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With Chairman - Stan Aspinall



These are the first notes I write as your new Chairman. I must confess it is a great honour to be asked to lead a club with such proud traditions,

I was introduced to the game of Rugby League back in 1995 through the sponsorship of the club by Asda.

The progress since then, both on and off the field, has been remarkable for a club

which was almost extinct in 1995. The Supporters and the town should be very proud of their club.

Last week's Challenge Cup clash was a tremendous advert for the game - and to run Wakefield so close shows that Super League is not beyond us. The players showed tremendous spirit, skill and enthusiasm in what was an intriguing contest.

The Wakefield Chairman expressed after the game a great sense of relief at the final whistle. Keep up the good work and I am sure that we can progress to our ultimate goal - Super League.

Our visitors today are high flying Oldham and we extend our warm wishes to their players, staff and supporters and a performance, as of last week will be needed to gain the points.

Stan Aspinall

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Millward'sCoach Ian Millward talks about Leigh Centurions

To say that I was proud of the way the team performed in last Sunday's cup tie would be a massive understatement. The players performed just how I wanted and showed tremendous ability, belief and character to push Wakefield right to the wire.

In the end we didn't win the game because a couple of dubious decisions went against us. Suffice to say we don't think we got the rub of the green. Had we got that, the result would probably have gone the other way. But having said all that it was a tremendous game of rugby league and worth a few quid of anybody's money.

But I can't help but reiterate the handicap NFP teams are under when they play a Super League side. There is a perception that just because players earn 'x' amount of pounds they are better players than the rest. Give me three more imports, £900,000 from Murdoch and the chance to train full time and we'll see how we go.



Just look at the Wakefield line-up last week and the full internationals they had on show: Prescott, Maloney, Tatupu, Kemp, Goulding, Masella, Poching, McNamara, Price. It makes me proud to think how close we came to toppling them.

All that's behind us now and it's time to focus on the rest of the league season.

We start a run of tough games today when Oldham are the visitors here at Hilton Park. They've been one of the biggest spenders in our division and have signed some quality players. Their result so far this season have borne that out and for a while they led the division.

They might have had a couple of dodgy results in recent weeks, like the cup defeat at Rochdale on Sunday, but they've got too much quality not to quickly put things right.

We've got to be right on top of our game to get the points and continue our climb towards the top. Don't forget to join me in the Mick Martyn Bar at 6pm after the game for the man of the match awards.

See you there.

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Welcome to **The Roughyeds**

Oldham struggled last season, in the latter part of which they faced some heavy defeats, including one at Hilton Park which is reported below. Earlier in the season however they had put in some creditable displays, breaking Dewsbury in the Cup and Barrow in the League. The Centurions were given a severe test in April, when, in a fast open game they only came out winners by 6 points at Spotland.

The Roughyeds are now back in their home town, at Boundary Park. They have made an excellent start to the new season under player/coach, Oldham born, and ex Leigher, Mike Ford. Our records are the same played 6, won 4. Ford coached Bramley last season, and following their demise (at least for the moment) he has brough some of their players with him to Boundary Park - Mark Sibson, the Gibson twins, Andy Proctor and Tom O'Reilly. Other signings include ex-St Helens winger Joey Hayes, signed from Salford, together with Wes Rogers. Pat Rich and Mark Campbell from Keighley, Kevin Mannion and Chris Holland from Rochdale. These together with some experienced players from last season, such as Les Casey and Jason Clegg, give Ford a much stronger squad than they had last year.

Action Replay....

LEIGH CENTURIONS 66 OLDHAM 6 (8/8/99)

ANTHONY Murray and Andy Fairclough are back with a bang and showing Leigh just what they've been missing for the past few weeks. Murray, back after a three-match ban and Fairclough fit again after missing seven games with a shoulder injury, were the inspirations as Leigh came within a whisker of taking the outright leadership of the Northern Ford Premiership.

Hooker Murray led poor Oldham a merry dance, scoring three tries himself and helping set up half a dozen more as Leigh piled on the points. While loose-forward Fairclough slotted neatly straight back into the action, collected two tries and again proved he's the best link player Leigh have got between backs and forwards. Overall, Leigh were as good as their word. "We set ourselves two targets," revealed coach lan Millward. "We wanted to restrict them to no more than six points and for us to score as many points as possible. I think 66 is a fair total; I'm sure the England cricket team would like to get as many runs as that! "To be honest Oldham are not a very good side but we did a professional job, especially in the second half when we really stepped up a gear." Leigh had the match in their pockets by half time with a commanding 28-0 lead but it was only after the break that they really turned it on to take their tries tally to 12 in the match and give their points difference a real boost.

Oldham might feel aggrieved at the one-sided penalty count of 9-2 but really they were their own worst enemies with any number of cheap shots doing them no credit. It took Leigh 11 minutes to open the floodgates - but when they did the points came in torrents. Fittingly it was Murray who started the avalanche, sprinting out of dummy half and scoring from 40 metres for Paul Wingfield to add on the extras. Oldham were restricted to a few fleeting attacks but one of them brought out the tackle of the day, Leigh full-back Stuart Donlan turning and catching Adie Meade in astonishing fashion. But after that it was all Leigh.

Jamie Kennedy spun out of three half-hearted tackles to collect number two; Wingfield seized on an Oldham error after Ken Kerr had trickled a kick to the corner; Fairclough muscled his way over for another and in stoppage time subs Dave Ingram and Paul Norman laid on Murray's second try. With Danny Webster sin-binned for dissent, Leigh really made Oldham pay for being a man short, scoring three more tries in the opening nine minutes of the second half. Phil Kendrick crossed twice to pass 100 points for the season and some intelligent play by the impressive Kerr sent Fairclough in for his second.

By now Leigh were in cruise control and virtually scoring at will. Kennedy and Street had been withdrawn to save them for the battles ahead but there was no letting up. Kerr got his reward when Kieron Purtill's clever play set him up for a try at the corner and then the Aussie's long break laid Murray's third on a plate. Ingram went clear to send in the supporting Donlan and young sub Mick Higham finished it all off with a 12th try at the foot of the posts to give Wingfield his ninth successful kick.

Oldham's only reply came from a try by Meade, improved by Danny Brown.

Leigh: Donlan, Wingfield, Kendrick, Kerr, Halliwell, Arkwright, Purtill, Street, Murray, Whittle, Cruickshank, Kennedy, Fairclough. Subs: (all used): Pucill, Ingram, Norman, Higham.

Attendance: 1691.



CRAIG BARKER

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

KEITH BRENNAN

A late entrant into the pro ranks, Keith played for Higginshaw and Shaw Rhines before impressing as an amateur for Oldham towards to end of the 1999 season. Did enough to be offered a contract for 2000 at the age of 25. An extremely accomplished scrum-half who is expected to push player-coach Mike Ford all the way for the No 7 jersey.

MARK CAMPBELL

Back row forward signed from Keighley Cougars. Oldham wanted to sign Mark last season but have finally got their man. Another player for whom big things are expected.

LEO CASEY

Now at the veteran stage, Leo returned to Oldham last season and has resigned for this years campaign. Has represented Ireland at International level. This tough prop forward was delighted to be named Captain for last seasons campaign and his performances were outstanding. Leads from the front and usually

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JASON CLEGG

Formerly a Bradford Bull this prop had a barnstorming season for the Roughveds last year. 'Cleggy' is becoming a favourite with the Oldham spectators and is a member of a verv consistent front row.

PETER FERRIS

Like Brennan, another former Higginshaw player and another late recruit into the pro ranks. Toured Australia with BARLA under-19s and represented BARLA under-23s, but then left the sport to concentrate on his career in computers, only returning at the age of 25 when Ford spotted him playing at centre for Dukinfield RU Club. Played hooker or loose-forward in his vounger days.

KEVIN FITZPATRICK

A full-back who made his name with Saddleworth Rangers. Became the Rangers first choice and regular No 1 at the age of 19 and turned pro for Oldham at the age of 20. Recently celebrated his 21st while studying for a degree in journalism and the media. Hopes to make the headlines as well as write them.

MIKE FORD

A scrum-half who has been making the right sort of headlines all his sporting life. Played for Wigan at Wembley when only 19. Also starred for Leigh, Oldham, Castleford, Warrington, Wakefield and South Queensland Crushers. Toured Down Under with Great Britain in 1988. Coached Bramley to mid-table respectability in 1999 before landing the Oldham job - at the third attempt - to fulfil a sporting ambition.

ANTHONY GIBBONS

Signed with his twin brother, David, from Bramley this close season. Anthony can play anywhere in the backs but will be hoping to make the centre spot his own.

DAVID GIBBONS

Signed with his twin Anthony from Bramley. Can play anywhere in the backs but will be hoping to impress at stand off. David is very talented and began his career at Leeds.

DANNY GUEST

This 22 year old, 18 stone, prop was an up-andcoming youngster with the Bears. He played for the Roughyeds in the new club's first ever and historic game at Rochdale on January 1, 1998 but then joined Keighley on a round-robin return to the Roughyeds via Lancashire Lynx.

JOEY HAYES

A young winger who has crammed a lot into his relatively short spell as a pro. Made his name with St Helens, for whom he played in a Regal Trophy final and a Super League Premiership final to earn a place on the Great Britain tour squad which went to New Zealand, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea in 1996. Suffered a setback with a serious knee injury, but fought back to play 11 Super League games with Salford Reds in 1999.

CHRIS HOLLAND

Aged 21 and a product of the youth game in Wigan, Chris has played for England and Great Britain Students and took the man-of-the-match award in England's defeat by New Zealand at Hull in the last World Cup. Equally at home at centre or in the back row.

JOHN HOUGH

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

DAVE LEWIS

Another big prop and a native of Doncaster, he played trials in the newly-formed Alliance team in 1999 and did enough to earn a senior spot at Doncaster in mid-seasons. Later signed a contract, but spent the remainder of that first term learning his trade in the reserves.

KEVIN MANNON

Another wiganer, 22 year old Kevin is a ball playing loose-forward, who made his senior debut with Rochdale Hornets when only 16. Starred for the Hornets Academy and Alliance sieds, but then concentrated on his studies at

Lancsater University. Played for England and Great Britain Students, for whom he has toured Australia and played France.

AIDE MEAD

Product of Oldham Bears Academy this utility back is a handy member of the Roughyeds squad. Has played on the wing and at full back last season and has been very consistent.

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 in the early season. Rochdale born, he is armed with pace and a great side step.

CRAIG MILNER

A young hooker, Craig played open-age rugby with Higginshaw while only 17 and also turned out for junior sides at Saddleworth. Had trials in the clubs first Alliance side and impressed sufficiently not only to win a contract, but to carry off the Alliance team's player of the year award in 1999. Hard working and a tenacious tackler.

CHRIS NAYLOR

A young prop formerly with the Academy sides at St Helens and Salford. Big and strong, Chris played for England in the last Students World Cup, becoming the only English player to be named afterwards in an imaginary World XIII. Also played for Great Britain against the Aussies at Students level where he confirmed Mike Ford's interest.

TOM O'REILLY

An international for Papua New Guinea, 25 year old Tom is an Aussie with an Irish Passport. Can play stand-off or loose-for and equally well, but will be earmarked by Ford for the No 13 jersey. In line to play for PNG in next year's Lincoln World Cup. First recommended to Ford by Darryl van de Velde. Ford, then coach of Bramley, was not disappointed.

ANDY PROCTOR

Andy has returned to the club to play for Mike Ford, who was his coach last season at Bramley. Procky can play at prop or in the back row and with his professional attitude to training will be a valuable addition to this season's team.

PAT RICH

Signed from Keighley Cougars in the close season. Pat is a promising young centre who played for England in the recent Student's World Cup. He has the drive, ambition and ability to have a really big season.

WES ROGERS

Wes signed from Swinton Lions in the close season. Wes is very pleased to have signed for his home team, not least because his family are all fanatics! Can play anywhere in the forwards and is major boost to the Roughyeds pack.

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.

MARK SIBSON

Major pre-season signing for the Roughyeds. A lot is expected from this goal kicking full-back. Although he played 2 games for Huddersfield Giants in the Super League last season most of his performances were for Bramley.

IAN SINFIELD

Local lad, lan signed for and played Super League rugby with Salford before joining Roughyeds in 1998. Had a brief stint in France in the early part of 1999 before returning to the club, finishing the season and re-signing for 2000. A back row for and who tackles hard, run strongly and uses the ball intelligently wide cut.

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 had his 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! Will be hoping a new season brings more luck.



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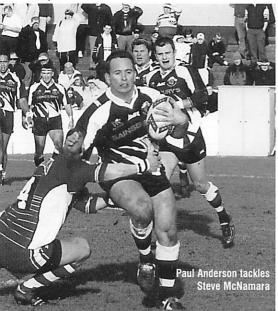


Action Replay...

LEIGH CENTURIONS 28 WAKEFIELD WILDCATS 40 13/02/00

INDIGNANT Leigh Centurions will take some convincing that they weren't meant to take a prized Super League scalp.

Certainly the majority of a near 4,000 Hilton Park crowd will feel that the outcome of this epic Silk Cut Challenge Cup fourth round tie was decided by the man in the middle, not the respective teams. Referee Stuart Cummings, probably the most experienced official in the game, made a series of contentious decisions, all against Leigh and which ultimately cost the Centurions a place in history as the first Northern Ford team to KO a Super League side. His seventh minute sin-binning of Adam Bristow for holding down damaged Leigh's chances after they had swept into a 6-2 lead. While he was off the Wildcats pounced for 12 points. In the second half the magnificent Heath Cruckshank had a try disallowed for a double movement and second row partner Simon Baldwin had another four points wiped out when he was ruled offside after Kieron Purtill's kick had struck Wakefield defender Bright Sodje.



And if that wasn't enough Wakefield were awarded a Francis Maloney try from what was a clear forward pass from Bobbie Goulding. No wonder Centurions boss lan Millward was seething afterwards when he took a swipe at Cummings' performance.

"Let's make no bones about it," he said. "Dubious refereeing decisions cost us the match. "It was a quick-gun reaction to sin-bin Bristow so early and was a rule the referee never used again in the whole game. That decision alone cost us 12 points." Those 12 points were ultimately the Wildcats

winning margin. It was rough on Leigh who deserved better than that.

"Some 50-50 decisions did go our way," Wildcats coach Andy Kelly conceded. The big difference between the sides was the tremendous goalkicking of Steve McNamara who landed eight from eight, the first coming as early as the second minute.

But Leigh's refreshing approach and willingness to run the ball always had them in with a chance. They went 6-2 up when Dave Whittle's break and Purtill's keen support play sent Mick Higham steaming under the posts for a try converted by Paul Wingfield.

While Bristow was kicking his heels in the bin, the Wildcats took a firm grip on things with close range tries fro Francis Stephenson and Ryan Hudson.

But when Leigh were back to their full compliment, they gave as good as they got and slugged it out try for try.

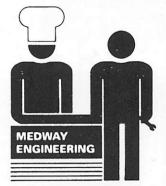
Bristow and Phil Kendrick carved out an opening for Alan Cross and he finished from 50 metres out; a Goulding bomb took a wicked bounce and sub Adam Hughes collected the first of two tries and then Kendrick himself went over to round off a breathless first 40 minutes at 20-20.

Between disallowed tires by Cruckshank and Baldwin, Maloney contentious score restored Wakefield's lead and when a Goulding chip kick created another score for Neil Law, lesser sides

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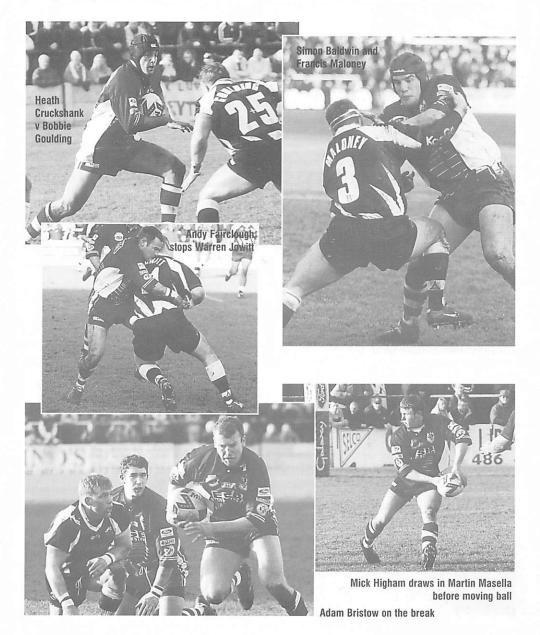


might have crumbled. Not Leigh.

Again showing remarkable resilience and belief they stung Wakefield with two tries in four minutes from Alan Hadcroft and Cruckshank to close the gap to just four points at 28-32. As a classic tie reached fever pitch the coolheaded McNamara knocked over a 70th minute penalty and right at the death added the extras to Hughes' second try which came over a Leigh pass had gone to ground.

Leigh: Donlan; Kendrick, Cross, Anderson, Wingfield; Fairclough, Purtill; Street, Higham, Whittle, Cruckshank, Baldwin, Bristow. Subs (all used): Murray, Hadcroft, Norman, Bowker.

Attendance: 3810.

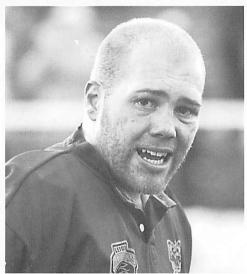


AT THE END OF THE GAME...





Heath Cruckshank comes off to great reception in latter stages of game



Dave Whittle shows his disappointment

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Age 6 years old tomorrow (Monday) He attends Newton West Park School His hobbies are: like Parky Pig he rides a quad bike, he loves his rugby being a staunch. Supporter of Leigh Centurions.

His favourite players are: Timmy Street and Anthony Murray.





DON BOYLE

Our best wishes go out to Don Boyle for a speedy recovery, Don went to the Whitehaven match 5 weeks ago and has not been home since. Unfortunately he was walking along the terraces when his ankle gave way. After the match he returned to Bolton for an X-ray. He was transferred from Bolton General to Withington Hospital and has been down to the operating theatre 2 or 3 times.

Don, for those who don't know him, is a grafter behind the scenes at LRLC, helping to raise funds and always at the club on match days. We are really missing him.

Get well soon Don from all your friends, players and staff at the Rugby Club.



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May I take this opportunity to thank all the people who have kindly waited for our process to begin.

Has the Old Lady Lost her Lustre?

Some thoughts by Brian Wood on the future of the Challenge Cup.

On the way home from windy Workington last two weeks ago, we were able to tune in to the last part of the game down the road at Whitehaven. Whilst eulogising over the performance of the home side the commentator remarked that this no surprise as every player would be desperate to play at the JJB stadium the following week in the Challenge Cup. Seven days later and on the wrong end of a 98-4 thrashing, I wonder if they still felt that way?

During the mid to late nineties we Leigh supporters had to suffer numerous days of frustration and disappointment but for me the worst has to be February 15th 1998. Perhaps it was just that, yet again, our opponents at Hilton Park were Sheffield Eagles; they brought precious few supporters with them and the match hardly excited the locals either as a paltry crowd of just 1391 turned up. Yet Sheffield were from the Super League and this was the Cup, arguably Rugby League's most famous competition. Somehow you just knew we were in for a thrashing and so it proved, 11-66 in fact. I noticed over last weekend that the RFL have spent £20,000 giving the old trophy a facelift but ever since that miserable day two years ago I have felt that the Cup needs a more fundamental revamp than that.

Of course the final continues to be a gala occasion and news earlier this week suggests that this year's move to Murrayfield will be a huge success. The national TV exposure is also vital for our game and last year's matches provided a feast of entertainment. However it seems to me that the Cup as a competition is one of the real casualties of the Murdoch era. Let's consider some facts. For the majority of Super League clubs the Cup could be considered something of a nuisance. Of course, it's alright if you progress to the later rounds but what if you're unlucky enough to go out in the first round as Wigan (twice) and Leeds amongst others have done in recent seasons? Players who have been prepared for a major performance are then left kicking their heels for at least a month before their season restarts. Attendances in the early rounds have hardly been startling; the low turnout at Odsal last Saturday merely continued the trend of recent seasons, even the attendances for the big games failing to match that for the same Super League fixture. Moreover, the Super League seems happy to promote its own Grand Final as the RL occasion of the year.

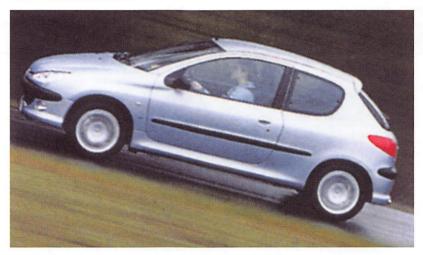
"Stuff the Super League" I hear you say, but what about our own NFP teams? Does the promise of bit of extra cash outweigh the damage to the game's credibility caused by results like last weekend's at Wigan and Hull? There are still some cracking games where the teams are evenly matched, such as our own game with Widnes last season, but where are the shocks that a genuine knock out competition thrives on? Well, there still are "shock" results but these are more at the other end as increasingly well organised amateurs inflict defeats on NFP opposition.

If we accept the above, what is to be done? Perhaps the competition should be in groups with the top teams going through to the next round or quarter finals etc? This would certainly suit the Super League clubs who would have more competitive fixtures before their season begins. It would also avoid



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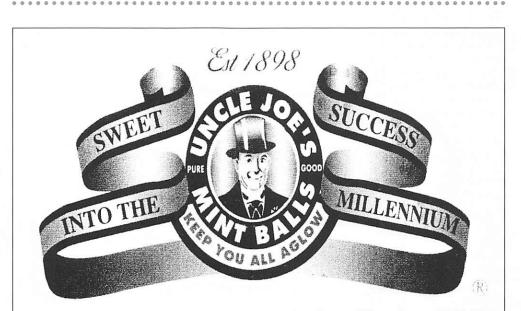
the problem caused by an early exit due to the vagaries of the draw.

"Stuff the Super League" I hear you say again. As for our NFP clubs, what we need is a competition that there is a genuine hope of winning with a prize big enough to make it worthwhile. There's no doubt that when something realistic is at stake and the prospect is of a reasonably even contest, the public will turn out. Look at the attendances at some of the BARLA cup finals and, whilst some people may scoff at the rather convoluted Trans-Pennine cup competition, when it was first contested two years ago, the final produced Batley's biggest crowd for years. (It will also add extra interest to this afternoon's clash between Leigh and Oldham.) Two years ago the Silk Cut plate competition semi-final attracted over 5000 people to Hilton Park because the prize a possible trip to Wembley. Now the plate

smacked of a second chance for losers, but some sort of genuine competition with a final as, say a curtain raiser to the Cup Final, would give a real boost to the lower echelons of the game, BARLA included.

Rumours emanating from Red Hall Lane suggest that some rethinking is certainly being done. It will not be easy to integrate such a change into the season and it is certainly easier to identify problems than to solve them but that shouldn't prevent us from having a go.

PS. The thoughts behind this article have been circulating in my head for quite a while. Trust the Centurions to nearly make me eat my words with last week's great performance. I thank them for making me yet again proud to be a Leyther, but if you think I should now change my mind, tell that to the supporters of Featherstone, Hunslet, Whitehaven and the rest.



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Match Reports

LEIGH ALLIANCE 26 KEIGHLEY COUGARS ALLIANCE 4

Match abandoned after 51 minutes

Perhaps fate was against this game from the start as Keighley arrived at Hilton Park just five minutes before the scheduled kickoff time. After consultation with the referee, the game finally got underway twenty minutes late.

Their lack of preparation didn't seem to affect Keighley too much with many of their players trying to impress on-looking first team coach Karl Harrison. Barely a minute into the game, the Cougars struck when a smart passing move ended with Chris Kirk slicing through the defence. Although the kick was slightly to the right of the posts, it would be classed relatively straightforward to most marksmen. Scrum half Robinson (who was in for a tough evening) however, sent his attempt well wide.

Leigh replied four minutes later when Hilton opened the defence and former Wigan fullback Taberner put Platt over in the corner. Wingfield showed Robinson how it was done with a towering conversion from the left touchline.

The Centurions increased their lead to 12-4 after ten minutes when Dickinson scored from an outrageous forward pass that somehow went unnoticed by all three game officials.

Keighley had their moments and things looked ominous for the home side when a good build up saw the Cougars attain excellent field positions. With the Leigh defence exposed, visiting stand off Calvert lost possession and Dickinson blazed 85 metres to punish the mistake. prop enjoyed another fine game and it was from his barnstorming run that the next try carne.

Graeme Close, again a major influence for his team, was twice involved in the movement that ended with Stuart Dickinson completing his treble. It was fair to say that the centre was back to his best following a couple of indifferent performances in recent weeks.

With the Cougars on the backfoot. Chris Causey was introduced to the game and the former Warrington man impressed with the sort of hard running and hitting usually reserved for Heath Cruckshank in the first team.

Although there were no further additions to the score in the first period, (mainly due to a more resolute defensive performance by their opponents) Leigh continued to grind down Keighley with James Arkwright working hard from loose forward.

At 22-4 the Cougars had a lot to do, but shortly after the second half started, Leigh swept in for another try. Causey stretching over following an enthralling chip and chase from Close.

With Leigh looking to increase their lead there was suddenly a droning noise and the floodlights faded, plunging the stadium into darkness. Although efforts were made to restore lighting, the referee abandoned the game, almost laughably, the floodlights kicked up again but it was too late and this game will have to be replayed later in the season.

Surprisingly, Wingfield missed the kick, but the

David Parkinson

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SCHOOL STORE	22nd	Grand Final Play Off Final		

LEIGH HARRIERS ARLFC

LEIGH HARRIERS ARLFC HISTORY (1988 - PRESENT)

This year we are currently occupying 2nd place of the 3rd Division of the NWCARL and looking very good for promotion.

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Also we would like to wish Leigh Centurions all the best for the forthcoming season. Andrew & Dennis Westwell.

Rugby League Hall of Fame

The second of two recently appointed members to the Hall of Fame was DEREK HURT

Derek was born at Clifton, a small village in Cumbria, between Cockermouth and Workington.

He attended Cockermouth Grammar School, and, on leaving school, played for Cockermouth Rugby Union Football Club, from where, in 1953, he signed for Leigh.

Whilst he was playing at Leigh, he took up an apprenticeship in mine surveying in the Wigan Coalfield, and eventually became a schoolteacher at Manchester Road School.

Derek made his debut for Leigh first team in 1955.

He played in the Lancashire Cup Final in October 1955 against St Helens at Central Park, Wigan, and obtained a runners-up medal in the Lancashire Cup in 1963 at Swinton. He also acquired a runners-up medal for finishing in second place in Division 2 of the Rugby League.

Derek was also a member of the Leigh teams which took part in the Rugby League Challenge Cup Semi-Finals in 1957 and 1959; against Barrow at Central Park, Wigan, and in the re-play at Swinton in 1957, and also against Wigan, at Swinton, in 1959.



Back Row (left to right): Bill Robinson, Peter Foster (captain), Derek Hurt, Walter Tabern, Billy Kindon, Stan Owen, Mick Martyn. Front Row: Joe Hosking, Jack Gibson, Brian Chadwick, Ted Toohey, Brian Fallon, Billy Atherton.

He also played for his county, then Cumberland, three times.

Derek was transferred to Swinton, where he played in the 1964/65 and 1965/66 seasons, and whilst at Swinton, obtained a losers medal in the Lancashire Cup against St Helens at Central Park, Wigan.

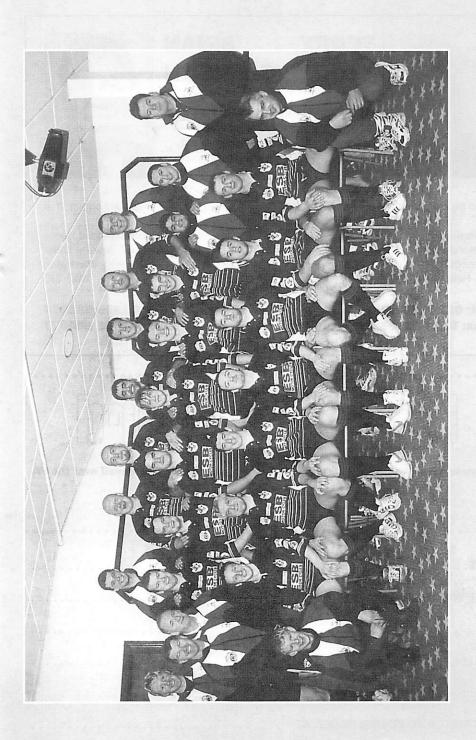
After retiring, Derek took up coaching duties at Swinton and also at Leigh at a later stage.

On completely retiring from his activities in the game, he obtained a degree at Salford College of Technology, and took up a post as a lecturer at the University of Manchester Institute of Technology from where he has now retired to live in Saddleworth.

In the Wakefield programme we featured Neil Fox, currently one of only ten players elected to the Hall of Fame

Nominations are invited from Rugby League supporters to help elect three more players to the Hall of Fame. They should send in three nominations by 1st March 2000 to: Hall of Fame, Millennium Induction, The Rugby Football League, Red Hall, Red Hall Lane, Leeds, LS17 8NB. To be eligible, a player must have played in professional British Rugby League for at least ten years, and his professional playing careers must have ended by 1st October 1995.

The ten members of the Hall of Fame are: W Batten, B Bevan, B Boston, N Fox, A Murphy, J Parkin, G Risman, A Rosefeld, J Sullivan and H Wagstaff.





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Caps

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Australasian tour 1910

Admitted to Hall of Fame October 24th, 1988

Whilst Harold Wagstaff was the presiding genius of his era Billy Batten was unquestionably the personality player of the period. One of the most charismatic characters in the game's history, Batten's appearance in any game was guaranteed to put thousands on the gate.

Batten, as powerful and devastating a centre as the sport has nurtured, began his career with Hunslet in 1907 and in his first full season (1907/08) shared in his club's historic performance of becoming the first team to win All Four Cups. In 1913 he sensationally transferred to Hull for £600 - double the previous record. His match pay was reputedly £14, a stupendous figure for the time.

Renowned for his spectacular habit of hurdling over tacklers, Batten became the idol of the Boulevard and the game's biggest box-office attraction. He played with Hull until 1924 before joining Wakefield Trinity and ended his playing days with Castleford in 1927.

Always a controversial figure, Batten went on the first Australasian tour in 1910 but injuries and refusal to trial cost him certain tours in 1914 and 1920. His test career covered thirteen years whilst his county career for Yorkshire spanned eighteen years (1908-26). Although one of the game's finest centres, eighteen of his twenty-five internationals saw him on the wing.

FIRST-CLASS DEBUT

February 9th, 1907 Hunslet v Barrow LAST GAME

April 9th, 1927 Castleford v Hull KR



THE EARLY DAYS

The young Des Drummond was s superb athlete at school; but the thought of being any kind of rugby player, let alone a world class one, never once crossed his mind.

From being about 12 years old Des had an almost fanatical love and natural ability for sport. He took part in all his school's activities cricket, football, gymnasium, athletics.

He was good at them all but he excelled in sprinting, long jump and high jump. So outstanding was he on the athletic colours and represented Bolton in the Lancashire School's high jump.

Even in his tender years he had that quality and dedication which many sportsmen never managed to achieve in a lifetime.

But he still showed only a vague interest in Rugby League. He had one or two games with the older boys in his school team but was written off - as he almost was at Leigh - for being too small.

On leaving school it looked as if judo would be the sport to claim the multi-talented Drummond. In 1974 he became Bolton Judo Club's N.W. Area Champion and won the N.W. Championship. A year later he was runner-up in the British Judo Association Championship and in 1978 was the British Judo Association N.W. Area bronze medallist. But class will always out! And when Des followed brother Alva to

Leigh it was

obvious that

Area



Rugby League was HIS sport.

Rugby League's gain has been many other sport's loss.

ALMOST GIVEN AWAY!

Des Drummond proved himself to be one of the finest wingers in the world and yet his club Leigh came so desperately close to giving him away!

The club decided that Des was unlikely to make the grade in professional Rugby League and that it would be better if they scrapped his registration.

Des pleaded to stay and a few days later he was called-up to an injury hit Leigh side - and scored a superb 75 yard solo try at Bradford.

That try signalled the turning point in a career that not only saw Des emerge as the best winger in Britain but one of the world's finest.

And that plea to be given another chance saved Leigh from dropping one of the biggest clangers in Rugby League history. Within two years Des was stepping out for his International debut for Great Britain's Under-24 side against France in front of his own Leigh fans and since then his career was covered in glory.

Des fittingly scored a try in that match and then touched down in his next two appearances for Britain's "Young Lions." He quickly gained England recognition and who will ever forget how dazzling Des saved Britain's pride and prestige with two match clinching tries against the New Zealand tourists in 1980.

Honour piled upon honour culminating in the 1984 Great Britain tour of Australia and New Zealand. Although Britain didn't win a Test match Des was certainly one player who could hold his head up high and his performance had a host of Australian clubs vying for his signature.

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Yet, despite all the media attention, Des never changed. He was always on hand with a ready grin and a smile and only too willing to sign scores of autographs for the fans.

As a player and a television Superstar Des has always been a credit to the game of Rugby League. He is one of the few players who could put thousands on a gate simply by being there and his devastating finishing power and skill thrilled everyone connected with the game.

Des has faced many battles in his career and perhaps none more so than when he battled against a serious leg injury.

Des came up smiling to thrill thousands more Rugby League fans with his exhilarating play. Rugby League was good to Des Drummond but above all else Des Drummond has es certainly been good with a for Rugby League.

28TH APRIL 1982

On that unforgettable night, Leigh needing just a draw to clinch the League championship crown they had last worn so proudly in 1906 - were stumbling through one of their all-too-familiar "hiccup" phases.

At the interval bottom-of-the-table Whitehaven, with only two League wins all season, were to the stunned amazement of their



biggest crowd in years, leading 4-1. But nothing could subdue the chanting cherry-andwhite army of Leigh fans who had marched to the Recreation Ground to salute their Champions.

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Glittering co-star John Woods set up the chance in a million as he scythed through a brittle defence, Drummond witching inside took the perfect pass... and you can guess the rest. His try set Leigh on course for a 13-4 victory and bridged a 76 year championship gap.

It was the second time that season that Drummond's deeds had led to much weeping and wailing over in Hull. That try, his 16th of a memorable campaign, edged the Airlie Birds into the runners-up spot. But back in February Challenge Cup favourites Hull KR had also been given the same treatment on their own midden in a spectacular televised second round tie. Drummond's astonishing crossfield run and bone-shaking, try saving tackle on Steve Hubbard was the point of no return which left Rovers' cupboard bare as Leigh edged a dramatic 18-17 victory.

Des Drummond...try saving, try scorer. The best in the business.

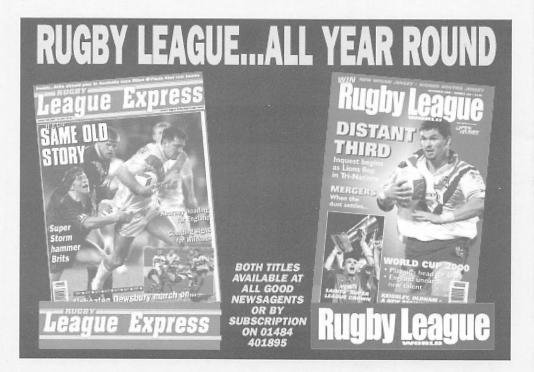
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Junior Centurions

May we wish a warm welcome to all the Oldham supporters who have made the short journey down the M62 to Leigh for today's match. We hope you have an enjoyable afternoon with us at Hilton Park and have a safe journey home. It's good to see the Roughyeds experiencing better fortunes once again after their problems over the last couple of years. We at Leigh know just how it feels! I bet there is great relief amongst the Oldham faithful at being able to be playing back in Oldham this year. Boundary Park may not have the wonderful Rugby League history and the character of Watersheddings but it's a very smart ground, and most of all it's home. I know it was a very gracious offer from arch rivals Rochdale to allow Oldham to play at Spotland last year, but can you imagine how we would have felt having to go cap in hand to play in 'Pie Lane'? It sends a shudder down my spine just thinking about it.

Well, what about last weeks cup game against Wakefield Pussycats (Oh sorry I meant Wildcats). All that money spent on Super League Superstars! There is no doubt in my mind that all the real quality entertaining rugby league was played by the Centurions. In fact, the Rugby League Express report of the game stated the following.

"Millward's Leigh side fears no one, and plays the game as it should be played, with a refreshing, almost cavalier, willingness to keep the ball alive at every opportunity. It was a tactic that produced five superb tries.." The report goes on to say it was a "wonderful game" I think those words sum up the match and especially the Leigh performance perfectly. Over the many years I have been watching Leigh there are a few games which will always stick in the mind. Last weeks encounter will be another. In my view despite defeat, it was one of the finest Leigh performances I have had the privilege to watch. Each and every one of the players and coaching staff deserve the utmost credit for providing such wonderful excitement. In fact, but for the odd bad bounce and Wakefield having 'Lady Luck' (Or was that Stuart Cummings?) on their side, we would undoubtedly been celebrating a famous victory. Or even if we had had the benefit of a big screen or even 'in goal judges', the list of ifs and buts could go on, but we were so so close.

There are two McDonald's Junior Centurions events coming up which all members may be interested in. On Thursday 24th February, there is a members disco in the Mick Martyn Suite from 7.30pm. We hope to have some players there and there will be the opportunity to win a ball signed by the Leigh players and a framed sheet of autographs from this year's team in a raffle.

Also there will be a McDonald's Junior Centurions coach trip to the away match with Lancashire Lynx on Sunday 12th March. This will as usual be free for members. To book you will need to complete and return the application form. Further details and forms can be collected at the Tuck shop at today's match.

Remember to come to the Tuck Shop under the scoreboard to find out what today's free offer from McDonald's is. Just present your McDonald's Junior Centurions membership card at the Tuck Shop under the scoreboard to collect your token. Then present the token and your McDonald' Junior Centurion membership card at the McDonald's store in Bradshawgate, Leigh to receive your free offer.

Finally, for all of our young supporters, don't forget to come to the Tuck Shop under the scoreboard to vote for today McDonald's Junior Centurion man of the Match. The presentation will be made to the winning player in the Mick Martyn Suite immediately after Ian Millwards speech. Congratulations to last weeks winner Heath Cruickshank. The vote was very close at one state, until Heath put that 'big hit' on Steve Prescott over his own line in the second half. Everyone seemed to enjoy that, apart from Prescott of course. Word has it that his bones were still rattling when he boarded the team coach for the trip back to Wakefield.

On the Ball...

by Jack Daniels

OVER to you Super League. Everybody else has done their bit.

Gates have increased significantly both over here and in Australia. Now it's down to the British Super League clubs to keep that momentum going when their season kicks off at the beginning of March. The Northern Ford Premiership is boasting an across-the-board gate increase of over 65 per cent since they resumed action on Boxing Day while the kick off to the new Australian season brought the fans out in their droves at a time of year when cricket usually takes centre stage.

The early start Down Under - because of the Olympics in September - didn't deter the Aussie fans.

Over 60,000 packed Stadium Australia for the double-header between St George Illawarra/Cronulla and Sydney Roosters/Parramatta. The newest Aussie clubs -Northern Eagles and Western Tigers - also attracted big crowds to see their NRL debuts.

When Super League explodes into action with a Grand Final re-run of Saints v Bradford on March 3 it would be nice to see Knowsley Road bursting at the seams.

Maybe, just maybe, 2000 will be the year that rugby league can finally get something right for a change.

REGULAR readers, or should that be reader, of this column will know, I've never been slow to point out what other sports have 'borrowed' from rugby league. Sunday games, sin bins, 10 metre rules, video evidence, daft nicknames etc, etc.

But if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. Super League have done a deal with the BBC for a 'Football Focus' type magazine programme to go out on match days. 'The Super League Show' will go out each Sunday lunchtime, starting on March 26, and aims at making it a part of fans' pre-match routine before heading off for a live game.

Sadly the programme will only go out in the north of England, but at least it's a start. Now the search is on for a Gary Lineker-type presenter. All volunteers with big ears take one step forward!

THE nasty off-the-ball head tackle that Gavin Brown took recently has hit the Sheffield Eagle scrum-half twice over.

Not only will Brown miss the next 12 weeks of Northern Ford Premiership action, but he's also going to be out of pocket.

Compare what with his assailant, Batley's Gary Barnett, who will be back on the pitch in less then six weeks, and it doesn't seen at all fair. The innocent party cops it twofold.

No wonder there's a great feeling of injustice down Don Valley way as Brown starts out on the road to recuperation for a smashed jaw.

Brown had to wait six hours prior to surgery; can now only eat liquidised food and will lose up to three months of match payments. It's a grim picture painted by his father, Ken, who took the unique step of writing to the media to put his son's side of the story.

"It's the type of cheap shot that needs weeding out of the game once and for all," said Brown senior.

"Fortunately it was captured on video and it was that evidence that eventually condemned Barnett and led to a six-match ban."

This type of incident is far less prevalent than it used to be but surely there's something wrong with the system when the attacker is back in action before the victim.

Isn't it time the disciplinary gurus considered a system where the punishment fits the crime. For cases of deliberate and serious foul play such as this, why not ban the culprit until his victim is fit enough to resume playing? That might make one or two think.

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HULL KR V LEIGH CENTURIONS

Please note that this game has been brought forward from May 10th to next Sunday 27th February

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Close G	3	1	10	0	0	20
Conway D	0	1	0	0	0	0
Cross A	8	0	0	0	6	24
Cruckshank H	4	0	0	0	1	4
Dean C	4	0	0	0	2	2
Donlan S	7	0	0	0	4	16
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Hadcroft A	2	1	0	0	1	4
Halliwell C	0	1	0	0	0	0
Higham M	6	2	0	0	6	24
Ingram D	5	0	0	0	4	16
Kendrick P	3	1	0	0	5	20
Murray A	2	6	0	0	1	4
NormanP	1	5	0	0	0	0
Purtill K	8	0	0	0	1	4
Street T	5	2	0	0	0	0
Taberner G	1	1	0	0	0	0
Whittle D	6	2	0	0	1	4
Wingfield P	5	3	26	0	1	56

Debuts: Baldwin (2nd) v Widnes 26.12.99, Anderson v Widnes 26.12.99, Bristow v Widnes 26.12.99, Cross v Widnes 26.12.99, Taberner v Whitehaven 16.1.00, Causey v Workington 6.2.00. Captains: Dean(4), Purtill(4) Sin Bins: Bristow(2), Street(2), Kendrick(1). Sent Off: 0

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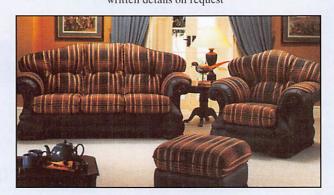
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NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIP LEAGUE TABLE

	Р	w	D	L	F	Α	+/-	PTS
Dewsbury Rams	6	5	0	1	132	56	76	10
Hull KR	6	4	1	1	63	48	15	9
Doncaster Dragons	6	4	0	2	156	67	89	8
LEIGH CENTURIONS	6	4	0	2	186	104	82	8
Swinton Lions	6	4	0	2	163	97	66	8
Barrow Border Raiders	6	4	0	2	161	127	34	8
Keighley Cougars	6	4	0	2	133	107	26	8
Oldham	6	4	0	25	134	122	12	8
Featherstone Rovers	6	3	1	2	132	119	13	7
Widnes Vikings	5	3	0	2	138	80	58	6
Whitehaven Warriors	6	3	0	3	117	91	26	6
Hunslet Hawks	6	2	0	4	116	113	3	4
Rochdale Hornets	5	2	0	3	112	135	-23	4
Sheffield Eagles	6	2	0	4	94	121	-27	4
Batley Bulldogs	6	2	0	4	84	135	-51	4
York Wasps	6	1	0	5	58	147	-89	2
Lancashire Lynx	6	1	0	5	84	241	-157	2
Workington Town	6	0	0	6	57	210	-153	0

TRANS PENNINE CUP - East of Pennines

	P	w	D	L	F	Α	+/-	PTS
Hull KR	6	4	1	1	63	48	15	9
Dewsbury Rams	5	4	0	1	96	50	46	8
Keighley Cougars	6	4	0	2	133	107	26	8
Doncaster Dragons	5	3	0	2	130	51	79	6
Featherstone Rovers	5	2	1	2	97	105	-8	5
Hunslet Hawks	5	2	0	3	95	83	12	4
Batley Bulldogs	6	2	0	4	46	121	-75	4
York Wasps	5	1	0	4	39	54	-15	2
Sheffield Eagles	5	1	0	4	104	184	-80	2

TRANS PENNINE CUP · West of Pennines

	Р	w	D	L	F	Α	+/-	PTS
LEIGH CENTURIONS	6	4	0	2	186	104	82	8
Swinton Lions	6	4	0	2	163	97	66	8
Barrow Border Raiders	5	4	0	1	147	92	55	8
Oldham	5	4	0	1	118	96	22	8
Whitehaven Warriors	6	3	0	3	117	91	26	6
Widnes Vikings	4	2	0	2	108	59	49	4
Rochdale Hornets	4	1	0	3	88	121	-33	2
Lancashire Lynx	5	1	0	4	64	208	-144	2
Workington Town	5	0	0	5	51	174	-123	0

NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIP SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

Dewsbury Rams v Sheffield Eagles Doncaster Dragons v Keighley Cougars Featherstone Rovers v Hunslet Hawks Hull FC v York Wasps Lancashire Lynx v Workington Town Leigh Centurions v Oldham Rochdale Hornets v Whitehaven Warriors Swinton Lions v Batley Bulldogs Widnes Vikings v Barrow Border Raiders

Centurion Schedule

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9 SWINTON LIONS 2,681 20-22 Dontan Crocks Purtli Anderson Ingram Close Deal Street Higham Whittle Baldwin Bitstow FairClough Murray Bowker Wingfield Norman 16 Wintlewer Wurdes 1,400 6 - 24 Ingram Close Anderson Bardwin Bitstow FairClough Higham Docks Murray	Dec 26	WIDNES VIKINGS	4,468	24 - 16	Donlan	Cross	Purtill	Anderson	Ingram	Close	Dean	Street	Higham	Cruckshank	Baldwin	Bristow	Fairclough	Whittle	Murray	Bowker	Wingfield
16 Whitebasen Warriors 1.400 6 - 24 Ingram Winglield Cross Anderson Taberner Purtil Street Murray Whittle Baldwin Britsbus Fairclough Murray Roman Close 20 BARROW BORDER RAUDERS 2.070 48 - 22 Donlan Organ Coss Hadzordt Winglield Bowker Purtil Norman Street Higham Coustank Anderson Bristow Fairclough Murray Komman Close 20 ALDAL (örd R Cup) 1643 34 - 6 Donlan Winglield Bowker Purtil Street Higham Muittle Baldwin Roidowin Murray Norman Casey 20 ALDHAM 28 - 40 Donlan Winglield Anderson Kendrick Kendras Kendras Kendrick </th <th>Jan 2</th> <th>Rochdale Hornets</th> <th>2,100</th> <th>42 - 14</th> <th>Donlan</th> <th>Ingram</th> <th>Purtill</th> <th>Anderson</th> <th>Cross</th> <th>Dean</th> <th>Close</th> <th>Street</th> <th>Higham</th> <th>Cruckshank</th> <th>Bristow</th> <th>Baldwin</th> <th>Fairclough</th> <th>Whittle</th> <th>Murray</th> <th>Wingfield</th> <th>Bowker</th>	Jan 2	Rochdale Hornets	2,100	42 - 14	Donlan	Ingram	Purtill	Anderson	Cross	Dean	Close	Street	Higham	Cruckshank	Bristow	Baldwin	Fairclough	Whittle	Murray	Wingfield	Bowker
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