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coach's corner

Good afternoon and a big Cougar Park welcome to everybody. It feels like an age since we last played at Cougar Park!

Today we welcome players, officials and supporters from Oldham to Cougar Park, the Roughyeds like ourselves are looking to climb into the top nine and will provide stern opposition today. Lets hope we see a great match.

Although things have been quiet on the playing front, as far as the first team goes, Cougar Park has been a hive of activity over the last few weeks. First we have launched our under 19's Academy side, which has rapidly been followed up with the launch of the "Cougar Scholarship" scheme.

This is perhaps the most significant move that the club has made for many years, and at last we have begun to lay the foundations for the future. Keighley, as a town, has produced many professional players over the years, but unfortunately many of these players get picked up by other clubs simply because systems have not been in place to bring them through the ranks and into oursenior squad. Hopefully, we will now be able to identify the stars of the future and create an environment that they want to be a part of.

Talking of "up and coming" youngsters, I would like to congratulate Richard Moore who, as a loan player, made his professional first team debut with us earlier this season and has since has gone on to make his first team debut in Super League. Richard has proved what can be achieved by being prepared to buckle down and work hard. Our youngsters can use Richard's success as real encouragement and inspiration so let's hope we can produce more like him.

The Academy has had a tough start to the campaign with games against Leigh (home) Oldham and Whitehaven (away). Although yet to get a first win, our lads have shown great spirit and determination. A problem they are faced with is that they are a very young "under 19's." Initially we had applied to join the Junior Academy (under 17's) league but unfortunately the "powers that be" at Red Hall decided that the Junior League is an "elite" competition, mainly for Super League clubs. On the positive side our lads will be able to play together for the next couple of years and there are some very promising youngsters on display. I am sure that you will get behind them in the coming weeks and offer your support.

We have been busy lately in bringing more new faces to the Club.

Chris Hartley and Peter Leeming have joined us on trial, having been released by Halifax Blue Sox. Both these players were part of my Under 21 side at Halifax and will add more competition for places to our squad. Carl and Lee Patterson have also joined us on trial with Lee making an impressive debut for us against Gateshead. Carl has been playing at stand off for Selby Rugby Union, whilst Lee joins us from Sheffield Eagles. Current GB International centre Andy Robinson has also ioined us as a trialist from National Conference side Dewsbury Moor. We have watched Andy several times and he has great potential. Finally, we have also signed, on a permanent basis, Lee Kelly from Batley Bulldogs. Lee has represented GB at amateur level and, weighingin at 16st 7lb, will add much needed weight to our front row. We are still hoping to make further signings in the near future, so watch this space.

The players have been working very hard throughout the mid-season break, our conditioner Paul Royston has certainly been putting them through their paces in the gym, hopefully we will return to action a little bit sharper and stronger. Paul's contribution to the coaching staff is invaluable and is also overseeing the Academy and the Scholarship youngsters. Paul is also a perfectionist and if players listen and learn from him they will go a long way; we certainly are lucky to have him onboard.

Good news on the injury front now. Following a second opinion, Phil Stephenson is now back in full training and we are hopeful that he will return to action when we play Rochdale in mid-June. Stuart Calvert should also be ready to return in June (the ban on visiting the local fast food establishment has done wonders for his figure) so keep it up Stu!

> Enjoy the game, Gary.



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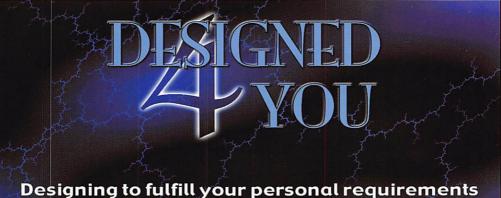


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Today we welcome our friends from Oldham, a team that have had and, maybe still, going through similar problems to ourselves down here at Cougar Park. Thankfully with the guidance of Chris Hamilton and his board they are managing to weather the storm which is something many more members of APC may need to do before the season is over. Let's hope that the RFL and the newly appointed Richard Lewis can get it right pretty soon, for the benefit of the whole of Rugby League.

Whilst in the past few weeks of enforced rest from playing there may have been little activity on

"Have patience. We are getting there, slowly admitted, but SURELY." the pitch, there have been some very major changes to the footballing set-up at Cougar Park off the pitch. What may prove, at last, to be the long awaited link in the chain from "school" to "professional" status for the young people of the Keighley District has finally been forged.

First and foremost, we have a team of players entered into this years "Under 19 Academy" competition and today we see them in action against Oldham in the "curtain raiser". Still only a young team and newly formed, most of these lads qualify for the "Under 17" competition but they have taken to the task manfully. Please give them your full support and encouragement which will give them the confidence to improve as they gain that much-needed experience.

The other innovation is the introduction of the "Keighley Cougars Scholarship". Something totally



new to Keighley, and mainly a Super League thing, but thanks to Jeremy Crowther and Jason Ramshaw, this will be a real boost to the continuity of the talented "wanabees" with ambitions of playing at International level. This will also allow us to enter a team into next season's "Under 17's Academy" competition which was something that we were barred from this season.

Have patience. We are getting there, slowly admitted, but SURELY.

See you tomorrow at the Jubilee Celebrations.

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stats page

| PLAYER STATS 2001-2 | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-----|----|----|-----|--|--|--|
| Name | Арр | Тгу | G | DG | Pts | | | |
| ASHTON Paul | 11 + (7) | 4 | 27 | 0 | 70 | | | |
| BANKS Mick | 6 + (5) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | | | |
| BOOTHROYD Alan | 2 + (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| DURHAM Mick | 11 + (3) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| EKIS Danny | 1 + (6) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| FEARON Danny | 15+(2) | 5 | 2 | 0 | 24 | | | |
| FIRTH Matt | 18 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 12 | | | |
| FOSTER David | 16 + (1) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | | | |
| GALLAGHER Thomas | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | | | |
| HALLIWELL Danny | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 12 | | | |
| HANNAH Chris | 10 + (7) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| HOYLE Simeon | 5 + (7) | 3 | 0 | 0 | 12 | | | |
| HOOSON Gareth | 14+ (3) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | | | |
| HORNE Craig | 7+(2) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | | | |
| MOORE Richard | 6 + (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| MORPHET Craig | 0 + (6) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| MITCHELL Adam | 7 + (8) | 1 | 10 | 0 | 24 | | | |
| PATTERSON Lee | 0 + (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| PICKLES Steve | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | | | |
| RAMSHAW Jason | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | | | |
| RUSHFORTH James | 18 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 20 | | | |
| SHAW Graham | 2 + (2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| SELLARS Luke | 0 + (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| SIMEUNOVITCH James | 0 + (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| SMITH Karl | 15 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 20 | | | |
| STANLEY Craig | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | | | |
| STEELE Matthew | 4+(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| STEPHENSON Phil | 16 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 12 | | | |
| TOMLINSON Max | 1+(2) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | | | |
| WAINWRIGHT Chris | 11 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 16 | | | |
| WILKES Oliver | 15 + (2) | 5 | 0 | 0 | 20 | | | |

| | TEAM | PI | W | D | 1 | F | Α | Diff | Pts |
|----|---------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| 1 | Huddersfield Giants | 13 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 464 | 98 | 366 | 25 |
| 2 | Whitehaven | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 272 | 144 | 128 | 17 |
| 3 | Featherstone Rvrs | 13 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 350 | 241 | 109 | 17 |
| 4 | Rochdale Hornets | 12 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 316 | 273 | 43 | 17 |
| 5 | Hull KR | 10 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 246 | 125 | 121 | 16 |
| 6 | Leigh Centurions | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 306 | 148 | 158 | 15 |
| 7 | Doncaster Dragons | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 298 | 206 | 92 | 15 |
| 8 | Dewsbury Rams | 11 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 297 | 208 | 89 | 14 |
| 9 | Sheffield Eagles | 13 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 301 | 225 | 76 | 14 |
| 10 | Workington Town | 13 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 280 | 231 | 49 | 14 |
| 11 | Batley Bulldogs | 12 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 231 | 311 | -80 | 10 |
| 12 | Oldham | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 224 | 202 | 22 | 9 |
| 13 | Keighley Cougars | 12 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 190 | 424 | -234 | 8 |
| 14 | Barrow Raiders | 12 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 251 | 322 | -71 | 6 |
| 15 | Chorley Lynx | 12 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 190 | 345 | -155 | 4 |
| 16 | Hunslet Hawks | 13 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 201 | 459 | -258 | 4 |
| 17 | Swinton Lions | 10 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 113 | 362 | -249 | 2 |
| 18 | Gateshead Thunder | 11 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 106 | 312 | -206 | 1 |

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in opposition today

OLDHAM

Gareth Barber:

20 year-old, Oldham-born half back or centre, signing for Warrington before returning to his home-town club last season. John Braddish:

A long-term loan signing from St. Helens with a view to developing his skills in the NFP. Top scorer in last season's Alliance Competition.

Keith Brennan:

Versatile half back or hooker, Keith is a "natural" footballer with a good pair of hands. Chris Campbell:

Ex Warrington and Whitehaven utility back with Superleague experience.

Jason Clegg:

Big and powerful, ex Bradford Northern - yes, "Northern", forward who is a firm favourite with the "Roughyeds'" fans. Wil Cowell:

A 21 year-old Cumbrian threequarter, signed from Warrington, with Superleague experience.

Gavin Dodd:

A local 20 year-old wing or fullback pushing for a regular place in this season's NFP side. Lee Doran:

A Wigan-born, ex Oldham Academy and Alliance player on the verge of becoming a firstteam regular.

Phil Farrell:

The "other" Captain, now in his third season with the Club, and an ever-present last season, showing a high degree of consistency in his game. Anthony Gibbons:

A reliable centre last season but has missed-out much of this season's campaign through suspension and injury. David Gibbons:

Vice Captain last season and one of Oldham's TWO Captains this term, who always turns in a good display.

Jon Goddard;

Castleford-born and, at 19 the youngest member of the side, on extended loan from his home-town Club with the intention of developing his skills in the NFP.

Danny Guest:

A big prop, returning to his home-town Club two seasons ago, expected to make an impact on the NFP this season. Bryan Henare:

An ex-loan player from St. Helens, having now signed a one-year deal with Oldham. The ex-Auckland Warriors loose forward played a big-part in Oldham's surge to the NFP Grand Final in July 2001. John Hough: Chris Hamilton's first signing for the new "Roughyeds". A hooker and virtually ever-present until the 2001 season, playing in 87 out of 90 of Oldham's games scoring 32 tries in the process. Gavin Johnson:

An ex-Bradford Bulls Academy player, centre, wing or loose forward now pushing for a regular first team place. Joe McNicholas:

Joe McNicholas:

Another original 1997 "Roughyed" having now become a regular first team player, scoring 8 tries from 14 consecutive outings last season. **Steve Molloy:**

The ex-Huddersfield, Batley, Featherstone, Sheffield and England prop will bring experience to a relatively young side.

Anthony Murray:

"Mr. Versatility" recently signed from Swinton.

Paul Norton:

A hardworking, value-for-money "journeyman" forward playing in 31 out of 34 games last season. Neil Roden:

An ex-Wigan half back who has only missed a couple of games since arriving at the Club and another key figure in last season's Grand Final run. Mark Sibson A quick and lively full-back liking nothing better than to attack from deep.



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eventsatcougar park

The Cougars have brought the Community together again on this great occasion by organising a "PARTY IN THE PARK" on Monday June 3rd 2002.

With free entry and events designed to involve everyone, whatever their interest, with the sole intention of raising funds for local Charities Cougar Park is the place to be tomorrow.

An all-day "Butcher's BBQ" will ensure that no-one goes hungry, whilst for the more "genteel," tea and scones will be on offer. Couple good food with nonstop sporting competitions for Keighley's school children, the chance to win a car and music from "The Superior Jazz Band," and you've got the ideal way to celebrate our Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Guest of Honour will be "Smokin" Joe Grima, the man responsible for the "PAWE" Scheme and the Cougar's rise to almost "Super League" status in the 90's. So why not "Come on Down" to enjoy a day to remember from 11 a.m. tomorrow?

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Today's Mascot

This week's mascot is Niall Walsh, who is four years old. Nialls favourite player is Jason Ramshaw.W We hope that Niall has a great day out with us here at Keighley and gets to meet his favourite player. So give Niall a warm Cougar welcome today.

the "amber and black" are fighting back

"Derby Match"!!! "You must be joking", might well be your reaction when talking about Keighley v Bramley.

In fact, whilst not adjacent towns there was always something of a neighbourly-feeling between the two Clubs. As a kid I was always amazed that the one town which is signposted on Bramley's "Town Street", the location of the former "Barley Mow" and "McLaren Field" homes to the "villager's', is, yes, you've guessed it - KEIGHLEY!

From Bramley, you can take just one road, and if you keep going west into the setting sun, you will eventually hit Keighley. OK, so it's 13 miles, but between them, the two Clubs have much in common.

Both have their roots firmly planted in their local communities, successfully maintaining their proud identities in the face of their larger neighbours and Super League clubs. Both have also arguably been victims of Rugby League "politics", but overriding all of this, they can both lay claim to an outstanding player of his time - Terry Hollindrake.

Terry was, and still looks it today, a prime example of that tall, muscular, sleek-as-a-greyhound winger, who developed naturally through his own active lifestyle, rather than spending hours on the weights, as do all of today's players in Super League. He was like lightening, and won a Great Britain Cap, when at Keighley and "Internationals" came from a wider range of Clubs.

He was also a Bramley player, and it has been a delight to see him attending the recently-revived "Bramley ex-Player's" functions. Wishing the newly-formed Bramley the best of luck, he also told us that in his opinion too, Bramley and Keighley had a lot in common.

If we are readmitted to the League next month, we hope to live up to that comment and take Keighley as an example of what can be achieved against all the odds. I know that Keighley have undergone major changes in the last 12 months, but they are still regarded as a "model" of how to get into the Community. Many of Super League's ideas started at Keighley, at a time when they were dismissed out of sight.

Our new, yet to be unveiled, "Logo", has been designed by the same person who created the original "Cougar" and we hope that we can make as big an impact on our Community as that which the Cougar's have in Keighley. But that's in the future.

By necessity, we intend to start our new life playing at the excellent facilities which can be provided by Morley RUFC, but our longer-term plan is to return "home" to our Bramley "heartland". We have always received a warm welcome from the Keighley Club and we look forward to visiting "Cougar Park" with a Bramley team next year under the guidance of Bramley "heroes", Darren Coen and Gary Barnett, rather than on the last two occasions when we met as part of our "Bramley on the road" nomadic campaign.

Here's to the next Keighley-Bramley "Derby" game.

Cliff Spracklen, Bramley RLCC.





Jason Ramshaw



Michael Banks



Gareth Hooson





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I had one of those 'cut out and keep' moments the other day, when I was reading an article by my favourite sports journalist, Ken Jones of 'The Independent.'

Jones writes about everything, but concentrates mainly on football and boxing. I think it must be the boxing that has given him well justified cynical world-weariness, which spices up his brilliant writing. The piece that I cut out and kept was about "televised sport" and was written in the wake of the ITV digital soccer debacle, but relates very well to Rugby League as well. Here are some tasters from the piece. See what you think.

"The medium, someone said, is the message. And the message that filters through the medium of television is clear. In ever increasing numbers, sports fans are pressing the off button. Enough is enough."

He has a point, but this effect, which is already some way down the line in the States, seems to relate to soccer at the moment. However, Rugby League could be caught in the aftershock of the 'Premiership' and ITV Digital fiasco come contract renegotiation's time, although I would suggest that RL fans aren't engorged on a surfeit of TV RL just yet, no matter what they think of "Eddie and Stevo." Next he says:

"There is startling evidence that the sports boom in television is over... viewing figures for the Grand national one of the BBC's few remaining showpiece events, remained in a downward spiral, from the peak audience of 16.7m in 1994 only 1.3 million switched on to watch." There is an argument that this could be to do with the event itself. Many people are repulsed by 'sporting events' such as the "National." Challenge Cup viewing figures continue to do well on Grandstand. OK, so what does he say next; citing downward viewing figures for the six Nations (good) and premiership soccer in a world cup year. He goes on:

"No wonder. Week in, week out, the armchair audience comes under a bombardment of sports events, many of stultifying mediocrity. The answer is to switch off and many do. Not so long ago, when asked about football on television, a prominent manager relied that it did not occupy much of his time because "there is only so much football I can take."

If people are getting out more, well that's fine by me, but, like I said be before, it would be unjust if we all fall out of the err Sky because soccer's balloon has burst. My favourite bit in Jones' piece comes near the end:

"...the television mentality bangs the drum for the product by apologising for it and patronising the viewer at every turn, retreating behind jargon, cliché and myth, showing no inclination to conduct a searching interview...the English language is frequently debased to a duffel bag of clichés and adjectives."

I'll leave you to decide whether Jones' words apply to Rugby League broadcasters.

CHRIS WESTWOOD

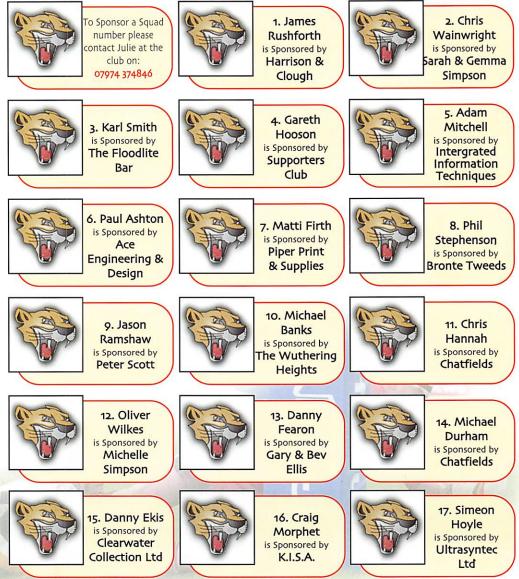
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JASON RAMSHAW'S TESTIMONIAL YEAR

GUARD HOUSE SCHOOL DISCO Jason Would like to express his warmest thanks to his friends at Guard House School for organising a Disco in support of his Testimonial Fund and hopes that they enjoy today's game.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES -SUNDAY JUNE 16TH

Immediately after the next home game, against Rochdale, a "Race Night" will be held in the Entertainment Suite. A few races still remain to be Sponsored and a there are some horses looking for Owners. If you want to be Keighley's "Sheik Mohammed", and stake your share of the winnings, give Jason a ring on 01535 213111 to buy, and name, your "nag".

"WORKOUTS" Ram-Row Another big "thank you" from Jason to "Workouts" and their Members who are participating in sponsored "rows" at the Oakworth Road gym, in support of his Testimonial Fund.

"COMING SOON" (Just like being at the "flicks") A Keighley Independent Supporter's Association (KISA) "Concert Night". Look out for further information in our next Programme.

Jason is in the process of arranging a "Golf Day" on Friday September 13th involving guest celebrity players. More information can be obtained from Jason at the Club and will also appear in future issues.

Do you have any information about the "Cougar Cubs", the "Cougar Academy" or any other local rugby club that you feel would interest our readers? If you have then please contact the Club on 01535 213111.

Personal AWards for Excellence - PAWE

The continuing partnership between the Cougars and Keighley Police will take place between August 12th and 16th in the usual location of the Lake District.

To help fund the annual residential course for Keighley's "Young Achiever's", there will be a "bucket collection" at today's game. We hope that you will acknowledge the benefits that will be gained by the participants who have been selected, as a result of their efforts over the past 12 months, by making a generous donation this afternoon.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Hi Kids,

It's really grrrrrreat to be back! Doesn't it feel like we have been away for ages!

Don't forget to give a big cheer for the team today and let's welcome the new faces when they run out on the field.

I hear a rumour that line dancing may be coming part of the training! Last friday night Rammy, Rushy and Gareth Hooson were seen line dancing to 'Great Balls of Fire' at Guardhouse School and we hear that they looked quite impressive! They may include a few of last Friday's moves in today's game, so watch out for them.

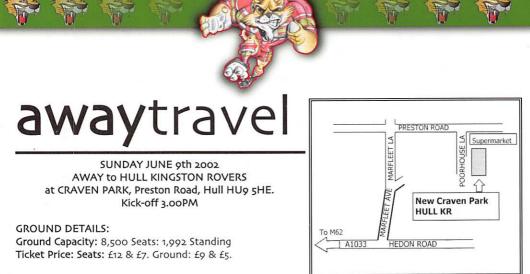
Don't forget to come down to the Jubilee Celebrations tomorrow as it sounds like we will be in for loads of fun!

There is no match report today as none were sent in so don't forget if you want a chance to win a prize please send your reports to Freddie Club, Cougar Park.

Well thats all for now, but don't forget to give me a cheer as I go by today.

Love,

Freddie xxx



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supporters notes...

Hello and welcome to everyone for today's game, especially if you have travelled from Oldham. We hope you enjoy the game and have a safe journey home.

It seems ages since our last game, and that's because it is ages since our last game!

Perhaps the person who devised the fixture list this season should have a go at running a Rugby League Club with no income coming in for 5 weeks! and all for the sake of a pointless competition. (Has anyone here actually ever seen a bottle of Buddies?)

Well, at least we can now get back to trying to make our mark in the Northern Ford Premiership competition. I think we all know what a Ford looks like!!!

To make up for the fact that we've been deprived of coming to Cougar Park for so long we can all come back tomorrow also when there will be the BIGGEST-EVER PARTY at Cougar Park to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

COUGARS ONLY OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB

There are sure to be lot's for everyone! We have live jazz, dancing, dance displays, stalls, games, a balloon race, good food, barbecue, and lots more. Special guest is Keighley's favourite, Joe Grima, and look out for Kelly Durham who is an Australian international at Karate! Make sure you don't miss it!

The Supporter's Club have recently received a donation of £100 from the Line-Dancers who meet here at Cougar Park every Tuesday. If you like line-dancing why not come along and join them. They meet from 7.15pm until 8.45pm and anyone is welcome.

Best wishes go to Phil Stephenson as he recovers from his facial injury and surgery. The good news is that Phil might be back sooner than was first thought. We hope to see you back on the field soon, Phil.

The Supporters Club will be holding their Annual General Meeting soon. Look out for details in the next programme.

Enjoy the game.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Les Coulter who sadly died last Sunday, May 26th 2002.

-Les coached the club through some lean times in the late 80's, joining Keighley RLFC, in pre-Cougar days, initially as assistant to Colin Dixon, before taking over as Head Coach in 1989. Les had a wealth of experience in the amateur game and brought many top amateur players to Lawkholme Lane in the likes of Owen Simpson, Terry Manning, Gary Rose, Mark Fairbank, Gary Coulter (son) and Peter Richardson. Other local player's included Jeff Butterfield, Keith Dixon, Joe Bardgett, Rob Proctor and Gary Moorby and Paul Moses of our current Coaching staff.

He left the club after the 1989-90 season later taking up the post of Chief Executive at Huddersfield.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to his family today.

Free Replica Shirts

We have loads of free replica shirts to give away, this has been sponsored by Maggie and John at our Main Shirt Sponsors MCC. All you need to do to win is fill out the slip below and post it in the Cougar mail box. We will be making a draw after each and every game so that four lucky winners can go home each with a replica shirt.

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