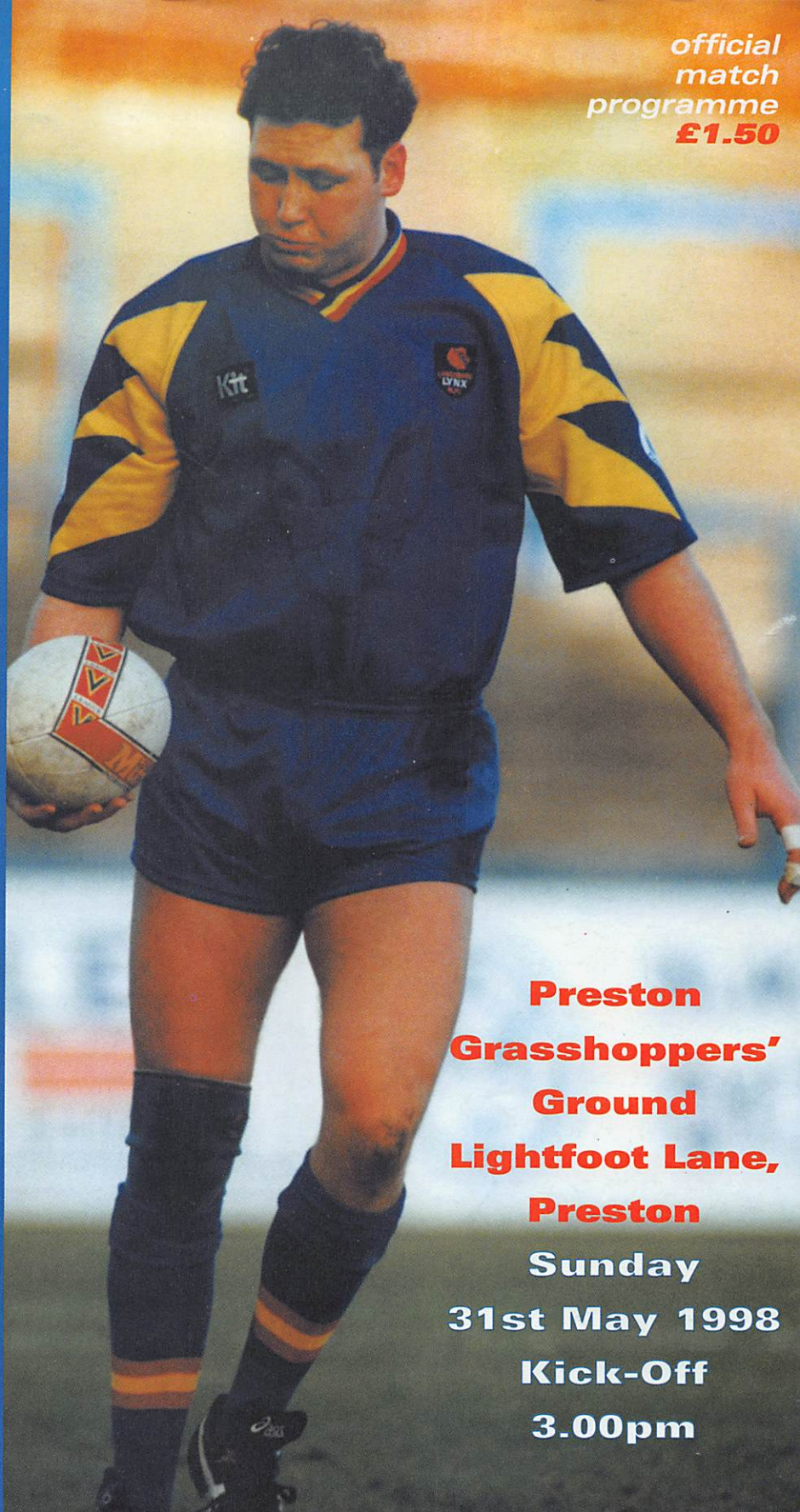


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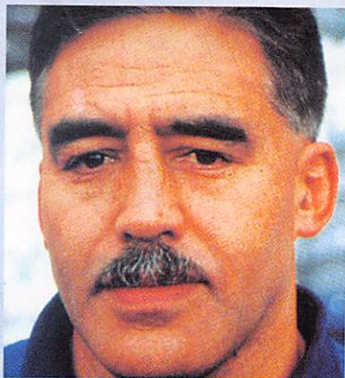
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message from **Kevin Tamati**

Welcome to Lightfoot Lane, the home of Preston Grasshoppers Rugby Union Club and our venue for the first round of the new Red Rose Cup competition. I would like to thank the Grasshoppers Committee for allowing us the use of their superb facility. To our opponents Oldham (Roughyeds) good luck today and for the rest of the season. To the Chairman, Chris Hamilton, and fellow Directors keep up the good work. I know you are taking a little bit of flack at the moment but, as in most cases, it's from people who don't matter. I'm sure the people who do matter, the real people, support you in everything you try to do.

Everyone in Rugby League, professional or amateur, knows Oldham is one of the few successful breeding grounds for this great game. So, it is important, not only to Rugby League, but to the historical traditions of the town for you to be successful.

To my lads, congratulations on two great wins

away from home. The performance at Workington was so clinical - they didn't really know what hit them. Lee Prest found how demanding it is for a front row forward to play for eighty minutes. The forwards again laying the foundations for the backs to attack from. Chris Kelly's kicking game has improved out of sight (it's amazing what a little practice can do). Doc Murray, the one game wonder, showed in this game the reason he was signed by Wigan. I'm sure there is more to come from Doc but unfortunately a calf strain is giving him grief and he was forced to leave the field at Batley on Sunday. Hopefully, he will be able to play in today's match and not be burdened by the injury.

Our young stand-off protégé, Phil (I won't pass the ball to Darren) Jones is enjoying his role as pivot. Still learning the ropes and appearing to be enjoying the lessons, he is now playing with a great deal of confidence and has accepted the goal kicking responsibilities with casual glee. Phil scored an absolute stunner at Mount Pleasant (up the hill) breaking the Batley defence, scooting thirty metres with the full-back hanging onto one arm. He then added the extra two points.

Andy Ruane again showed his experience in both games, having a major role as one would expect in every department. His three drop goals proved to be decisive in our victory at Batley and what a victory it was. Both matches were great wins and are the result of the tremendous team spirit which exists in the club.

Whilst today is the first game in the Red Rose Cup, there are four points at stake, two very important league and two very important cup. The League for the top prize of £40,000 and the Pennine Cup a prize of £20,000. So, as you can all appreciate from the above there is a lot at stake in this match today.

Enjoy the match.

Kevin Tamati

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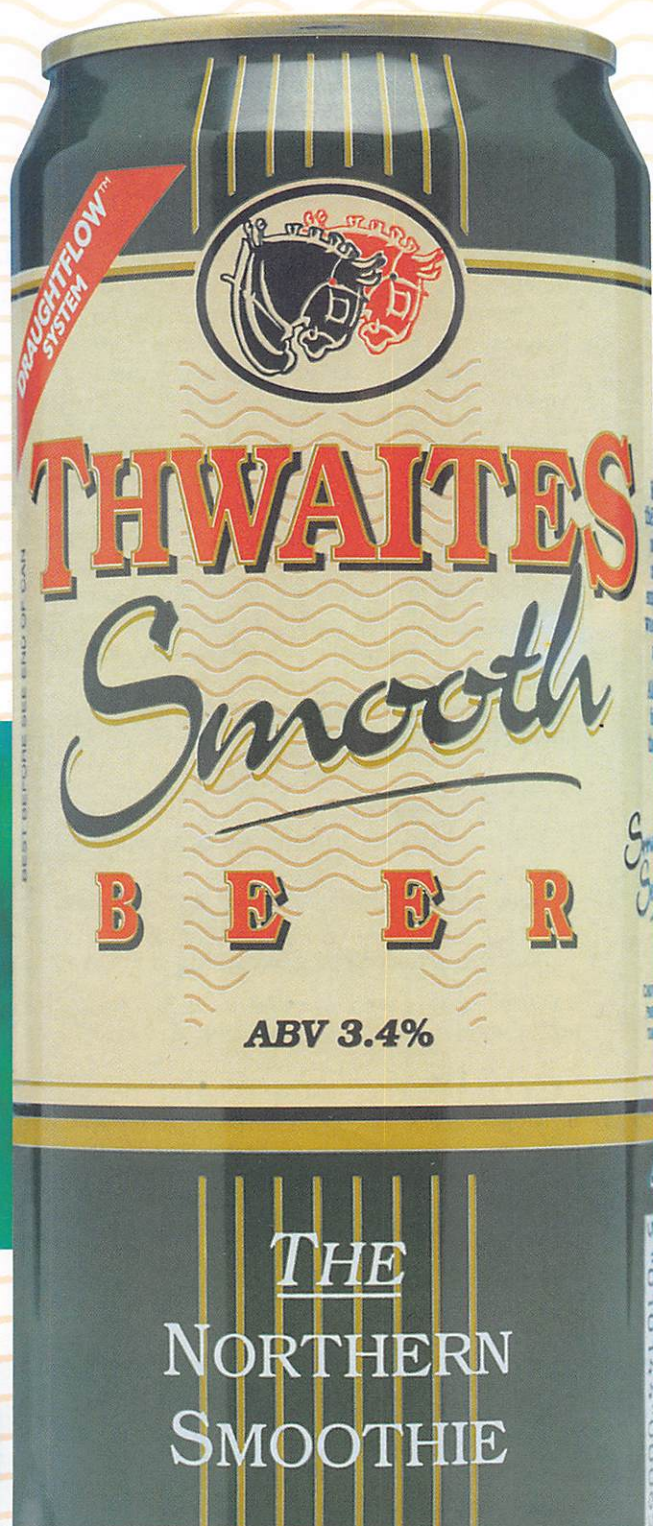
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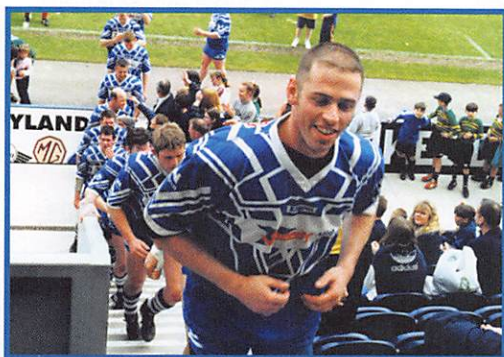
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(above) Youngsters, under the watchful eye of Kevin Tamati played touch rugby before the Lynx v York game.

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FIVE

welcome to **OLDHAM**

KEITH ATKINSON

The Stalwart. This is Keith's 8th comeback! Signed for Oldham in 1985 and hung up his boots for what everyone thought was the final time in 1992. Little did we know! Back come forward who has probably played in every position with the possible exception of scrum half. Broke more bones than a butcher (his own that is!). Superb attitude.

CRAIG BARKER

Young stand-off half and a product of the Waterhead amateur RL club. Signed as a pro for the former Bears club and joined the Roughyeds as a free agent. Captained the Bears Academy side and graduated to the Alliance side, which he also led on occasions.

JASON CLEGG

Big Prop. Started in Union with Littleborough, moved into League with Littleborough based North West Pioneers and turned pro with Bradford Northern, (as they were then called), after being spotted by a Northern scout playing in a BARLA cup tie at Redhill (Castleford). Played several senior games with Bradford and later had a spell on loan with Batley.

SEAN COOPER

Former Saddleworth Rangers star, who was taken to Bradford in the Peter Fox era. Captained the Alliance side at Oasel,

won numerous Alliance player of the year awards and joined Oldham as a free agent when the Bulls decided to scrap their reserve team. Impressive so far in the Roughyeds early games.

RICHARD DARKES

Former Huddersfield, Bradford and Dewsbury utility back. Ex-paratrooper. Signed after impressing in a pre season match at Castleford. Played wing in his early days with Huddersfield and Bradford, but has since acquired considerable experience in the centre and in the back row of the pack.

CRAIG DIGGLE

A Rochdalian, Craig played with Rochdale Hornets when Roughyeds boss Paddy Kirwan was Alliance team coach at Spotland. Best position, wing. Scored two tries in Oldham's first competitive match against Heworth in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

CHRIS ECKERSLEY

Former schoolboy sprint champion, who signed for the old Oldham club as a 15 year old on a club record contract for a teenager. A long running contract dispute ended with his move to Warrington before he returned to his new home town club as a free agent after a major shake up of personnel at Wilderspool.

MICHAEL EDWARDS

St Helens born, Michael first joined the old club as a 15 year old scrum half. Was a regular in Alliance rugby for two or three seasons before Oldham coach Tony Barrow took him to Swinton. Now playing in the pack, he had a spell on loan with Salford last season and was delighted to return to Oldham when the opportunity arose.

NEIL FLANAGAN

Club skipper and an influential leader. A product of St. Annes, Neil turned pro for his home town club and became its youngest captain at the age of 19. Eventually moved on to Huddersfield, where he also had leadership responsibilities before joining Rochdale Hornets. Proud to be back in his home town and even prouder to be the skipper.

JOHN HOUGH

Made his name as the first player to be signed by the Roughyeds shortly after the new club was formed. A product of the Oldham schoolboy and youth game, John is a determined little hooker, who gained considerable experience from his 30 senior games for Warrington. Expected to have a big season in division two.

AFI LEUILA

Played 22 Super League games for the Bears last season after coming close to representing Tonga in the 1995 World Cup. First played for St Helens. This strong, tough South Sea Islander, born in Tonga, raised in Auckland, will probably

figure in the centre this season, although he is equally at home on the flank.

MARTIN MADERS

Young prop, who joined Huddersfield from Saddleworth Rangers as a club record buy for a teenager. Had a spell in Australia and later played with local amateurs Waterhead before joining Oldham for an undisclosed fee. His father Dennis played for Oldham in the sixties and seventies.

MICK MARTINDALE

Clever half handler. Represented Oldham schoolboys on tour in Australia with Iain MacCorquodale, Eric Fitzsimons and Fred Laughton in 1988. Turned pro with Halifax, moved to Wakefield as part of a swop deal and joined his home-town club in January. Made his debut in the cup defeat at Widnes. Loose-forward or stand-off.

JOE McNICHOLAS

Out and out winger. Fast, elusive and good on his feet. Still only 18, signed for the Bears as a boy, but played only one senior game, at Leeds in the Premiership play-off last season. Rejected Bradford Bulls in a bid to make his name with the Roughyeds.

ADRIAN MEAD

A Wiganer, Aidie first played in the Bears Academy side as a winger, but he switched to centre last season and impressed as a strong and pacy runner who could score tries. Keen to improve further and build on the success he enjoyed in the Bears 'A' team in 1997.

MIKE PRESCOTT

Back-row forward, also from Wigan. Made a big name for himself as a strong running forward in the early days of Academy rugby. Since served his apprenticeship in the Alliance side and capable of doing well for the new Oldham club at prop or in the backrow.

BRIAN QUINLAN

Raised at St Anne's, Brian was one of the three Oldham amateurs taken to Bramley by Maurice Bamford. The others were Jon Perks and Roy Jewitt. A strong prop or second-row, Brian is a useful goalkicker. He also plays, during the winter, for Oldham RU but he is the first to admit that RL is his real sporting love.

PAUL ROUND

Veteran of the squad at 34. Joined Oldham from St Helens in 1987. The fee, £65,000 set by tribunal. Enjoyed the best days of his career at Watersheddings. Since had further experience with Wakefield, Halifax and Castleford. One of the 'old heads' in a young pack.

DARREN ROBINSON

'Baby' of the squad at 18. Scrum-half, who can also operate at stand-off. A Leeds lad, Darren played for the Bears Academy and Alliance teams, but never signed on. Signed for the Roughyeds as a free agent and has since caught the eye in warm-up matches, particularly in the 27-26 defeat at Castleford.

GRAEME SHAW

Son of former Oldham Athletic and West

Brom soccer star David Shaw, Graeme played Union as a boy at Rakewood (Littleborough), but turned to amateur RL with Moldgreen when his family moved to Huddersfield. Represented the Young Lions against the Junior Kiwis and then signed for Bradford. Made a try-scoring Super League debut at Leeds. Second-row forward.

IAN SINFIELD

Made a big impression so far. Another Oldhamer, a product of Waterhead. Turned pro with Salford, who got an undisclosed fee when he signed for Oldham at Christmas. A natural back-rower, he is the elder brother of England schoolboys star and now Leeds youngster, Kevin Sinfield.

NATHAN VARLEY

A go-go forward, who excelled with his all-round performance in attack and defence in the friendly at Whelton Road. Not the biggest of forwards, Nathan has a big heart. He won Yorkshire youth honours before rejecting Keighley to sign for Bradford. One of several ex-Bradford men in the Oldham camp.

STEVE WILDE

Utility back. Strong and pacy. Started with Saddleworth Rangers. Signed by Brian Gartland for the Bears. Prominent member of the Bears Alliance side last season. Played with Waterhead when the Bears folded, but was keen to sign for the new club when opportunity knocked.

on the **HOME** front

SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

The Supporters Club has organised coaches to run to the forthcoming games against Barrow, Workington and Oldham. For more details and bookings contact Mick Croasdale at the Deepdale Hotel on 01772 252423. The coach leaves from The Deepdale Hotel on St. Georges Road NOT the ground.

Witness the professionalism and dedication of the Supporters Club Committee at first hand. The next meeting is an open meeting for all members. This will be held on June 10th at Deepdale, starting at 8 pm and everyone's welcome.

Ever wondered what happened at the last two committee meetings? Paul Lloyd has lovingly crafted an excellent newsletter so that everyone can keep up to date with what's going on and this should be available soon.

After today's game there will be a raffle to raise funds for the Supporters Club. Please support this by buying as many tickets as you can.

There are still some membership cards that haven't been collected. These can be picked up from Supporters Club secretary, Cassie Willescroft, at half-time or in the bar after the game. Similarly, if you still haven't joined the club there will be another opportunity to do so today.

LANCASHIRE LYNX BBQ

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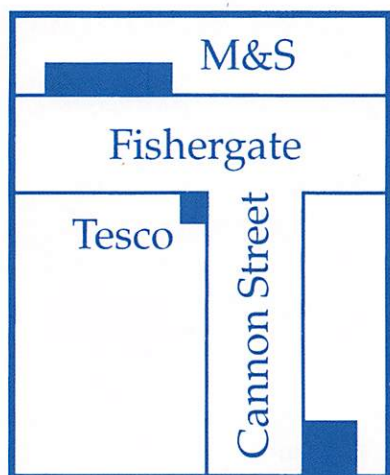
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The idiots Guide to Rugby League

We recently spoke to Lancashire Lynx manager, Kevin Tamati, who agreed to answer questions about the rules and regulations of rugby league. For anybody not aware of the rules and ethics of this great game of ours we give you a blow by blow guide to the game of rugby league.

- Rugby league is a game played by thirteen on each side with a reserve bench of four players, which makes a seventeen man playing squad. During a game you're allowed to make six substitutions which means you can use another two players twice.
- The game lasts for eighty minutes with two forty minute halves with a ten minute half-time break. We leave the pitch and retire to the changing rooms where the coach can verbally abuse the players without being a public spectacle. The referee will toss the coin and the captain who wins the toss will decide which way he wants his team to play. And the losing side will get to kick-off.

The sides are split up into six forwards, which, in rugby league terms, is normally numbered from 8 - the open side prop, 9 - the hooker, 10 - blind side prop. In a scrum they would form the front line with numbers 11, 12 and 13 being the back three players. That would leave seven backs, which are, number 1 - the full-back, 2 - the right wing, 3 - the right centre, 4 - the left centre, 5 - the left wing, 6 - fly-half or stand-off, 7 - scrum-half.

- Play is started on the half-way line from a place-kick and if it's caught by the attacking

side then they have six tackles in which they have to progress as far down the field as they possibly can. On the fifth tackle and before the sixth tackle they are able to kick the ball down the field to gain a further amount of yardage. As from then the defending side will become the attacking side through gaining automatic possession of the ball. In the sixties and seventies it was open rule which meant you could keep possession as long as you wanted. That was in the days when there were twenty stone wingers and the biggest and strongest guys kept hold of the ball. There wasn't a great deal of skill involved in the game - it was pure bulk and power and strength. The game these days is all about speed which means you need to possess strength, size, fitness and speed.

Points System

If you ground the ball over the opponents try-line with the use of the upper body and as long as you're in total control of the ball when grounding it then it's a try. You get 4 points for that.

If you score in the corner then you have to take the kick directly in line from where the try was scored. It's up to yourself how far you take the ball back for the kick - there's no set distance. A successful conversion is 2 points.

The other way of scoring is from a penalty, which would be given for an infringement, a high tackle or an offside or where a referee deems that one team has broken the rules. A penalty is worth 2 points.

The only other way of scoring is through a drop-goal, which is worth 1 point.

Offside You've got to be behind the ball when it's played to you. If you're going to be involved with the ball, ie, about to receive a pass from a team-mate then you have to be behind the line of the ball. If you're forward of that line then you're offside. The referee can either call a forward pass because you're over that forward line or he can penalise you for a deliberate forward pass.

Let's hope Kevin's excellent synopsis of the rules of rugby league help you to get even more enjoyment out of this great game of ours.

LANCASHIRE LYNX R.L.F.C. FIXTURES

RESULTS, LINE-UPS, SCORERS, SEASON 1997

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	SCORE/K.O	ATT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
February																					
Sun 1	WEST HULL (SCCC4)	H	46-0	488	Allday 5g	Waring	Finney 1T	Abram 1T	McLoughlin	Jones 2T	Kelly 2T	Taylor	Ruane	Pekepo	Gee 1T	Briscoe 1T	Solomon	Bryne 1T	Mawdsley	Norton	Donno
Sun 15	DEVSBURY (SCCC5)	H	28-28	736	Allday 3g	McLoughlin	Finney	Abram 1T	Parsley 1T	Jones	Kelly	Taylor 1T	Ruane 1g	Pekepo	Gee 2T	Briscoe	Solomon	Bryne	Mawdsley	Norton	Donno
Wed 18	DEVSBURY (SCCC5 Replay)	a	14-31	750	Allday 3g	McLoughlin	Finney	Abram	Parsley 1T	Jones	Kelly	Taylor	Ruane 1T 1g	Pekepo 1T	Gee	Briscoe	Solomon	Bryne	Mawdsley	Norton	Donno
April																					
Fri 10	OLDHAM	a	Postponed																		
Mon 13	BARROW B. RAIDERS	H	20-20	721	Fairhurst	Waring	Bryne	Abram	Parsley 2T	Jones 4g	Kelly 1T	Taylor	Donno	Prest	Pekepo	Briscoe	Ruane	Ashcroft	Norton	Mawdsley	Solomon
Sun 19	DONCASTER DRAGONS	H	40-6	750	Fairhurst	Bryne	Finney	Abram	Parsley 2T	Jones 4g	Kelly 2T	Taylor 1T	Donno 1T	Prest	Solomon 1T	Briscoe	Ruane 1T	Ashcroft	Smith	Pekepo	Mawdsley
Wed 29	BRAMLEY	a	19-14	453	Fairhurst	Bryne	Finney	Abram	Parsley	Jones 1T 4g	Ruane 1dg	Taylor	Donno	Prest	Briscoe	Mawdsley	Solomon 1T	Ashcroft	Smith	Pekepo 1T	Viller
May																					
Sun 10	YORK WASPS	H	12-25	853	Fairhurst	Bryne	Finney	Abram	Parsley	Jones 1T 2g	Kelly 1T	Taylor	Donno	Prest	Briscoe	Mawdsley	Ruane	Murray	Soloman	Pekepo	Smith
Sun 17	WORKINGTON TOWN	a	40-6	750	Murray 2T	Bryne	Ashcroft 1T	Abram	Parsley	Jones 6g	Kelly 1T	Taylor	Donno	Prest	Briscoe	Soloman 1T	Ruane	Fairhurst 1T	Smith	Pekepo 1T	Mawdsley
Sun 24	BATLEY BULLDOGS	a	17-16	501	Murray	Bryne	Ashcroft 1T	Abram	Parsley	Jones 1T 3g	Kelly	Taylor	Donno	Prest	Briscoe	Soloman	Ruane 3dg	D Jones	Smith	Norton	Mawdsley
RED ROSE CHAMPIONSHIP																					
May Sun 31st	Oldham	H	3.00																		
(At Lightfoot Lane: Preston Grasshoppers' Ground)																					
June Sun 7th	Barrow Border Raiders	A	3.00																		
Sun 14th	Workington	A	3.00																		
Fri 19th	Oldham(at Spotland)	A	7.30																		
Sun 28th	Workington Town	H	3.00																		
July Sun 5th	Barrow Border Raiders	H	3.00																		
Sun 19th	Trans Pennine Cup Final																				
Sun 26	OLDHAM	H	3pm																		
August																					
Sun 2	BARROW B. RAIDERS	A	3pm																		
Sun 9	DONCASTER DRAGONS	A	3pm																		
Sun 16	BRAMLEY	H	3pm																		
Sun 23	YORK WASPS	A	3pm																		
Sun 30	WORKINGTON TOWN	H	3pm																		
September																					
Sun 6	BATLEY BULLDOGS	A	3pm																		
To be arranged	OLDHAM	A																			

All games except Silk Cut Challenge Cup ties, friendlies and the Trans Pennine Cup Final count towards the Second Division Championship.
The winners of the Red Rose Championship Round Robin (31st May - 5th July inclusive) play the winners of the White Rose Championship in the Trans Pennine Final

Friendly Results

January

Sun 18 ST HELENS H 14-34 1405 Allday 1T 3g Parsley 1T

April

Sun 5 N LANCs AMATEURS H 58-0 Byrne 1T Waring 1T Donno 2T Mawdsley 1T Jones 2T 4g

Parsley 2T Westwood 2T Pekepo 1T Murray 1g

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LYNX Stat Attack

Player	App	Sub	T	G	D/G	Pts	App	Sub	T	G	D/G	Pts
Darren Abram	9		2			8	9		2			8
Neil Allday	3			8		16	24	3	4	61		138
Steve Ashcroft	2	3	2			8	44	3	11			44
Carl Briscoe	9		1			4	182	26	36	1		146
Steve Bryne	6	3	1			4	19	8	9		1	37
John Donno	6	3	1			4	10	6	2			8
Craig Fairhurst	4	1	1			4	21	1	2			8
Milton Finney	6		1			4	35	4	10			40
Steve Gee	3		3			12	29		14			56
Danny Jones		1					9	8	2			8
Phil Jones	9		5	22		64	17	5	7	22		72
Chris Kelly	8		7			28	32	1	16			64
Rob McLoughlin	3						10	5	4			16
Neil Mawdsley	2	7					2	7				
Doc Murray	2	1	2			8	2	1	2			8
Paul Norton		5					13	7				
Neil Parsley	8		6			24	29	1	18			64
Jason Pekepo	4	4	3			12	4	4	3			12
Lee Prest	6						6					
Andy Ruane	9		2	2	4	16	72		9	23	14	99
Simon Smith		5					19	5	8	8		48
PJ Solomon	7	2	3			12	31	2	14			56
Steve Taylor	9		2			8	49		5			20
Jason Viller		1						1				
Ray Waring	2						42		38			152
22 players used												
Total			42	32	4	236						

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	PTS
York Wasps	7	5	0	2	154	84	70	10
Bramley	8	5	0	3	157	132	25	10
Lancashire Lynx	6	4	1	1	148	87	61	9
Barrow B.Raiders	7	4	1	2	133	118	15	9
Oldham	7	4	0	3	139	139	0	8
Batley Bulldogs	7	2	0	5	154	150	4	4
Workington T	7	1	1	5	105	180	-75	3
Doncaster Dragons	7	1	1	5	95	195	-100	3

Academy 2nd Divison

April		
19th	Batley Bulldogs	H W18-16
25th	Hunslet Hawks	A W44-4
May		
2nd	Silk Cut Challenge Cup - FINAL	
10th	Gateshead	H W20-12
23rd	Dewsbury Rams	A L7-32
31st	Cardiff Demons	H 12.30
June		
7th	Doncaster Dragons	A 1.00
14th	York	H 2.30
21st	Hemel Hempstead	A 2.30
28th	Hunslet Hawks	H 12.30
July		
5th	Gateshead	A 2.30
19th	Dewsbury Rams	H 2.30
25th	Cardiff Demons	A 2.30
August		
2nd	Doncaster Dragons	H 2.30
9th	York	A 2.30
16th	Hemel Hempstead	H 12.30
24th	Batley Bulldogs	A 7.30
30th	SECOND DIVISION PLAY-OFFS	
September		
6th	SECOND DIVISION PLAY-OFFS	
13th	SECOND DIVISION PLAY-OFFS FINAL	

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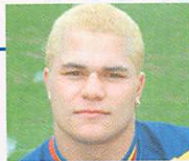
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SEVENTEEN

LYNX RECORD SHATTERED

Lancashire Lynx 12 York Wasps 25

LEIGH DEAKIN helped himself to a hat-trick of tries as York Wasps became the first team to win a league match at Fortress Deepdale.

Lancashire's proud record stretched back two seasons but the home side finished well beaten by a Wasps outfit improving rapidly after a poor start to the campaign.

Former Hull Sharks winger Deakin scored the first of his teams five touchdowns after six minutes and went on to add two more in the 45th and 76th minutes after Lynx led 10-7 at the break.

York celebrated their success as though they had won promotion and the result brought a wide smile to the face of head coach Dean Robinson.

"We didn't deserve to go behind at half-time but in the second 40 minutes we dominated the game," said Robinson. "We had a plan and stuck to it by the letter. It was a fantastic result and deserved by all 17 players."

"They had worked hard all week and enjoyed a great training session on Friday night."

Wasps made the ideal start with a try in just six minutes. Some flimsy Lynx defence allowed loose forward Paul Darley to offload the ball and Deakin, on his shoulder, went over unopposed.

Craig Booth booted a fine touch line conversion to put the visitors in the driving seat for all of seven minutes.

That's how long it took for Lynx to pull back four points. Prop Lee Prest made the break on half way with York guilty of losing concentration. Phil Jones took the pass and despite Geoff Woodward giving chase

the in-form stand off won the race for the line.

Unfortunately for the number six he blotted his copy book by missing the simplest of conversions.

The rest of the half was a physical battle upfront with further scoring opportunities at a premium. Neil Parsley did prevent Woodward adding a second York try on the sixth tackle while Mark Cain potted a field goal to increase the winning margin after 28 minutes. That's the way it stayed until the 38th minute when in front for the first time.

Doc Murray, just on as substitute for Craig Fairhurst, kicked a head and appeared to be blocked by two defenders.

Referee McGregor allowed play to continue and Chris Kelly nipped in to touch down before the ball ran out of play. Jones didn't miss this time to give Lynx their half-time advantage.

It took York only five minutes to hit back when the match resumed. Lancashire failed to get out of their own half from the kick off and Deakin eventually battled his way over for his second try.

Jones restored Lancashire's lead with a 48th minute penalty although the Lynx's attacking ideas lacked imagination and penetration against some stout York tackling.

Lancashire were lucky to escape going behind when Andy Precious missed a 66th minute penalty but four minutes later Wasps did go in front. Deakin was involved again, this time sending in substitute Alex Godfrey, a replacement for debutant Fata Sini.

GAMESTAR: Leigh Deakin the York hat-trick hero proved too powerful for the home sides defence to handle.

match report

EIGHTEEN

DERWENT DISASTER FOR TOWN

**Workington Town 6
Lancashire Lynx 40**

**The promise of the fine win over
Bramley evaporated rapidly on a hot
sunny day at Derwent Park.**

Lancashire's were far too steady for a much re-jigged Town side, and in half back Chris Kelly and full back Doc Murray they had the men to take full advantage of any home weaknesses. And there were plenty of such weaknesses, as Workington had to struggle to field a team at all - Alliance coach Gary Smith being pressed into service to complete the 17. So perhaps the slow start was not too surprising. The Lynx couldn't believe their luck. Without breaking sweat they were 18-0 up at a rate of a point a minute. Town's must have turned the ball over eight times in that spell. Kelly's perfectly weighted grubber gave Steve Ashcroft the easiest of touchdowns. Then Doc Murray benefited from a good bounce off a huge bomb. Next, routine passing gave PJ Solomon the chance to stroll through some wafer thin defence, Phil Jones kicked three goals on top before Town decided to make a game of it. In fact, for the next 25 minutes, Workington were the better team. They still made errors, but now they've tightened up their defence and they rolled

forward in fine style through Steve Maguire, Barry Williams and Nicky Crellin. New hooker Chris Sullivan was in the thick of things throughout.

Quite a few breaks were made, but were not well enough supported, and so there was only a Crellin six-pointer to show for all this possession, courtesy of Williams and Graeme Close.

Town needed to score quickly after the break.

They made a bright start but the old ball control problems returned.

Lynx re-gained the initiative with a Jones penalty, and then proceeded to play exhibition football with the glut of possession which they were gifted. Tremendous support play up the left released Neil Parsley on a great diagonal run, Kelly taking the final pass to slide over.

Town still managed some good moments as their injury woes continued to mount, but breaks by Carl Roden and Crellin came to nought.

The Lynx rubbed salt in the wounds with a three-try closing burst.

Jayson Pekepo trundelled over the left. Then a tremendous bout of passing and support play was straightened up by Murray and he raced to the posts. Finally a neat chip over bounced kindly into Murray's arms for him to send Craig Fairhurst in with a nice pass.

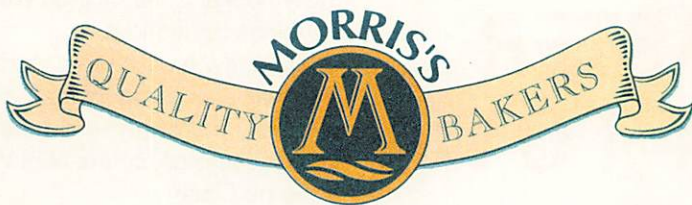
So, well played Lancashire.

As for Town, they will be desperately hoping some of their injured players recover soon.

GAMESTAR: Doc Murray. The Lynx full back was sound in defence, displayed a useful long kicking game and proved a real handful in attack.

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NINETEEN



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LYNX HANG ON

BATLEY BULLDOGS 16

LANCASHIRE LYNX 17

Struggling Bulldogs staged a grandstand finish but failed by inches to gain victory in a game they could have wrapped up many times over.

Lancashire returned over the Pennines with another away win which keeps them well in contention at the top of the table.

Batley recovered from an error strewn performance to narrow the scoring gap to just one point six minutes from time.

And when awarded a penalty on the halfway line with three minutes to go they bravely decided on an all out or nothing gamble for two points.

Jeremy Dyson's splendid attempt went high and straight, but, unfortunately for Batley, fell inches short and Lynx held out for victory.

It was all so galling for the Bulldogs when they recalled their fluffed chances, crazy passes and sheer bad luck, all of which combined to prevent them ending a run of three defeats.

They fell behind to a Phil Jones penalty and an Andy Ruane drop goal only to hit back through Gary Barnett.

Barnett had a game of mixed fortunes, making bad mistakes but providing the greatest number of scoring chances.

In quick succession he was manhandled back from the line, knocked on when in a scoring position and put Grant Myers over the line only to see him recalled for a forward pass.

It was Barnett's ankle high pass to Mark Cass which let Lynx off the hook and allowed them to race away. Steve Ashcroft scoring when pouncing on a grubber kick from Chris Kelly. This gave Lynx a 9-4 half time lead.

Having gone in front after converting a Myres try, Batley were soon behind again after conceding two quick penalties. A Simon Jackson try and two drop goals from Andy Ruane seemed to settle it for Lynx. Barnett and Richard Price produced a smart piece of inter-passing for the home side to enable them to close the gap to a point with six minutes left.

And when Batley were given a penalty award on the half way line moments later Dyson had his chance of glory, Thankfully for Lynx, he failed.

GAMESTAR: Andy Ruane - the loose forward ran well, varied his distribution shrewdly and added three drop goals for good measure.

view from the **FAR SIDE**

So here we are, Lightfoot Lane, so I'd like to welcome all the travelling Oldham fans and those of you who are here just because it's a new ground. The moral and social aspects of ground hopping aside, we don't care why you're here, you've paid your money and so obviously you're welcome.

We're also halfway through the real league season already (doesn't time fly when you're.....well, doesn't time fly) and about to embark on the bizarre set-up that is the Red/White Rose Championship (delete as applicable depending on which side of the Pennines you are). After last season's fiasco of the regional play-offs, which were such a success (the words 'lead' and 'balloon' spring readily to mind) it's got to be better than that.

It does mean that we end up with three away games on the trot and with today's fixture being near enough an away trip, you'd be forgiven if you'd forgotten what Deepdale looks like. But if you look at our current away form, a 100% record, well three from three and I'm sure that that's the best I've ever seen, you've got to hope it continues today.

At the last two trips to Batley and Workington, it's been brilliant to hear the vocal support of travelling fans. For those of you who aren't aware, the Supporters Club is organising transport to all of this year's away games. Suddenly, there's this novelty of having enough supporters to make our presence felt at other grounds. Admittedly, we're still outnumbered, but we can still yell as the recently re-dyed and re-christened

Phil 'Indiana' Jones will testify. Rumour has it that the Supporters Club will organise for him to have it changed legally by deed poll and that we were going to have a whip-round and try raising cash to sort out the hair while we were at it. Hopefully, the reason for that name change will become clear during the next eighty minutes. Let's just say that it originated at Workington, it was a very hot day and maybe that had a bad effect on certain members of the Supporters Club. Remember folks, some of these people represent your views on the committee, believe me, I'm scared by that as well.

Living in a non-SKY household I've found that there's several options if you want to watch a game on telly. Firstly, there's the Teletext route, but for some reason this tends to reduce the excitement of games. Then you can abuse the hospitality of friends by making them let you take over their living rooms for eighty minutes. This is fine if they like rugby but I've found that having friends who hate the game can cause problems with this one. They'll let me watch Johnny Bravo on the Cartoon Network, but Eddie and Stevo remain forbidden territory. Can't think why. Then there's my favourite choice of dragging unsuspecting friends to the pub and harassing the bar staff to abandon Inter-Continental Sub-Aqua Tiddlywinks on Eurosport in favour of Super League.

This also gives you the opportunity to introduce mates to the greatest game. The latest to suffer at my hands in this way is a life-long Man City supporter so I reckoned that he'd be misguided enough to agree to come to Deepdale. No such luck. All it did was raise the age-old (and now incredibly dull) question of how many wolves there are in Warrington. I thought he was just a keen conservationist, concerned about dwindling numbers in the area, turns out he was being ironic. I'd never have guessed though.

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TWENTY TWO



John Donno was
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