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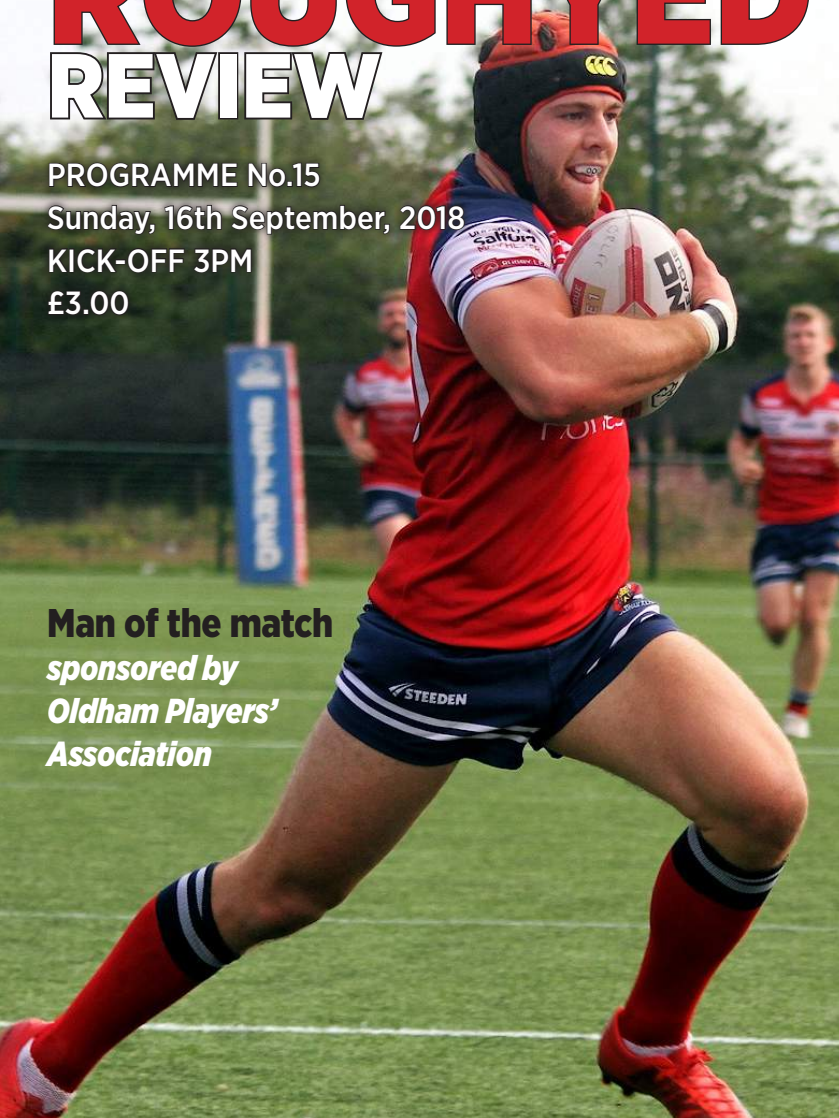
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In the boss's chair... and drinking from his cup!

WE will have a much bigger crowd than usual inside the Vestacare Stadium today so a massive welcome to you all, no matter what colour shirts, scarves etc you are wearing.

Apologies if I've got it wrong, but I think this will be the Bulls' first visit here, coinciding with our last home game of the regular season which we now turn into a Memorial Match for all our friends, fellow Roughyeds supporters, former players and others who have died during the past year.

Many of them are mentioned on pages 14 and 15 of this issue of Roughyed Review, including former players from Watersheddings days such as Sean Quinlan, Geoff Fletcher and Eric Fitzsimons.

Their names, and the names of supporters who are no longer with us, will be remembered before kick-off with a minute's silence, or applause, but there are sure to be others whose names we have not been given so it is fitting that we should extend the memorial to ALL, many of whom you will name

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

in the silence of your hearts.

That applies equally to both sets of supporters. We all have dearly departed relatives and friends who would have loved to be here with us today.

Talking of former players, a special welcome to the ORLFC Players' Association who are here today as sponsors. Several players from Watersheddings days will be here to give us their support.

The Ex-Players, as they are more widely known, sponsor extensively on the local rugby league scene and also back local charities so all power to their elbow.

As a relative newcomer I am not clued up about the feats of the past but I've heard some wonderful stories about players and matches of yesteryear so I look forward to meeting some of the 'old boys' this afternoon.

Also, I must take this opportunity to thank the many, many people who have given me fantastic help and support since I stepped into the hot-seat when Chris went into hospital for major heart surgery.

When I stepped into the breach I was extremely naive and I couldn't possibly have got through without the help and guidance of friends who are far too numerous to

mention individually.

To them and to personnel at the RFL, who have been fantastic in their understanding and assistance, a heartfelt THANK-YOU.

Similar thanks go to Swans Travel, who took us to Wembley and who have carried the team to many parts of the country over the past eight months or so, always carrying us with friendly professionalism and a smile or two. Thanks guys.

Finally, and on a lighter note, I need to give a special treat to my little pooch Fin (pictured), a Bichon Frise, who was seven on Friday.

During my time in the hot-seat he has been taken out of his comfort zone, spending time with friends, in the office here or even in kennels. He has taken it all in his little stride and he has made lots of friends at the club... all except the postman, but the least said about that the better!

Anne Kearns



VIEW FROM DRESSING ROOM AND DUG-OUT . . .

this week head coach SCOTT NAYLOR

HELLO everyone and welcome to today's game against Bradford Bulls at the Vestacare Stadium.

What a way to finish our 2018 home campaign... with a huge match against my old club who are favourites for the Betfred League 1 title.

I have so many great memories about playing for Bradford.

It's not rocket science to know that we will need to play at a fantastic level to beat a hugely impressive team like the Bulls.

They have consistently been at the top of the division all season and, along with York City Knights, they will be favourites for promotion into the Championship for next season.

Having said all that, do we fear them ?

Do we doubt ourselves?

Do we lack confidence?

Or do we believe we can win?

I can promise you this: We believe we can win.

We believed we could win last week at York and with a bit of luck or another five minutes on the clock we might have pulled it off.

We were tough and uncompromising. We had belief and heart in our defence and a strong desire to keep York from scoring.

Our offence lacked that little bit of quality to put points on the board and eventually time ran out on us and we AGAIN lost by fewer than six points.

It was the sixth game we've lost by six points or fewer.

It was the fifth game York had won by six points or fewer.

The fortunes of both clubs this season could have been very different and we could have been at the top with Bradford Bulls.

We need to keep believing that we can do it and that we can beat these top teams.



We need to believe things will turn for us.

We need to beat Bradford - and that will certainly give us belief,

Many thanks,

Scott



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STATISTICS

Betfred League 1 Table

	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	PD	PTS
York City Knights	24	22	2	0	1042	288	754	44
Bradford Bulls	24	21	3	0	1121	259	862	42
Doncaster RLFC	24	17	7	0	876	451	425	34
Workington Town	24	16	8	0	763	467	296	32
Oldham RLFC	24	15	9	0	840	303	537	30
Whitehaven RLFC	24	15	9	0	664	477	187	30
Hunslet RLFC	24	15	9	0	721	536	185	30
Newcastle Thunder	24	12	12	0	697	504	193	24
Keighley Cougars	24	11	13	0	703	629	74	22
North Wales Crusaders	24	9	14	1	555	600	-45	19
London Skolars	24	6	17	1	602	803	-201	13
Coventry Bears	24	6	18	0	372	1030	-658	12
Hemel Stags	24	2	22	0	301	1178	-877	4
West Wales Raiders	24	0	24	0	164	1896	-1732	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	13	13	0	5	4	0	28	22	Danny Rasool	10	2	8	2	0	0	8
2	Dave Eccleston	19	19	0	5	0	0	20	23	Luke Nelmes	25	0	25	5	0	0	20
3	Matt Reid	19	19	0	9	0	0	36	24	Liam Bent	23	21	2	3	0	0	12
4	Jack Holmes	15	15	0	6	0	0	24	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	26	26	0	4	118	0	252	29	Zack McComb	17	16	1	11	0	0	44
7	Dave Hewitt	25	25	0	12	14	1	77	30	Ben West	14	14	0	9	0	0	36
8	Phil Joy	24	24	0	8	0	0	32	DR	Ryan Lannon	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
9	Gareth Owen	21	19	2	1	0	0	4	DR	Levy Nzoungou	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
10	Adam Neal	12	9	3	0	0	0	0	LO	Luke Hooley	13	13	0	9	4	0	44
11	Craig Briscoe	21	10	11	6	0	0	24	LO	Kieran Gill	3	3	0	2	0	0	8
12	Danny Langtree	23	23	0	20	0	0	80	DR	Daniel Murray	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
13	Jack Spencer	23	18	5	2	0	0	8	LO	Lee Kershaw	17	17	0	8	0	0	32
18	Ben Davies	10	2	8	1	0	0	4	DR	Gavin Bennion	2	2	0	1	0	0	4
19	Adam Jones	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	DR	Jonah Cunningham	3	0	3	5	0	0	20
20	Matty Wilkinson	22	6	16	9	0	0	36	DR	Jordan Dezaria	1	0	1	1	0	0	4
21	Kenny Hughes	12	5	7	1	0	0	4	DR	Nick Gregson	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

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

GLANCE at the Betfred League 1 table on the left and you can see that anything can happen over the next seven days in the thrilling quest for play-off spots.

Bradford MUST win today to take their title ambitions into the last day of the season, but the only mathematical certainty about top-half final placings is that either York City Knights or the Bulls will go up automatically and the other will take pole position in the play-offs.

That leaves Doncaster, Workington, OLDHAM, Whitehaven and Hunslet, in that order, scrapping it out for the remaining three places with only two rounds to go.

Barring massive surprises you would expect Doncaster and Workington to make it even though they clash at the Keepmoat Stadium on the last Sunday.

ROUGHYEDS, Whitehaven and Hunslet, each on 30 points, look to be scrapping for the fourth and final spot, but Scott's boys know it's in their own hands.

Beat Bradford today and London Skolars away next Saturday and they can't be caught, such is their massive advantage in for-and-against difference.

They could get away with dropping two of the four points, but that would require both their rivals to lose a game as well.

The crucial games that will seal the three vacant play-off spots over the next few days are these:

TODAY: Hunslet v Newcastle Thunder; North Wales Crusaders v Doncaster; OLDHAM v Bradford Bulls; Whitehaven v Coventry Bears; Workington Town v London Skolars.

Saturday, Sep 22: London Skolars v OLDHAM; Coventry Bears v Hunslet.

Sunday, Sep 23: Doncaster v Workington; York City Knights v Whitehaven.

Scott's boys will take great heart from their battling performance in a 10-6 loss at York last week. Boy, was that some game!

Come on you Roughyeds!

Catching 'em young

Pics from the Coventry game



'Langers' named in team of the month

REGULAR Roughyeds fans won't be surprised to learn that Danny Langtree is named in the latest 'Rugby League World' Betfred League 1 team of the month.

He's listed in the second-row of a mythical side which reflects individual form over the past four weeks.

With 20 tries to his credit this season, the 27-year-old former St Helens junior is the Roughyeds' highest-scoring forward in any one season since the formation of the 'new' Oldham club 21 years ago.

There are two games still to play in the regular league season and 'Langers' will be keen to add to his tally in today's game against the Bulls at the Vestacare Stadium and then the final game of the regular season at London Skolars next Saturday.

Roughyeds currently hold the last play-off spot but they may be required to win each of their two remaining games to qualify for the promotion semi-final.

In his eighth season at the club Langtree will be a key man in that quest, having already done enough to cause coach Scott Naylor to say he



is enjoying his best-ever year in the Roughyeds' jersey.

York have four in the side, Workington Town three and Bradford Bulls two.

Team of the month: Sam Forrester (Workington); Hayden Freeman (Coventry),

Joe Batchelor (York), Jason Mossop (Whitehaven), Ethan Ryan (Bradford); Jamie Doran (Workington), Ben Cockayne (York); Jack Ormondroyd (York), Sean Penkywicz (Workington), Steve Crossley (Bradford), Brad England (Doncaster), Danny Langtree

League 1 nominations for individual gongs at the Betfred Championship and League 1 annual dinner in Manchester on Tuesday, September 25 are as follows:

Player of the year: Connor Robinson (York City Knights); Ben Cockayne (York City Knights), Sean Penkywicz (Workington), Dane Chisholm (Bradford Bulls).

Young player of the year: Ethan Ryan (Bradford Bulls), Brendon Pickersgill (Bradford Bulls), Judah Mazive (York City Knights).

Coach of the year: Leon Pryce (Workington), John Kear (Bradford Bulls), James Ford (York City Knights).



Roughyed Fan Focus:

Wayne Halstead

Q. When did you first start watching Roughyeds?

Since before I can remember. I think it would have been the 1976-77 season that I first remember watching properly. I was the club mascot for the 1977-78 season which was a great experience.

Q. Can you remember your first game?

No, not specifically but I clearly remember being really excited pulling onto the car park at Watersheddings and waiting behind the main stand as the players walked from the pavilion to the tunnel. That was in the days of Martin Murphy, Mike Elliott and Phil Larder.

Q. Have you ever played Rugby League?

Mainly at junior level. I played at Waterhead for a few years in the U13s and U15s and then moved home to Littleborough when they formed a junior set up. I then played a bit when I was at university in Leeds.

When I moved to Kent as an adult, I was involved in forming a new club in Ashford and played in the London League for a couple of years until the club folded.

Q. Who are your favourite Oldham players past and present?

There are so many, but I would pick out some of the players who came out of the old colts team at the end of the 70s and were a key part of the team in the 80s - Andy Goodway, Ray Ashton, Terry Flanagan, Paddy Kirwan. Also some of the overseas stars we had - the Liddiard brothers, Paul Taylor, Gary Bridge and Chris O'Sullivan.

From the current team, Langers and Adam Neal are consistently good and Matty



Wilkinson always lifts us when he comes off the bench.

Q. Do any Oldham games stand out in your memory?

Lots! Those famous games in the 80s - almost beating the Aussies, Paddy's try to knock Wigan out of the cup; the semi finals against Cas and Warrington; and the Premiership Final win v Featherstone at Old Trafford. More recently, the Grand Final against Widnes when we were

so close to getting back to Super League, beating Keighley to finally gain promotion three years ago and beating Whitehaven at Bower Fold to stay up a year later.

Q. Which are your favourite Rugby League grounds?

Watersheddings by a mile. But I also loved the old rugby league grounds that are no longer here - Athletic Grounds, Station Road, Fartown. And Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane, which is probably the best stadium I've watched a game at.

Q. Any funny incidents while at or travelling to an Oldham game?

I've always had fun watching Oldham but one thing sticks in my mind. We arrived at Odsal some time in the early 80s and my Dad pulled onto the car park and announced that he was 'Oldham Chronicle'. The guy on the gate said, quick as a flash, "Yeah and I'm Burt Reynolds". My brothers and I thought that was hilarious, but you probably had to be there! That came to mind again last week with the passing of Burt. Travelling to away games was always fun, especially the longer trips.



When Daley and Co ruled the Lancashire Cup roost with three trophy wins in a row...

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

IN the 1950s the County Cup competitions were still prestigious events which every club wanted to win.

The great Oldham team of that era managed to do that three times consecutively in the Lancashire Cup (as well as losing 12-2 to Barrow in the 1954 final).

They ruled the roost with victories in 1956, 1957 and 1958, a run which ended with a 23-5 first-round defeat at Whitehaven in August, 1959.

In each final Oldham chose to play in plain white tops and navy blue shorts - something they often did in cup matches in those days.

It was away wins all the way in 1956 with Wigan defeated 18-16 at Central Park; Salford comfortably beaten 31-0 at the Willows (Bernard Ganley eight goals); and Leigh turned over 18-9 in the semi-final at their ground.

The final took place at Wigan's Central Park ground on October 20, before 39,544 spectators, and skipper Frank Stirrup lifted the cup after Oldham beat St Helens 10-3.

Try scorers were John Etty and Derek Turner with two goals from the trusty boot of Ganley.

Saints were no pushovers with stars such as Glyn Moses,

Duggie Greenall, Austin Rhodes, Alan Prescott, Len McIntyre (later to join Oldham) and Vince Karalius.

Their coach Jim Sullivan was quoted as saying "Oldham just about had the edge on us today."

Oldham's pack came out on top in the battle of the forwards.

The heroes on that memorable day were:

Bernard Ganley, Dick Cracknell, Dennis Ayres, Alan Davies, John Etty, Frank Stirrup, Frank Pitchford, Ken Jackson, Jack Keith, Don Vines, Sid Little, Charlie Winslade and Derek Turner.



1956 . . . captain Frank Stirrup lifts the Lancashire Cup.



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BACK for a second bite of the cherry in 1957, Oldham beat Wigan 13-8 at Station Rd Swinton before a crowd of 42,497 in a game known as "Daley's final".

Wins over Barrow 44-10, Warrington 18-12 and St Helens 29-9 took Oldham to the final.

Over the three matches Ganley kicked 23 goals and Sid Little weighed in with a hat-trick of tries in the Barrow match.

Why "Daley's final"?

In some earlier games Wigan played star winger Billy Boston at stand-off where he enjoyed considerable success, often faced by opposing players of a smaller stature.

Oldham coach Griff Jenkins pulled off a masterstroke by putting Frank Daley at stand-off to face Boston.

So effectively did Daley tackle Boston out of the game the Wigan man reverted to the wing during the match and the game was up.

A rare try from Ganley and others from Frank Pitchford and Alan Davies, plus two Ganley goals were enough to bring the cup back to Watersheddings.

Wigan fielded the likes of Eric Ashton, Terry O'Grady (formerly of Oldham), Billy Boston, Dave Bolton and Brian McTigue, internationals all.

Oldham's line-up: Bernard Ganley, Dick Cracknell, Vinnie Nestor, Alan Davies, John Eddy, Frank Daley, Frank Pitchford, Ken Jackson, Jack Keith,



1958 ... look what we've won!

Don Vines, Sid Little, Charlie Winslade. Derek Turner.

...

FOUR tries from Davies and eight goals by Ganley sent Oldham on their way in the 1958 campaign in a 49-5 thrashing of Whitehaven.

There followed victories over Wigan by 19-7 and over Widnes 9-4 in the semi-final.

In the final St Helens were the opponents, Station Rd was the venue and 38,780 spectators paid record receipts of £6,933.

A reasonably comfortable 12-2 score gave Oldham victory for the third year on the run.

A 21-year-old Alan Kellett opened the scoring with a drop goal and later adding a 65th-minute try.

Davies scored the other try and Ganley kicked two goals.

Prop-forward Ron Rowbottom

was a last-minute replacement for Roger Dufty and played despite a hefty dinner of potato pie and rice pudding, clearly not expecting to play.

The St Helens side contained legendary winger Tom Van Vollenhoven as well as Greenall, Murphy, Terry and Karalius.

Hooker Tom McKinney was troubled by injury for much of the final (no substitutes in the fifties) but the general consensus was that Oldham's performance was good enough in any case.

Ganley captained the side from full-back with Cracknell, Davies, Noon, Eddy, Kellett, Pitchford, Rowbottom, Keith, Jackson, Winslade, McKeown and Turner his victorious team mates.

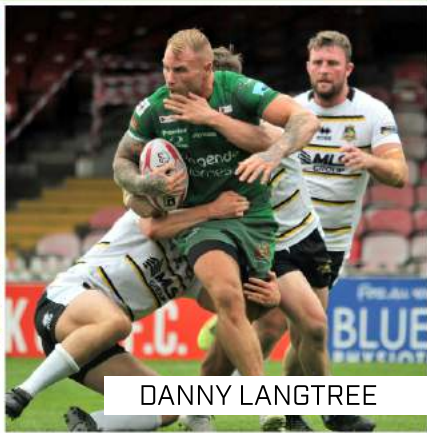
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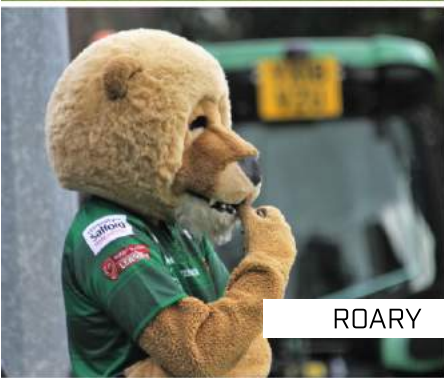
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BOOTHAM CRESCENT, YORK
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018



SCRUM



BEN DAVIES



MATTY WILKINSON



JACK HOLMES



Our tribute game to the

WE take the opportunity today to pay tribute to and give thanks for the lives of people with Oldham RLFC and/or local rugby league connections who have died during the last 12 months.

Our dearly departed contributed to the Oldham club in many different ways as supporters, players, coaches, sponsors or staff.

We are thankful for the lives of each and every one of them and at this memorial match we will recall many great memories which we can celebrate together as a club.

Before kick-off we will have a minute's applause in which we will remember not only those included here in our programme tributes but all those we remember in the silence of our hearts and that applies to Bulls fans as well as Oldham supporters.

In particular, we remember the following:

SEAN QUINLAN: We are grateful to Sean's son Pearse for informing us of his father's death in Dublin just a few days after his 83rd birthday.

Generally considered to be one of the best and fastest wingers in Ireland some 60 years ago, Sean played four times for the Ireland RU side before turning pro with Oldham in the 1950s.

He had three seasons at Watersheddings but he was desperately unlucky with serious knee injuries which restricted his senior appearances to 11 - eight of them outside that prince of centres, Alan Davies.

According to his son, Sean always spoke fondly of his time in Oldham and of the treasure trove of memories he collected from his days at Watersheddings where he would undoubtedly have made a much bigger impact but for his cruel luck with injuries.

GEOFF FLETCHER: Died at the age of 74 after spending a large part of his life in rugby league as player, coach and administrator.

He came to Oldham from Leigh in 1965 and made 111 appearances for the Roughyeds, initially as a second-row or loose-forward but later as a ball-playing prop, the likes of which

have disappeared from the modern game.

He played in Oldham's Lancashire Cup final appearances in 1966 and 1968, captaining the side in the '68 final against St Helens at Central Park where he was forced to retire at half-time with a broken arm.

He had three spells at Leigh and a short stint at Workington, but it was as 'Mr Huyton' that he made his name.

He had many years at Huyton, first as a player and then as the man who kept the club going for several years in its various guises as Huyton, Runcorn Highfield, Highfield and Prescott Panthers.

He would be nearly 40 when, in 1981, he became the first recipient of what was to become the very prestigious Rugby League Writers' Association annual merit award.

In his younger days, and while he was at Watersheddings, he ran the family pig farm located behind what was then the old St Helens ground at Knowsley Road.

He later became one of the sport's great characters, rising from player to RFL rep for the Huyton club, to which he gave much of his life for many years.



club's dearly departed

ERIC FITZSIMONS: A former Oldham RLFC player and coach, schoolteacher Eric died last summer in a Rochdale nursing home after a long battle with dementia. He was 69.

Our former chaplain, the Rev Tony Ford, said of 'Fitzy': "Lots of people owed a great debt to Eric for the help he gave them as mentor and teacher. I was one of them.

"He was more like a mate than a schoolteacher - top sportsman, top teacher, top bloke, and a friend to scores of young people. He would help anybody, a true gentleman too."



He played soccer for a few local clubs before turning to rugby league with Oldham, for whom he kicked 127 goals and scored 11 tries as a winger in his 46 first-team games between 1979 and 1981.

He moved to Hunslet but came back as head coach and in the 1987-88 season he led Roughyeds to the Second Division championship and then guided them to Second Division Premiership success with a 28-26 win against Featherstone Rovers at Old Trafford.

... AND THE FANS TOO

COLIN KNIGHT: A Roughyeds fan for 54 years, Colin died in Fairfield Hospital last November, aged 87.

He was introduced to the game by winger Mike Elliott, whose first job when he arrived in Oldham from his native South Wales was working for C H Knight Electrical where Colin was boss.

Mike gave him a couple of tickets for a match at Watersheddings -- and the rest is history. Colin and his wife Jean, who died 20 years ago, were regulars for decades.

Daughter Daryl said: "Dad wouldn't miss a match come hell or high water."

It was always a family affair because grandson Leighton is a supporter; nephew David Blackburn is a lifelong fan; and Clarice, sister of Colin's late wife Jean, still comes to home games from her home in Timperley.

ERNEST OGDEN: Aged 93, and a lifelong fan, Ernest died in the Royal Oldham Hospital last November.

Born in 1924, he was taken to Watersheddings as a small boy and the love affair lasted a lifetime.

As a season-ticket holder for most of his adult life, he eventually became a life member... and there was no prouder supporter of the club in the whole of Moorside!

As a resident of Haven Lane, his next-door neighbour for many years was former player and committee man Fred Ashworth, while just across the lane lived another ex-player in Edgar Brooks, son-in-law of the great Joe Ferguson.

HILDA ASHWORTH, died last March at the grand old age of 100 and a keen and loyal fan all her life and until the day she died.

THELMA CLARK: Wife of the late Ray Clark and a keen supporter, volunteer worker and backer of all things Oldham on the local rugby league scene.

RUDI WILKES: A stalwart of the Waterhead club for many years, backroom worker, coach, ex-player, a volunteer who would turn his hand to anything.

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Oldham Rugby League Heritage Trust
Through the Years... Oldham v Bradford



Left: Les Anthony and Charlie Winslade move in to complete a tackle started by the grounded Alan Davies at Odsal. **29.12.1951.**

Below: Bob Irving on the way to one of his two tries in the 2nd Rnd Challenge Cup replay. **29.02.1968.**



Below: Kieran Gill's sensational match-winner in last season's clash at Bower Fold. **02.04.2017.**

Above: Terry Flanagan is well and truly collared at Watersheddings. **16.03.1986.**



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Our Visitors

Bradford Bulls



The current Bradford Bulls club are the continuation of professional rugby league in the city of Bradford with roots stretching back to the 19th century.

The original Bradford Football Club was formed in 1863 and played rugby football, subsequently joining the Rugby Football Union. In 1895, along with cross-town neighbours Manningham F.C., Bradford was among 22 clubs to secede from the Rugby Football Union after the historic meeting at the George Hotel in Huddersfield and leading to the formation of the Northern Rugby Football Union.

In 1907 Bradford FC moved to play association football, becoming Bradford Park Avenue with a minority faction of the club forming a new Northern Union rugby club, Bradford Northern.

This second club played rugby, becoming rugby league, until 1963 when following a rapid decline in fortunes and low crowds the club went out of business.

A third club was formed and played its first game against

Hull Kingston Rovers at the start of the 1964-65 season. This club would eventually become a founder member of Super League in 1996, dropping the Northern name and adopting Bulls as a suffix.

Bradford now entered a golden era and a string of Super League titles and Challenge Cup victories followed as the club maintained a position in the top echelons of the sport.

2012 saw a change of fortune and the Bradford club announced it was in financial difficulties. This ultimately led to relegation from Super League in 2014 and the club would compete in the second tier of the sport for the first time in 40 years.

On November 14 2016, Bradford Bulls were placed in administration for the third time since 2012. The RFL cancelled Bradford's membership, making their future uncertain. Bids were invited to form a new club based in Bradford who would be allowed to take the place of the Bulls in the 2017 Championship but would start with a 12-point penalty deduction.

Thus the current club was born under the stewardship of Andrew Chalmers, the former chairman of the New Zealand Rugby League.

The 12 point deduction proved a mountain too high for Bradford and at the conclusion of the 2017 Championship season they were relegated to League 1, along with Oldham.

This season the Bulls have consistently occupied a position in the top two teams leading the league and have enjoyed a nip-and-tuck fight with current leaders York City Knights. They have won 21 games from 24, losing only to Workington Town twice and York at home.

Oldham will want to reverse a 30-12 defeat at Odsal on Good Friday. A win for the Roughyeds will keep them in sight of a play-off place. Bradford need the points to keep in touch with York and bring about a nail biting last day of the regular season next weekend. We should be in for a thrilling encounter this afternoon.



RED BULLS - *Three young Bulls players with a Roughyeds past*



Tuoyo Egado

Tuoyo joined Oldham on loan from Super League club Castleford Tigers in the 2017 Championship Season. He was an immediate hit with the Roughyed Fans due to his tackle busting running and big hits in defence. Made the break, against Bradford, that led to Kieran Gill's now legendary match winning try.

Returned to Castleford where he scored a hat-trick of tries against Hull FC on his Super League debut.



Liam Johnson

A Huddersfield Giants player, Liam played 14 times on dual registration in Oldham's 2016 Championship season. Playing mainly in the centres he scored 4 tries in an Oldham shirt including a memorable interception against Sheffield Eagles. Went on to enjoy a season with the Eagles in 2017.

Joined Bradford on loan for the 2018 League 1 season.



Mikey Wood

Another Huddersfield Giant, Mikey first played for Oldham in a Law Cup encounter at Spotland at the start of the 2016 season. Featured in 11 games during Oldham's 2017 Championship year and drew praise from coach Scott Naylor for his excellent work rate and professionalism.

Joined team-mate Liam Johnson at Bradford on loan for the 2018 League 1 season.



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

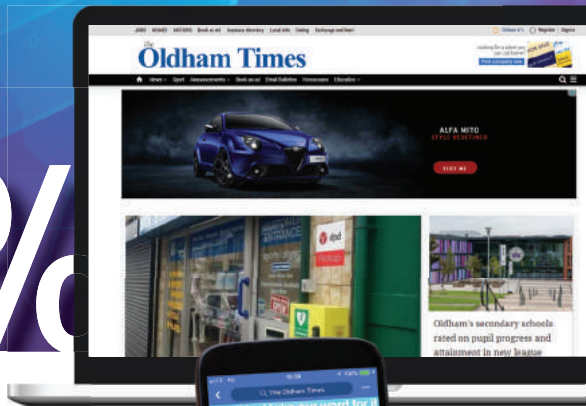
RESULTS

Date	Time	Opponents		Result	Attn.
FEBRUARY					
Sunday 18	3.00pm	Whitehaven RLFC	A	14-0 (won)	785
Sunday 25	3.00pm	Featherstone Lions (Challenge Cup Round 3)	H	42-0 (won)	364
MARCH					
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
APRIL					
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
MAY					
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
JUNE					
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
JULY					
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
AUGUST					
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
SEPTEMBER					
Sunday 2	3.00pm	Coventry Bears	H	58-6 (won)	374
Sunday 9	3.00pm	York City Knights	A	6-10 (lost)	1,692
Sunday 16	3.00pm	Bradford Bulls	H		
Saturday 22	3.00pm	London Skolars	A		



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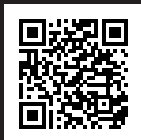
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1. Lee Smith

2. Ethan Ryan

3. Ashley Gibson

4. Ross Oakes

5. Dalton Grant

6. Joe Keyes

7. Dane Chisholm

8. Liam Kirk

9. Sam Hallas

10. Steve Crossley

11. Matty Garside

12. Elliot Minchella

13. George Milton

14. Gregg McNally

15. Callum Bustin

16. Danny King

17. Ross Peltier

18. Liam Johnson

19. Mikey Wood

21. George Flanagan

22. Harvey Burnett

24. Brandon Pickersgill

25. Josh Rickett

26. Vila Halafihi

27. Reiss Butterworth

29. Evan Hodgson

30. Jamel Goodall

31. Oliver Wilson

32. Matthew Storton

33. Rowan Miles

35. Jy Hitchcox

36. James Laithwaite

37. James Green

38. Jordan Lilley

39. Tuoyo Egodo

40. Jonny Pownall