

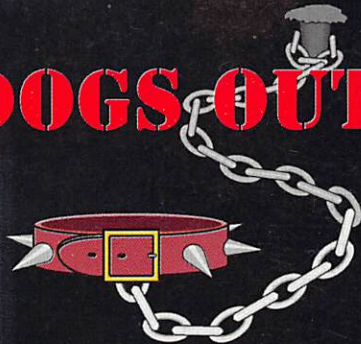
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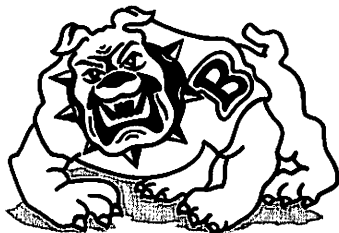


DEALERS

Welcome to the Mount

IN THE CHAIR

Kevin Nicholas - Chairman



Welcome to all the 'Rough Ones' from across the hills and everyone from Batley to what promises to be a cracking game and the proverbial four pointer. We are presently twelfth in the league and presently propping up seven teams with two points separating them, that's how close it is for a top eight spot.

At Boundary Park we had a terrific game of rugby league even though we lost. We were hit by a fifteen minute onslaught at the beginning of the second half but other than that it was a close fiercely competitive game played in good spirit.

We were disappointed and will be anxious to put things right today. Easter was a tremendous time at the Club with the maximum points from our two games. The Dewsbury win was everything for me personally and indeed all at the Club as I now feel we are out of their shadow for the first time since we took over at the Club. It rivalled our Transpennine Cup win and promotion win at Lancashire Lynx as the champagne moment since we took over at the Club. The Dewsbury lot were not a happy bunch as they skulked away at the end of the game. One Dewsbury supporter called me "A Knobhead" and one Dewsbury official called one of our backroom boys something worse. This did not upset us one little bit. I was not even tempted to reply as the score board was sufficient to answer all such insults. It shows how much it hurt them and that suits me. I knew it would have hurt us if we had lost the Roy Powell Cup for good but we didn't and that is that.

The gate of 1571 was a genuine gate, we do not fiddle gates as someone said to me this week but the atmosphere was like a five

thousand gate. We planned on getting two thousand and more through the turnstiles so financially we are below our budget. Spread the word that it is worth a visit to the Mount and we will go from strength to strength, but how can we strengthen our team without gates to help pay the bills.

We are however delighted at the support the team are receiving from the people that have been coming to the matches both home and away. Today there should be plenty of vocal support from Oldham so let's hope we can match them and create an atmosphere fit for the game. In fact a big thankyou to our small band of loyal supporters who have stuck by us over the last few years and hopefully you are now beginning to get some reward for your loyalty by better results on the field. There can be no better result than beating Dewsbury although I wouldn't mind a win today and dare I dream of a win against Dewsbury in the top eight play-offs. That's a dream - let's stick with today's match.

Finally a mention to our Matchball Sponsor Nathan Yates who is an Australian over here on holiday with friends and family from Oldham. He will have attended both Batley v Oldham games and goes back with a souvenir thanks to Trevor and Anita Houghton. Thanks also to his uncle Don Yates another tremendous Rugby League supporter from Oldham. I hope they all enjoy their day whatever the result.

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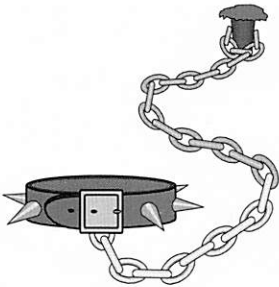


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What a difference a month can make. We are right back in the frame. With five wins from the last six games, and particularly the outstanding performance against our old rivals Dewsbury, that game gave me a great deal of pleasure. The team spirit is absolutely superb. The team are playing for each other and this is an essential ingredient for success.

May I welcome the new players to the Club. Chris North from Hunslet Hawks who played centre in the A team game recently, his physique could also see him feature in the second row and of course Craig Wright who was to join us for start of season 2001 but sadly had a back injury that kept him out and he decided to leave it until next season. Thankfully Craig has recovered much quicker than expected, has had 3 or 4 games with Queens, before deciding to rejoin the Bulldogs. Having got a couple of games as a sub under his belt, he is raring to go. We have other players in the pipeline as we are short of players for the Alliance side too.

Today's game will be another crucial fixture and yet again the top 4 side in Oldham. I'm sure they will be firing on all cylinders to attempt to cement their place in the top 4, which means we have to be totally focused to come up with a much needed win in our push for a top 8 spot.

Delighted to welcome back Richard Price. This opens up competition for places and also covers for any injuries which is a stimulant for the rest of the team.

Enjoy the game, please get behind the team, your vocal support is really helpful and encouraging to the team.

Paul Storey

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"The Mount Scene"

By Club Historian & Programme Editor - Laurence Grailey.

The recent good run came to an end against Oldham at Boundary Park. Although the scores were level at the interval, it proved not to be our day! However, a different story on Good Friday night when we beat 'you know who' in a thriller, after giving them 12 points start! We also secured the Roy Powell Trophy. Well done to all the lads - the town is proud of you.

A more low key affair at York Wasps on Monday, nevertheless a further 2 league points were gained and the future is looking good.

The penalty count so far this season is 127 awarded to Batley - our opponents combined penalty total standing at 143. The penalty count in the Oldham match was 9 - 8 in Oldham's favour, against Dewsbury 10 - 5 and at York 6 - 11 in the host's favour.

On the stats front, Jeremy Dyson currently has a 58% goal kicking success return with 24 successful conversions out of a possible 41. Richard Price having a 70% goal kicking success return with 21 out of 30.

The most consecutive number of appearances is still held by Craig Lingard who is currently on 25 (this stretches back to the Swinton Lions match on 4th June 2000). This leaves Danny Maun, Andy Heptinstall, Gary Shillabeer, Glen Tomlinson and Ryan Horsley all in joint second place - having appeared in 19 consecutive matches - all this season.

Craig Lingard's run of 6 tries in 5 consecutive matches ended at Oldham (he more than made up for it with his tremendous hatrick against Dewsbury). Jeremy Dyson now has the longest consecutive run of scoring. He has scored in each of the last 6 matches.

Incidentally the Widnes Vikings home game as been moved from next Sunday to Wednesday 6th June with a 7.30 p.m. kick off.

Enjoy the match !

This afternoon's Matchball sponsor is 21 years old Nathan Yates, a native Perth, Western Australia who is enjoying a month long stay in Europe with relatives. Back home in Australia Nathan's sporting interests involve cricket during the summer and Australian Rules Football during the winter, although he also watches Junior Rugby League occasionally in the Perth region. He is a season ticket holder with the Freemantle Dockers Australian 'no rules' team. Nathan works in the food processing industry and is also a part time fire fighter. He will be watching this afternoons match with mixed loyalties as his mother is originally from Yorkshire whilst his father is a born and bred Oldhamer and he has an uncle who still lives in Oldham and is associated with amateur rugby in the town as well as being a long suffering supporter of the Roughyeds. Accompanying Nathan at todays match will be Anita and Trevor Houghton, founder members of the Prestwich Branch of the Batley Supporters Club. During his brief stay in Europe, Nathan has been impressed by many things such as French parking manoeuvres, the impartiality of Batley Fans, the weather in Halifax and the affinity which a certain Oldham supporter has with Red Label whisky. He enjoys English rugby league and claims that his favourite British player is the St. Helens number 14 Wayne McDonald whilst his favourite British club is ... well, after today probably the Taverners!!!!

TODAYS MASCOT

Sophie Cass
School - Sharp Lane Primary
Age - 6
Hobbies - Dancing & Swimming
Favourite Players - Mark Cass,
Roger Whitey & Jeff Wittenberg



In Town Today

Oldham

By Laurence Grailey

Complete playing record against Oldham -

Batley Wins 29
Oldham Wins 43
Drawn Games 9
Batley points scored 736
Oldham points scored 1092

(This includes all games versus Oldham & Oldham Roughyeds).

Players who have represented both clubs -

Transfers between Oldham and Batley over the years have been relatively few and far between, listed below are some of the players that have represented both clubs -

Scrum half, Mick McCone, centre, Mick Parrish, wingman, Hugh Gumbs, prop forwards, Jason Clegg, and former Batley club captain Gary Lord, hooker John Clarke and current Bulldogs forward Craig Richards.

Only one encounter took place last season, this was at Mount Pleasant with Oldham Roughyeds running out victors by 16-28.

Batley last beat Oldham on 7th February 1999 at Mount Pleasant by 30 - 0. Tries by Grant Miers, Roger Simpson, Paul Harrison, John Clarke, Simon Jackson and Craig Lingard. Richard Price landed 3 goals.

Also that season the return game at Rochdale's Spotland ground saw a 20-20 draw played out. Paul Harrison crossed for 2 tries with others from Wayne Flynn and Craig Lingard. Richard Price landed 2 goals.

Earlier this month on 8th April at Boundary Park, Oldham ran out victorious by 26 - 8, the game being level 8 - 8 at halftime.

Oldham History - Did You Know?

14th September 1895 sees Oldham play their first match in the Northern Union against Hunslet and lose 8 - 16. Season 1899 and Oldham beat Hunslet in the Challenge Cup Final becoming the first Lancashire club to win the trophy. Season 1907 sees Dickie Thomas' team beaten in both the Challenge Cup Final and Championship Final. Oldham, however, win their first Lancashire Cup.

Season 1911 and Joe Ferguson's great team retain the Championship after beating Wigan in consecutive finals. 1922 and Reg Farrar sets a club record of 49 tries in a season.

Season's 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1927 Oldham reach 4 successive Challenge Cup Finals, winning in 1925 under Herman Hilton and 1927 under Bob Sloman. Also in 1927 the first radio broadcast of a Challenge Cup Final takes place when Oldham meet Swinton at Wigan.

Alex Givvons makes his debut for Oldham in 1933, the start of an association with the club which would last 60 years. Alan Davies makes his debut in 1950 and goes on to score a club record 173 tries. 1956-57 marks a three trophy season, Frank Stirrup captains the team to victory in the Lancashire Cup and League. Bernard Ganley leads them in the 15-14 defeat of Hull in the Championship final. Season 1958 sees Ganley become the first player to kick 200 goals in a season.

1959 and Oldham pay a world record £10,650 to Workington Town for Ike Southward. Oldham come nearest to reaching Wembley in 1964 losing to Hull KR after 2 semi final replays.

Mick Parrish (latterly a Batley player) becomes the only Oldham player to score in every match in a season in 1981-82. Andy Goodway captains Great Britain against France in 1985. James Lomas is the only other Oldham player to lead Great Britain in a test match (1911-12).

1988 and Oldham win both the Second Division Championship and the Second Division Premiership at Old Trafford after a 28-26 victory against Featherstone Rovers. Des Foy wins the Harry Sunderland Trophy as man of the match.

Oldham beat Hull KR 30-29 in the Second Division Premiership Final in 1990, Mike Ford wins the Harry Sunderland Trophy.

19th January 1997 and Oldham beat Swinton 20-16 in the last match to be played at Watersheddings. In the same season Oldham drop out of Super League and go into liquidation and are resurrected as a Second Division team.

Oldham win the inaugural Red Rose Trophy and are beaten finalists against Batley Bulldogs in the Trans Pennine Trophy in 1998.

PEN PICTURES

OLDHAM

MARK SIBSON : Former Loughborough student, who has had spells at Bramley and Castleford. Very elusive runner from full back, capable of scoring from long range.

JOEY HAYES : A firm favourite with the Oldham crowd. This former superleague star with St. Helens and Salford is always likely to get on the score sheet.

ANTHONY GIBBONS : Former Leeds and Bramley with a good step off either foot. Also one of the best defensive centres in the NFP.

PAT RICH : Geordie Law Graduate who was previously with Keithley Cougars. A very reliable goal kicker, he represented England Students in the Student World Cup Final.

DANNY ARNOLD : Another player with Superleague experience playing at St. Helens and Huddersfield. A prolific try scorer, who can play Wing Centre or Full Back.

DAVE GIBBONS : Twin brother of Anthony, he too played at Bramley and Leeds. Very pacy with an eye for an opening. He is an aggressive defender who also has a sound kicking game.

JASON CLEGG : A massive prop with deceptive agility, he gives the team a big go forward and a quick play the ball.

JOHN HOUGH : The Clubs first ever signing, this Oldham born Hooker was the Clubs player of the season last year. Very fast out of Dummy Half. He is a regular try scorer

ANDY PROCTOR : Club Captain, and Prop with a big work rate, formerly with Wakefield and Bramley.

LEO CASEY : Now reaching the Veteran stage. An Irish international Prop, with a wealth of experience. Former Clubs include Rochdale Hornets.

DANNY GUEST : Huge young Prop, former Keighley and Chorley. Has started to push through this season and big things are expected from him.

PHILLIP FARRELL : Second Row who joined the Club with Neil Roden. Brother of England Captain Andrew. He is probably the most exciting young Second Row in the NFP. A massive work rate and a great pair of hands.

PAUL NORTON : Signed in the off season from Chorley, Knockor has been one of the most consistent players of the season. Very strong defender who can Prop or Second Row.

IAN SINFIELD : Oldham born player equally at home at Loose Forward or Second Row. An aggressive defender with pace running out wide.

KEVIN MANNION : Former Student International Player. A Loose Forward with a good pair of hands. Wigan born and another former Rochdale player.

GARETH BARBER : Young Stand Off born in Oldham and signed in the summer from Warrington. A player with huge potential he has already has played a number of first team games.

DARYL LACEY : Young Winger or Full Back signed in the summer from Wigan. A player with plenty of pace and a safe pair of hands

DEAN CROSS : Young Winger, former Widness Vikings player can also play Centre. shows great pace and is a regular try scorer.

CHRIS FARRELL : Twin brother of Phil and another summer signing from Wigan. A loose forward with great vision.

GAVIN DODD : Young Full Back or Winger and a former Student International. A very illusive runner with great pace.

LEE DORAN : A teenage Prop who has been starring in the Alliance team. A very exciting prospect.

KEITH BRENNAN : A reserve team Scrum Half coming back after a serious knee injury. Expected to push through strongly for a first team place when he is back to full fitness.

WARREN BARROW : Big Winger signed from St. Helens. A regular try scorer last season and a strong finisher.

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By Laurence Grailey

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Hometown	Pontefract.
Current Position / Favourite Position	Second Row.
Honours gained in R.L.	Super League
Previous Clubs	Huddersfield Giants & Wakefield.
Most memorable game and why	Leeds Rhinos (Debut).
Most respected opponent and why	Everyone.
Biggest influence on career and why	Family.
Miscellaneous Likes	
Miscellaneous Dislikes	
How would you improve the current standard of the game?	Full time refs.
If you won the lottery how would you spend it?	Golf course.
Which 2 things would you take with you to a desert island?	Shades & good looking chick !
Favourite sport other than rugby league	Snooker & golf.
If you had one wish in life what would it be?	Not to work.
Do you have any superstitions / pre match rituals?	
Favourite holiday destination and why	Barbados.
Favourite current / past celebrity	Liz Hurley.
Favourite food	Pasta.
Favourite drink	Guinness.
Occupation	Delivery driver.
What is your hope for season 2000/01 with Batley ?	Top 8.
What is your ambition for the rest of your career?	Play high standard for a number of years.

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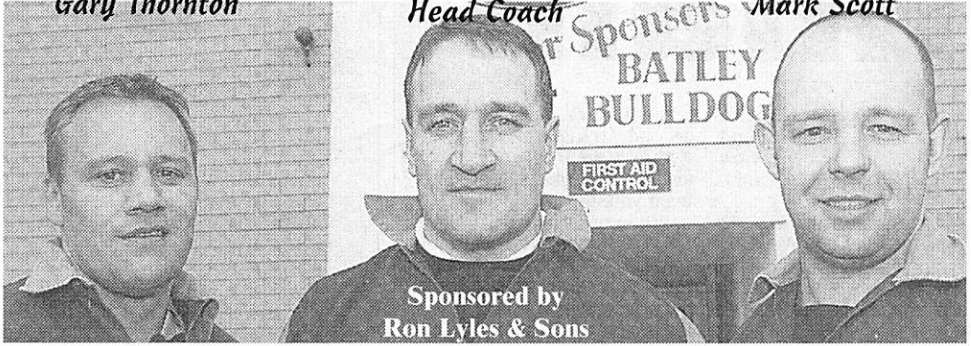
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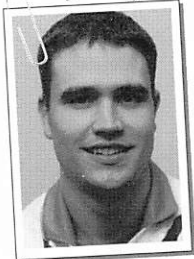
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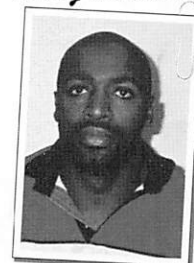
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Appearance & Scorers

Appearances & Scorers Season 2000 - 01.

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Player	Season 2000 - 01						Career Record					
	Apps	S Apps	Goals	D Goals	Tries	Points	Apps	S Apps	Goals	D Goals	Tries	Points
W.Cartledge	13	4			2	8	13	7	0	0	2	8
M.Cass		15			2	8	157	60	0	6	46	190
J.Coventry	1	7				0	1	7	0	0	0	0
J.Dyson	17	1	24		1	52	75	9	96	2	14	250
P.Gleadhill	16				6	24	94	1	1	0	43	174
A.Heptinstall	19				3	11	19	0	0	3	2	11
P.Hicks	17	1			1	4	41	5	0	0	1	4
R.Horsley	19				3	12	19	0	0	0	3	12
L.Kelly	7	1				0	7	1	0	0	0	0
S.Jackson	4	7			2	8	53	29	5	4	18	86
C.Lingard	19				14	56	51	24	0	0	43	172
D.Longo	17	1			7	28	17	1	0	0	7	28
D.Maun	19				5	20	19	0	0	0	5	20
C.McWilliam	10					0	124	6	0	1	14	57
G.Middleton		2				0	83	35	0	0	16	64
R.Padgett	1	3				0	7	19	0	0	0	0
R.Price	10		21		1	46	129	0	348	3	52	907
C.Richards	1	10			1	4	1	10	0	0	1	4
A.Richardson	5	1				0	5	1	0	0	0	0
G.Shillabeer	19				5	20	19	0	0	0	5	20
R.Simpson	11	1				0	115	2	0	0	48	192
G.Tomlinson	19				6	24	162	1	0	3	97	391
J.Wittenberg	3	15			4	16	3	15	0	0	4	16
A.Wray		5				0	22	28	0	0	5	20
C.Wright		2				0	0	2	0	0	0	0

Player Milestones Up To & Including York Wasps (Away) 16th April 2001.

Glen Tomlinson requires 3 more tries to reach 100 tries for the club and a further 9 points to reach 400 in first team action. Glen currently stands in 4th place in the club's all time try scoring chart, 4 tries adrift of equalling Joe Oakland in 3rd place. Incidentally for the older fans - Glen has just overtaken the legendary John Etty who registered 93 tries for the club.

Richard Price requires a further 2 goals to total 350 goals for the club in first team action. He also requires a further 18 goals, which would enable him to overtake Jackie Perry and move into 5th place in the all time goal kicking chart.

In addition he requires 26 points to move into 5th place in the club's all time points chart, again at the expense of former Batley favourite - Jackie Perry.

Jeremy Dyson reached 250 points in first team action at York on Easter Monday, and requires a further 4 goals to register 100 goals.

Roger Simpson requires 2 tries to register 50 tries and a further 8 points to mark 200 in first team action.

Mark Cass requires 10 points for 200 career points and 4 tries to register 50 touchdowns for the club.


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1895 to the Present Date

RECORD ATTENDANCE

23,989 V. Leeds (Home) 14.3.25. (Gate receipts £1,693.11s. 3d).

RECORD SCORE

78-22 V. Leigh (Home) 26.3.95.
64-0 V. Nottingham City (Away) 10.11.91.

GOALS

GAME- Simon Wilson (13) V. Leigh 26.3.95.
SEASON- Simon Wilson (127) Inc 2 Drop Goals -
Season 1994-95.
CAREER- Wharton Peers Davies (458)- 1896-1912.

TRIES

GAME- Joe Oakland (5) V. Bramley (H)
19.12.1908.
Tommy Brannan (5) V. Swinton (H) 17.3.20
J. Wale (5) V. Bramley (H) 4.12.26
J. Wale (5) V. Cottingham (H) R.L.Cup 1st Round
12.2.27.
Tommy Oldroyd (5) V. Highfield (A) 6.3.94.
SEASON- Jack Tindall (29) Season 1912-13.
Darren Moxon (27) Post War Tries In A Season -
(Season 1993-94).
CAREER- Wharton Peers Davies (122) - 1896-1912

POINTS

GAME- Simon Wilson (30) V. Leigh (H) 26.3.95
SEASON- Richard Price (308) Season 1997.
CAREER- Wharton Peers Davies (1288) Season
1896-1912.

APPEARANCES-

SEASON- John Etty (44) Season 1950-51.
CONSECUTIVE - Richard Price (103) From
16.6.1996 to 5.3.2000.
CAREER- Wharton Peers Davies (448) Season
1896-1912.

INDIVIDUAL CLUB HONOUR - Richard Price
played and scored in every first team game in season
1998. (The only player in the club's history to achieve
this).

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

GREAT BRITAIN-
Frank Gallagher 1922-26, Joe Oliver 1928-9,
Norman Field 1963-4, Carl Gibson 1985-6.

GREAT BRITAIN TOURISTS-

Frank Gallagher 1924, Joe Oliver 1928.

ENGLAND-

Fred Hill 1909, George Davidge 1924, Frank
Gallagher 1923-27, Joe Oliver 1928, George Brown
1945, Bill Hudson 1946-7, John Etty 1946-7
(Reserve to travel V.France), Bill Riches 1946-7
(Reserve to travel V.France), George Palmer 1950-1.

ENGLAND UNDER 24'S

Stan Gittins 1969.

WALES-

Will.T. Davies 1909, F.Willis 1921, Bryn Williams
1921-2, Harry Rees 1923-5, Ike.J. Fowler 1926.

OTHER NATIONALITIES-

F.Willis 1921, Bryn Williams 1921, Ike J.Fowler
1926.

BRITISH EMPIRE-

John Etty 1950-51.

ENGLAND UNDER 21'S

Peter Bateson 1953-4, Gary Graham 1953-4.

YORKSHIRE APPEARANCES (POST WAR)

Bill Riches 1946-52, Bill Hudson 1946-7, Sam
Hargreaves 1946-7, Don Burnell 1947-8, John Etty
1947-50, Norman Field 1963-4, Phil Doyle 1969-70,
Jim Naylor 1972-3, Carl Gibson 1985-6.

CLUB HONOURS

R.L.CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS- 1896-7,
1897-8 & 1900-01.
YORKSHIRE CUP WINNERS- 1912-13.
YORKSHIRE CUP RUNNERS UP- 1909-10,
1922-23, 1924-25 & 1952-53.
YORKSHIRE RUGBY UNION CUP WINNERS-
1884-85.
YORKSHIRE RUGBY UNION CUP RUNNERS
UP- 1892-93.
YORKSHIRE SENIOR CUP RUNNERS UP ('A'
TEAM)- 1981-82.
RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS-
1923-24.
TRANS PENNINE CUP WINNERS- 1998.
DIVISION 2 PROMOTION - 1998.
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION 2
RUNNERS UP- 1994-95.
YORKSHIRE LEAGUE WINNERS- 1898-9 &
1923-4.
YORKSHIRE LEAGUE RUNNERS UP- 1899-
1900, 1908-9, 1921-2 & 1925-6.
ALLIANCE DIVISION 2 EAST CHAMPIONS ('A'
TEAM)- 1991-2.
ALLIANCE DIVISION 2 CUP RUNNERS UP ('A'
TEAM)- 1991-2.
ALLIANCE CUP RUNNERS UP ('A' TEAM)
(26.9.98)- 1998.

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1961 - 'That was the year that was'

By Club Historian Laurence Grailey.

Main news events of the year.

12th April 1961 - Yuri Gagarin orbited the earth and became the first man in space.

17th August - The construction of the 'Berlin Wall' began.

Also in 1961 the female contraceptive pill was launched after successful testing and CND marches took place in London against the nuclear arms race.

Film of the year was 'West Side Story', and the 3 top selling singles of 1961 were 'Are You Lonesome Tonight?' by Elvis Presley, 'Walking Back To Happiness' by Helen Shapiro and 'Moon River' by Danny Williams.

St Helens beat Wigan 12-6 in the RL Challenge Cup Final and Spurs defeated Leicester 2-0 in the FA Cup Final and clinch 'the double'.

Meanwhile what was happening at the Mount?

26th place out of 30 unfortunately was the end result for Batley in the 1961-62 Rugby Football League season.

Wingman, Norman Field was top try scorer with 8. Ian Geldard scored 6 with C.Sutcliffe, Malcolm Shuttleworth and Joe Ireland each registering 5.

Jimmy Lawton was top goal kicker with 58.

Other prominent performers that season were:- R.Astbury, Alec Dick, Dave Fairbank, Dave Foster, Peter Fox, Peter McVeigh, John Westbury and Bob Whiteford.

The season's best efforts included the Yorkshire Cup defeat of Dewsbury by

15 - 0 and the 9 - 8 away win at Keighley.

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Left centre Three Quarter Left centre Three Quarter

How did you rate them?

By Club Historian Laurence Grailey

Over the last 30 years or so, many players have represented Batley Rugby League Football Club in the left centre three-quarter position, listed below are 5 players who have held the position on a regular basis.

If you were asked to pick a representative Batley team over the last 30 years which one of the players listed below would you name in the left centre?

The next programme will feature the left wing three - quarter position.

Phil Holmes -

Signed from Leeds in season 1969-70 stylish centre Phil made 200 appearances (including sub appearances) for Batley up to season 1975-76, he also made a brief re-appearance in season 1977-78. In that time he scored 51 tries and landed 23 goals for a Batley points tally of 199.

He was famous for his classic strong running centre play and also his 'Cumberland hike' tackle, which floored many an unsuspecting opponent. He is the brother of former Leeds star John Holmes.

John Jones -

Rangy centre John made 119 appearances (including sub appearances) in his spell at Batley which lasted 1980-81 to 1985-86, in that time he landed 67 goals, crossed for 26 tries for a points total of 223.

An elegant runner, John scored a number of long range tries, the most memorable being the 'wonder try' at Craven Cottage in the Centenary season against Fulham and the length of the field effort uphill at 'The Mount' against Rochdale Hornets.

Darren Moxon -

Darren made 132 appearances (including sub appearances) in his 2 spells at Batley which spanned 1992-93 to 1997 and also season 1999 to 2000. A utility player, signed from Bradford Northern, he made most of his appearances in the right centre position and crossed for 54 tries for a tally of 216 points.

His main ally was his tremendous strength which he used to good effect both near the try line and also when driving the ball in. He broke the club's post war try record in season 1993-94 with 27 tries.

Dave Rippon -

Loyal Dave made 174 appearances between 1974-75 to 1981-82 following his transfer from York. A classy player he notched 25 tries for a Batley points total of 75 in that time.

He was club captain throughout his stay at the club and his main strengths were his eye for an opening and his all round leadership skills. He later moved to the loose forward position.

Roger Simpson -

Current favourite Roger has made 117 appearances (including 2 sub appearances) since his signing from Bradford Northern as part of the Glen Tomlinson transfer in 1996. He has crossed for 48 tries for a points total of 192.

His main strengths are his speed off the mark, tremendous eye for an opening and his skillful handling. Well respected throughout the rugby league Roger has played in various back positions for the club but mainly in the left centre.

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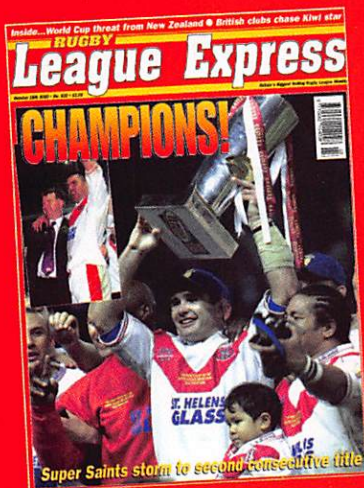
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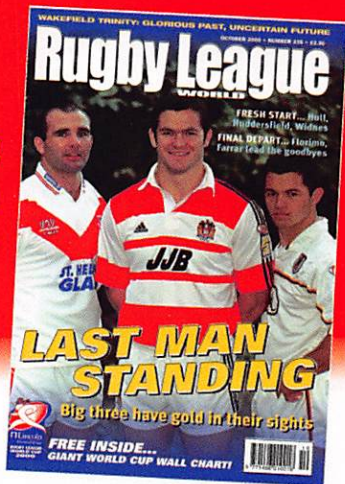
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Why is League never in the money?

MARTYN SADLER, the editor of League Express, asks why Rugby League consistently fails to attract sponsorship money.

Recently League Publications Limited, the company which owns League Express, Rugby League World and the Totalrl.com website, and of which I am the Chairman, has agreed to sponsor both the BARLA National Cup, whose final

between Featherstone Lions and Thatcho Heath Crusaders takes place at Rochdale's Spotland on 28 May, and the Rugby League Conference, which is played between the months of May and September by amateur clubs dotted the length and breadth of England.

I'm sure that both sponsorships will give us very good value for money, as we seek to expand the sales of our newspaper and magazine, as well as the products advertised on our website. But the thing that puzzles me is why Rugby League has so much trouble attracting other sponsors. Silk Cut sponsor the Challenge Cup, although that sponsorship runs out this season, while Super League is sponsored by Tetley's Brewery, and the Premiership is sponsored by Northern Ford.

There are companies like Tissot, who sponsor referees, while other companies support individual clubs. And of course the biggest sponsor of all, in a sense, is Sky Sports, who pay out millions each year in order to televise Super League.

It's quite a short list, though, and a remark someone made to me the other day got me thinking about why we don't have a bigger portfolio of sponsors in the game. Apparently, according to my informant, only three

Super League clubs have 'genuine' sponsors, in the sense that they have gone out and agreed a genuine arms-length deal with a company that sees the benefit in having its name featuring on the front of a Super League club jersey. The other clubs have 'sweetheart' deals with companies that have some sort of vested interest in doing a deal with a club, or with the club Chairman. Or in some cases there is no club sponsor at all.

In one sense I'm amazed that our sport has so much trouble attracting sponsors, because on the face of it Rugby League has a host of qualities that are also needed by anyone who wants to be successful in business.

Determination, toughness, self-belief, teamwork, discipline, flair and courage are as important in Rugby League as they are in business. Rugby League, you might think, is a sport that any business should be falling over itself to be associated with.

On the other hand, there are two negatives about Rugby League that are probably the real reasons why sponsors don't rush to embrace the game.

First, our international profile is too small, certainly compared to the other code of rugby, which is able to use its big international occasions to entice sponsors to invest in the game at various levels.

Second, the media coverage of League is too restricted. We may have a great sport, but too little of it gets onto terrestrial television, where it would gain a wide audience. Without the audience, it's hard for a sport to get corporate backers.

Those two problems are considerable, but they both need to be addressed by every Rugby League official body if we are to see our game enjoy the sponsorship backing it surely deserves.

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Head Coach: Paul Storey

No.	NAME	TRY	GOAL	P GOAL
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2.	Jeremy Dyson			
3.	Danny Maun			
4.	Rogor Simpson			
5.	Paul Gleadhill			
6.	David Longo			
7.	Glen Tomlinson			
8.	Lee Kelly			
9.	Andy Heptinstall			
10.	Paul Hicks			
11.	Will Cartledge			
12.	Gary Shillabeer			
13.	Ryan Horsley			
14.	Mark Cass			
15.	Simon Jackson			
16.	Craig Richards			
17.	Jeff Wittenberg			

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Head Coach: Roy Sampson

No.	NAME	TRY	GOAL	P GOAL
1.	Danny Arnold			
2.	Joey Hayes			
3.	Anthony Gibbons			
4.	Pat Rich			
5.	Warren Barrow			
6.	David Gibbons			
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