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Today we welcome Oldham to Craven Park and hope to get back on the winning trail, and also next week when we entertain Widnes.

The season is entering the final furlongs and if Paul Charlton's wish to finish mid-table is to be achieved then we can't afford to drop many points.

It will be nice to see a full compliment of staff available to Paul and then he would have the hard task of choosing his strongest 17. Injuries and suspension have held this task at bay but you must put up with it as it is the same for all clubs.

Congratulations to Paul Salmon on his selection for the Irish squad. Paul can only gain valuable experience by playing alongside and training with established Internationals. Also congratulations to fellow winger Ian McAllister who tied the knot yesterday.

I read with interest that the First Division are thinking of starting the season around Boxing Day and New Years Day.

I always like games played at the Festive season although the players won't, but have the powers that be thought about this New Years day in particular - the year 2,000 - a night of celebrations throughout the world. I don't think players will like the idea of spending the night around the T.V.

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Views From the North

Oldham Roughyeds are our visitors today in the final third of the season. They narrowly defeated us at Spotland way back at the start of the season despite us rushing into an eight points lead in as many minutes. That was definitely a match we should have won so the lads have got a real point to prove this afternoon.

Oldham have not had the best of seasons this year. They, like us and Workington, are having to work under the handicap of only half the Sky money that the other Premiership clubs enjoy this season. Thankfully we will be on a level (but leaner) playing field in the future years but the consequence for this season has been that the other clubs have been able to spend much more on signings than the two teams today and Workington up the coast.

I thought that the ill thought-out proposals from the Premiership Chairman for a return to Winter Rugby damaged the game's credibility and underlined the need for the RFL to be the only official body authorised to make statements on the future strategy of the game. I realise that this was only one man's opinion but the press were almost guaranteed, given it's authorship, to dignify it as official RL policy and then to ridicule it. Some lessons are hard learned.

I was forced to miss the Featherstone game thanks to some kind of stomach bug, so my comments on the game are very much second hand. According to Ivan Ash, the Radio Cumbria commentator, our tackling and ball handling once again let us down. Personally, I think there must be something in the Yorkshire air. We have nothing to fear from any Tyke side at

Craven Park but we go to pieces when we are further East than Oldham.

Congratulations to Whitehaven on their 22-16 home win over high-flying Leigh. It seems to be a Cumbrian trait - beat the top sides at home and lose to Yorkshire sides away from home. Ask Workington - they had the same torrid time in Yorkshire as Barrow. They lost 44-4 at bottom club Doncaster.

We are told that Mark Gardner, the young player seriously injured in a road accident, continues to make a steady recovery in the R.V.I., at Newcastle, where he is likely to be for a considerable time. We would like to organise some kind of fund-raising event as the costs to his family of commuting from Cumbria to Newcastle on a daily basis must be extreme. They are nonetheless vital to his morale and eventual recovery.

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Oldham Pen Pics.

Aide Mead Product of Oldham Bears Academy this utility back is a handy member of the roughyeds squad. Has played on the wing this season and has been very consistent.

Afi Leuila Only member of the Bears Super League squad to join the 'new' Oldham team. Of Tongan origin Afi is a strong running three-quarter who likes nothing better than to attack the opposition. Has just returned to the team after injury.

Brian Quinlan Local born goal kicking centre or second row. Missed most of last season through injury and is struggling to make an impact this season.

Mick Farrell 21 year old utility was outstanding for Rochdale in 1997 but had a disappointing 1998. The ex-Waterhead amateur will be looking for a big season with his hometown club. Played at centre and also fullback this season.

Joe McNicholas This young winger is one of the most exciting prospects in the new first division. Having turned down an offer from Bradford Bulls Joe was unfortunate to miss most of '98 after breaking his leg early in the season. Rochdale born, he is armed with pace and a great side-step.

Paul Crook Half back who previously played with Dewsbury, Oldham Bears and Hull Sharks. Creative player who is happy at either stand-off or loose forward. Scored two tries in the recent defeat of Workington.

Craig Barker Local halfback or hooker who was not always a first choice in '98 but never lets the side down when selected.

Leo Casey Now at the veteran stage. Leo has returned to Oldham in the close season. Has represented Ireland at International level. This tough prop forward was delighted to be named as Captain for this seasons campaign and his performances have been outstanding. Leads from the front usually plays 80 minutes, which is a rarity in todays modern game.

Jason Clegg Formerly a Bradford Bull this prop has opened this season in barnstorming form. Scored a typical Rampinging try in the Law Cup against Rochdale. 'Cleggy' is becoming a favourite with the Oldham spectators and is a member of a very consistent front row.

Paul Round Now in his second spell with Oldham, Paul is a real veteran of the game. Formerly a back rower he now tends to lead from the front row. Former clubs include St. Helens and Castleford. Has been back to his abrasive best of late and is really turning back the clock.

Daniel Brown Australian halfback or hooker who played for Hull K.R. last season Daniel is Oldham's chief playmaker and also an extremely hard work-

ing tackler. Has recently taken over goal kicking responsibilities.

John Hough John will go down in the 'new' clubs history books as the first player to officially sign for the Roughyeds. A bright future is predicted for this ex-Warrington Wolves hooker who is renowned for his hard work and sportsmanship. Has had an outstanding season and is one of the divisions form hookers.

Mark Perrett This Welsh International in another of the Roughyeds major close season signings. Mark is a hard working prop or second row who is determined to re-start his career after injury.

Mike Prescott Another player who will be determined to have a good season after last season was wrecked through injury. Mike is a deceptively quick back row forward.

Emerson Jackman A BARLA tourist in the summer of 1998 this eye-catching stand-off or loose-forward established his reputation at Saddleworth Rangers and Oldham St. Annes. Played at centre most of this season but is showing his best form now that he is back in the back row.

Nathan Varley Started most games from the subs bench last season but was still one of the clubs top tacklers. This ex-Bradford back rower has had his pre-season ruined by an ankle injury picked up on New Years Day at Rochdale. Returned to his tackling best but was unlucky again when injuring his wrist against Rochdale!!

Graeme Shaw Hard working back row forward signed from Bradford Bulls. Became the 'new' clubs first international in October 1998 playing for Scotland. Always guaranteed 100% commitment from Graeme.

Laurent Minut French Fullback signed from Villeneuve. Courageous tackler and good under the high ball. Known as 'Mins' to his team-mates. Was absolutely exceptional in the recent defeat of local rivals Rochdale.

Emmanuel Peralta Came to Oldham with his teammate Laurent. 'Manu' is no stranger to England having previously played for Keighley. Presently a squad member.

Richard Darkes Played for the club last season but could not sign this year due to work commitments. However has recently returned to help the club through an injury crisis. An aggressive and committed centre it is good to have 'Darkesy' back at the club.

Michael Coates Son of the coach, Michael is a very promising young stand-off who has just started to make the first team squad. He is a product of Saddleworth Rangers ARLFC.

Ian Sinfield Like Richard Darkes, Ian returned to the club during the season after a spell in France. Plays in the back row and is another good addition to the squad. His younger brother Kevin plays for Leeds Rhinos.

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Salmon joins Ireland squad

Irish eyes are smiling on teenage winger Paul Salmon. For the GB Young Lion could be on the verge of an Ireland international call-up after receiving an invitation to join the squad.

Salmon, who rubbed shoulders with Super League stars at the Willows, Salford, now has to wait to see if he will be chosen to play against Wales or Scotland in September as the squad warms up for next year's World Cup.

Salmon, 18, who was invited on the grandparent rule, said "It's brilliant. It was a big shock to find out when I got the letter."

Salmon, who will join the likes of internationals Gary Connolly, Barry McDermott, James Lowes and Paul Newlove, believes he is only one of two Northern Ford Premiership players in the squad.

The Gleaston flier, who represents Cumbria academy against Yorkshire tomorrow, became Paul Charlton's first signing, inking a three-year contract in December, when the coach took control at Craven Park late last year.

Since then, he has been a regular in the side, featuring either on the wing or at full-back, where he has played with some distinction.

Charlton said: "He has worked hard and is starting to get a little reward.

He is only a youngster and still has a bit to learn but he has got the potential to go a long way in the game, I said that from the first day I saw him."

Salmon joined Warrington at the age of 14 where he played for their academy team.

He played for the Raiders' second string in the 1998 season when he was signed on trialist forms only, having delayed inking a full contract because of the continued interest of Super League clubs.



Story and picture courtesy of Leo Clarke, North West Evening Mail.



The lads on Ian McAllister's Stag night.

Ian is getting married on the 10th July.

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SALMON P.	20	—	4	—	—	16
ATKINSON P.	22	—	16	15	—	94
HOLT D.	19	—	5	70	7	167
WHITTER D.	7	—	2	—	—	8
WHITELEY C.	13	2	1	—	—	4
LUXON G.	21	1	4	—	—	16
RHODES S.	12	1	5	—	—	20
HUGHES J.	21	—	3	—	—	12
MANIHERA T.	21	1	12	—	2	50
CLARK D.	20	1	11	—	—	44
KAVANAGH M.	3	7	—	—	—	—
WARWICK D.	17	—	6	—	—	24
MARSHALL J.	3	7	1	—	—	4
MASSEY C.	2	2	1	—	—	4
McALLISTER I.	6	—	1	—	—	4
WHITEHEAD M.	10	12	3	—	—	12
McMILLAN P.	—	2	—	—	—	—
RAWLINSON I.	4	10	—	—	—	—
BARCHARD R.	13	4	3	—	—	12
JACKSON S.	9	8	—	—	—	—
SPENCELY G.	—	3	—	—	—	—
WILSON D.	6	—	1	—	—	4
McDERMOTT B.	8	—	2	—	—	8
CHELTON G.	—	2	—	—	—	—
LITTLE S.	1	1	—	—	—	—
HUTTON G.	6	—	1	—	—	4
RUDDY G.	1	—	—	—	—	—
THOMAS D.	6	—	2	—	—	8
GARDNER P.	—	5	—	—	—	—
SLATER B.	1	3	1	—	—	4
KILSHAW I.	—	1	—	—	—	—
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IN TOUCH...

KARLE HAMMOND of London Broncos needs four tries for a career century of touchdowns. The London stand-off has scored 29 for Widnes, 50 St. Helens, 12 London Broncos and five on Great Britain's 1996 South Pacific tour in a total of 214 matches. He has scored four hat-tricks, including one for London.

A former Widnes Tigers junior, Hammond graduated through the Widnes Academy to make his senior debut as a substitute in a 19-8 home League defeat of Leeds on 17 March 1993. He made one other substitute appearance before starting at centre in a 10-22 Premiership Trophy first round home defeat against Leeds on 25 April 1993.

After two full seasons at Widnes, Hammond moved to St. Helens for £85,000 and made a try-scoring debut as a substitute in a 62-20 Centenary Championship home defeat of Sheffield Eagles on 13 September 1995. He began at centre four days later, scoring a try plus a drop goal in a 35-18 home League defeat of Castleford.

Hammond signed for London last year and scored a hat-trick on his debut, at stand-off, in a 64-0 Silk Cut Challenge Cup fourth round home defeat of Doncaster Dragons on 14 February 1999.

TOHE KOA-LOVE of Warrington Wolves is two matches short of equalling the Super League record of scoring tries in nine successive matches. The record is shared by **Paul Newlove** (St. Helens, 1996) and **Paul Sterling** (Leeds, 1997).

Kohe-Love's try-scoring sequence is as follows: 1-2-2-1-2-1-1.

DAMIEN MUNRO of Widnes Vikings has scored tries in seven successive Northern Ford Premiership matches as follows: 2-2-1-1-1-1-1.

MILESTONES

MIKE FLETCHER of Hunslet Hawks became only the 11th player to amass 3,000 career points with eight goals in the 32-15 Northern Ford Premiership home defeat of Batley Bulldogs. His total of 3,001 consists of a club record 2,759 for Hull Kingston Rovers, 232 Hunslet, eight Great Britain Under-21s and two for a Humberside XIII.

TEVITA VAIKONA of Bradford Bulls needs two tries for a British club career total of 100. The winger has scored 19 for Bradford and 79

for Hull Sharks.

BRAD DAVIS of Castleford Tigers needs two tries for a career century in British club rugby. He has scored 24 for Huddersfield, 24 York, 29 Wakefield Trinity and 21 Castleford.

MARK ASTON of Sheffield Eagles needs 15 points for a career total of 500 in Super League

DARREN ROGERS of Castleford Tigers needs one try for a career century of touchdowns. He has scored 35 tries for Dewsbury, 50 Salford and 14 Castleford.

DANNY ARNOLD of Huddersfield Giants needs two tries to become only the fourth player to score a Super League career half century of touchdowns. Arnold has scored 33 for St. Helens and 15 for Huddersfield.

RICHARD PACHNIUK of Hunslet Hawks needs two tries for a career century of touchdowns. He has scored 16 for Oldham, 69 Rochdale Hornets and 13 Hunslet.

WINNING RUNS

LEEDS RHINOS have the longest unbeaten run in the JJB Super League of 11 matches, including the best winning run of six matches after drawing 12-12 at Castleford. Their last defeat was 62-18 at St. Helens on 4 May.

WIDNES VIKINGS have the longest Northern Ford Premiership winning run of seven matches. Their last defeat was 14-2 at Hull Kingston Rovers on 16 May.

LOSING RUNS

SALFORD REDS and **WAKEFIELD TRINITY** share the current longest losing run in the JJB Super League of four matches.

ROCHDALE HORNETS have the longest losing run in the Northern Ford Premiership covering six matches. Their last win was 19-12 at Dewsbury on 30 May.

POINTSCORING RUN

MIKE FLETCHER of Hunslet Hawks has the longest points-scoring run of 21 Cup and League matches. The utility player's scoring run began with a try and five goals, including a drop goal, in the 21-10 Northern Ford Premiership win at Swinton Lions on 7 February.

FORSTER AIMS FOR TOP TEN

MARK FORSTER of Warrington Wolves needs four tries to move into the all-time top ten list of top grade League match try-scorers. He scored 100 in the old Division One plus 32 Super League tries.

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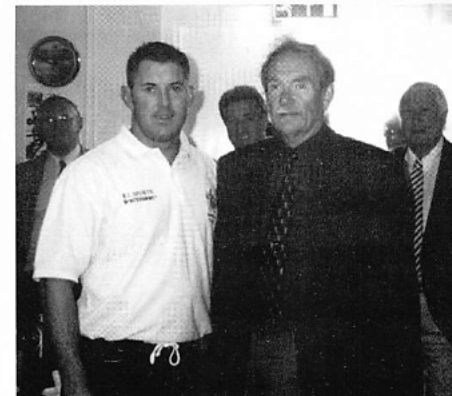
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MARCH 1999

7 Featherstone Rovers H 30-10
12 Oldham A 20-24
14 SILK CUT C.C. 6R
21 Widnes Vikings A 16-36
27/28 SILK CUT C.C. S.F.s
28 Leigh Centurions H 22-44

APRIL 1999

2 Lancashire Lynx A 58-16
5 Keighley Cougars H 21-22
11 Swinton Lions A 31-24
14 Rochdale Hornets A 16-36
18 Workington Town H 25-12
25 Batley Bulldogs A 19-32

MAY 1999

1 Silk Cut C.C. FINAL
9 Hull Kingston Rovers H 43-20
16 Hunslet Hawks A 14-44
23 Doncaster Dragons H 36-24
30 Bramley A 16-24

JUNE 1999

6 York H 18-25
11 Dewsbury Rams A 7-46
20 Whitehaven Warriors A 26-32
27 Rochdale Hornets H 25-16

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4 Featherstone Rovers A 6-46
11 Oldham H
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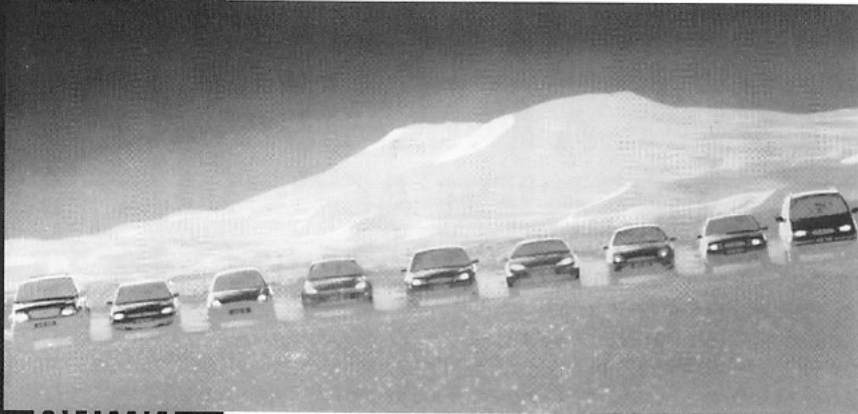


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