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Shaun COOPER	2
Brendan O'MERA	3
James BUNYAN	4
Marlon BILLY	5
Richard AGAR	6
Latham TAWHAI	7
Danny SCULTHORPE	8
Richard PACHNIUK	9
Joe BERRY	10
Wes ROGERS	11
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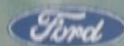
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MARTIN'S CORNER

Welcome to you all for today's A.J. Law Infirmary Cup game.

This time last year I was looking forward to my first game as Coach of Rochdale Hornets. Unfortunately the game was cancelled which was a disappointment on two counts. Firstly I know how important the A.J. Law Infirmary Cup is for the fans, secondly the game would have given me a first chance to see the team in match action.

As it was we had to go into the season without the benefit of a pre-season game, and that possibly showed in our early season results. However, overall last season was one we can look back on with a lot of satisfaction. We made great progress and I'd like to think the fans were well entertained.

Obviously it was a big disappointment to lose in the semi-final, but we're not dwelling on it. It's a new season and we must learn from the experience so we can improve again this year.

Today's game allows me to gauge the effectiveness of our pre-season training.

Everyone has been working really hard and I know there's a determination to succeed. We've retained most of last season's squad and the Board has provided me with the resources to add several new faces - so we have much more strength in depth than last year. The newcomers seem to have settled in well and it all augers well for the future. There's a long hard season in front of us and the physical and mental strength of our squad will be severely tested.

The A.J. Law Cup game is billed as a friendly, but I know both teams will be committed to winning in front of what should be a good crowd. Local derbies always have a bit of extra spice and today will be no different. Most of all we'll be looking for a good result to set us up for next week's season opener.

So get behind the team, your vocal support was tremendous last year and it always gives the players a lift to sense the crowd behind them.

Most of all, enjoy the game.

Martin

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BOARDROOM BRIEF

This afternoon we offer a warm welcome to all the Directors, officials, players and supporters of Oldham RLFC who have made the short journey to Spotland for today's A.J. Law Infirmary Cup encounter. We also want to welcome today's match sponsors and hope they and their guests have a wonderful afternoon's entertainment.

This game has become a traditional curtain raiser to the season proper. Whilst it's officially classed as a friendly the local rivalry and the fact that there is some silverware on offer means that we can expect a hard fought contest.

Of course both sides go into the game on the back of successful season's last year. However both of us ultimately suffered major disappointments and no doubt will be equally determined to improve this year.

Everyone associated with Rochdale Hornets was proud of what was achieved last year. Most people would have laughed off the suggestion that we could get to within a few minutes of appearing in the Grand Final, especially after our slow start. The fact that we did was a great feat and Martin Hall and the squad of players he assembled deserve a lot of credit.

The Board are committed to helping Martin build on last years success and with that in mind we made a number of new signings in the close season. We also managed to retain those players who served the club so well last term and on paper the squad looks stronger than last year. The players we have brought in offer a mixture of proven class, experience and great promise. The

likes of Richard Agar, Damian Ball, Matt Long and Richard Pachniuk have all experienced winning Grand Final's in recent years and the fact that they have chosen to come to Rochdale Hornets along with players of the calibre of Ian Sinfield, Casey Mayberry and Paul Smith confirms we are moving in the right direction. Hopefully they will all have long and successful careers here at Spotland.

The behind the scenes wrangling over the structure of the league, when the season should be played etc. etc seems to have become a regular feature of close seasons. This one was no exception. You will see from the fixture list elsewhere in the programme that this year we have a league season dispersed around a National Cup competition. Unfortunately the league format does not allow for teams to play each other on a home and away basis, however we are confident that the overall package offers the right number of fixtures in the season and will be attractive to the fans.

In recent years the Northern Ford Premiership competition has consistently thrown up great entertainment. The unpredictability of results and the fact that teams like ourselves, Oldham and Leigh have come out of the doldrums to overtake previously dominant forces like Keighley, Dewsbury and Hunslet shows how fortunes can quickly change.

Next week the Northern Ford Premiership starts all over again and for the first time for some time we have the benefit of a home game. Whatever the result today, please try to get along to the game, the first in what we hope will be a glorious season for Rochdale Hornets.

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LAW CUP MEMORIES

BY ROGER HALSTEAD (OLDHAM EVENING CHRONICLE)

Meandering through Morrisons on Kingsway one day I caught a glimpse of Norman Short.

Strange how one can bump into Hornets folk of the old days on the site of a million rugby league memories. The trains still trundle past, but they don't emit smoke anymore, they don't slow down once they've negotiated Kingsway Bridge on their route into Rochdale and they certainly don't have a driver and stoker leaning out of the engine for a freebie glimpse of rugby league on the Athletic Grounds.

I wonder how many tries were scored in aisle 21? Or how many magic moments were carved into Hornets' history on the spot where Customer Services stands now?

Whether by coincidence or by some strange mystic power which draws Rochdale Hornets men and women to that plot of land that will be forever part of their hearts and heritage, the "oldies" can often be seen among the beans and the beverages.

Jean Woods, Graham Starkey and the late Arnold Bagnall have been spotted there in recent times by this intrepid reporter of all thing rugby amongst the rice and the ravioli where we once roared on the likes of Ron and Reg Stamford, Reggie Jones, Ray Buxton and, down the years, hundreds of others.

Nostalgic nonsense? Maybe so. But I could indulge in it for hours because, just as Oldham RLFC took over a large part of my adult life and still does - my childhood belonged to a Rochdale Hornets Club with which I share the same initials.

The Rugby League world has been turned upside down since those post-war days when Watersheddings and the Athletic Grounds regularly rocked to the roar of five-figure crowds.

Half a century on, the Athletic Grounds is no more and Watersheddings accommodates a housing development where Alan Davies, Frankie Pitchford, Bernard Ganley & Co regularly broke the hearts of the fans in red, white and blue.

I know. I was one of them. Some of my earliest memories of rugby league are of Ellen Smiths, the trip to Oldham, the corner shop near the ground, big crowds and 2 features which were unique to our

sport - the old pavilion and the two-tier Hutchins Stand at the Waterhead Park end of the ground.

Oldham were always regarded by Hornets fans as the bigger, more powerful neighbour...a bit like City and United.

If Hornets could pull off a Law Cup shock it would set the club and town buzzing. I didn't happen all that often but occasionally, just occasionally, Teddy Cahill would pull off a try-saving and match-winning tackle on John Etty or Dick Cracknell - or Wilf Lord or Les Jenes would out-kick Ganley and Hornets fans would come back over Summit hill delirious with delight.

In the days before the NHS, profits from the annual clash of the derby rivals in a pre-season warm-up game were split between Rochdale Infirmary and Oldham Infirmary, hence for several of its early years the silverware was known as the Infirmary Cup.

The involvement of A J Law, a Littleborough mill owner, gave it the name that has stood the test of time and although it was put into storage a year or two in the 1970's - they said the games were getting too rough - both clubs didn't take long to realise that a derby clash of the old enemies was the best way, after all, to launch a new season.

The Law Cup will always hold a special place in Roughyeds folklore because it provided the new club - born after the death of the Oldham Bears in 1997 - with it's first ever match here at Spotland on January 1, 1998.

Against all odds and all the expectations, the Roughyeds rookies won 36-16 on an emotional day to give the new club the best possible start.

For the record, Oldham lined up like this:- Mead, Eckersley, Wilde, Cooper, McNicholas, Barker, Flanagan, Guest, Hough, Maders, Quinlan, Prescott, Jackman. Subs:- Robinson, Round, Leuila, Diggle, Sinfield.

Hornets got their revenge a year later with a 30-18 win a year later with a 48-10 win in Mike Ford's first game in charge.

Memories old and new ... and the Law Cup, hopefully, will continue to make them for many more years to come.

AJ LAW INFIRMARY CUP

FACTS & FIGURES

1921	Rochdale	0	Oldham	0	1955	OLDHAM	23	Rochdale	17
Replay	OLDHAM	12	Rochdale	2	1956	ROCHDALE	34	Oldham	5
1922	OLDHAM	12	Rochdale	8	1957	Oldham	5	ROCHDALE	31
1923	ROCHDALE	13	Oldham	5	1958	ROCHDALE	25	Oldham	10
1924	OLDHAM	15	Rochdale	4	1959	OLDHAM	28	Rochdale	11
1925	ROCHDALE	27	Oldham	15	1960	Rochdale	11	OLDHAM	35
1926	OLDHAM	34	Rochdale	0	1961	OLDHAM	53	Rochdale	13
1927	ROCHDALE	11	Oldham	0	1962	Rochdale	2	OLDHAM	24
1928	OLDHAM	18	Rochdale	0	1963	OLDHAM	29	Rochdale	13
1929	Rochdale	2	OLDHAM	15	1964	Rochdale	7	OLDHAM	39
1930	OLDHAM	14	Rochdale	7	1965	Oldham	14	ROCHDALE	19
1931	Rochdale	11	OLDHAM	29	1966	ROCHDALE	13	Oldham	5
1932	OLDHAM	24	Rochdale	3	1972	OLDHAM	18	Rochdale	16
1933	ROCHDALE	48	Oldham	8	1973	ROCHDALE	30	Oldham	14
1934	OLDHAM	20	Rochdale	7	1974	OLDHAM	27	Rochdale	15
1935	Rochdale	14	OLDHAM	15	1975	Rochdale	2	OLDHAM	29
1936	OLDHAM	12	Rochdale	4	1976	OLDHAM	21	ROCHDALE	21
1937	Rochdale	4	OLDHAM	9	1977	ROCHDALE	14	Oldham	5
1938	OLDHAM	18	Rochdale	8	1978	OLDHAM	26	Rochdale	8
1946	Rochdale	8	OLDHAM	14	1979	Rochdale	9	OLDHAM	14
1947	Oldham	17	ROCHDALE	18	1990	OLDHAM	32	Rochdale	15
1948	ROCHDALE	9	Oldham	2	1991	Rochdale	15	OLDHAM	31
1949	Oldham	2	ROCHDALE	35	1993	OLDHAM	28	Rochdale	26
1950	ROCHDALE	10	Oldham	9	1994	Rochdale	24	OLDHAM	52
1951	Oldham	7	ROCHDALE	18	1998	Rochdale	16	OLDHAM	36
1952	ROCHDALE	25	Oldham	8	1999	ROCHDALE	48	Oldham	10
1953	OLDHAM	31	Rochdale	19	1999	Rochdale	18	OLDHAM	30
1954	ROCHDALE	17	OLDHAM	17					

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

- The first match took place on 7th May 1921, finishing in an inauspicious 0-0 draw. Oldham were the first holders, winning the replay 12-2 at Watersheddings on 13th May.
- Rochdale Hornets biggest win came in 1999 when Derrick Fox's side won 48-10.
- Oldham's biggest win was 53-13 in 1961.
- Oldham have won the trophy 40 times to Hornet's 16 times.
- Hornets win in 1999 ended Oldham's longest winning sequence of 7 consecutive victories, the longest in the Cup's history.
- Hornets best run of consecutive victories was between 1947 and 1952.
- Oldham were the first team to win the trophy away from home, at the tenth time of asking. In those first 10 years the away team failed to reach a double figure score 9 times!

OLDHAM YESTERDAYS'

BY BRAIN WALKER

The Oldham Football Club was formed in 1876 and had it's first game against Stalybridge on the Town' Glodwick Lows with the clubs colours for that match and for the next 13 years being amber and black. The sport in those days, of course, was Rugby Union, the governing body being the English Union.

On the 18th of November 1876 Oldham had it's first ever match against Rochdale, playing the Hornets second team with the game ending in a 2-2 draw.

Soon the club was on the move, this time to Clarksfield and it was rapidly becoming a force in northern rugby. By 1883 the club was already producing County players and in 1889 was awarded a prestigious fixture against the touring Maoris. Included in the side as guest players were Hornets county stars Pennington and Nolan.

By 1889 the club had moved to Watersheddings and changed it's colours to the famous red and white. Oldham had become one of the wealthiest clubs in the land attracting to the town amongst others, Welsh international stars David Gwynn and Bill McCutcheon. Abe Ashworth, later to play for Hornets, was selected for the England RU side.

Both Hornets and Oldham were to be founder members of the Northern Union (later to become the Rugby League) as part of the 1895 breakaway from the English Union. The breakaway was initiated by those clubs insisting on their rights to pay players for any loss of earnings from playing matches in front of paying spectators.

For the next 25 years Oldham was to be a major force in the sport, rarely far from the honours. Between the wars the side appeared in 4 consecutive Challenge Cup Finals, a record to stand until finally broken by Wigan in the 1990's.

The fine side of the 1950's is still fondly remembered by many Oldham supporters but sadly the winning of the Championship in 1957 was to be the last time the club would win a major trophy. Of course the side has since appeared in many Lancashire Cup Finals, Challenge Cup semis and has won the Second Division Championship and Premiership on more than one occasion, but 1957 was the last major success.

The club was a founder member of Super League and in the first season finished a creditable eighth. The final match of that season was the last to be played at Watersheddings. The following season the team was playing at Boundary Park finishing bottom and it proved to be the beginning of the end for a proud old club that had produced over 80 international players. The receivers were appointed before the end of the summer of 1997.

The new Oldham Club was formed by November and voted back into the Rugby League, but this time into the second division and without Murdoch cash. It's first game was here at Spotland winning the AJ Law Cup. Later that first season Oldham also reached the final of the Trans-Pennine competition. Last season was the second under Mike Ford's excellent guidance and the team fell only at the last hurdle in it's attempt to win the Grand Final.

Many players have pulled on both the Hornets and Roughyeds colours but how about the following team to more than hold it's own in the NFF.

Martin Murphy, Trevor Simms, Malcolm Price, Darren Abram, Norman Brelsford, Johnny Noon, Neil Flanagan, Wally Jones, Richard Pachniuk, Leo Casey, Mike Kuiti, Mick Worrall, Martin Hall. Subs: Bob Welding, Sean Gartland, Chris McKinney, Shane McMenemy.

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Runners Up : 1907, 1912, 1924, 1926
Lancashire Cup : 1907 1910, 1913, 1919, 1924, 1933, 1956, 1957, 1958
Lancashire League : 1897-98 1900-01 1907-08 1909-10 1921-22 1956-57 1957-58
Second Division : 1963-64, 1981-82, 1987-88
Divisional Premiership : 1988, 1992

10 OLDHAM MILESTONES

1895 First game in the Northern Union, a 16-8 defeat at Hunslet
1899 Oldham beat Hunslet to become the first Lancashire club to win the Challenge Cup
1922 Reg Farrar sets a club record of 49 tries in a season
1927 The first radio broadcast of a challenge cup final takes place when Oldham play Swinton at Wigan
1933 Alex Givvons makes his debut for the club he would be associated with for 60 years
1956-57 A three trophy season, Lancashire Cup, League and Championship Final
1959 Oldham pay a world record £10,650 to Workington Town for Ike Southward
1981-82 Mike Parrish becomes the only Oldham to score in every game in a season
1997 Oldham beat Swinton 20-16 in their last game at Watersheddings on 19 January
1997 Oldham Bears drop out of Super League, go into liquidation and are resurrected as a second division team

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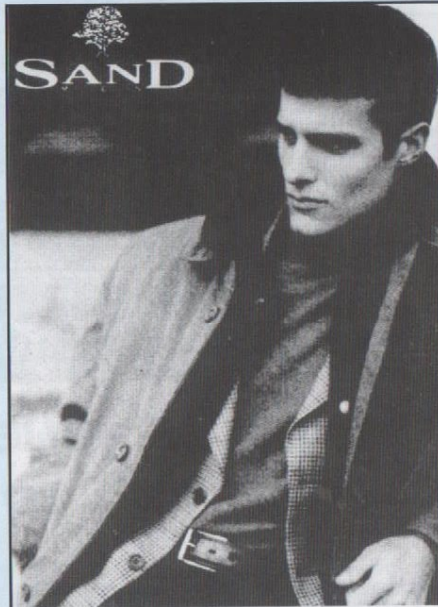
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I would like to thank Arien for their very generous sponsorship and welcome them to the Hornets community on the eve of this very exciting season.

Having welcomed the new, it is important that we recognise the people that support us 'year in - year out', and to be completely honest some of the companies that do this have little or no commercial reason for doing so, other than they have the club in their blood.

One such company is British Millerrain our main club sponsors. Michael Miller first attracted the British Millerrain brand to the Hornets in the 1989/90 season. Today we are delighted to be beginning the 2001/2 season with their brand still

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Remember this is your town, and there is nothing surer than this... ITS YOUR TEAM!

Enjoy today and enjoy the season

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3	Workington Town	A	3.00	8-18	1,384	Owen	Miller	Wood ²⁵	O'Meara	Billy	Alexander	Coates	Sculthorpe ¹	Robinson	Ireland	Bunce	Larder	Fearon	Cooper	Newall	Edwards	Stephenson
10	WIDNES VIKINGS	H	3.00	14-24	1,547	Owen	Miller ¹	Wood ¹⁵	Cooper	Billy	Watson	Coates	Sculthorpe	Robinson	Ireland	Bunce	Larder	Fearon ¹	Mayberry	Campbell	Edwards	Stephenson
17	CHORLEY LYNX	H	3.00	52-12	745	Owen	Miller ¹	Wood ¹⁵	O'Meara	Billy	Watson	Coates ²⁷	Sculthorpe	Ayres	Ireland	Bunce ¹	Larder ¹	Fearon ¹	Cooper	Campbell	Mayberry ²⁷	Stephenson
24	OLDHAM	H	1.00	6-10	3,402	Owen	Miller	Wood ⁵	O'Meara	Billy	Watson	Coates	Sculthorpe	Ayres	Ireland	Bunce	Stephenson ¹	Fearon	Mayberry	Campbell	Robinson	Edwards
JANUARY																						
7	Swinton Lions	A	3.00	8-4	1,153	Watson	Miller	Wood ²⁵	O'Meara	Billy	Owen	Coates	Sculthorpe	Ayres ¹	Ireland	Bunce	Larder	Stephenson	Cooper	Campbell	Rogers	Robinson
27	WIGAN ROSE BRIDGE (SCCC3)	H	3.00	52-0	731	Watson ²⁷	Cooper	Wood ²⁵	O'Meara	Billy	Owen ¹	Coates ²⁵	Sculthorpe	Ayres	Ireland	Rogers ²⁷	Stephenson ¹	Martindale	Callard	Campbell	Newall ¹	Simpson
31	Whitehaven Warriors	A	3.00	4-13	641	Watson	Cooper	Callard	O'Meara ¹	Billy	Owen	Coates	Sculthorpe	Ayres	Ireland	Rogers	Larder	Stephenson	Cooper	Campbell	Newall ¹	Simpson
FEBRUARY																						
4	Leigh Centurions	A	3.00	0-48	2,568	Mayberry	Cooper	Wood	O'Meara	Billy	Watson	Coates	Sculthorpe	Robinson	Bunce	Rogers	Larder	Stephenson	Powell	Campbell	Simpson	Ireland
13	HUNSLET HAWKS (SCCC4)	H	3.00	38-4	605	Owen	Cooper	Galland ¹	O'Meara ¹	Billy ¹	Wood ²⁵	Coates ⁵	Sculthorpe	Robinson ¹⁵	Bunce	Stephenson	Larder ¹	Watson ¹	Mayberry	Rogers	Ireland	Martindale
18	DONCASTER DRAGONS	H	3.00	26-6	1,058	Owen	Cooper	Calland ¹	O'Meara	Billy	Wood ²⁵	Coates	Sculthorpe	Robinson ²⁷	Ireland	Stephenson	Rogers	Watson	McHugh	Radley	Newall	Simpson
25	VILLENEUVE LEOPARDS (SCCC5)	H	3.00	19-26	817	Owen	McHugh	Cooper	O'Meara ¹	Billy ¹	Wood ²⁵	Coates ²⁵	Sculthorpe	Robinson ¹	Ireland	Bunce	Rogers	Stephenson	Mayberry	Larder	Radley	Martindale
MARCH																						
7	Keighley Cougars	A	3.00	23-20	1,533	Owen	McHugh ¹	Calland	O'Meara	Billy ¹	Wood ²⁵	Ashton	Sculthorpe ²⁵	Robinson	Ireland	Stephenson	Rogers	Watson	Blake	Bunyan	Simpson	Bunce
13	Hunslet Hawks	A	3.30	42-20	746	Owen ¹	McHugh	Calland	O'Meara	Billy ¹	Wood ¹⁰	Ayres ¹	Sculthorpe	Robinson ¹	Ireland	Stephenson	Rogers	Watson	Ramsden	Bunce	Bunyan	Larder ¹
18	DEWSBURY RAMS	H	3.00	44-26	1,195	Owen ¹	McHugh ¹	Calland	O'Meara	Billy ¹	Wood ²⁵	Tawhai	Sculthorpe	Robinson ¹	Ireland	Stephenson	Rogers	Watson ²¹	Ayres ¹	Larder ¹	Bunyan	Bunce
25	Hull Kingston Rovers	A	3.00	6-12	1,513	Owen	McHugh	Calland	O'Meara	Billy	Wood ²⁵	Tawhai	Sculthorpe	Robinson ¹	Ireland	Stephenson	Rogers	Watson	Ayres	Bunce	Bunyan	Larder
APRIL																						
1	Gateshead Thunder	A	3.30	40-15	387	Owen ¹	Cooper	O'Meara ¹	Calland	Billy ¹	Wood ²⁵	Tawhai ¹	Sculthorpe	Robinson ¹	Ireland	Bunyan ²¹	Larder	Watson	Ayres ²⁵	Bunce	Rogers	Stephenson
8	YORK H	H	3.00	98-0	762	Owen ¹	Cooper ¹	Calland	O'Meara ¹⁷	Billy ¹	Wood ¹¹⁵	Ayres	Sculthorpe	Robinson ²⁷	Ireland	Stephenson	Bunyan ¹	Watson ¹	Alexander	Bunce ¹	Rogers	Larder ¹
13	Oldham	A	3.00	38-10	2,398	Owen ¹	Cooper ¹	O'Meara	Calland ¹	Billy	Wood ¹⁵	Tawhai	Sculthorpe	Robinson	Ireland	Stephenson	Bunyan ¹	Watson ²⁷	Ayres	Bunce	Rogers	Larder
17	SHEFFIELD EAGLES	H	7.30	46-8	1,101	Owen	Cooper	O'Meara	Calland	Billy	Wood ¹³⁶	Tawhai ¹	Sculthorpe	Robinson ²⁷	Ireland	Larder	Bunyan ¹	Watson ¹	Ayres	Bunce	Rogers	Simpson
22	Featherstone Rovers	A	3.00	20-18	1,746	Owen	Cooper	O'Meara	Calland ¹	Billy	Wood ²⁵	Tawhai	Sculthorpe ¹	Robinson	Ireland ¹	Larder	Bunyan	Watson	Ayres	Bunce	Rogers	Hall
MAY																						
6	WORKINGTON TOWN	H	3.00	38-16	1,067	Owen	Cooper	O'Meara	Calland ¹	Billy ¹	Wood ²⁵	Tawhai ¹	Sculthorpe ¹	Robinson ¹	Ireland	Stephenson	Bunyan	Watson	Garland	Berry	Rogers	Larder ¹
9	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS	H	7.30	32-10	1,102	Owen ¹	Cooper ¹	O'Meara	Calland ¹	Billy ¹	Wood ⁴⁵	Tawhai	Sculthorpe	Ayres	Ireland	Stephenson	Bunyan ¹	Watson	Garland	Berry	Rogers	Larder
13	Widnes Vikings	A	3.00	18-44	3,860	Owen	Cooper	O'Meara	Calland ¹	Billy	Wood	Tawhai	Sculthorpe	Ayres	Ireland	Stephenson ²⁷	Bunyan ¹	Watson	Garland ⁵	Berry	Fearon	Larder
20	Chorley Lynx	A	3.00	66-10	311	Owen ²¹	Cooper	O'Meara	McHugh ¹	Billy	Wood ⁷⁵	Tawhai ¹	Sculthorpe	Stephenson	Ireland	Rogers ²⁷	Larder	Garland ²⁷	Ayres	Berry ²¹	Bunyan	Bunce
27	SWINTON LIONS	H	3.00	32-9	1,116	Owen	Cooper ¹	O'Meara ¹	Calland ¹	Billy	Wood ¹³⁵	Tawhai	Sculthorpe	Stephenson	Ireland	Larder	Rogers	Watson	Garland ¹⁵	Berry ¹	Bunyan	Bunce
JUNE																						
3	BATLEY BULLDOGS	H	3.00	36-10	1,076	Owen	Cooper ¹	O'Meara ¹	Calland ¹	McHugh ¹	Wood ²⁷	Tawhai	Sculthorpe	Ayres	Ireland	Rogers	Bunyan ¹	Watson	Garland	Berry	Stephenson	Bunce
10	WHITEHAVEN WARRIORS	H	3.00	34-24	1,190	Owen	Cooper ¹	O'Meara	Calland	Billy	Wood ⁴⁵	Tawhai	Sculthorpe	Stephenson	Ireland	Rogers	Bunyan	Watson ¹	Ayres	Berry ¹	Garland ²⁵	McHugh
17	LEIGH CENTURIONS	H	3.00	36-4	2,473	Owen	Cooper	O'Meara	Calland ²⁷	Billy	Wood ⁷⁵	Tawhai	Sculthorpe	Ayres	Ireland	Rogers	Bunyan	Watson	McHugh ¹	Berry	Robinson ¹	Bunce
20	BARROW BORDER RAIDERS	H	7.30	38-10	1,083	Owen	Cooper ²⁵	O'Meara ¹	McHugh ¹	Billy	Wood ³⁵	Tawhai	Sculthorpe	Robinson ¹	Ireland	Rogers	Bunyan ¹	Watson	Garland	Berry	Knowles	Bunce
24	Doncaster Dragons	A	3.00	34-22	899	Owen	Cooper	O'Meara ¹	Calland ¹	Billy	Wood ¹⁵⁵	Tawhai	Sculthorpe	Robinson ¹	Knowles	Stephenson	Bunyan	Garland	McHugh	Ireland	Berry	Rogers ¹
JULY																						
1	Batley Bulldogs	A	3.00	26-10	728	Owen	Cooper	O'Meara	McHugh	Billy	Wood ¹⁵	Tawhai	Knowles	Robinson ¹	Ireland	Rogers	Bunyan	Watson	Garland	Berry ¹	Simpson	Stephenson
8	Widnes Viking (Minor Semi Final)	A	3.00	24-34	4,202	Owen ¹	Cooper	O'Meara	Calland	Billy	Wood ⁴²	Tawhai	Sculthorpe	Robinson ²⁷	Ireland	Stephenson ¹	Bunyan	Watson	Garland	Berry	Knowles	Rogers
15	HULL KR	H	3.00	21-14	2,252	Owen	Cooper ¹	O'Meara	Calland	Billy	Wood ²⁵	Tawhai	Sculthorpe ²⁵	Robinson	Ireland	Stephenson	Rogers	Watson	Garland	Berry	Bunyan ¹	Knowles
22	Oldham	H	3.00	32-39	4,153	Owen	Cooper ¹	O'Meara	Calland ¹	Billy	Wood ⁴⁵	Tawhai	Sculthorpe ¹	Robinson ¹	Ireland	Stephenson	Bunyan	Watson	Garland	Berry	McHugh	Knowles

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Concession	£3	51	45
Junior	n/a	FREE	FREE

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HAVE YOUR SAY

You can send any letters or articles you wish to have considered for inclusion in the matchday programme to the Club Office.

For example you might want to write about your favourite player or match from the past. Perhaps you want to share your memories of the first time you watched Hornets or some other experiences of supporting Hornets.

All contributions will be welcome.

The club is also interested in anyone who is interested in becoming a regular contributor to the matchday programme. If you fancy expressing any literacy tendencies, contact Liam O'Reilly in the club offices.

TODAYS MASCOTS

Today's match mascots are Sharne, Calum and Carla Marriott, the children of ex Hornet Karl Marriott. Sharne is 9 years old, Calum 8 years old and Carla 5 years old. We hope they enjoy their day.

KARL MARRIOTT MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Rochdale Hornets player of the match will be awarded the Karl Marriott Memorial Trophy after the game. It is hoped that Karl's widow, Linda Marriott will be able to make the presentation.

ROB HALL TESTIMONIAL

There will be a bucket collection at half time for Rob Hall. Rob has been with the club for over 10 years and has been a model pro throughout that time. Chairman, Ray Taylor confirms that "it has been a pleasure to have had Rob on our books, he has never caused me one problem in all that time and he's never let the side down when called into action."

The bucket collection will be conducted by the Youth section of "Mayfield Mustangs"

Please give generously to a worthwhile cause.

NEW POST

A new Rugby League Co-ordinator has been appointed for Rochdale. He is 38 year old Carl Richards. The job is jointly funded by the World class programme, Rochdale Council and Hornets. Regional manager for the Northwest rugby league service area Julia Lee sees the post as a big stride in the Rugby League Policy Board's development strategy. "It bodes well for the future of rugby league in Rochdale

FIXTURE CHANGES

A reminder that two changes have been made since the fixture list was first published. Our away game with Oldham will now take place on 23rd December 2001, kick-off 3.00 p.m. and our home fixture against Hull Kingston Rovers will be here at Spotland on 30th December 2001, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

NEXT UP

Rochdale Hornets first Northern Ford Premiership home game is against Batley Bulldogs on Sunday, 2 December 2001, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Hornets achieved the double over Batley last season, winning 36-10 at Spotland and 26-10 on the final game of the season proper, a result that leap-frogged us over today's opponents Oldham into third place of the NFP final standings.

Batley have been something of a bogey side in recent years and Martin Hall will be keen to make sure that there are no early season slip-ups in order to keep up with the early season pacesetters. Come along, a great afternoon's entertainment is in store.

A TEAMSCENE

ALLIANCE 2000/01 FIRST DIVISION

DECEMBER 2000

THURS 7TH	Widnes Vikings	8-16
THURS 14TH	Keighley Cougars	13-43
THURS 21ST	Oldham	24-36

JANUARY 2001

SAT 6TH	Workington Town	16-13
WEDS 10TH	Batley Bulldogs	14-34

FEBRUARY 2001

THURS 1ST	LEIGH CENTURIONS	15-14
WEDS 7TH	Hunslet Hawks	9-0
SAT 17TH	WORKINGTON TOWN	28-12
THURS 22ND	Doncaster Dragons	16-27

MARCH 2001

THURS 8th	HUNSLET HAWKS	32-10
SAT 24TH	WHITEHAVEN WARRIORS	39-14
THURS 29TH	Featherstone Rovers	13-20

APRIL 2001

THURS 19TH	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	34-18
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MAY 2001

TUES 8TH	WIDNES VIKINGS	26-32
WEDS 16TH	KEIGHLEY COUGARS	40-16
THURS 24TH	OLDHAM	22-36
THURS 31ST	BATLEY BULLDOGS	26-24

JUNE 2001

SAT 9TH	Whitehaven Warriors	20-14
SAT 17TH	Leigh Centurions	24-34
FRI 22nd	DONCASTER DRAGONS	43-26

PLAY-OFFS

SAT 28th	Keighley Cougars	29-38
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ALLIANCE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	PTS
Widnes Vikings	18	14	1	3	574	279	295	29
Oldham	18	14	0	4	595	368	227	28
Leigh Centurions	18	13	1	4	594	267	327	27
Keighley Cougars	18	12	1	5	448	398	50	25
ROCHDALE HORNETS	18	9	0	9	421	429	-8	18
Featherstone Rovers	18	6	1	11	305	444	-139	13
Doncaster Dragons	18	6	0	12	412	517	-104	12
Batley Bulldogs	18	5	1	12	275	470	-195	11
Workington Town	18	4	1	13	332	478	-146	9
Whitehaven Warriors	18	4	0	14	215	521	-306	8

NFP FIXTURES 2001-2002

DECEMBER	Sun. 2	Batley	H	Mon. 29	Batley	A	
	Sun. 9	Hunslet	A	MAY	Sun. 5	Hunslet	H
	Sun. 16	Swinton	H		Sun. 12	Quarter Finals	
	Sun. 23	Oldham	A		Sun. 19	Semi Finals	
JANUARY	Sun. 30	Hull KR	H		Sun. 26	Final	
	Sun. 13	Leigh	A			League	
	Sun. 20	York	H		Wed. 29	Barrow	H
	Sun. 27	(Ch. Cup)		JUNE	Sun. 2	Sheffield	A
FEBRUARY	Sun. 3	Dewsbury	A		Sun. 9	Featherstone	H
	Sun. 10	(Ch. Cup)			Sun. 16	Keighley	A
	Sun. 17	Chorley	H		Sun. 23	Whitehaven	H
	Sun. 24	(Ch. Cup)			Sun. 30	Barrow	A
MARCH	Sun. 3	Workington	A	JULY	Sun. 7	Featherstone	A
	Sun. 10	Gateshead	H		Sun. 14	Dewsbury	H
	Sun. 17	Huddersfield	A		Sun. 21	Sheffield	H
	Sun. 24	Doncaster	H		Sun. 28	Whitehaven	A
		National Cup		AUGUST	Sun. 4	Hull KR	A
	Fri. 29	Oldham	H		Sun. 11	Workington	H
APRIL	Sun. 7	Dewsbury	A		Sun. 18	Oldham	H
	Sun. 14	Huddersfield	H		Sun. 25	Chorley	A
	Sun. 21	Keighley	A	SEPTEMBER	Sun. 1	Doncaster	A

NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIP FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	PTS
Leigh Centurions	28	26	0	2	1139	321	818	52
Widnes Vikings	28	21	1	6	961	377	584	43
ROCHDALE HORNETS	28	21	0	7	865	433	432	42
Oldham	28	21	0	7	780	416	364	42
Featherstone Rovers	28	17	2	9	825	401	424	36
Dewsbury Rams	28	18	0	10	801	438	363	36
Hull KR	28	16	2	10	555	450	105	34
Keighley Cougars	28	16	1	11	810	498	312	33
Workington Town	28	16	0	12	681	568	113	32
Whitehaven Warriors	28	15	1	12	608	419	189	31
Sheffield Eagles	28	14	0	14	637	543	94	28
Doncaster Dragons	28	14	0	14	622	532	90	28
Batley Bulldogs	28	13	0	15	452	618	-166	26
Barrow Border Raiders	28	12	1	15	631	685	-54	25
Swinton Lions	28	10	0	18	538	711	-173	20
Hunslet Hawks	28	6	1	21	380	959	-579	13
Gateshead Thunder	28	2	0	26	346	990	-644	4
Chorley Lynx	28	2	0	26	395	1361	-966	4
York Wasps	28	1	1	26	193	1499	-1306	3

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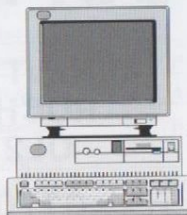
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NAME	APPS	SUB	TRIES	GOALS	D/G	PTS
Neil Alexander	1	2				0
Paul Ashton	1	0				0
Warren Ayres	10	8	3	1		14
Joe Berry	0	13	6			24
Marlon Billy	32	0	31			124
Ryan Blake	0	1				0
Martin Bunce	8	13	3			12
James Bunyan	15	7	10			40
Matt Calland	23	1	13			52
Steve Campbell	0	7				0
Mick Coates	11	0	2	5		18
Sean Cooper	25	3	9			36
Mickey Edwards	0	3				0
Danny Fearon	4	1	2			8
Steve Gartland	2	10	3	4		20
Rob Hall	0	1				0
Andy Ireland	30	3	1			4
Matt Knowles	2	4				0
Dave Larder	12	9	8			32
Mick Martindale	1	3				0
Casey Mayberry	1	5	2			8
Wayne McHugh	8	5	5			20
Marlon Miller	5	0	2			8
Chris Newall	0	3	1			4
Brendan O'Meara	32	0	11			44
Paul Owen	32	0	11			44
Mark Powell	0	1				0
Dave Radley	0	2				0
Neil Ramsden	0	1				0
Darren Robinson	22	3	19	2		84
Wes Rogers	16	11	3			12
Danny Sculthorpe	32	0	5		2	22
Ben Simpson	0	7				0
David Stephenson	24	5	5			20
Latham Tawhai	19	0	4			16
Dave Watson	29	0	10			40
Danny Wood	32	0	14	128		312

ALLIANCE FIRST DIV

NAME	APPS	SUB	TRIES	GOALS	D/G	PTS
Paul Ashton	11	1	7	11	6	56
Neil Alexander	11		2	1		10
Warren Ayres	11		6	23		74
Dan Badham	2	2	4			16
Gareth Bardsley	1					
David Best		1				
Jason Best	1					
Ryan Blake	6		2			8
Ben Boothman		1				
Paul Brooks	1					
Gavin Buckley	6		3			12
James Bulmer		4				
Martin Bunce	4	1				

Steve Campbell	2					
Mick Coates	5					
Garth Cochran		2				
Sean Cooper	4		4			16
Ged Corcoran	1	1				
Gareth Davis	9		3			12
Craig Diggle	4		1			4
Lee Durrant	2		1			4
Mickey Edwards	2		2			8
Danny Ellis	2					
Neil Flanagan		13				
Greg Ford	7	3	2			8
Chris Garforth		1				
Steve Gartland	4		2	10		28
Peter Green	1					
Ryan Gumbridge	1	2				
Mick Hadaway		1				
Rob Hall	16	1	1			4
Lee Hanlon		1				
David Harmer	2	2	1			4
Andrew Henderson		4				
Tony Hilton	6		3			12
Chris Hough	11	9	10	2	2	46
Andy Ireland	1					
Chris Kay	1					
Dave Larder	1		1			4
Matt Larder	6	3	1			4
Adam Law	2			7		14
Ste Lett	1	3				
Mick Martindale	7		1			4
Casey Mayberry	4		1			4
Wayne McHugh	10		11			44
John McMullen	1	2				
Chris Newall	9					
Martin Ogden		2				
Gary Otun		1				
Mark Powell	12	2	5			20
Lee Prest	1	1				
Dave Radley	9	1				
Neil Ramsden	15		5			20
Gavin Reynolds		4				
Darren Robinson	7	1	7	4		36
Wes Rogers	1	1	1			4
Wayne Roper	21		4			16
Ian Schiffliti	2	4				
Lee Sculthorpe		1				
Ben Simpson	18	2	1			4
Jim Sparks	1	1				
David Stephenson	1					
Sam Turnell		1				
Dave Watson	1					
Rob Wheterhead		3				
Roy Whitehead		1				
Matt Wilde	5					
Craig Williams	1					

LOOKING BACK

Most fans of our two clubs have their own best memories of the Law Cup.

Oldham fans might point to their surprise 36-16 win over Rochdale Hornets in 1998. It was Oldham's first game after rising "phoenix like" from the ashes of the collapse of the Oldham Bears. A hastily put together squad was inspired by the now Hornets assistant Coach, Neil Flanagan to a most unlikely victory.

For many Hornets fans one of the most memorable games came a year later. Few games of rugby league can have ever been played with as much emotion surrounding the event. The ultimate result, a victory for Hornets, took second place as players and fans from both sides remembered the tragic deaths of player Karl Marriott and Assistant Coach Roy Powell in the two traumatic months leading up to the game.

The 2,879 fans immaculately observed the minute silence, a mark of respect that was only broken by the poignant sound of a church bell in the distance.

The game itself was a classic, for Hornets fans. Hornets were quick out of the blocks as Deryck Fox's pre-season training regime bore instant results. Hornets appeared sharper, fitter, faster

and better organised in defence and attack and in Mick Shaw, Willie Swann and David Stephenson they had the game's outstanding individuals.

Shaw won the man of the match award for what Rochdale Observer correspondent Ian Campbell described as an "awesome performance". Scorers on the day were Shaw (2), Swann (2), Wilde, Hilton, Coussons and Coult. Deryck Fox landed eight goals in Rochdale Hornets biggest ever win in the Trophy's 80-year history.

Mick Shaw became the first recipient of the Karl Marriott trophy and there were few dry eyes in the house as he received the trophy from Karl's wife Linda.

Hornets; Steve Wilde, Lee Hudson, Chris Hilton, Mick Coult, Phil Coussons, Willie Swann, Deryck Fox, Matt Knowles, Mick Shaw, Rob Hall, Chris McKinney, Martin Bunce, David Stephenson, Subs; Jamie Winrow, Jon Aston, Chris Holland, Danny Sculthorpe.

Oldham; Adrian Meade, Mick Farrell, Brian Quinlan, Emerson Jackman, Joe McNicholas, Paul Crook, Craig Barker, Leo Casey, John Hough, Jason Clegg, Graeme Shaw, Nathan Varley, Mick Martindale, Subs, Gary Coulter, Afi Leuila, Mike Prescott, Paul Round.

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CLUB HONOURS

Challenge Cup Winners, 1921-22
Lancashire League Winners, 1918-1919
Lancashire Cup Winners, 1911-12, 1914-15, 1918-19
Beaten Finalists, 1912-13, 1919-20, 1965-66, 1990-1991
Regal Trophy Beaten Finalists, 1973-74
BBC2 Floodlight Trophy Beaten Finalists, 1971-72

CLUB RECORDS

Debut Season, 1895-96
Biggest Victory, 92-0 v Runcorn Highfield 1989-90
Heaviest Defeat, 10-82 v Hull Sharks 1999-2000

Most Tries: In a Career - 103, J. Williams 1931-37
In a Season - 31
In a Match - 5, J. Corsi, J. Williams, N. Brelsford 1921 & 22, 1933, 1972
Most Goals: In a Career - 733, W. Gowers 1922-36
In a Season - 150, M. Strett 1994-95
In a Match - 14, S. Turner 1989
Most Points: In a Career - 1481, W. Gowers 1922-36
In a Season - 346, M. Strett 1994-95
In a Match - 32, S. Turner 1988-89
Most Appearances: 455, W. Gowers 1922-36

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