



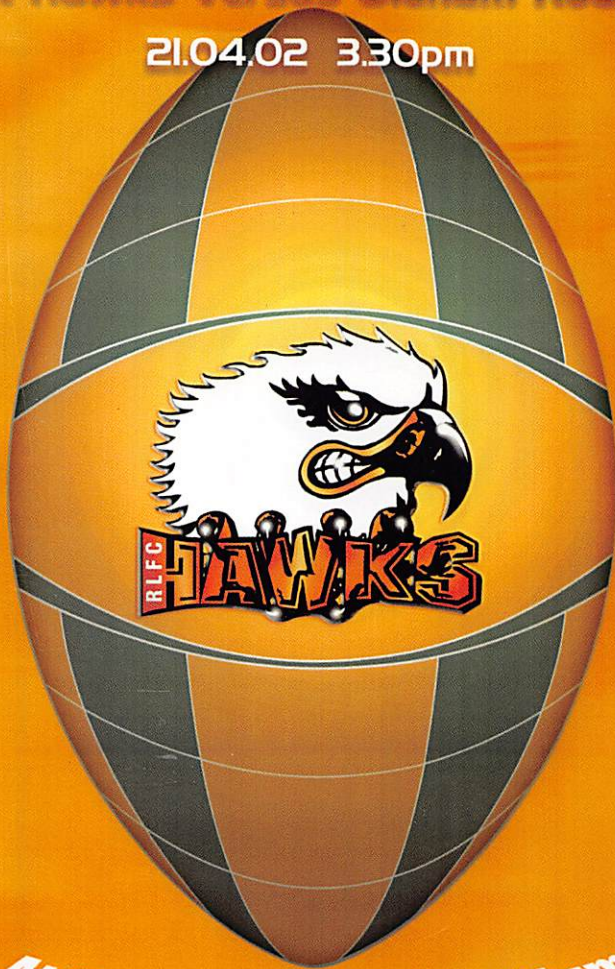
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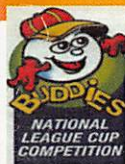
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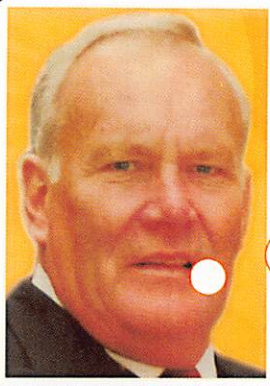
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Today we welcome our old friends from across the Pennines, the Oldham Roughyeds. We did not have the pleasure of their company last season, so many of our fans will not have seen them now for a couple of years, and will be looking forward with interest to today's fixture.

Please allow me time to reflect on the Hawks' performance against a highly-placed and, at times, over-physical Whitehaven Warriors outfit.

"Superb" is the only fitting adjective for our boys who produce a display of passionate enthusiasm, unquestionable courage, and burgeoning skill, which augurs well for our future.

It did my heart good to hear the vociferous encouragement from our fans. We have not had much to "shout about" since our NFP achievements of three seasons ago.

But we have signs of resurgence and our "youth policy" received complimentary recognition from BBC Radio Leeds presenter John Boyd on his rugby league round-up following the match with Whitehaven.

He named us as one of the clubs to adopt the system of "giving youth a chance as opposed to signing overseas players who had seen better days."

Another man from the media John Helm attended the match. He was suitably impressed and it will not be long before he is a spectator at another of our home fixtures. John said "whenever I have a Sunday evening duty at Yorkshire TV I will pop in to South Leeds Stadium if Hunslet Hawks are playing. I am lost in admiration of the youngsters. Mick Coyle must feel like a granddad in such youthful company. Mick has been a great servant to the club."

It is always good to have John Helm with us. He loves rugby league even though his principal duties are related to soccer. He is now a director and vice president at Bradford Park Avenue FC so he is fully conversant with the problems of governing a club in the lower echelon of sport.

We don't often merit more than a dozen paragraphs or so in our local leading newspaper. Super League clubs appear to dominate the columns but we had quite a lengthy show on the Yorkshire Evening Post's letter page recently.

I am grateful to Alan Stephenson for the points he made in a well-written and sincere missive responding to a Rugby League article. Well done Alan! Sentiments expressed by "Our AI" prove that we have a faithful following and a determination that Hunslet Hawks will never face the fate, which has befallen Bramley and York.

Hopefully Bramley will return, there seems to be a void in the fixture list without the name of our old rivals. Many clubs are facing financial problems. We are keeping afloat and have the backing of directors and loyal supporters who will always battle to ensure the presence of Hunslet Hawks in the Rugby League sphere.

We must maintain our resolve to bring back the "stayaways". Tell them about our youngsters. Impress upon them that we have a strong team in the making and that we will eventually return to the glory days.

Again our boys showed great courage and tenacity against Batley Bulldogs but unfortunately did not have the strength to hold onto the lead they gained at the start of the game.

Today we welcome Oldham Roughyeds, who have often had to weather a financial storm and other problems. But they live to tell the tale and we expect another tough confrontation today.

Enjoy the game.

Yours sincerely

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Premiership Express

With Gareth Walker

GARETH WALKER calls for some NFP clubs to take a good look at themselves.

BARROW Raiders became the latest Northern Ford Premiership club to publicly admit their financial troubles last week.

The Raiders have taken out what they describe as a "substantial" loan to see them to the end of the current Premiership season. And they have also stated that if they do not manage to add 2,500 extra members to their existing lottery, the club will not be viable come winter.

Barrow are certainly not on their own, with recent months highlighting the plights of Swinton Lions, and most notably York Wasps, who are now battling to regain entry to the Premiership when the league campaign restarts on June 2.

Past years have also seen Keighley Cougars, Hull Kingston Rovers, Gateshead Thunder and Doncaster Dragons hit financial difficulties, while Workington Town have been quick to point out that their crowds need to increase if they are to continue operating at their current level.

What is the answer? As we are seeing in soccer at the moment, there will always be professional sporting clubs that spend money they haven't got, it seems to be almost standard practice in some areas.

But that doesn't make it any more acceptable, and the quicker NFP clubs learn to budget sensibly, the better for both the competition and the game as a whole.

Several clubs have spent money this year in order to try and secure a place in the much-coveted National League One. To guarantee a spot means finishing in the top nine. They claim that relegation to National League Two will be a financial disaster for them, possibly signalling the end of their existence.

But surely over-spending this year isn't going to aid their cause in anyway.

They could be relegated from National League One in its first season.

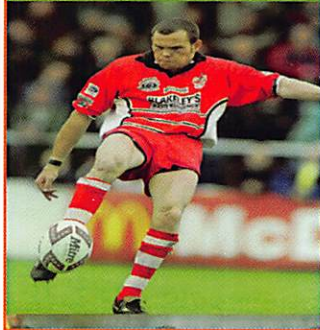
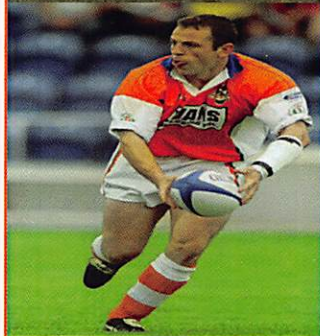
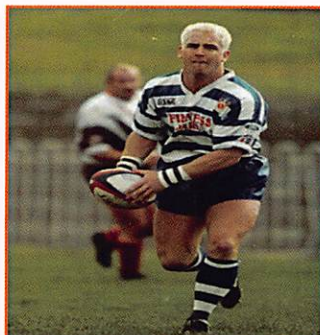
There are a few people with the game that feel National League Two will have to be run on almost an amateur footing, with payments limited to a match basis only. But would that be a bad thing?

In my opinion, no - the whole ethos behind the new structure of the game is that it is a pyramid, and clubs can work their way up from the bottom.

National League Two can act as a stepping stone for clubs - and players - with ambitions of operating at a higher level.

There are also, of course, plenty of clubs running a steady ship. In many ways Whitehaven have pointed the way by concentrating their efforts on recruiting local players and working hard in the community. Similarly one of the main points to come out of a Sheffield Eagles' press conference last week - held incidentally to launch a ground-breaking charitable trust to fund their considerable development work - was that their success as a club is not measured purely by matters on the field.

It is an attitude that must be applauded. And replicated elsewhere.



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***Hunslet Hawks 10th Annual Dinner on Friday
10th May 2002 7pm for 7.30pm***

John Morgan will chair the function as usual and our guest speaker is ex footballer Duncan McKenzie who played for Nottingham Forrest, Leeds United, Anderlecht, Everton, Chelsea and ended his career at Blackburn Rovers. We also have local comedian Sid Tate.

The event will be held at Leeds United Banqueting Suite, Elland Road.

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TODAY'S MATCHDAY HOST

TERRACE VIEW TIMES

by Andreus Gordo

Today we welcome the players officials and supporters (and the fantastically strange mascot) of Oldham Roughyeds to South Leeds Stadium.

With York going out of business the part of the cup thingy they were in looked a tad empty, so what do our mates up at Red Hall do? They nick our Easter Monday match against Keighley, which is always well attended. Thanks again for that lads. There is an old Chinese saying which applies here which translates roughly as "may parts of your body which are used to produce children go square and then fester in the corners"

Oldham are similar to how we used to be with a rather nomadic existence and it really brought it home last Sunday when we played Batley at Mount Unpleasant which used to be our "home" thank goodness for South Leeds Stadium. Speaking of the Batley match I thought we played really well and most of the time when a team scores 24 point they usually win the game. It was good to see Jonlee Lockwood back (I wonder if he can line dance as well as play rugby) The crucial element in the match was Batleys use of the slope in the second half.

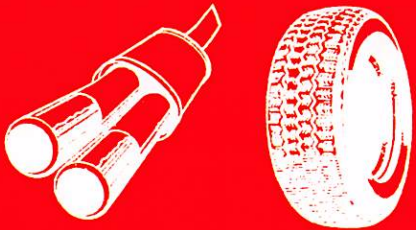
What do touch judges actually do? They seem to give no help at all to the referee and miss most of what goes on in the match.

Is it just me or in the past did you see touch judges running on the pitch waving their flags on a regular basis. When was the last time you saw this happen?

May I wish Roy Sampson all the best after his recent illness the team definitely plays with more spirit under Roy.

With Plangey in full control at Warrington it won't be long till we'll be going to Wilderspool in the league.

I remember back in the early seventies when the players from Hunslet were on strike the Rugby League asked Bison Sports to fulfil the away fixture at the Watersheddings. (For those who are either too young to remember or have memories like sieves Bison Sports - based at the Red Lion, Brassmoulders and Garden Gate merged to form the Hunslet Warriors) Oldham won but Bison scored a try, my uncle Alf got man of the match and Trevor Chawner played a blinder and was signed up for Hunslet when the strike ended. I used to like the Watersheddings with the double tiered stand but it was always bloody freezing wasn't it? The pies in Oldham are always top notch though. (Try one of our South Leeds Stadium growlers for a comparison - the last one tasted like a piece of wet carpet encased in cardboard) Anyway enough of this twank lets hope today's match is a belter and lets hope you Oldham fans manage to find our ground better than me and Juve managed to find yours (Chadderton lost its sparkle after 15 minutes) and finally lets hope the best team playing in myrtle white and flame wins today.



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Grounds

Woodhouse Hill, Parkside

Record Attendance

24,700

Record Victory

63 - 7 v Keighley 1959

Most Tries in a Season

34 by Alan Snowden, 1956/57

Most Goals in a Season

184 by Billy Langton, 1958/59

Most Points in a Season

380 by Billy Langton, 1958/59

Most Tries in a Game

7 by George Dennis v Bradford N 1934

Most Goals in a Game

12 by Billy Langton v Keighley 1959

Most Points in a Game

27 by Billy Langton v Keighley 1959

COACHING STAFF

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14,004 v Castleford 1986

Record Victory

82 - 0 v Highfield 1995/96

Most Tries in a Season

29 by Scott Limb, 1994/95

Most Goals in a Season

128 by Mike Fletcher, 1999

Most points in a Season

264 by Mike Fletcher, 1999

264 by Eric Fitzsimmons, 1983/84

Most Tries in a Game

6 by Willie Swann v Lancs Lynx 2000

Most Goals in a Game

11 by Simon Wilson v Highfield 1995

Most Points in a Game

30 by Simon Wilson v Highfield 1995

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Nicolas Notes

DAN BRIGGS - DESPERATE DAN

Dan Briggs, tearful try scoring Hawks forward? "Don't believe a word Carlos Sanchez says. I would describe it as one of my career highs but I can assure you there were no tears," says Dan. And the bath? "No it was Carlos and Dave Jessey in the Huddersfield bubble bath," so I am sorry for any confusion.

After playing a few games for the Hawks last season Dan returned at the start of this season and remembers his hectic debut last year, "it was a victory against Swinton at home, I had played for the Alliance team on the Thursday before going training and signing on Friday. Not expecting to get a run out I played for my local amateur side on Saturday only to end up playing 70 minutes on my Hunslet debut. It was a good win and I especially enjoyed sending Michael Wainright over for a try."

As we know, 22 year old Dan was born in York but grew up supporting Castleford, and now admits to the nickname of Fozzy Bear. Away from rugby he is a joiner and looks towards his tour of Russia with the English Students as a career high. As for lows he says, "maybe having to playing the same team as Carlos Sanchez, he never shuts up, while I can't understand how he tore a bicep muscle when he obviously hasn't got any," all this is said with Carlos chirping in the background, so fair comment Dan! He then adds, "a serious low was a game against Hunslet at South Leeds Stadium when I played for York Academy, we turned up with only about 14 players. We got beat 94-6 and I remember thinking if the score would have got past 100 I was going to hang up my boots and retire, especially as it was my first game as captain."

The Featherstone game saw numerous positives, Dan says, "things are looking good but we need to start games better and listen to Roy. Against Fev we conceded an early try but came back into it with a good try. In the second half we started to back each other up, playing some good rugby and if the match would lasted another five minutes we would definitely have won." Unlike many fans he refuses to blame the goalkicking, feeling that goalkickers never lose matches they can only win matches.

Desperate Dan? His title not mine, just wanted to clear that up but more amusingly he told me how Tony Howcroft is paranoid about losing his hair, good bit of gossip Dan, thanks. Beyond the joking, it's great to see a committed young Hawk performing well every week and surely it's a good thing we didn't get those few more points against York and force Dan to retire!

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He was on the Hunslet Hawks board of directors before the onset of the illness which eventually resulted in his demise. We mourn his passing and offer sympathy to his devoted family and friends. Ken's playing career took him from Hunslet, and his beloved Parkside, to Bradford Northern and Wakefield Trinity. He also coached Trinity but his first love was Hunslet.

Ken toured Australia in 1950 and 1954. He represented England and Great Britain.

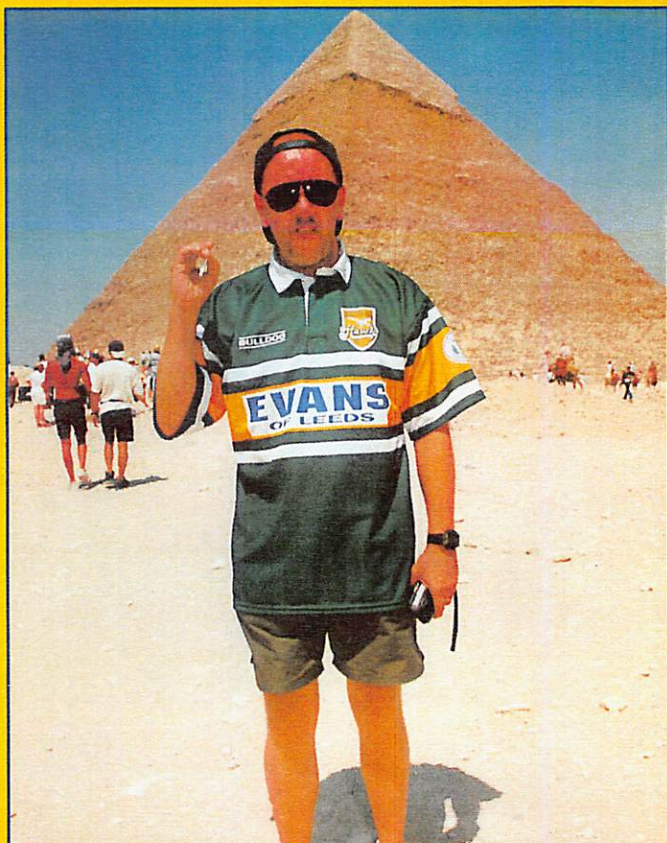
On the 1954 tour he was accompanied by fellow Hunslet player "Ginger" Burnell who said "Ken was a great fellow. He was well liked, always smart in his dress, and a man who enjoyed a quiet social life. "He succeeded his father Jim as landlord of the Prospect in Hunslet Carr. He liked a glass of beer but he was a true athlete and looked after his fitness.

"Ken was perhaps the slowest loose forward ever to gain international honours but he was gifted in other directions. He could draw the opposition and time a lightening pass to the speedy backs. He had superb passing ability and dictated many games. He was a brilliant player and one of my best friends.

"Ken was popular with spectators and players alike and it will be a sad day for the members of the ex-Parkside Association when we meet for the annual re-union in June. We will stand in memory of a sporting hero and recall Ken with deep affection."

Ken's funeral took place at Hunslet Parish Church at 1.45pm on Wednesday 3rd April and the reception was held at South Leeds Stadium.

WILL YOU PLEASE JOIN US IN A MINUTES SILENCE FOR KEN TRAILL BEFORE TODAY'S KICK OFF.



Hawks In the Desert.

Today's journey takes us to the Pyramids of Egypt and sees Hawks Fan Steve Clark building up a thirst for Big Al's special brew. Steve was on a day trip from his sabbatical holiday with the Hunslet forwards on the front line in Beirut, The Lebanon. His trip also involved visiting retired Leeds R L fans in Israel and organizing the annual Cypriot rugby league state of origin game between the Greeks and the Turks on the island.



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un	13	Workington Town 3.00	a	893	R Connelly	24 - 16	C Ross 12G	B Powell 1T	L Bargeate	P Seal	G Brain	J Coleman	G Naylor	A Wray	T Howcroft	B Skerrett	J Lockwood	D Jessey	C Sanchez	M Coyle	A Atha	N Lee	H Dobson
un	20	Gateshead Thunder 3.30	h	593	R Smith	16 - 8	K Allen 12G	B Powell	L Bargeate	P Seal	G Brain T	J Coleman	G Naylor	A Wray	B Skerrett	T Howcroft	D Briggs	J Lockwood	C Sanchez	M Coyle	A Atha	D Jessey	N Lee
un	27	Woolston Rovers (KING) 3.30	a	678	J King	13 - 18	K Allen 5G	B Powell	L Bargeate	P Seal	G Brain	N Dobson	G Naylor	M Coyle	T Howcroft	D Briggs	H Pincher	J Lockwood	C Sanchez	J Coleman	A Atha	D Jessey	N Lee
un	3	Huddersfield Giants 3.00	a	1969	S Nicholson	68 - 6	K Allen 6	B Powell	L Bargeate	P Seal	G Brain	J Coleman	N Dobson	M Coyle	T Howcroft	D Briggs	D Jessey	C Sanchez	G Naylor	A Atha	C Hartley	N Lee	C Stevens
un	10	Workington Town (KING) 3.30	h	491	B Thaler	7 - 24	G Brain	S Morton	L Bargeate	P Seal	D Dobson	J Coleman	C Stevens 6	A Wray	T Howcroft	D Briggs	D Jessey	M Coyle	G Naylor	C Ibbotson	B Skerrett	C Sanchez	N Lee
un	17	Doncaster Dragons 3.30	h	878	S Cummings	12 - 38	M Johnson	D Cook	G Naylor	P Seal	B Powell	S Dyson	C Stevens 12G	A Wray	T Howcroft	D Briggs	D Jessey	M Coyle	J Firth	C Ibbotson	B Skerrett	C Sanchez	M Luxford
un	24	York Wasps 3.30	h	481	B Thaler	14 - 9	K Allen	D Bargeate	L Bargeate	P Seal	M Johnson	S Dyson	C Stevens	A Wray	T Howcroft	D Briggs	J Firth	M Coyle	G Naylor	C Ibbotson	C Sanchez	D Cook	M Luxford
un	3	Sheffield Eagles 3.15	a	1058	N Oddy	28 - 12	K Allen 2G	B Powell 1T	L Bargeate	G Naylor	R Mather	S Dyson	D Mycoe	C Ibbotson	T Howcroft	D Briggs	N Count	B Skerrett	M Coyle	C Sanchez	J Firth	A Atha	J Coleman
un	6	Dewsbury Rams 3.30	a	757	S Nicholson	43 - 4	M Johnson	R Mather	J Firth	D Baker	G Brain	S Dyson	D Mycoe	A Rigby	M Luxford	A Wray	B Skerrett	N Count	J Coleman	D Cook	A Atha	N Lee	T Howcroft
un	10	Featherstone Rovers 3.30	h	825	R Loughton	28 - 34	K Allen 1T	L Bargeate	G Naylor 1T	P Seal	G Brain	N Dobson	D Mycoe 12G	C Ibbotson	M Luxford	A Wray	B Skerrett	M Coyle	D Baker	D Jessey	J Firth	T Howcroft	D Briggs
un	17	Keighley Cougars 3.00	a	1223	S Lee	30 - 22	K Allen	B Powell 2T	G Naylor	P Seal	L Bargeate	S Dyson	D Mycoe 2G	C Ibbotson	M Luxford	A Wray	B Skerrett	N Count	M Coyle	D Jessey	J Coleman	T Howcroft	D Briggs
un	24	Whitehaven Warriors 3.30	h	463	C Morris	26 - 34	L Bargeate	B Powell 1T	G Naylor 1T	P Seal	G Brain	S Dyson	D Mycoe 13G	C Ibbotson 1T	T Howcroft	D Briggs	D Jessey	A Atha	M Coyle	N Luxford	J Firth	D Cook	N Lee

TODAY'S FIXTURES

This Round of the National League Cup

Barrow Raiders	v	Workington T
Batley Bulldogs	v	Huddersfield
Featherstone R	v	Doncaster D
Hull K R	v	York Wasps
Hunslet Hawks	v	Keighley C
Oldham R	v	Dewsbury R

THE N.F.P TABLE AS AT 30.03.2002

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pts
1 Huddersfield Giants	13	12	1	0	464	98	366	25
2 Whitehaven Warriors	12	9	1	2	314	148	166	19
3 Hull K R	11	9	0	2	268	133	135	18
4 Leigh Centurions	10	8	1	1	354	154	200	17
5 Featherstone Rovers	12	8	1	3	332	197	135	17
6 Rochdale Hornets	12	8	1	3	324	241	83	17
7 Dewsbury Rams	12	8	0	4	345	214	131	16
8 Workington Town	14	8	0	6	340	235	105	16
9 Sheffield Eagles	13	7	0	6	301	225	76	14
10 Doncaster Dragons	10	6	1	3	256	188	68	13
11 Batley Bulldogs	13	6	0	7	253	329	-76	12
12 Oldham Roughyeds	11	5	1	5	254	218	36	11
13 Barrow Raiders	12	4	0	8	285	276	9	8
14 Keighley Cougars	12	4	0	8	190	424	-234	8
15 Chorley Lynx	12	2	0	10	206	358	-152	4
16 Hunslet Hawks	13	2	0	11	194	462	-268	4
17 Swinton Lions	10	1	0	9	113	362	-249	2
18 York Wasps	11	1	0	10	105	430	-325	2
19 Gateshead Thunder	11	0	1	10	106	312	-206	1

QUIZ.

1. Which player became Whitehavens top try scorer last week ?
2. Who was the leading try scorer in the NFP last year ?
3. Can you name all 3 professional clubs that Paul Anderson has played for ?
4. Which twin brothers represented GB and Castleford in the 1980s ?
5. Who is the current coach of the Batley Bulldogs ?
6. Which Australian team play at the North Power Stadium ?
7. Who was Yorkshires coach in last seasons County of Origin game ?
8. Which 2 teams played in the first ever Super League game ?
9. Which Hunslet Hawks player scored 6 tries against Chorley in 2000 ?
10. Who were Wigans opponents in the last ever game at Central Park ?



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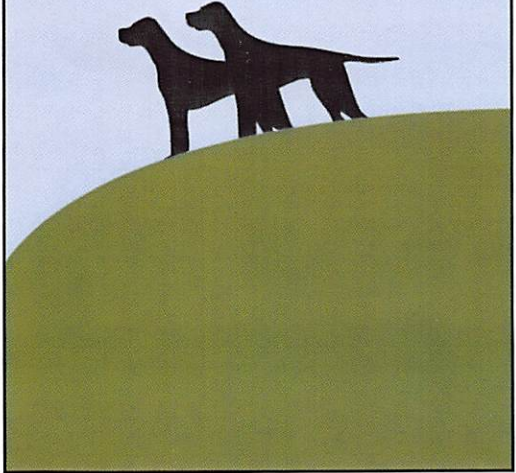
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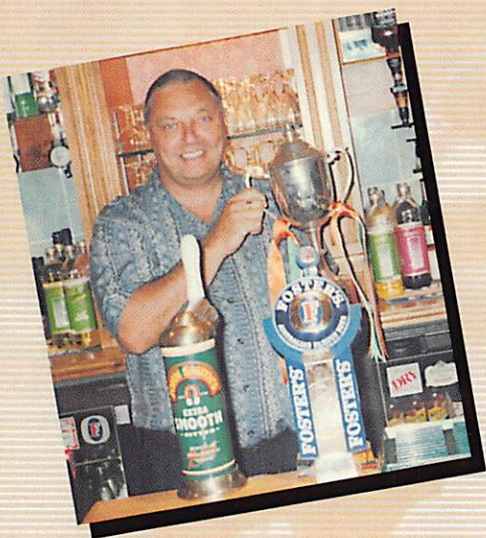
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Hi, everyone!

The Yorkshire Federation of Supporters Clubs held an open forum last Monday in the Phoenix Bar. It was hosted by James Deighton from Radio Leeds, with guest speakers Gary Schofield - Brian Cartwright - and Fred Ward, ex Hunslet captain from the 60s. It was strange to hear such a diverse gathering who were all of the opinion that the game is not as good now as it was many years ago. One of the topics discussed was the standard of refereeing, which caused much concern for all present at the meeting. Fred Ward made the point that he felt that although some referees of the past may not have been up to scratch, they were always

treat with the greatest respect by the players, whereas today's players seemed to be slipping in this respect. The topic of promotion and relegation also came up, and it was pleasing to hear that Gary Schofield felt that the Hawks had been treated shabbily in the past. Being an ex player from north of the river, I must admit I thought it a mistake to invite him to the function, but my views and opinions changed after hearing his forthright views on today's game and its pitfalls. He came across to me as someone who didn't hold back if his views were controversial, but nonetheless he put his opinions across fairly and squarely. The whole panel and guests were of the opinion that the main root of all the games problems was money. The whole system seems to be unfair and needs to be looked at and changed as a matter of urgency.

Since the demise of York, we now hear that Barrow are in deep trouble, along with ourselves, Swinton, Gateshead, Chorley and Dewsbury. Everyone felt that although the games rulers appeared indifferent to the smaller clubs troubles, the game could not survive without these teams. Something needs to be done and fast, but all agreed that help for these teams did not appear to be forthcoming. A bleak future indeed if nothing is done.

Lets hope we are still around to fight our corner in future, if and when the "goalposts" are moved for our benefit for a change.

**WE'VE SWEEPED THE SEAS BEFORE BOYS
AND SO WE SHALL AGAIN.
Big Al.**

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03-MAR	SHEFFIELD	13.15PM	15.15PM	£7.50	£3.75
17-MAR	KEIGHLEY	13.00PM	15.00PM	£7.00	£3.00
29-MAR	HUDDERSFIELD	17.45PM	19.30PM	£6.00	£3.00
14-APR	BATLEY	13.30PM	15.00PM	£6.00	£3.00
05-MAY	ROCHDALE	13.00PM	15.00PM	£7.50	£3.75
02-JUN	BARROW	10.00AM	15.00PM	£13.00	£6.50
23-JUN	SWINTON	12.45PM	15.00PM	£8.00	£4.00
14-JUL	YORK	13.00PM	15.00PM	£7.00	£3.50
21JUL	BATLEY	13.30PM	15.00PM	£6.00	£3.00
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A View From the Box...

'Start printing the T-shirts'. Not my words but those of Chris Westwood, of the RLE. After that super show, against Whitehaven, what have we to do to get them back? Of south Leeds he says, 'it has a strong Rugby League tradition and a battling young team with a hell of a future'. For me, the best display, since Headingley, and an absolute joy to watch. Have you seen such grit and determination from Mick Coyle, Craig Ibbetson and all the others? As Roy says, in the same report, 'Mick Coyle is an inspiration and a role model to the young guys'.

Never a club to lie down and die, rather to stand up and be counted, HISA are doing just that. Slowly the sleeping Hawk is able to stretch, yawn and look about. There could even be rumour of a new Academy side. The fight must go on, the Catch 22 reversed and that reversal has got to start with those bums back on the seats. Crowds attract revenue, both in gate receipts and in the ability to attract sponsors. There is also the business that we can generate through the bar, the programme, the shop, the lotteries, and the Phoenix Suite. At the end of the day, we are where we are because of what we are.

Let us get rid of the Super League chip, once and for all.

Bleat not about 10 or 15 thousand seats, another grandstand or anything else. Let us now focus on forward vision only. Have you not noticed that no Council project is ever 'finished'?

The 'Olympic' Pool was never finished; Millennium Square is not finished and, as you drive along the road to Templenewsam House, notice an unfinished athletics oval that must be over thirty years old. Grandiose schemes attract short-term votes —and then the money runs out. Our stadium will only ever be a conglomerate of grant driven projects: if there is money in Down-hill Donkey Drag Racing then expect a course on the slope down from Belle Isle.

We celebrate the achievement of Jake Parkinson, of East Ardsley Primary School. It is said that Jake is 'always positive, in victory or defeat, a real team player', a lad who takes part in all activities with enthusiasm. Jake is 11 years old and will be one of our two mascots leading the team out against Oldham. He sounds like one of us: a tiger.

As well as Jake, we welcome Lorna Clapham, from Windmill Primary School. Lorna is said to be 'a credit to her class and the school'. All of us hope that today will be a memorable event for Jake and for Lorna.

We are here, because we are here and here we will stay. We will watch what we can afford - and that is getting better. We will hope for a break - and that is coming very soon. We will be optimistic about some magic - and we see more very game. Being the poor relations of the other four professional clubs, what has changed? There are two alternatives: we lay down and die or we scrap it out. The NFP is testament to the triumphs of ordinary working people. We welcome Oldham and, who know more of the pain of near oblivion that any of us.

We have what we have and that is precious. Perhaps, one day, the sun will rise and all the triumphs of the past will pale into insignificance as we walk forward into a new future. Perhaps four cups, nearly a century ago; 1965; the Silk Cut Plate and the 1999 Championship will be just steps. When we celebrate the achievement of young Jake Parkinson and Lorna Clapham, we celebrate years of raffles and race nights; years of having to part with player X. As Batman explodes, Coyle tears the guts out of Oldham and Jessey goes ballistic, that sun has risen — for that future starts today.

Bryan Smith

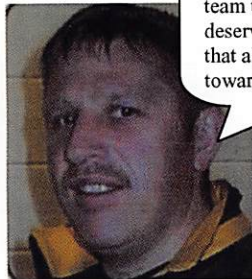


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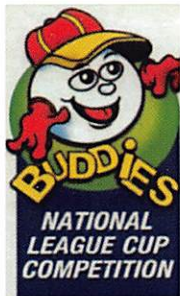
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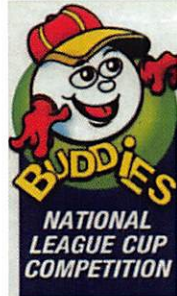
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CENTRAL DIVISION								
Pos	Pld	Wn	Dn	Lst	For	Agt	Pts	
1	Huddersfield	4	4	0	0	154	42	8
2	Rochdale	3	2	0	1	31	49	4
3	Oldham	3	1	0	2	76	70	2
4	Batley	3	1	0	2	78	78	2
5	Dewsbury	3	1	0	2	52	78	2
6	Hunslet	2	0	0	2	28	102	0

EASTERN DIVISION								
Pos	Pld	Wn	Dn	Lst	For	Agt	Pts	
1	Hull K.R.	3	3	0	0	130	36	6
2	Doncaster	2	2	0	0	82	28	4
3	Featherstone	2	1	0	1	76	36	2
4	Sheffield	1	0	0	1	18	40	0
5	Keighley	2	0	0	2	20	96	0
6	Gateshead	2	0	0	2	12	102	0

WESTERN DIVISION								
Pos	Pld	Wn	Dn	Lst	For	Agt	Pts	
1	Barrow	3	3	0	0	157	58	6
2	Leigh	3	2	0	1	128	63	4
3	Whitehaven	3	2	0	1	101	56	4
4	Chorley	3	1	0	2	70	113	2
5	Workington	3	1	0	2	60	114	2
6	Swinton	3	0	0	3	44	156	0

Each team plays the other teams in their group once. The top two teams from each group, along with the best two runners-up, progress to the Quarter Final stage of the competition.

NATIONAL CUP FINAL

Sunday 26 May 2002

TODAYS NATIONAL CUP FIXTURES

DIVISION	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	ONE TO WATCH	PREDICTION
Central	Batley Bulldogs	v Rochdale Hornets	Craig Lingard	Rochdale by 4
Central	Huddersfield Giants	v Dewsbury Rams	Hefin O' Hare	Huddersfield by 30
Central	Hunslet Hawks	v Oldham	Gareth Naylor	Oldham by 12
West	Leigh Centurions	v Chorley Lynx	Graham Close	Leigh by 34
West	Whitehaven	v Barrow Raiders	David Seeds	Whitehaven by 10
West	Workington Town	v Swinton Lions	Mick Nanyan	Workington by 24
East	Doncaster Dragons	v Gateshead Thunder	Chris Ross	Doncaster by 50
East	Featherstone Rovers	v Hull Kingston Rovers	Neil Lowe	Hull KR by 8
East	Sheffield Eagles	v Keighley Cougars	Scott Rhodes	Sheffield by 16

HAWKS FANTASY COMPETITION

DISGRACEFUL!.....I now know how journalists feel the day after a bad news day. On one day just no news at all so we end up with stories about old Mrs Jones forgetting to bring her washing in, Sven Goran Eriksson cutting his toe-nails etc. The next is just bristling with major events; the budget, terror attacks and celebrity divorces by the bucketful.

Today I fall into the latter category with two major matters to write about as well as the usual drivel. And what's more both fall under the "Disgraceful!" headline. The first disgrace has, not surprisingly, been caused by the Rugby Football League. I suppose we should be used to it by now. Firstly they refuse to give the people who are trying to put a rescue package together for York Wasps an extension to their deadline forcing them out of business (at least for now). Secondly, they move Keighley from the Central to the Eastern division in the Buddies National Cup to even up the numbers, depriving the Hawks of a bumper (for us) bank holiday crowd. Thirdly and most dastardly of all they cock-up the Hawks Handicap Competition by depriving it of its last match, the score for which also provides the tie breaker. I'm sorry if my bad language causes any Ned Flanders type readers to blush but it's how I feel.

So the Handicap competition had to finish after only five games and it ended with no-one on a maximum of ten points. Three entrants had eight points, Jim Irons, Andrew Clarkson and I'm sorry to have to admit, yours truly. It seems that the only way to decide the outright winner is to choose another match as the tie-breaker. I've already spoken to one of the other winners, who agrees to this approach and will be able to speak to the other shortly, I hope. How did everyone else fare? Here's the full list-

6 points: Judie Rishman, Dave Pollard, M.E.S.S. Team, A. Jackson.

4 points: John Sellers, Richard Holmes, Andy Parker, John Ainsley, Peter Whiteley, Helen Ainsley, Ian Wiggins

2points: Sue Burton, Michael Manghan, Broker Team (Axa Insurance), Dave Stott, Christine Lloyd, Patrick O'Neill, Adrian Jinks

0 points: Neil Courtman

The next handicap competition entitled, imaginatively, "Hunslet Hawks Handicap II" commences with the home fixture against Dewsbury on 29th April. Apologies for the short notice but that missing Keighley match is responsible for yet another problem. Entry forms are available in the Phoenix Bar today and all next week. Completed entries can be handed in right up to the kick off on 29th April or posted to Fan Taz, PO Box 84, Churwell, Morley, LS27 7ZX with the £5 entry fee. Please enter!

How about the all season long Fantasy Competition? Only two participants on maximum points now, Alan Stephenson and Sarah Hopkins.

Finally, careful readers will have noticed that I haven't yet mentioned the second reason why I could have written under the heading "Disgraceful!" I must confess to being a little embarrassed here. I was going to write that Pee Dee a.k.a. Helen Ainsley obviously isn't an avid reader as she hasn't been in touch to arrange to claim her bottle of wine, which won the prize for best silly name. But I've been in touch with her on the telephone half way through writing these notes and she had read the column in the last programme and apologised for not getting in touch. At least one reader then! I've also discovered that Helen is just 13 and I don't want her dad punching me for plying her with drink.

Be Lucky, FAN TAZ.

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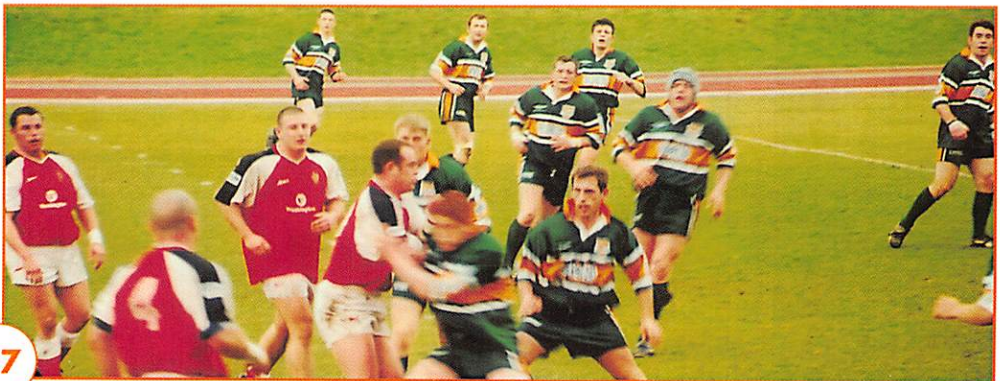
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SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

HUNSLET HAWKS V OLDHAM ROUGHYEDS

A warm welcome to our visitors from Oldham for today's third round of the Buddies National Cup. After disappointing results away at Huddersfield and Batley today's game gives us a chance to re-gain a bit of pride.

Junior Hawks Supporters, Joseph Martinicca and Jodie Tipple celebrate their birthdays this coming week many happy returns from everyone at the Hawks Supporters Club.

Our next Supporters Club Bingo and Quiz Night is on Tuesday 30th April eyes down at 8.30pm followed by our free to enter fun Quiz at approximately 10.00. Everyone is welcome, bring the wife, your mother, and your granny, the more the merrier, the more that's in the more you win.

If you like a Pub Quiz call in the Phoenix Bar after the game, the Supporters Club match day Quiz kicks off approximately 6.00pm after today's the game. Quiz sheets are 50p each see your quiz master Gary for your sheets.

Have you paid your subscriptions if not see Jane Hopkins in the Phoenix Bar before or after today's game. New members are extremely welcome pledge your support sign up today. Membership forms are available from behind the bar, it cost just £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for juniors.

March Quiz Answers.

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| 1.W.Germany | 2.The Moon | 3.Pork Pies | 4.336 to 432 |
| 5.White Rum & Coke | 6.Baseball | 7.Blue | 8.Rice |
| 9.Yellow Jersey | 10.Tidal Wave | 11.Plum | 12.3 On a Dartboard |
| 13.7 Spots On a Dice | 14.Brazil | 15.Plumber | 16.£1500 |
| 17.U.S.A. | 18.Swans | 19.Head | 20.Australia |

This Months Winners Barry Metcalf & Ruth Seage, congratulations to Barry & Ruth you can collect your prize in the Phoenix Bar today. April Quiz Sheets will be on sale at next weeks game look out for Bob Tate.

Fred Hopkins

Fred Hopkins
(H.H.S.C. Secretary)

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THE TEAMS

(taken from last weeks game)

HAWKS**ROUGHYEDS**

Lee Bargate	1	Gavin Dodd
Bryn Powell	2	Will Cowell
Gareth Naylor	3	Mark Sibson
Paul Seal	4	Jon Goddard
Gareth Brain	5	Joe McNicholas
Scott Dyson	6	Gareth Barber
David Mycoe	7	Neil Roden
Craig Ibbotson	8	Steve Molloy
Tony Howcroft	9	John Hough
Dan Briggs	10	Paul Norton
Dave Jessey	11	Phil Farrell
Andy Atha	12	Brian Henare
Mike Coyle	13	Anthony Gibbons
Martin Luxford	14	David Gibbons
Jason Firth	15	Andy Procter
Danny Cook	16	Keith Brennan
Neil Lee Chris	17	Lee Donan

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