

# ROUGHYED REVIEW

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*In the boss's chair... and drinking from his cup!*

**ROGER tells me we have a lot of material to cram into this issue of 'Roughyed Review' so from me this week it will have to be short and sweet.**

As you can read in more detail on page 8 our club chaplain Tony Ford is leaving us after today's game to take over at a church in Barrow so on behalf of everyone at the club I wish Tony and Denise all the very best of wishes for their new venture in Cumbria.

You will have a chance to show your own personal appreciation to Tony on the pitch at half-time.

As club chaplain for eight years, he has been at the very heart and hub of the club for a long time and he will be hugely missed.

The club owes him a big thank-you. And it's a measure of the man that the place won't seem the same without him, especially on

# ANNE KEARNS... in the hot-seat while Chris is on sick leave

training nights in pre-season when he would turn up in all weathers in the middle of a typical Oldham winter to lend his support and, in some cases, his guidance and counselling.

Turning to last Saturday and the Wembley final it was a real pleasure to be one of the 45 Roughyeds fans who were on our club trip to the Ladbrokes Challenge Cup final.

We all had a smashing time and the feedback since, both in person and via social media, has been super and extremely positive.

One of the highlights was our parade around the perimeter of the stadium pre-match and to see at first hand all the hustle and bustle in the bowels of Wembley as the various groups practised their routines before entering the arena.

Our little group was led around by lifelong fan John Illing, who was proud to carry the Oldham flag, For that, he could thank club captain Gareth Owen who drew his name out of the hat.

While parading round we

spotted Kyran Johnson up in the crowd and he gave us a wave.

We enjoyed the match; we had a bit of fun on the way home; and everyone said they would be up for it again next year.

Again, a big thank-you to everyone who went on the trip and made it such an enjoyable day out.

Finally, a reminder to our young fans and their parents that anyone who entered the Roary colouring competition MUST have their entries back at the club by next Wednesday, September 5 at the very latest.

We are hoping most entrants will drop their masterpieces into the special box situated near the turnstiles today but for those who don't they must either be handed in at the office or posted to the office to get here by next Wednesday.

Each entry must have a name, age and contact number.

Thanks to you all for supporting us today and enjoy the game,

**Anne Kearns,**  
Oldham RLFC





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# DRESSING ROOM VIEW

## head coach SCOTT NAYLOR



### HELLO everyone and welcome to today's game against Coventry Bears at the Vestacare Stadium.

It's been two weeks since we last played a match and that feels like a lifetime after you've lost a game you know you should have won comfortably.

I'm obviously talking about the Newcastle game. We had it won after 60 minutes and we should have gone on to win by 20 points or more, but we didn't.

It isn't the first time this has happened to us this season. It was another chance to put points on the board which we didn't take because of our own mistakes and our inability to finish teams off.

You've got to be strong when things go against you or when opponents get momentum on you but how we have reacted in those circumstances has been a frustrating part of our mentality.

Sometimes you just have to dig in and tighten things up and be boring and dogged in order to take away the strengths of your opponents

until they lose their momentum.

You have to complete sets consistently and defend with your hearts for ten to 15 minutes and wait for the game to change in your favour.

It's a lesson we need to learn very quickly and apply to our performances on a weekly basis so we are difficult to beat at home or away, starting today and continuing for the next four games.

On a different theme, I want to give a very special mention to a fantastic bunch of people in our club.

We are extremely lucky to have a group called ORSA (Oldham Roughyeds Supporters Association), who raise money for the club.

One of their main aims is to raise the money for the players to do some team bonding throughout the season.

Consistently, they work incredibly hard season after season to raise money whichever way they can

- and recently they have made it possible for the lads to go out together after training and eat at a popular restaurant..

I would personally like to thank them and I know the lads massively appreciate everything they do for them,

Many thanks,  
**Scott**

## **Thanks !**

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|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| York City Knights     | 22        | 20        | 2        | 0        | 1014       | 268        | 746        | 40        |
| Bradford Bulls        | 22        | 19        | 3        | 0        | 963        | 255        | 708        | 38        |
| Workington Town       | 22        | 16        | 6        | 0        | 727        | 399        | 328        | 32        |
| Doncaster RLFC        | 22        | 15        | 7        | 0        | 788        | 424        | 364        | 30        |
| <b>Oldham RLFC</b>    | <b>22</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>776</b> | <b>287</b> | <b>489</b> | <b>28</b> |
| Hunslet RLFC          | 22        | 14        | 8        | 0        | 663        | 478        | 185        | 28        |
| Whitehaven RLFC       | 22        | 13        | 9        | 0        | 568        | 454        | 114        | 26        |
| Keighley Cougars      | 22        | 11        | 11       | 0        | 693        | 525        | 168        | 22        |
| Newcastle Thunder     | 22        | 11        | 11       | 0        | 626        | 444        | 182        | 22        |
| North Wales Crusaders | 22        | 7         | 14       | 1        | 453        | 588        | -135       | 15        |
| Coventry Bears        | 22        | 6         | 16       | 0        | 354        | 936        | -582       | 12        |
| London Skolars        | 22        | 5         | 16       | 1        | 514        | 749        | -235       | 11        |
| Hemel Stags           | 22        | 2         | 20       | 0        | 282        | 1052       | -770       | 4         |
| West Wales Raiders    | 22        | 0         | 22       | 0        | 164        | 1726       | -1562      | 0         |

## Oldham RLFC Player Stats 2018

| Squad No. | Player          | Total App | Appearance | Interchange App | Tries | Goals | Drop Goals | Points | Squad No. | Player           | Total App | Appearance | Interchange App | Tries | Goals | Drop Goals | Points |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|-------|-------|------------|--------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|-------|-------|------------|--------|
| 1         | Kyran Johnson   | 12        | 12         | 0               | 5     | 4     | 0          | 28     | 22        | Danny Rasool     | 9         | 1          | 8               | 2     | 0     | 0          | 8      |
| 2         | Dave Eccleston  | 19        | 19         | 0               | 5     | 0     | 0          | 20     | 23        | Luke Nelmes      | 24        | 0          | 24              | 5     | 0     | 0          | 20     |
| 3         | Matt Reid       | 18        | 18         | 0               | 9     | 0     | 0          | 36     | 24        | Liam Bent        | 22        | 20         | 2               | 3     | 0     | 0          | 12     |
| 4         | Jack Holmes     | 13        | 13         | 0               | 3     | 0     | 0          | 12     | 25        | Danny Bridge     | 20        | 20         | 0               | 10    | 0     | 0          | 40     |
| 5         | Steven Nield    | 3         | 3          | 0               | 0     | 0     | 0          | 0      | 27        | Joe Martin       | 2         | 2          | 0               | 2     | 0     | 0          | 8      |
| 6         | Paul Crook      | 24        | 24         | 0               | 4     | 111   | 0          | 238    | 29        | Zack McComb      | 17        | 16         | 1               | 11    | 0     | 0          | 44     |
| 7         | Dave Hewitt     | 24        | 24         | 0               | 12    | 14    | 1          | 77     | 30        | Ben West         | 13        | 13         | 0               | 8     | 0     | 0          | 32     |
| 8         | Phil Joy        | 22        | 22         | 0               | 7     | 0     | 0          | 28     | DR        | Ryan Lannon      | 2         | 2          | 0               | 0     | 0     | 0          | 0      |
| 9         | Gareth Owen     | 19        | 17         | 2               | 1     | 0     | 0          | 4      | DR        | Levy Nzoungou    | 2         | 2          | 0               | 0     | 0     | 0          | 0      |
| 10        | Adam Neal       | 10        | 7          | 3               | 0     | 0     | 0          | 0      | LO        | Luke Hooley      | 11        | 11         | 0               | 8     | 1     | 0          | 34     |
| 11        | Craig Briscoe   | 19        | 8          | 11              | 5     | 0     | 0          | 20     | LO        | Kieran Gill      | 3         | 3          | 0               | 2     | 0     | 0          | 8      |
| 12        | Danny Langtree  | 21        | 21         | 0               | 18    | 0     | 0          | 72     | DR        | Daniel Murray    | 1         | 1          | 0               | 0     | 0     | 0          | 0      |
| 13        | Jack Spencer    | 21        | 17         | 4               | 2     | 0     | 0          | 8      | LO        | Lee Kershaw      | 15        | 15         | 0               | 8     | 0     | 0          | 32     |
| 18        | Ben Davies      | 8         | 2          | 6               | 1     | 0     | 0          | 4      | DR        | Gavin Bennion    | 2         | 2          | 0               | 1     | 0     | 0          | 4      |
| 19        | Adam Jones      | 13        | 0          | 13              | 0     | 0     | 0          | 0      | DR        | Jonah Cunningham | 3         | 0          | 3               | 5     | 0     | 0          | 20     |
| 20        | Matty Wilkinson | 20        | 6          | 14              | 7     | 0     | 0          | 28     | DR        | Jordan Dezaria   | 1         | 0          | 1               | 1     | 0     | 0          | 4      |
| 21        | Kenny Hughes    | 11        | 4          | 7               | 1     | 0     | 0          | 4      | DR        | Nick Gregson     | 1         | 0          | 1               | 0     | 0     | 0          | 0      |

\* DR (Dual Registered Player) LO (Player on Loan)

# Business as usual until we hear anything different

**YOU must have heard all the speculation and conjecture in League circles about those leaked proposals to extend the Championship to 14 clubs next season and to achieve it by relegating only one club and by promoting THREE.**

It's the latest twist to the long-running saga about structure changes and a new look at the distribution of central funding with feelings running high between Super League clubs on the one hand and Championship and League 1 clubs on the other.

Clubs have now called an extraordinary general meeting in which to thrash out the pros and cons.

Super League clubs want to scrap the Super 8s Qualifiers after this season and replace it with one up and one down.

As part of the proposed package, the Championship would be extended by two clubs and that would be achieved by tinkering almost immediately with the promotion and relegation structure between the Championship

and League 1, which has been in place all season.

Only one club would come down, instead of two, and three would go up from Betfred League 1 instead of two.

It has been understood all season that only the top team in Betfred League 1 would win automatic promotion with the second promotion spot going to the winner of a play-off featuring teams finishing two to five inclusive.

If these latest leaked proposals were to go through both York City Knights and Bradford Bulls would go up automatically and there would be a third promotion place for the winner of a play-off for teams finishing three to six inclusive.

When this issue of 'Roughyed Review' went to press in midweek, this whole debate was in the melting pot and, like all clubs, Roughyeds and Scott Naylor had to take the view that it was business as usual until they heard anything differently.

As far as the Roughyeds squad was concerned going into today's game

against Coventry Bears, it is still one up automatically followed by a play-off featuring either Bradford or York and the next three in the table at the end of the regular season.

Oldham will regard each of their four games as "must win" whatever happens or doesn't happen with regard to changes in promotion and relegation.

The RFL has issued a statement, explaining that final decisions have yet to be made.

The statement went on: "It is the national governing body's role and responsibility to work collaboratively for the best outcomes for the whole sport.

"Work by the RFL includes liaison with representatives of Championship and League 1 clubs around the competition structure at these levels in the wider context of a range of other changes, all of which are focused on progressing the whole of the sport.

"It is important to note and respect that liaison with Championship and League 1 clubs on structure proposals remains live and is not yet concluded."



# Rev Tony leaves us with best wishes - and heartfelt thanks

**REV Tony Ford, our club chaplain for the past eight years, leaves us after today's game against Coventry Bears to take on a new challenge at a church in Barrow.**

The sincere best wishes of our chairman Chris Hamilton, Anne Kearns, coach Scott Naylor, the players, backroom staff, fans and everyone else at Roughyeds go with Tony and his wife Denise as they head to St Mark's in Barrow, a town-centre church that's described as the most deprived parish in Cumbria.

The club owes a great debt of gratitude to Tony for everything he has done for us since he arrived on the Roughyeds scene shortly before our first match at Whitebank, as it was then called, in 2010.

"We had a little service in the stand to mark the club's arrival at Whitebank and it coincided with the start of my chaplaincy," recalled Tony.

"It's been great to be involved with the club for so long. I've had a lot of support from Chris and others at the club and it will be a big wrench to say farewell.

"The opportunity to take on a new challenge within the



Church of England coincided with our son Calum's move to university in London and our daughter Nicola's departure from the family home to her own place in Chadderton.

"At the same time Denise and I had to decide whether we wished to stay where we were (St Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale) until retirement or make one more move to try to turn around a big church in town-centre Barrow.

"We had seven years at Balderstone after leaving Christ Church, Chadderton and it was very emotional when we said goodbye last Sunday.

"I've been a Roughyeds fan all my life and it will be tough to

leave everyone here too, but I'm sure we'll be back on visits and we'll always be with you all in spirit.

"The Roughyeds result will be the one we look out for first every Sunday."

Barrow Raiders, who don't currently have a chaplain, have made overtures to Tony, but he will settle in first at St Mark's before making a decision.

He said: "It's a much bigger parish than I've been used to so I'm going to have a lot on initially.

"In some ways I'd like to join the Raiders but it won't be like being associated with Roughyeds. That's where the heart is and will always be."





# Roughyed Fan Focus:

## Andrew Wood

### **Q. How long have you been watching the Roughyeds?**

A. I can't remember my first game but I think it would have been in the 1979/80 season.

### **Q. What are your most memorable games?**

A. The Featherstone and Hull KR premierships stand-out. More recently Barrow away when Adam Hughes got three tries and then York away when Langers and Nield scored. Both games got us to a Grand Final.

### **Q. Do you have any favourite players, past or present?**

A. My all time favourite is John Cogger - a great competitor. I always got a buzz when Adam Hughes got the ball and then Langers, a real quality player for us.

### **Q. Where in the ground do you prefer to watch the games?**

A. At home matches I stand in front of cabins behind the sticks. At



away games I like to be at the end we're attacking.

### **Q. What's your favourite away ground?**

A Odsal. High admission prices and you're too far away from the action but the place is full of history and one of only a few grounds remaining where we've played as a top flight club.

### **Q. Can you recall any funny incidents at a game?**

A When the stretcher-bearers weren't able to carry Charlie McAlister at Hull KR or the match against Leigh being abandoned for fighting. I think Tom Nadiola started it when we had no chance of winning the game but we went-on to win the replay.

### **Q. Can we make the play-offs and go on to win promotion?**

A. Yes and yes. Once in the play-offs we just have to win two matches. It can be done.



# Five league finals in a row was a record that stood for more than 80 years

## GEORGE COWBURN continues his series in which he looks at Oldham's contribution to big events in RL history

IN the Edwardian era cotton was still king and Oldham was a prosperous town which was reflected in the fortunes of the rugby league club and its ability to attract quality players from both home and abroad.

A measure of Oldham's standing can be gauged by the club's appearance in each of the first five of the Northern Union's newly-introduced Championship Play-Off finals, contested by the teams finishing in the top four positions in the league.

In 1907, after beating Runcorn 11-3, Oldham qualified for the inaugural Championship Final, to be held at Huddersfield's Fartown ground.

Their opponents were Halifax, who finished top of the league despite being beaten twice by Oldham in league matches and also in the Challenge Cup.

Halifax gained revenge for those three reverses by easily beating Oldham 18-3. Injuries to Tommy Cash and "Birdie" Dixon meant forward Bert Avery was drafted into the centres.

An off day with the boot by the normally reliable Joe Ferguson didn't help either, although he did score Oldham's try.

Despite the bad weather a decent crowd of 13,325 watched the match and the Oldham Evening Chronicle was quoted as saying "interest in the match has been enormous".

Back again in the final in 1908, having seen off Wigan 12-5 in the semis, Oldham were up against the mighty Hunslet side, led by the game's first "superstar" Albert Goldthorpe.

It took a replay before Hunslet triumphed to become

legendary winners of all four cups available to them.

After a 7-7 draw at the Willows, home of Salford, (try by Jim "Bumper" Wright and two goals by Tom White), Oldham were beaten 12-2 in the replay at Wakefield Trinity's Belle Vue ground.

The Goldthorpe brothers Albert and Walter, scored all Hunslet's points with a Tom White goal providing Oldham's only response.

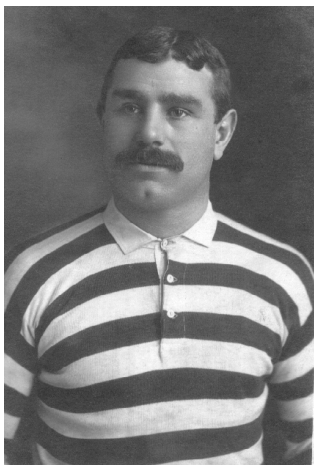
They hoped for third-time lucky in 1909, but it wasn't to be, Oldham losing 7-3 to their great Lancashire rivals Wigan. Jardine scored our try.

Finishing third in the league, Oldham needed a replay to beat Halifax 8-2 after a 3-3 draw in the first match to qualify for the final to be played at the Willows ground. It was a dull, bad tempered match played in heavy rain and a gale force wind.

All the points were scored in the first half hour as conditions deteriorated and Wigan's Cheetham and Oldham's Arthur Smith were sent off for fighting.

A year later, a 12-6 semi-final win over Wakefield Trinity meant league leaders Oldham





*1911: James Lomas was man of the match in a comprehensive win against Wigan.*

again faced Wigan in the 1910 final, this time at Broughton's Wheaters Field ground.

Favourites Oldham, who had beaten Wigan twice in the league, finally got their hands on the trophy with a 13-7 victory.



*1908: Jim 'Bumper' Wright scored Oldham's only try in a 7-7 draw with Hunslet.*

A Billy Dixon try and goals by Alf Wood and Joe Ferguson had Oldham tied at 7-7 until the 67th minute.

They finished the stronger, however, and a Tom McCabe try from close to the line and a late George W Smith try sealed the victory.

In 1911 Oldham again beat Wakefield Trinity in the semi final (15-12) to allow the Roughyeds to contest their fifth consecutive final, and their third on the run against Wigan.

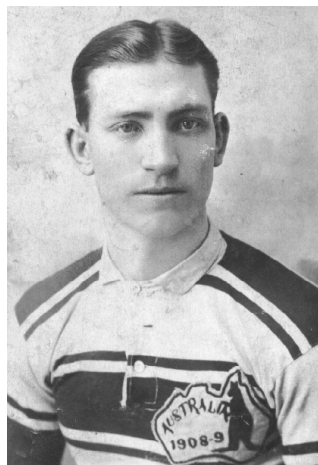
Back again at Wheaters Field (a happy hunting ground for Oldham, who won the 1899 Challenge Cup final 19-9 against Hunslet there), the Roughyeds were comfortable 20-7 winners.

By common consent, Oldham's James "Jumbo" Lomas was the man of the match with two tries and three goals in a superb all-round performance. The other scorers were Tom White with two tries and Joe Ferguson with a goal.

There ended Oldham's run of five consecutive final appearances - a record held until surpassed by the great Wigan sides of the 1990s

Four Oldham players appeared in all six matches (including the final replay) - Bert Avery, Joe Ferguson and Arthur Smith, who were all internationals, plus Billy Dixon, who turned out for Cumbria the county of his birth.

Other famous players to grace



*1910: Tom McCabe scored from close range as Oldham beat Wigan 13-7.*

the finals for Oldham included Welshmen Dickie Thomas and Tom Llewellyn, New Zealand international George W Smith, Australian internationals A.E.(George) Anlezark, Sid Deane and Tom McCabe plus further home internationals Tom White, George Tyson, Alf Wood, James Lomas and Billy Longworth.

Never again would Oldham dominate the game for such a period of time although the 1920s Challenge Cup kings and the 1950s League, Lancashire Cup and Championship winners would run them close.

#### FINAL RESULTS

- 1907: Oldham 3 Halifax 18
- 1908: Oldham 7, Hunslet 7  
(replay, Oldham 2, Hunslet 12)
- 1909: Oldham 3, Wigan 7
- 1910: Oldham 13, Wigan 7
- 1911: Oldham 20, Wigan 7

*'Pictures courtesy of Oldham RL Heritage Trust*



# MATCH PICTURES



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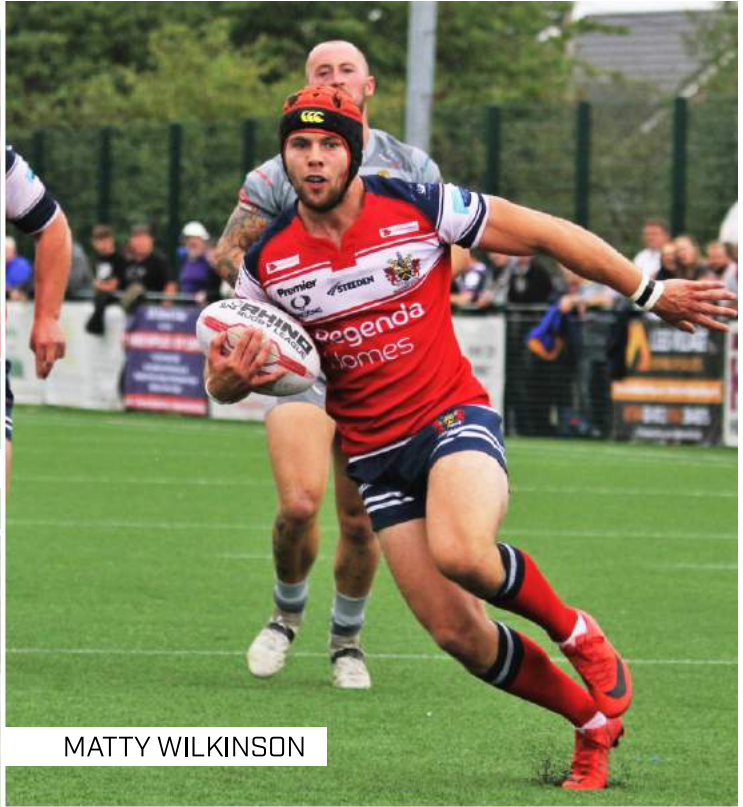
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# Who said Oldham would



**THE 2018 Ladbrokes Challenge Cup final at Wembley will go down in history for French club Catalans Dragons' famous victory over Warrington Wolves and the award of the Lance Todd Trophy as man of the match to Dragons' full-back Tony Gigot, the first Frenchman to lift that iconic piece of silverware.**

For everyone associated with the Oldham club, though, it was the day Roughyeds went to Wembley with 45 supporters taking part in the pre-match parade of the stadium, led by lifelong fan John Illing, who had the honour of carrying the club's flag.

"When I was asked to do it I was a little bit embarrassed at first, but once I had got used to the idea I was as proud as punch," said John (51), whose brother Peter made it a great day for the Illings by winning a club raffle on the way down to London.

Murgy gave us a song, with croaky backing from Roger H, and it was interesting to learn that roughly half of us fancied the French with the other half going for the Wolves.

Youngest fans on the trip were 11-year-olds Joe and Travis. What memories for them! They were also



# never go to Wembley?



looking forward to today's game because they're in the hospitality suite and planning to do their own version of a Q and A with squad members.

On the journey south and the return trip north we had a plentiful supply of tea, coffee and hot chocolate, served up by Anne and Nigel, and everyone agreed a good time was had by all.

"We're looking forward to next year already," was the message coming through loud and clear from the rear end of the bus.

Anne and Co take note!



## *Oldham Rugby League Heritage Trust*



**Above: Jack Holmes breaks clear. 01.03.2015.  
Below: A try for George Tyson. 08.03.2015.**





## *Through the Years... Oldham v Coventry*



**Above:** Adam Neal takes on the Coventry defence. **12.04.2015.**

**Below:** Ben Davies and Matty Wilkinson in action at Coventry earlier this season. **10.06.2018.**



# Our Visitors

## Coventry Bears



**Coventry Bears were formed in 1998 by a group of university students, led by their current owner and CEO Alan Robinson.**

Coventry Rugby Union club were approached with a plan to form a team playing home games at their Coundon Road stadium in Coventry. The Bears were admitted into the Rugby League Conference for the 2000 season.

Early successes brought the new club quarter-final and then semi-final placings in their first two seasons before winning the Rugby League Conference Grand Final in September 2002 when they beat Hemel Stags at Cheltenham.

Elevation to the newly formed National League Three followed and the Bears duly went on to win the National League Three Grand Final in 2004.

Coundon Road stadium was demolished in 2004 which saw the Bears follow their sister Rugby Union club across Coventry to the newly constructed

Butts Park Arena and its impressive 3000 seater East Stand.

2006 saw Coventry become a Rugby League Conference Midlands Premier side and they continued to enjoy success, winning the Midlands Premier title in 2007.

The Bears were accepted into the semi-professional ranks of League 1 in 2015. In the first four games of the season Coventry would make the trip to Whitebank Stadium to face Oldham three times. Defeats in the iPRO Sport Cup and Challenge Cup followed before losing their second league fixture 38-10 against the promotion chasing Roughyeds.

The Bears and Oldham wouldn't cross paths again for three years as the Roughyeds would spend two seasons in the Championship and Coventry continued to make progress in League 1.

The 2018 season has seen the Bears win 6 out of 22 league games. The

most notable success came in round 18 where they defeated Keighley Cougars 30-20 at Butts Park - it was the first time the side had beaten a traditional heartland club. The result was a complete turnaround since the West Yorkshire side had inflicted a 98-6 defeat on the Bears at Cougar Park earlier in the season.

Oldham made their first ever visit to Coventry in June when Scott Naylor's side pulled off a 60-0 win. The game was played out in good spirit which drew the applause of the travelling Oldham supporters, appreciative of the effort applied by the Bears.

Last time out, Coventry won away at West Wales Raiders, taking the spoils 28-18.

Points are vital at this business end of the season and Coventry will be keen to record a first win against the Roughyeds. It should be a great game.



# Three to watch

## Coventry Bears



### Malikhi Lloyd-Jones

Big, physical front-rower with good experience at League 1 level. 40 appearances over 3 seasons for Hemel Stags and more recently Gloucestershire All Golds. A regular in the England Student Rugby League side over the last few seasons.

Developed a reputation as a big impact player due to his aggressive style of play and athleticism.



### Jason Bass

A member of the first ever Bears squad in 2015 and has shown great improvement and development since then. Now has over 50 appearances for the club and can play a number of positions, having excelled as a full-back, winger and more recently as a centre.

Has great footwork, agility and deceptively powerful for his size.



### James Geurtjens

Prop-forward and the first player signed by the Bears in 2015. Has knocked-up over 50 appearances for the club.

As one of the older members of the Bears group, 'Gurcho' plays a vital role in mentoring some of the younger players and leads by example in all areas.



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# A big thank-you to all our fans from 'Keira's Wishes'

**AT our last home game against Whitehaven one of our young fans, Keira Arnold (10), from Derker, sold raffle tickets for Dr Kershaw's Hospice.**

She raised nearly £210 and that rose to nearly £300 when a similar event was held at Newcastle the night before we played there.

Thunder fans and Roughyeds fans dug deep to boost 'Keira's Wishes', the fund set up



by Dr Kershaw's in which everything raised by Keira goes towards helping terminally ill patients fulfil their final wish.

In total she's raised more than £8,000 for the hospice and is the current holder of a national award and a special regional

award, presented to her by the elected mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, who happens to be the recently-appointed president of the RFL.

We have since received this letter, sent to Anne Kearns by Keira's grandma, Julie Smith.

Morning Anne,

A huge thank-you for the kind hospitality and help given to Keira (at the Whitehaven game) by yourself, Roger and Dave.

She sold 40 tickets and also received donations, taking the total raised to £209.50.

Keith Mullaney won the raffle and kindly gave the prize back and we currently have a bid of £20 for it.

It's the generosity and kindness shown to Keira by people like yourselves that has made her fund-raising so successful, so it really is appreciated.

On that note.... Keira has asked me to mention if there are any signed shirts or rugby balls going at the end of the season please keep 'Keira's Wishes' in mind as they would be super for one of her raffles or auctions.

Once again many thanks from both Keira and myself.

Kind regards

*Julie*



NOTE: A reminder that our last game of the regular season is on SATURDAY, September 22 at London Skolars, 3pm kick-off.

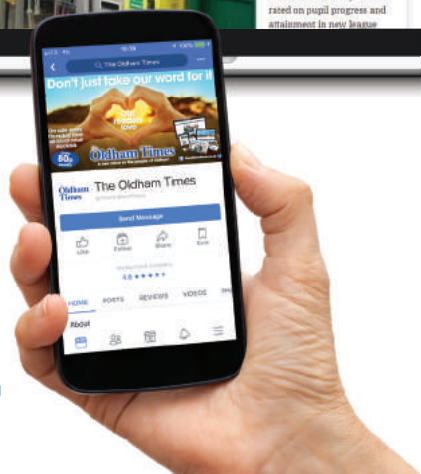
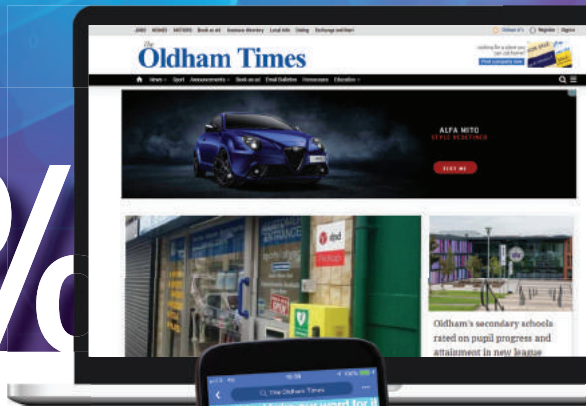
# RESULTS

| Date             | Time   | Opponents                                     |   | Result        | Attn. |
|------------------|--------|---|---|---------------|-------|
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>  |        |   |   |               |       |
| Sunday 18        | 3.00pm | Whitehaven RLFC                               | A | 14-0 (won)    | 785   |
| Sunday 25        | 3.00pm | Featherstone Lions<br>(Challenge Cup Round 3) | H | 42-0 (won)    | 364   |
| <b>MARCH</b>     |        |   |   |               |       |
| Sunday 11        | 3.00pm | York City Knights                             | H | 22-24 (lost)  | 703   |
| Tuesday 20       | 7.30pm | Halifax (LCC, rd 4)                           | A | 27-6 (won)    | 688   |
| Sunday 25        | 2.30pm | North Wales Crusaders                         | A | 30-2 (won)    | 449   |
| Friday 30        | 6.00pm | Bradford Bulls                                | A | 12-30 (lost)  | 4,036 |
| <b>APRIL</b>     |        |   |   |               |       |
| Sunday 8         | 3.00pm | Hunslet RLFC                                  | H | 16-24 (lost)  | 544   |
| Sunday 15        | 3.00pm | Keighley Cougars                              | H | 32-18 (won)   | 530   |
| Sunday 22        | 3.00pm | Hull KR (LCC) at Bower Fold                   | H | 0-32 (lost)   | 1,064 |
| Sunday 29        | 3.00pm | Workington Town                               | A | 32-10 (won)   | 712   |
| <b>MAY</b>       |        |   |   |               |       |
| Sunday 6         | 3.00pm | Newcastle Thunder                             | H | H 28-12 (won) | 455   |
| Sunday 13        | 3.00pm | Hemel Stags                                   | H | 74-6 (won)    | 411   |
| Saturday 19      | 3.00pm | West Wales Raiders                            | A | 74-0 (won)    | 424   |
| <b>JUNE</b>      |        |   |   |               |       |
| Sunday 3         | 3.00pm | Doncaster RLFC                                | H | 32-12 (won)   | 453   |
| Sunday 10        | 3.00pm | Coventry Bears                                | A | 60-0 (won)    | 337   |
| Sunday 17        | 3.00pm | London Skolars                                | H | 44-12 (won)   | 419   |
| Sunday 24        | 3.30pm | Hunslet RLFC                                  | A | 12-16 (lost)  | 605   |
| <b>JULY</b>      |        |   |   |               |       |
| Sunday 1         | 3.00pm | Workington Town                               | H | 14-16 (lost)  | 486   |
| Sunday 8         | 3.00pm | West Wales Raiders                            | H | 102-6 (won)   | 274   |
| Friday 13        | 8.00pm | Keighley Cougars                              | A | 8-15 (lost)   | 510   |
| Sunday 22        | 3.00pm | North Wales Crusaders                         | H | 50-6 (won)    | 466   |
| Sunday 29        | 3.00pm | Doncaster RLFC                                | A | 26-22 (lost)  | 647   |
| <b>AUGUST</b>    |        |   |   |               |       |
| Sunday 5         | 2.00pm | Hemel Stags                                   | A | 60-28 (won)   | 109   |
| Sunday 12        | 3.00pm | Whitehaven RLFC                               | H | 20-0 (won)    | 413   |
| Sunday 19        | 3.00pm | Newcastle Thunder                             | A | 18-24 (lost)  | 749   |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> |        |   |   |               |       |
| Sunday 2         | 3.00pm | Coventry Bears                                | H |               |       |
| Sunday 9         | 3.00pm | York City Knights                             | A |               |       |
| Sunday 16        | 3.00pm | Bradford Bulls                                | H |               |       |
| Saturday 22      | 3.00pm | London Skolars                                | A |               |       |



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8. Phil Joy

9. Gareth Owen

10. Adam Neal

11. Craig Briscoe

12. Danny Langtree

13. Jack Spencer

18. Ben Davies

19. Adam Jones

20. Matty Wilkinson

21. Kenny Hughes

22. Danny Rasool

23. Luke Nelmes

24. Liam Bent

25. Danny Bridge

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