ruby Draper, showed great defending skills to try and stem the flow when the games recommenced after the break, but Ben Rhydding were ruthless once more in front of the goal, with possibly fatigue setting in after a long day. Draper and Lily Handforth worked well and

Burden tried to push forward as a force.

Despite the two setbacks against a good Ben Rhydding outfit, Selby maintained their confidence into the final game with Harrogate, who had notched goals against their other opponents.

Bethan Kellett, who played well all day, and Cann and Burden, did look for ways to open up the home side, but it was they who showed the way to goal, with quick breaks seeing goals result on both occasions in a 2-0 outcome for Harrogate.

Highlight of the day for Selby was keeper Lucy Moore winning a clean sweep of the 'Zulu Starts', seeing a race to the centre circle from the goal line involving all their players, which almost gave their side a lightning first attack against Harrogate in the second half of their final game of the day.

The girls still enjoyed their long day and have a set of play-off matches on April 28 at Leeds Grammar School to finish their season.



Goole Vikings ARL are training hard

After their opening defeat in Yorkshire ARL Division Two against Ossett Trinity Tigers last Saturday week, Goole Vikings ARL are training hard for their next assignment, away again on April 27 at Stanningley.

Their first home game, due at the VPG last Saturday, was put back until later in the season for a couple of reasons, one being the on-going football season and, secondly, they had a fund-raising Race Night at the Hungry Horse, which was successful, and they thank those who attended, with over £800 raised.

They will play their first home league game against Keighley Albion on Saturday, May 11, kick off 2.30pm, but training is going well after that Ossett opening day loss and, although the 44-0 scoreline was

harsh, if one considers the West Yorkshire side had been playing winter rugby league as well, then they were match ready, even with the two-week window between the campaigns.

That form was franked as they followed up that win over Goole with a comfortable 18-32 win at Wakefield Hawks in one of three games played in Division two last week. Goole's next opponents, Stanningley, won at home against Wibsey, and Wyke thrashed Stainland Stags 48-6.

The Vikings ARL squad is still bonding and gelling together, with more experienced players learning alongside the less so, but the coaches remain confident that a first win will make all the difference to the team.

MinsterMen on top in high-scoring end game

**Howden AFC 4
Brandesburton 3**

For two teams, 2018-19 has represented substantial improvement in playing fortunes, and it was Howden AFC who ended on a winning note in a narrow 4-3 win over Brandesburton at the School and Technology ground. They will finish fourth in Humber League One if Bridlington Town Reserves don't win at North Cave in their final game this Easter Saturday.

In 2019, especially, there has been nothing like a lost cause for the MinsterMen, who, on a cool, bright Saturday afternoon fought back, even without leading scorer Robbie Tomlinson, from 3-1 down with twenty minutes to go to win in great circumstances.

O'Reilly for the afore-mentioned leading scorer was the only change from the previous week, with Haines also return-

ing, but only on the bench.

There was that end of season feeling about the game, but the hosts were off to an electric start with a quick break down the right by Whitaker, and there was Schofield on hand in the middle to tap home the cross.

The game may have lacked the quality that the end scoreline was going to suggest, and the home side almost paid the price, as Cal Martin had to move quickly to cover a Nathan Munday misjudgement which had the Brandesburton striker in on goal.

Brandesburton were not denied long, though, as they were level in deserved fashion with a build-up down their left, and the finish from the cross left Martin with little chance this time.

Frustrations grew for Howden, with O'Reilly caught offside on several occasions, as they struggled with any momentum, although Charley Petch was prominent.

The MinsterMen had won up at Brandesburton three weeks before but they were going to have to do it the hard way for any repeat, as they fell behind from a needlessly conceded foul by Matt Holt and, in a goalmouth scramble from the ensuing free kick, the ball was turned home.

Although nowhere near their best the belief at half time was they could pull the match around, yet despite a slightly better second half opening, a foul by Dominic Ashworth gave Brandesburton a penalty from which they extended their lead to make the task that much harder.

The afore-mentioned belief now needed a desire that was none too certain, but the introduction replacements, Parry, Haines and Eastwood saw the former make an immediate impact linking with Danny Coulth, who was on the end of his cross to make it 2-3.

The substitute provider then turned scorer with ten minutes

to go as he equalised, finding the corner with a low shot after good work this time by Haines and Clement, and, still not finished, Parry then turned up with a header into goal to complete a remarkable turnaround, and had the loyal supporters in good voice on the touchline.

A fifth successive league win has Howden finishing on their highest points tally of 44 in the Humber League with over half their games won, and manager David Holt challenging his young team to match or even earn silverware in the 2019-20 campaign.

Of the comeback win here he said: "Coming back with three goals inside 15 minutes is huge testament to the players, after being seemingly out we managed to turn the game on its head with the substitutes changing the complexity of the game."

Tom Parry's impact as one of those substitutions earned him the Man of the Match award.

United have a comfortable win



**Goole United 3
Driffield Evening Institute 0**

Goole United will have the chance to finish seventh in

Humber League One in their first season back in the fold after they had a 3-0 win in their penultimate game, their last home game against Driffield Evening Institute, at the Victoria Pleasure

Grounds on Saturday.

That should not be beyond them when they travel to bottom club Hall Road Rangers Reserves at Haworth Park, kick off 2pm – a side they comfortably beat at the start of the sea-

son.

Goals from Man of the Match Lewis Franks, Josh Lamming and Holgate completed a routine win for an inconsistent United.

● Picture by Sean Stewart

Rangers end season on a positive note

After the disappointment of going out of the HE Dean Cup the previous Saturday, South Park Rangers completed their East Riding County League Division Two season on a high, with four points out of six in their last two games last week.

A third or fourth place finish looks likely, with a handful of games left for clubs to play, and it would seem the title is between current leaders, Hesse Rangers Reserves, who inflicted that cup exit, or South Cave United Reserves, who Rangers held to a 3-3 draw in an exciting last home game last Tuesday week.

South Cave are favourites, with two games in hand on Hesse and three points behind, but with a significantly better goal difference, but they were made to work very hard at South Park, where the hosts came from one goal down, then two goals down to earn a well-deserved point.

Connor Moore equalised first for the Rangers on 34 minutes, after they had gone behind ten minutes earlier and, although the visitors regained the lead within a minute, an all-action last quarter saw the lead extended briefly on 76 minutes. But Shane Williams and Jacken

Broadhead scored twice inside a minute to set up a great last ten minutes, in which either side could have snatched the three points.

At bottom of the table Holme Rovers Reserves on Saturday it was slightly easier fare, after the shock of trailing to a third minute goal, and they were worthy winners to sign off 2018-19, as Jacken Broadhead (40) and Nicky Fletcher (42) gave them a half-time advantage, added to by Regen Allen midway through the second half.

DIVISION TWO TABLE
(inc. Sat. Apr. 13) 1. Hesse Rangers Reserves P16 Pts. 34 GD 29; *2. Skirlaugh AFC 17 32 13; 3. South Park Rangers 18 32 7; *4. Driffield Evening Institute Reserves 17 32 4; 5. South Cave United Reserves 14 31 51; 6. Bridlington Rovers 18 26 -16; 7. Hedon Rangers III 18 25 -5; 8. FC Lodge 18 13 -18; 9. Hornsea Town Reserves 17 10 -26; 10. Holme Rovers Reserves 17 9 -39. *denotes points deducted.

The Academy side finished a mixed season with a 5-0 defeat at Leven Members Club Reserves, and finished four places off the bottom, with 18 points from their 20 games played.

Young Tigers improve

Goole Town Tigers under-7 blacks braved a chilly Methley on Saturday to face the hosts, and Gilberdyke, in a competition called the World Cup - as the Selby and District Football League like to call it - matching teams of similar ability in games of two x 20 minutes, 10 minutes each half.

They emerged with a win and a defeat, but in that defeat in the first game against Methley, the scoreline of 4-3 was far better than the 11-2 it was between the

two earlier in the season.

Then in beating Gilberdyke 2-0 in their second game, they gained revenge for a defeat several months ago, but the overall standard from all three teams was good.

West Park will be the venue for these three teams meeting once more on Saturday week, and the winners of the trophy will be determined by who has most points on conclusion. Methley lead with four, the Tigers have two and Gilberdyke are yet to register.



Selby win Tommy Burton Trophy

Goole RUFC seconds and Selby RUFC seconds met in a friendly match on Saturday, which was won by Selby 28 points to 20. The match was played for the Tommy Burton Trophy.

Tommy Burton and Gary Wakes were both former players who died tragically, prematurely and suddenly from unrelated causes.

Tommy originated from Goole, but was a player at Selby for, sadly, too few years.

Gary played at Selby for many

years, then returned to his native Goole to continue his playing career, and latterly to coach.

The trophies were donated and are contested each year as a tribute to the high esteem in which both of these superb characters were held.

● **Goole seconds Man of the Match, Harry Patrick, presenting the Tommy Burton Trophy to Selby seconds' Captain, Paul Randall.**

Close end of season game as Hullensians survive - just

Hullensians RUFC 1st XV 22

Selby RUFC 1st XV 17

The old adage of 'if you want a job doing, do it yourself and do not rely on others' was certainly opportune at Hullensians on Saturday, at the bottom end of Yorkshire One, writes IAN MARLOW.

With Selby securing their league survival the previous week, this last match of the season in East Yorkshire could have turned into a bit of a non-event – however, the hosts own survival worries, together with a commendably committed effort from the Swans, turned this into another last-minute thriller. And with Old Rishworthians somehow contriving to beat runaway champions Moortown, at home, a flying home winger and a length of the field try, with seconds left, caused absolute pandemonium amongst home support on the touchline, and total mayhem, no doubt, in the bar afterwards.

There was disappointment for Selby, who more than played their part, but the two teams will lock horns next season, in what looks to be a really competitive Yorkshire One in September.

At kick off, Hullensians needed a win to guarantee their own league survival, and either by chance or design, a sizeable crowd of their former players were gathered to help roar their men home. Both

teams did not disappoint the occasion as they started well, with some committed attack from Hull, met with equally resolute defence from the Swans.

Selby's scrum gained immediate dominance and Josh Cruise opened the scoring with a long range penalty, before Selby's old bugbear of conceding needless penalties gave Hull good field position for their forwards to pile over for their own 5-3 lead.

With Selby now struggling to hold onto possession, Hullensians were seeing plenty of the ball, but excellent defending, with Charlie Cicero and Tom Edwards to the fore, repelled all invaders – and then there was a slice of luck for Selby as, after the unsighted referee missed a Selby knock-on, Danny Wilkinson dummied his way over for a 5-10 lead.

There was just time for Hullensians, after yet another Selby error, to kick a long range penalty of their own for 8-10 at half time.

With the breeze picking up in Selby's favour, they were in the second half driving seat, but a succession of mind-boggling penalties for handling in the ruck kept them pinned back in their own half. However, with Hullensians opting to trundle the ball up the middle, rather than using their speedy wingers on a couple of overlaps, the Swans defence held firm – and then punished the hosts as, after a rare foray into the opposition

half, Josh and Harry Cruise combined exquisitely for the latter to dot down under the stick for a 8-17 Selby lead.

And that wasn't the half of Hullensians problems, as news began to filter in from fields afar that those fellow relegation candidates Old Rishworthians were pulling off that improbable win against runaway champions Moortown, meaning it was essential that the home side win to avoid relegation.

With Hullensians nerves now considerably more frayed, they did well not to buckle under the pressure, and instead came fighting back for their gargantuan replacement prop to steamroller over to close the score to 15-17.

Some excellent clearance kicks downfield from Cruise then paved the way for Selby to camp in the home half, as the clock clicked down to what was looking like their inevitable demise.

Two kickable penalties from the normally reliable Cruise sailed wide, before another penalty gave Selby a five-yard scrum right on the Hullensians line in the corner with time nearly up. The ball was duly won and Charlie Cicero came within inches of crossing to put Hullensians out of their misery – but then, instead of sticking the ball up their jumpers and seeing the clock out for the win, Selby decided to encapsulate their entire season in a 30-second vignette, by firing an optimistic pass out, losing possession, and

then missing several tackles as Hullensians sent the ball out to their right winger – who promptly blazed up the touchline, past their ecstatic club-house supporters, for a last-gasp, length-of-the-field try to win the game and save their Yorkshire One skins. Buy that man a drink!

So, while it was a disappointing loss on the day, the avoidance of relegation (yet again) can be counted as a season-long success for Selby, and there have been definite signs of improvement in Selby's play over the year, which augurs well for the new campaign ahead. And that will be overseen by a new head coach, as present incumbent Steve Cruise moves upstairs to the director of rugby role – after doing a fantastic job in returning at short notice during last season to save a sinking Selby ship. Well done Steve, well played!

While Selby first team's season is now over, Selby thirds' quest for glory continues this Saturday at 3pm at home to Wharfedale in the semi-final of the North Yorkshire Trophy – and all are welcome.

SELBY LINE-UP: 15 Cruise H.;14 Leetham M.;13 Hunt S.;12 Gorman A.;11 Robinson J.; 10 Cruise J.; 9 Wilkinson D.;1 Hardy D.; 2 Thompson C.;3 McCoy M.;4 Clark S.; 5 Parkinson A.;6 Cicero C. (capt); 7 Edwards T.;8 Hogan L.Substitutes:16 Tunningley A.; 17 Campbell S.;18 Raynor O.



Kirby Lonsdale RUFC under15s Selby RUFC under15s Stafford RUFC U15s

Selby's under15s boys completed their season last week-

end by travelling to Kirby Lonsdale, in the Yorkshire Dales, for a weekend of rugby, team spirit and fun.

Leaving Friday night, dressed as 'Superheroes', 17 players and 24 adults clambered on to a coach bound north and enjoyed singing, tour jokes and games en route.

Saturday morning saw the team play rugby tens against a touring team from Stafford RUFC, where the faster-paced game was a close call for the Young Swans, who just lost out 43-45 following the ref's decision to disallow a Selby try.

The afternoon was filled with watching Kirby Lonsdale's first

team in action in their last game of the season, Touch and Pass and rugby rounders against the adults, and an evening of socialising with a barbecue and drinks.

The final day started with a morning full of rugby in a three way fixture against the under15s teams of Kirby

Lonsdale and Stafford. Selby were slow off the mark in the first two 20 minute games, but showed determination and great rugby skills to win their final matches against their two opponents. It was a great way to end the season.

The tour finale was rugby golf – kicking a rugby ball around a

nine-hole course – where laughter could be heard across the valley from the non-rugby playing adults as they tried to (a) kick a rugby ball and (b) kick a rugby ball in a straight line!

Everyone had a fantastic time on tour and bonded together as a rugby family. Roll on next season!

Football and rugby local league tables

Humber League Division One table

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
inc.Sat. April 13							
Beverley Town Reserves	22	17	3	2	86	44	54
Driffield Juniors	24	16	5	3	80	33	53
Barton Town Reserves	24	16	1	7	77	36	49
HOWDEN	24	13	5	6	71	59	44
Bridlington Town Res.	23	14	1	8	63	39	43
Brandesburton	23	11	4	8	59	48	37
Driffield Evening Inst.	24	10	2	12	63	52	32
GOOLE UNITED	23	10	1	12	36	53	31
Easington United	24	9	3	12	45	66	30
*NORTH CAVE	23	8	4	11	49	51	25
*Blackburn Athletic	23	7	3	13	45	49	21
Hall Road Rangers Res.	23	2	1	20	34	114	7
Hessle Sporting United	24	0	5	19	38	102	5

* denotes three points deducted.

Toolstation Northern Counties East tables

PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
inc. Tues. April 16							
Worksop Town	36	26	6	4	92	39	84
Penistone Church	37	25	4	8	109	49	79
Bridlington Town	36	22	5	9	91	48	71
Yorkshire Amateur	35	22	4	9	81	57	70
Maltby Main	36	19	10	7	61	29	67
Hemsworth MW	35	21	3	11	85	51	66
Staveley MW	35	17	10	8	71	42	61
Handsworth Parramore	35	18	5	12	65	62	59
Knaresborough Town	36	17	6	13	68	55	57
Bottesford Town	36	14	10	12	59	59	52
Eccleshill United	34	15	7	12	64	65	52
Barton Town	36	14	7	15	51	50	49
Liversedge	36	15	3	18	56	75	48
Garforth Town	36	11	6	19	48	59	39
Thackley	37	9	10	18	63	75	37
Albion Sports	36	10	4	22	56	84	34
Athersley Recreation	35	9	3	23	40	80	30
GOOLE AFC	36	6	2	28	39	98	20
Hall Road Rangers	36	5	5	26	49	111	20
Harrogate RA	37	3	10	24	42	102	19

Minster Engineering League tables

PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
inc.Sat. April 13							
Old Malton St Mary's	26	22	2	2	101	17	68
Dringhouses AFC	27	17	3	7	93	52	54
Wigginton Grasshoppers	26	16	4	6	107	43	52
Huntington Rovers	26	15	5	6	73	41	50
Church Fenton FC	25	16	2	7	47	42	50
THORPE UNITED	25	14	6	5	74	45	48
Dunnington	26	15	2	9	71	56	47
F1 Racing	26	12	2	12	63	50	38
Kirbymoorside	27	10	2	15	63	80	32
Copmanthorpe	27	8	2	17	57	94	26
Poppleton United	27	8	1	18	67	97	25
Sporting Knavesmire	27	7	1	19	41	80	22
Tadcaster Magnets	26	7	1	18	47	91	22
HEMINGBROUGH UNITED	25	6	2	17	53	83	20
Osbaldwick	28	5	3	20	44	130	18

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
inc.Sat. April 13							
Pocklington Town II	21	16	3	2	54	21	51
Easingwold Town	20	13	2	5	52	28	41
Tockwith AFC	21	11	4	6	53	30	37
Rawcliffe	20	11	3	6	54	31	36
Strensall Tigers	21	8	7	6	56	50	31
Haxby Town	19	8	2	9	50	45	26
CLIFFE	20	8	2	10	43	61	26
Malton and Norton FC	21	8	1	12	37	47	25
Harrison Signs FC	22	6	4	12	28	53	22
Bishopthorpe United	21	5	3	13	43	67	18
RICCALL UNITED	20	5	3	12	42	73	18
Heworth AFC	18	4	4	10	36	42	16

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
inc. Tues. April 16							
Stamford Bridge	22	14	6	2	74	39	48
The Beagle FC	21	14	3	4	55	37	45
MALT SHOVEL	17	12	2	3	63	19	38
Rufforth United	20	12	2	6	73	32	38
Civil Service	21	11	3	7	77	51	36
POLLINGTON	22	9	6	7	49	48	33
Brooklyn FC	21	8	2	11	39	50	26
Wilberfoss	22	7	1	14	53	97	22
Clifford	17	6	2	9	34	41	20
CAWOOD FC	21	5	1	15	37	79	16
BUBWITH WHITE SWAN	20	5	0	15	44	85	15
Barmby Moor	20	3	4	13	37	57	13

DIVISION THREE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
inc.Sat. April 13							
Heslington	22	16	0	6	92	42	48
Wheldrake	20	15	0	5	62	28	45
Helperby United	18	14	2	2	89	26	44
Wombledon Wanderers FC	18	13	2	3	78	26	41
SELBY OLYMPIA	22	13	2	7	64	51	41
Walnut Tree	22	10	3	9	64	64	33
Crayke United	21	10	2	9	57	66	32
LNER Builders	21	9	1	11	75	81	28
Fulford United FC	21	8	3	10	67	52	27
Elm Park	21	5	0	16	38	104	15
Swinton AFC	22	3	3	16	37	86	12
Stillington S&C Club	22	0	0</td				

Majestic Garage Individual Pool League results and tables

Super League - Charter Club
Week 9 - fixtures/results

John Turner 6-3 Antony

Myers

Tommy Butterfield v Neil

Buck

Paul Hand v Dale Masterman

Ed Cunneyworth 4-5 Karl

Buck

Stuart Smith v Colt Woolass

Joshua Buck 5-4 Ben Lamb

Jordan King 3-6 Scott Croley

Donal Fullerton 8-1 Tom

Bonser

Gary Outhwaite 3-6 Sean

Broadhead

Ryan Slater 5-4 Angie

Johnson

Simon Everett 5-4 Joshua

Sellers

Week 9 - fixtures/ results

Cary Dean 3-6 Aiden

Whitehead

Roy Loombe v Nath

Broadhead

Martin Loombe 2-7 Kevin

Challenger

Jack Merrington 4-5 Steve Smith

Super League		P	W	L	Pts
1	john turner	9	8	1	56
2	scott croley	8	7	1	48
3	ed cunnyworth	9	6	3	43
4	dale masterman	8	6	2	43
5	karl buck	9	7	2	42
6	anthony myers	8	4	4	40
7	jordan king	9	3	6	36
8	tommy butterfield	7	3	4	35
9	paul hand	8	4	4	35
10	ben lamb	9	3	6	33
11	josh buck	9	2	7	32
12	neil buck	8	4	4	30
13	stu smith	8	1	7	29
14	colt woolass	7	0	7	20

Premiership		P	W	L	Pts
1	martin thomson	9	7	2	51
2	corey cooper	9	6	3	49
3	regan allen	9	6	3	46
4	kieran smith	9	6	3	42
5	andrew stevens	9	4	5	41
6	steve cawthorn	9	5	4	40
7	joe holt	8	6	2	39
8	dave hunt	9	4	5	39
9	josh brown	9	2	7	38
10	gary Yates	8	5	3	37
11	ben buck	8	4	4	37
12	chris lloyd	9	2	7	35
13	rick harrison	9	2	7	28
14	natalie merrill	8	2	6	27

Championship		P	W	L	Pts
1	matt young	9	8	1	55
2	martin chafer	9	6	3	49
3	shaun pickles	9	5	4	47
4	gordon gaughan	9	8	1	47
5	donal fullerton	9	5	4	46
6	steve collins	9	6	3	44
7	gary outhwaite	9	4	5	41
8	will ferron	9	4	5	40
9	sean broadhead	9	3	6	39
10	ryan slayter	9	4	5	38
11	josh sellers	9	4	5	38
12	tom bonser	9	2	7	31
13	simon everatt	9	3	6	31
14	angie johnson	9	1	8	21

Division One

	P	W	L	Pts	
1	liam marshall	9	8	1	50
2	andy merrington	9	7	2	45
3	tony spink	9	6	3	44
4	wayne smith	8	6	2	43
5	marcus bonser	8	5	3	43
6	sid ellis	9	4	5	43
7	dan neal	9	4	5	41
8	mark marshall	9	4	5	40
9	ant kenning	9	6	3	40
10	barry mardon	9	4	5	39
11	dallas woods	9	3	6	37
12	steve acaster	9	3	6	37
13	liam coultish	9	4	5	36
14	kean norcup	9	2	7	34
15	wilf whitehead	8	2	6	29
16	martin wilson	8	0	6	29

	P	W	L	Pts	
1	kevin challenger	9	9	0	57
2	jack merrington	9	6	3	52
3	nath broadhead	8	5	3	41
4	martin loombe	9	3	6	37
5	steve smith	9	3	6	36
6	aiden whitehead	9	4	5	36
7	cary dean	9	3	6	33
8	roy loombe	8	2	6	23

Goole and District Snooker League sponsored by Classic Cleaners

Matchroom secure 19th title after Phoenix collapse

Charter Matchroom took their nineteenth League title (17 on the trot) after losing 3-1 away to NUR Railroaders in this week's Classic Cleaners Sponsored Goole and District Snooker League.

Railroaders' Kirk Swan took the opener after receiving a 15-start from Scott Croley. Croley started the better, but Swan took control as the frame progressed, to win a comfortable 75-32 victory.

Matchroom's Ed Cunneyworth then took the all important second frame, after giving a 15-start to Brad Walker. Walker started the better with a 15, but Cunneyworth fought back with a 14 of his own, and then a yellow to blue 14 had Walker requiring snookers. Cunneyworth sealed the game on the pink, 60-40, to level the match.

In the third frame, Railroaders' Mally Horne

received a 20-start from Stu Smith. Smith managed to claw his way back to only six behind going into the colours, but Horne scored better throughout the colours and eventually took pink for frame, 69-47.

The final frame had Railroaders' Geoff Hudson receiving a 25-start from Shaun Hattersley. Hudson set off well and built a lead, and even a nice 32 break from Hattersley couldn't bridge the gap, Hudson eventually taking the frame, 77-50, for a 3-1 home win to the Railroaders.

Meanwhile, Charter Phoenix had something of a collapse as they hosted stablemates Charter Convicts.

In the opener, Convicts' Will Ferron received a 30-start from Steve Gibbons and managed to almost hang on to the start, winning 72-46.

Stu Giles doubled Convicts'

ing a 10-start from Andrew Stevens, and even a 19 break by Stevens couldn't stop Giles taking the frame 54-37.

Frame three was the closest of

the night, with Phoenix's Rob Jacobs giving a 35-start to Ernie Johnson. Despite a 16 by Jacobs, Johnson hung on to take the frame on the black, 73-

69, for 3-0.

Phoenix's league title hopes were eventually dashed in the fourth, after skipper Andy Bunclark gave opposite number Roly Hind a 30-start, only for Hind to run out a 59-21 victory to complete the 4-0 whitewash, thus handing the title to Matchroom.

The third match had Crescent Crusaders hosting NUR Mainline.

In the opener, Crusaders' Neil Pollard gave a 10-start to Barry Mell. Pollard got the better of the reds, but was still behind going onto the colours. Then, four successive fouls put him 19 points behind. Mell then potted what would have been frame ball green, but went in-off, allowing Pollard back in to eventually pinch the frame on the pink, 61-48.

Crusaders' Pete Smith then took a very one-sided frame after giving a 15-start to Ray

Wright; a 16 break by Smith was the best contribution in a 59-26 victory, for 2-0 to Crusaders.

In the third frame, Crusaders' Steve Atkinson gave a 25-start to Teresa Martin. Atkinson took reds, but struggled with colours, whereas Martin took three colours with her six reds which, added to 13 points in fouls, increased her lead to 44, with only 43 left on. Atkinson fought hard for his snookers, but in the end conceded, after a failed escape from a snooker hit the black, giving Martin a convincing 69-21 victory.

Unique Paints Limited Goole Pool League

33 teams, three divisions in new pool campaign

Three divisions and 33 teams will compete in another new campaign of the Unique Paints Limited Goole Pool League starting tonight, Wednesday. After all the heartache of the play-offs for a couple of defeated sides less than a month ago, Jiminy Cricket in particular, find themselves promoted due to drop-outs, new teams, name and late switches.

Woodland Rawneks are there to defend their Premier Division crown in the league's 43rd year once more, with the usual rival, and an interesting challenge from a new side, Peacock Potters, comprising star names who may want to put their spoke in along the way.

Vic Club Owls are a new team in Division One, with plenty of seasoned players in their ranks so, if they gel together, they may well prove a threat to the relegated clubs, who will look to prosper with settled squads.

Pool also returns to the **Old George** and **Ship Inn** this season, with teams in Division Two. Also battling along in there are

the Peacock Dragons, perennial strugglers, but a team that just like to play their pool and try to do their best.

PREMIER DIVISION:

Buchanan Bulldogs; Charter Champs; Creykes Crusaders; Howden Hustlers; Jiminy Cricket; Packet Sambas; Peacock Potters; Swingletree United; Vic Club Legends; Woodland Pirates; Woodland Rawneks.

DIVISION ONE:

Charter Cheddars; Charter DMC; Crescent Tugas; Cricket Club Panthers; Hungry Horse Nobles; Middle House Massive; Middle House Masters; Peacock Allstars; Peacock Outlanders; Vic Club Owls; Woodland Wallins.

DIVISION TWO:

Buchanan Bulls; Crescent Cats; Hungry Horse Stallions; Mac Marauders; Middle House Coaches; Peacock Dragons; Peacock Piranhas; Ship Shape; Swiney Hotdogs; The Old George; Vermuyden Vipers.

Good luck to all over the next six months that will take us through late spring, summer and into the autumn months.

Fishing news

Shelter helps open winner

Selby anglers like their Viking Fishery Open winds, and sheltered from the cool easterly wind on Hawk Pond in a match won by David Sawyer on a corner peg with 55-9-0.

Snaith's Shane Gibbins was second with 45-8-0 and the Hull brothers of Ben and Luke Hardcastle were third and fourth, with 40-12-0 and 36-12-0 respectively.

Hawk Pond is the venue for this Saturday's Open and to book a place please call 01405 785206.

On Sunday Colton A.C. were on Hawk Pond, where Dave Stainthorpe won the match with 45-8-0 from peg 11, with Ian Asquith second with 41-8-0 and John McKenzie third with 31-4-0.

South Leeds Conservative Angling Club were on Fox Pond, where B. Stanley won with 51-8-0. R. Rodgers was second with 40-3-0 and M. Jackson third with 33-14-0.

The Corner Pin match on Deer Pond was won by James Taylor with 45-8-0.

15 days to Tour de Yorkshire

Another Tour de Yorkshire cycle race is 15 days away as we count down to one of the largest sporting events in the county.

Despite one of the big names, Sir Gary Verity, standing down as chief executive of the Welcome to Yorkshire venture, interest remains as high as ever. Sir Gary was principally involved in, firstly, welcoming the Tour de France, and then as the architect behind the Yorkshire Tour starting in 2014.

Now firmly set in the UK sporting calendar, as well as the county's, the event sprang to life after the success of the opening stage of the Tour de France in 2013, and this will be the sixth Tour when it gets underway on Thursday, May 2

– the first time it will be four days instead of the usual three.

The area has been part of all the five previous stagings in some way, and this year, Goole, despite not being on the main route, is on the periphery again, with Thursday's opening stage going from Doncaster to Selby, with East Cowick, Airmyn, Howden and Eserick on the route, amongst other places, before the finish in front of the Abbey. It is a total of 178.5 kilometres and gives everyone the chance to see the multi-winner of the Tour de France, amongst other events, Chris Froome, as part of Team Sky, who are in their last year of sponsoring.

With Selby a destination for one of the stage finishes this year, it has also held the start of

Cricket friendlies prepare for new season

We are still ten days away from the start of the York Senior League cricket season but already teams are playing friendly matches – a far cry from just 12 months ago after the season was put on hold for a week to enable groundsmen and clubs to dry out flooded fields.

Goole Town firsts travelled to Yorkshire League Southside Doncaster Town and, although going down by 132 runs, will arguably face no stronger opponents all season.

Under the captaincy of Kevin

Murphy once more and Ben Earl as vice-captain, the latter two scored with 32 and Neil Foster made 28 in an all-out total of 144.

No significant new names appear at Westfield for the summer, although club officials are still hoping there may be one before the opening day.

They travel to Osbaldwick on Saturday for another warm-up game, prior to the league season starting with the 'derby' day game with Carlton Towers.

Meanwhile, there will be no Thursday night Snaith League

representation from Westfield in 2019 after the club pulled out of the competition and will be replaced by a second team from Carlton Towers, who will field a side in each division which starts on May 2.

On the subject of Carlton, they have a warm-up game this Saturday, too, entertaining a strong Bradford Premier League side in East Ardsley at the Fishpond Field, 12.30pm start and over 45 overs per side.

After going so close to promotion to the Premier Division in 2018 and with the second

team winning Division Four Ebor at a canter, new faces to arrive for 2019 include Ethan Umbo and Toby Bodycombe from Gilberdyke, Dipash Chuahan and Adam Cass from Hirst Courtney, Richard Ellam from Pollington, and Aidan Coulbeck and Dan Harley, the former having been at Hemingbrough in recent times.

A full preview of the new cricket season will be in Goole and Selby Sport next week for all our area sides, together with a reprise of the fixtures first published in February.

New bowls season approaches

Goole and District Bowling Association, comprising area clubs from Selby, Gilberdyke, Wyndthorpe, Pollington and Fishlake, held its pre-season meeting on Sunday, with the distribution of all fixture handbooks for 2019. The league campaign starts on Monday week, April 29.

This season there are three Midweek Triples Leagues - A. B and C - who play on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

evenings with 20 teams, one division of eight and two of six each. There is also a **Friday Night Fours League** with four divisions this year, comprising 38 teams, three divisions of ten and one of eight.

MIDWEEK TRIPLES LEAGUE

A – Airmyn; Airmyn Riverside; Fishlake A; Fishlake B; Howden; Pollington; RAOB Club; West Park B.

B – Arcadia; Hemingbrough;

Howden A; Howden C; Pollington B; Wyndthorpe.

C – Gilberdyke; Hemingbrough A; Howden ML; Pollington A; West Park D; Wyndthorpe A.

FRIDAY NIGHT FOURS LEAGUE

A – Airmyn Riverside A; Drax B; Fishlake B; Howden B; Howden C; Jemmy Hirst A; Pollington; Timms; West Park F; West Parkside.

B – Airmyn; Charter Club M;

Drax A; Drax C;

Hemingbrough A; Howden A; Howden LA; Howden LM; Pollington A and Wyndthorpe B.

C – Airmyn CC; Airmyn Riverside; Fishlake C; Hemingbrough C; Howden D; Howden F; Riccall Saxons; Riccall Vikings; West Park D; Wyndthorpe C.

D – Arcadia; Fishlake A; Gilberdyke; Hemingbrough; Olympia; Olympia C; Pollington C and Pollington D.

Bumper crowd expected for 61st John Smith's Pocklington Sevens

comes amidst the later matches of the season.

Three-times main winners, and once in the Plate, Goole RUFC will be looking to add the Sevens event to their first team's Yorkshire Two winner's trophy, whilst Selby RUFC have never won the Sevens, but are regular participants in the popular tournament, first held in 1959.

For Goole, hangovers permitting, they will put a competitive side out, despite their seconds

and thirds having respective Merit Table play-off games on Saturday, the thirds ironically at Pocklington, after the clear up has been completed.

The main trophy of late, with the final expected around 6.30pm, has been won by a visiting or guest side, but that does not mean to say there is not any local interest, as there are teams from Driffield, Ionians and York, as well as Selby and Goole, ensuring they will be

well supported as well.

The Pocklington Sevens is the number one Sevens tournament in Yorkshire, and is often the one and only chance for the rival clubs to meet in a more friendly environment - not that the rugby is not taken seriously, but with the bar well stocked and other refreshments in plentiful supply, the decent afternoon forecast should see between 2000 and 3000 people flock through the gate.

Good luck to our local teams.



a stage, with the iconic Abbey, just celebrating 900 years, as a perfect backdrop. Crowds have flocked to see the top cyclists in the United Kingdom and other

countries use the Yorkshire race as preparation for other big races such as the Spain, France and Italy marathons, as well as the Tour of Britain later in the summer.

The hills of the county are more than good practice for the climbs in those other races, and the addition of Froome to the

event in 2019 gives it all the more credence.

In addition to the men's race, there is a two-day Asda Tour of Yorkshire for the women, which takes in the Friday and Saturday stages of the men's race from Barnsley to Bedale and then Bridlington to Scarborough, with England's Lizzie Deignan coming back to compete just eight months after having a baby. Deignan won the women's race in 2017 and the decision to incorporate the race into the middle two days is to get more publicity.

The final day, Sunday, also sees a Tour de Yorkshire ride, where members of the public can take part in either a long stage, a medium stage or a short stage.