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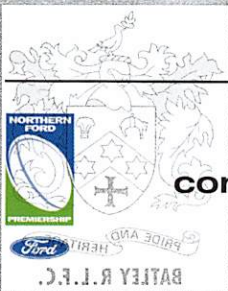
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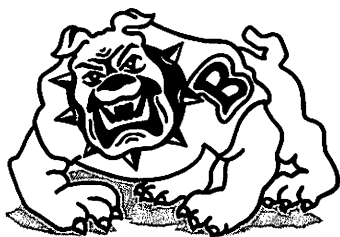
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Welcome to the Mount



IN THE CHAIR

Kevin Nicholas - Chairman

Welcome to our friends from Oldham and our own band of loyal supporters for today's vital game for both sides. Oldham under new player-coach Steve Molloy, will be looking to avenge our defeat of them at Hurst Cross in June which really kick started our season. I feel sure that if we win today, with a home game against Gateshead to come, we can be assured of a top nine place. If not, we will need to win at least one of our three remaining games as well as Gateshead. Oldham clearly are also looking for that all important top nine spot, so it certainly will be a tough battle of the roses. Welcome particularly to our friends, Don Yates and Jeff Morgan who are backing Oldham I guess and Trev and Anita Houghton who should be backing Oldham but had better be backing Batley as our Prestwich branch of Bulldogs supporters.

Maybe or Whitehaven win was not as scintillating as Featherstone and maybe the tries scored were not as sensational but for me it was the most solid and pleasing win of the season against a big and very useful Haven outfit. The week before, they should have beaten Rochdale at Spotland and remember (or rather forget!) our loss earlier on in the season at their ground and you can be assured we have come on as a team this season and on our day can match the best in our division.

The Whitehaven directors were again commenting on our ground improvements which are certainly getting noticed in RL circles. There is no more progress, as yet, on the Long Stand to report but we

Heritage Stand generally, and the drains in particular, need sorting out but we have no money to do it at the moment so you will have to bear with us for a short while but the beer and food being sold there are still top rate.

Sue Winner is wanting to buy a dishwasher with some kitchen profits but I cannot see what is wrong with rubber gloves—she will be wanting Fairy Liquid instead of Netto's own next — where will it end? Maybe if we beat Huddersfield we could stretch to a new bucket and if we beat

Dewsbury, a dishwasher may, after all be a must!

At about 1.30pm last week I thought we were in an Amazon rain forest with that rainfall which must have reduced our crowd. We are hoping for 1000+ today with plenty of home support to cheer us on. If you have not seen our two new Bulldogs at the player's entrance yet then take a look, I think you will be impressed and what about our new perimeter advertising boards which improve the look of our ground—please support the advertisers. Nicholas Herman Partnership for one. They will look after all your legal needs on 0161-2024999. Just a thought.

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TALL STOREY'S

A warm welcome to Steve Molloy and the people of Oldham. Today, I would like to wish Steve all the best in his new role and hope it all goes well for him, apart from today! I know only too well how hard it is to pick up the reins as head coach, especially midway through the season.

Today is going to be another tough fixture for us. Once again Oldham are a side requiring all the points they can take to secure a position in the top nine, and with ourselves still not safe with five games still to play, we really need to be winning our last two home games. It was great to see the boys bounce back from the Sheffield result with a very good win against a Whitehaven side that came to Batley for a result. The boys showed a lot of character and self belief, a feeling that is spreading throughout our fans. Also the people of Batley are looking towards the next five games in anticipation and hopefully a good finale to the end of the season. Let's hope we can go one step closer to that with a result against Oldham today

Hope you enjoy the game and let's get behind the boys; your vocal support is very important to them.

Paul Storey

PHYSIO'S REPORT

Paul Gleadhill has seen a specialist (Friday) with regards to his knee injury. Jeremy Dyson is also seeing a specialist within the next week to check on the progress with his arm injury. Craig Lingard has been receiving treatment during the week on the ankle injury picked in the Whitehaven game.

Gordon Gray-Cowan

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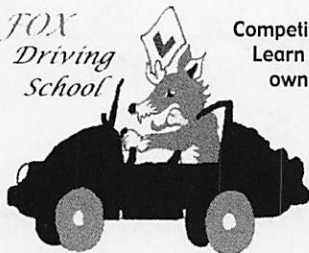
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"The Mount Scene"

By Club Historian & Programme Editor - Laurence Grailey.

After the disappointment of the Sheffield game, the next team in town were Whitehaven. It is so close between 3rd and 14th place in the NFP that it was imperative we beat the Cumbrian outfit in our search for a top 9 finish, especially as the league have now confirmed that the NFP will be split into 2 divisions of 10 for next season – and beat them we did!

The refereeing of Mr Morris as always left a lot to be desired and the introduction of Paul Harrison early in the second half turned the game. Incidentally special mentions also to Joe Naidole, Andy Spink and David Rourke who continuously punished the big Whitehaven pack in the second half. I honestly believe that victory last Sunday has earned us a top 9 spot – Keep it up lads!

I went on the Batley Bulldogs Website the other day and saw a message titled 'Australia calling', I was amazed to find that it was an old mate of mine James McIntyre who remembered going to Batley games with me prior to emigrating to Australia back in 1977. I was equally surprised to find that a response posted from 'Healey Bulldog' was in fact my niece, Ashleigh, who was asking him if he also knew my brother, Steve. It all proves that Batley fans remain Batley fans no matter what part of the world they may be situated in!

Moving onto the current stats position which shows the following :-

Goal Kicking – The current leading goal scorer is Dean Lawford with 60 successful attempts from 90 which represents a 66% success rate, Paul Gleadhill with 9 from 12 (75%), Craig Stevens 2 from 3 (67%), Chris Hough 9 from 16 (56%) and Richard Gibson with one from 3 (33%). Long term injury victims, Jez Dyson managed 14 from 20 (70%) and Craig Wright failed with both his attempts at goal.

Try scoring – The leading try scoring position is currently held by Glen Tomlinson who is on 19, closely followed by Craig Lingard on 18 and Danny Maun on 16. Paul Gleadhill who is currently injured is on 15.

Points scoring - Dean Lawford is the leading points scorer with 125 points.

Consecutive appearances - The longest run of consecutive appearances is now held by Danny Maun who stands on 24.

Penalty count – For the entire season now stands at 211 in Batley's favour and 235 to our combined opponents. The Whitehaven game resulted in 2 to Batley and 4 to Whitehaven. (Obviously this does not include all the head high tackles that penalties were not awarded for as they were missed by Mr Morris).

Consecutive games scored in - Dean Lawford holds the longest consecutive scoring run having landed goals in each of the club's last 6 games. Incidentally Danny Maun has scored tries in four successive games.

Enjoy the match !

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In Town Today

Whitehaven

By Laurence Grailey

How it Stands so far

Batley Wins	30
Oldham Wins	45
Drawn Games	9
Batley points scored	794
Oldham points scored	1,167

This includes all competitive games against Oldham & Oldham Roughyeds.

Earlier this season on 5th May we lost 16 – 40 at Hurst Cross in the Buddies National League Cup but gained revenge in the league fixture on 23rd June by winning 34 – 26.

In Both Camps

Not many players have represented both clubs over the years, here are some of them that have:- Probably the most famous being former Batley 'great', John Etty. Others include scrum half, Mick McCone, centre, Mick Parrish, wingman, Hugh Gumbs, prop forwards, Jason Clegg, and former Batley club captain Gary Lord, hooker John Clarke, second row forward Craig Richards and current Bulldog, Joe Naidole. Incidentally current Oldham coach, Steve Molloy has represented both clubs this season!

It Happened...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Oldham win the inaugural Red Rose Trophy and are beaten finalists against Batley Bulldogs in the Trans Pennine Trophy in 1998. Season 2000 – 01 and Oldham are beaten Grand Finalists against Widnes and miss out on a possible Super League place.

Pen pictures **Oldham Roughyeds**

GARETH BARBER

Half-back/Centre

Oldham born 24 year old who returned home to Oldham after a spell with Warrington. Played for the NFP under 21's at Widnes in the autumn.

JOHN BRADDISH

Half-back

Signed from St Helens on a long term loan. Top goalkicker in the Alliance championship last season. Returned to St Helens for a brief period this season.

JASON CLEGG

Prop

Former Bradford Northern prop who has had four good seasons with Oldham. He is a favourite of the Oldham supporters.

21 year old, former Warrington player. Played 18 Superleague games for Warrington and was recommended to Oldham by Daryl Van de Velde.

WILL COWELL

Utility Back

Brother of Wigan forward Andy Farrell, Phil has spent over two seasons at the club and was signed by former coach, Mike Ford. Another player who played in the NFP U-21's.

PHIL FARRELL

Forward

Formed a reliable centre partnership last season with Pat Rich. Hit by injury earlier in the season.

ANTHONY GIBBONS

Centre

Anthony's identical twin. Former Leeds and Bramley half-back who was vice captain last season.

DAVID GIBBONS

Half-back

Another Roughyed's original who returned to the club two seasons ago. A big prop, he is expected to be a force to be reckoned with this season.

DANNY GUEST

Prop

Former St Helens and Auckland Warriors back-rower who originally joined the club on loan from Saints before signing permanently for the 2002 season on a one year contract.

BRYAN HENARE

Back-rower

Live wire Hooker who was the first player to sign for the Roughyed's in 1997. Before last season he had a try scoring rate of a try every three games. A tremendous record for a hooker.

JOHN HOUGH

Hooker

Gavin spent two seasons at Odsal in the Bradford Academy side. Gavin is Oldham born and bred.

GAVIN JOHNSON

Centre/Wing

Recently appointed coach, Steve joined Oldham from the Batley Bulldogs after previously giving service to Warrington, Leeds, Featherstone and Sheffield. Former captain of England.

STEVE MOLLOY

Prop

Quick full back who loves to attack from deep. Joined Oldham on a two year contract when he left Bramley at the same time as former boss, Mike Ford.

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Joe Naidole

By Laurence Grailey

Date of birth	23.12.1964 (Honest).
Nationality	British / Fijian.
Place of birth	Huddersfield.
Place of residence	Huddersfield.
Marital status	Married – To my darling wife, Joanne.
Family details	3 girls – Annabel, Jessica & Jade.
Height	6 Foot 2 inches.
Weight	18 Stone.
Preferred position	Second row / Loose forward.
Previous clubs	Huddersfield, Featherstone, Wakefield, Oldham, Hunslet, Doncaster & Workington, European Cup for Huddersfield V Catalan, Division 3 Championship for Huddersfield, Pacific Cup Finalist – Fiji V Tonga.
Honours gained	Huddersfield V Oldham – Scoring a try and taking the man of the match award.
Senior debut	Playing against Australia in 1992.
Career highlight	Losing Semi Final of Challenge Cup for Featherstone V Leeds in 1995.
Career low point	Iain Harris.
Most respected player (current)	Ellory Hanley.
Most respected player (Past)	Glen Lazarus & Kurt Sorenson.
Hardest tackler faced	Small No 6, 7 or 9's.
Hardest player to tackle	My father, brother & Alex Murphy.
Greatest influence on career	Playing against full Australian Test Siso in 1992 – Awesome experience.
Most memorable game and why	McAlpine Stadium & Elland Road.
Favourite ground	Batley – Only from a visiting players point of view as I have only won twice here in 14 years.
Worst ground	Football, Cricket, Boxing, Swimming and any other keep fit sports.
Favourite other sports	All round involvement in defence & attack – Always giving 100% effort.
Greatest playing strength	I have a very busy job so I only have time for spending valuable time with my family.
Any other interests	None. But would like to see consistent refs in the RFL.
Worst rule in the game	Alex Murphy.
Best coach	Yorkshire tea / Carling.
Favourite drink	Mum's special Fijian dish – Fish & cabbage in coconut juice & wife's Sunday roast.
Favourite food	Soul, Dance music & Motown.
Favourite type of music	Fiji Islands & Hawaii.
Favourite holiday spot	Sean Connery & Clint Eastwood.
Favourite actor	Shaw sham redemption & Schindlers List.
Favourite movie	Coronation Street, News & sport.
Favourite TV	Traffic jams / Bad mannered people.
Greatest dislike	To have a successful season with Batley.
Ambitions within the game	To successfully build my sportswear business – promoting my own rugby brand.
Life after rugby	You only get out what you put in and never give up and listen and you will reach your destinations.
Any advice for young players	

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	26 th	Dewsbury Rams	H	12:00
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2002 January	6 th	Workington town	H	3:00
	13 th	Gateshead Thunder	A	3:30
	20 th	Huddersfield Giants	H	3:00
2002 February	3 rd	Doncaster Dragons	A	3:00
	17 th	Sheffield Eagles	H	3:00
2002 March	3 rd	Featherstone Rovers	A	3:00
	10 th	Keighley Cougars	H	3:00
	17 th	Whitehaven	A	3:00
	24 th	Barrow Border Raiders	H	3:00
2002 June	9 th	Hunslet Hawks	A	3:30
	16 th	Swinton Lions	H	3:00
	23 rd	Oldham	A	3:00
	30 th	Hull Kingston Rovers	H	3:00
2002 July	7 th	Keighley Cougars	A	3:00
	14 th	Featherstone Rovers	H	3:00
	21 st	Hunslet Hawks	H	3:00
	28 th	Sheffield Eagles	A	3:15
2002 August	4 th	Whitehaven	H	3:00
	11 th	Oldham	H	3:00
	18 th	Huddersfield Giants	A	3:00
	25 th	Dewsbury Rams	A	3:00
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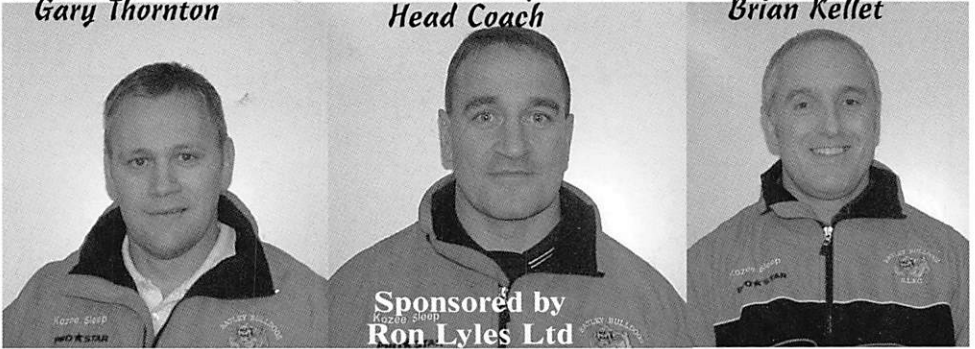
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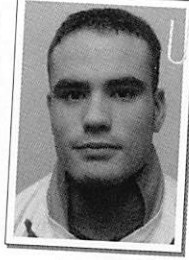
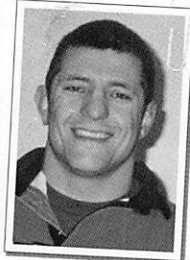
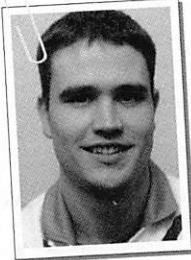
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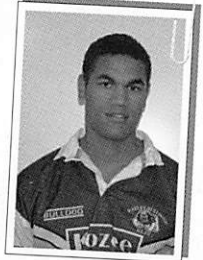
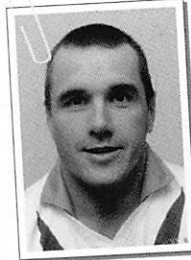
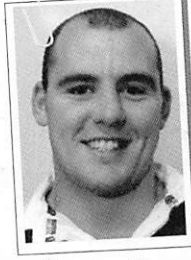
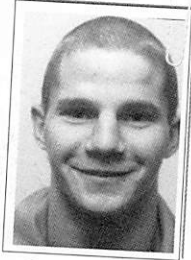
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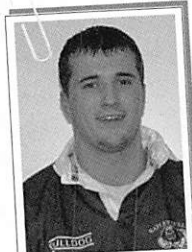
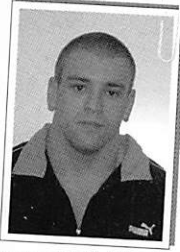
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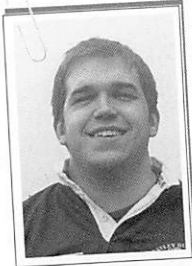
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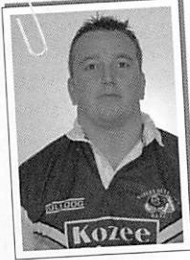
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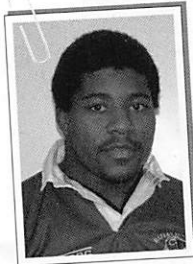
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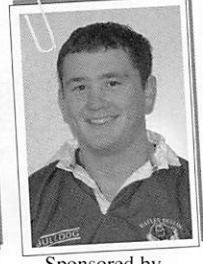
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Appearance & Scorers

Appearances & Scorers Season 2001 - 02							Career Record						
Player	Season 2001 - 02						Career Record						
	Apps	S Apps	Goals	D Goals	Tries	Points	Apps	S Apps	Goals	D Goals	Tries	Points	
S Beard					0		0	1	0	0	0	0	
C Beever	1			1		4	4	7	0	0	3	12	
M Bostock		4			0		0	4	0	0	0	0	
W Carlledge	18	9			4	16	40	18	0	0	7	28	
M Cass	4	22			5	20	167	87	0	7	52	215	
Marvin Cox	1			0			1	0	0	0	0	0	
R Dean		5			0		0	5	0	0	0	0	
J Dyson	8	1	14		1	32	94	10	126	2	17	322	
R Gibson	5	2	1			2	7	3	1	0	0	2	
P Gleadhill	25		9			15	78	129	1	11	0	59	258
P Harrison	11	17				11	44	129	31	0	0	57	228
R Hewitt		3			0		5	18	0	0	0	0	0
S Hill	12	2			0		12	2	0	0	0	0	0
G Honor	5			0			5	0	0	0	0	0	0
R Horsley	28				11	44	58	0	0	0	16	64	
C Hough	6	4	9	1	2	27	6	4	9	1	2	27	
D Lawford	23		60	5		125	23	0	60	5	0	125	
A Leek	8	4			1	4	8	4	0	0	1	4	
C Lingard	17	1			1	8	72	73	25	0	0	66	264
K Lythes	14				2	8	14	0	0	0	2	8	
D Maun	29				16	64	50	0	0	0	21	84	
S Molloy	10	1		4		16	10	1	0	0	4	16	
J Naidole	11	12				0	11	12	0	0	0	0	0
C North	11	2		2		8	11	3	0	0	3	12	
R Padgett		1			0		7	20	0	0	0	0	0
D Rourke	23	2			3	12	23	4	0	0	3	12	
R Simpson	17	1			3	12	140	3	0	0	54	216	
D Smith		6			0		0	6	0	0	0	0	0
G Smith	7			1		4	7	0	0	0	1	4	
Y Sozi		5			0		0	5	0	0	0	0	0
A Spink	18	5		2		8	18	5	0	0	2	8	
C Stevens	7		2		1	8	9	12	4	0	2	16	
M Toohy	13	8		2		8	13	10	0	0	2	8	
G Tomlinson	27			1	19	77	200	1	0	6	119	482	
L Williamson	19				6	24	19	0	0	0	6	24	
C Wright	12	2			1	4	16	8	0	1	4	17	
Totals	390	120	95	7	131	721							

Forth Coming Player Milestones

**Tommo - Only 4 more times over the line for the all time record!
Games are running out!**

Glen Tomlinson requires another 4 touchdowns to become the club's all time leading try scorer. He currently stands on 119 tries.

In addition Glen requires a further 18 points for 500 for the club

Dean Lawford requires a further 25 points for 150 for the club.

Danny Maun requires 16 more points for 100 and made his 50th appearance for the club in the crucial win against Whitehaven.

Craig Lingard needs a further 2 appearances to mark 100 for the club (this includes 25 substitute appearances).

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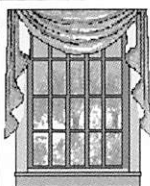
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Batley R.L.F.C. Club Records 1895 to the Present Date

RECORD ATTENDANCE

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

RECORD SCORE

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

GOALS

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

TRIES

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

POINTS

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

APPEARANCES-

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

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

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

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

GREAT BRITAIN TOURISTS-

Frank Gallagher 1924, Joe Oliver 1928.

ENGLAND-

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

ENGLAND UNDER 24'S

Stan Gittins 1969.

WALES-

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

OTHER NATIONALITIES-

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

BRITISH EMPIRE-

John Etty 1950-51.

ENGLAND UNDER 21'S

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

YORKSHIRE APPEARANCES (POST WAR)

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

CLUB HONOURS

R.L. CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS- 1896-7, 1897-
8 & 1900-01.
YORKSHIRE CUP WINNERS- 1912-13.
YORKSHIRE CUP RUNNERS UP- 1909-10, 1922-
23, 1924-25 & 1952-53.
YORKSHIRE RUGBY UNION CUP WINNERS-
1884-85.
YORKSHIRE RUGBY UNION CUP RUNNERS UP-
1892-93.
**YORKSHIRE SENIOR CUP RUNNERS UP ('A'
TEAM)-** 1981-82.
RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS-
1923-24.
TRANS PENNINE CUP WINNERS- 1998.
DIVISION 2 PROMOTION - 1998.
**STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION 2
RUNNERS UP-** 1994-95.
YORKSHIRE LEAGUE WINNERS- 1898-9 &
1923-4.
YORKSHIRE LEAGUE RUNNERS UP- 1899-
1900, 1908-9, 1921-2 & 1925-6.
**ALLIANCE DIVISION 2 EAST CHAMPIONS ('A'
TEAM)-** 1991-2.
**ALLIANCE DIVISION 2 CUP RUNNERS UP ('A'
TEAM)-** 1991-2.
**ALLIANCE CUP RUNNERS UP ('A' TEAM)
(26.9.98)-** 1998.
**ALLIANCE UNDER 21 SPRING CUP RUNNERS
UP ('A' TEAM) (8.5.2002)** 2002.

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1992 - 'That was the year that was'

By Club Historian Laurence Grailey.

Main news events of the year.

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Race riots took place and 4 white policemen charged with beating Rodney King (Black motorist) were acquitted which led to riots in Los Angeles. 60 people were killed and 2,383 were injured.

The top 3 selling singles of 1992 were:- 'Sleeping Satellite' by Tazmin Archer, 'Would I lie to you' by Charles & Eddie and 'Ain't no doubt' by Jimmy Nail.

Films of the year were 'Dracula', 'Lethal Weapon 3', 'Scent of a woman' which was a best actor / Oscar for Al Pacino and 'Howard's End' which was best actress / Oscar for Emma Thompson.

The FA Cup was won by Liverpool. County Cricket Champions were Essex. Wigan won the Rugby League Challenge Cup and First Division Champions were Leeds United.

Meanwhile what was happening at the Mount?

Batley finished 6th in a 13 team Stones Bitter Third Division Championship.

Coach was David Ward who was assisted by Dave Busfield. Player of the year was Glen Tomlinson. Leading goal kicker was Simon Wilson with 63, whilst Tomlinson scored 17 tries followed by Wilson on 11, Gary Thornton on 11 and Lee Hanlon on 8.

Most appearances were made by Michael Booth, Andy Parkinson, Mick Cameron, Wayne Heron, Jimmy Irvine, Tommy Oldroyd and Mark Scott.

Highlights of the season were:- The 10 – 6 win over Dewsbury in a re-arranged game that took place at Headingley. The 52 – 7 victory at home to Chorley Borough. 60 – 0 victory at Nottingham City and 46 – 0 win in the return fixture at 'The Mount'. A rare 24 – 4 win at Whitehaven and an 18 – 10 win at Barrow.

In the Rugby League Challenge Cup early victories by 20 – 6 at Blackpool Gladiators and 20 – 10 at Chorley Borough were followed with a 20 – 50 loss at Thrum Hall against Halifax.

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Relatively Speaking Relatively Speaking

Over the year's many players have represented the club who have later seen a relative don the club's colours, such as father and son, brother's, cousin's etc, and this has now been extended to cover players with the same surname who are actually not related at all !

Please see the career details of the 2 players listed below and see if you can guess both of the players identities. I will reveal who the players are in the next programme.

Player one –

This stalwart forward joined Batley in 1956 – 57 season and remained a 'Gallant Youth' until 1965 – 66. In that time he landed 102 goals dropped one goal and scored 13 tries for a points tally of 245.

His most famous moment came on 6th February 1965 when he dropped the goal at Craven Park that put cup favorites Hull KR out of the Challenge Cup 7 – 5. After leaving Batley he became an accomplished coach with Bradford Northern and Featherstone Rovers.

Player two –

Brother of the above player, this utility player joined Batley in the twilight of his career in 1969 – 70 and stayed a Batley player until 1970 – 71. He appeared 9 times plus 12 sub appearances, scoring 3 goals and one try.

He became first team coach at Batley from 1972 – 73 to 1974 – 75. He is best remembered for a dramatic goal kick at Wembley in 1968!

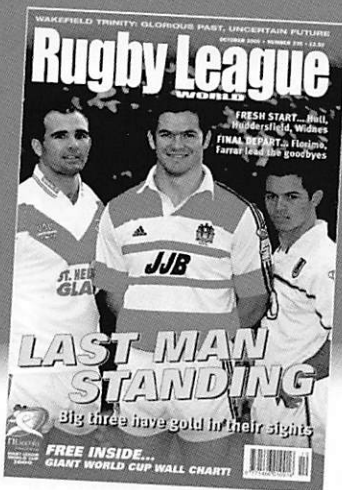
Answer to teaser in previous programme –

Trevor Oldroyd and his son, Tommy Oldroyd.



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Rugby League World MAGAZINE

JOHN DRAKE of the Rugby Leaguer & League Express website, TOTALRL.COM considers whether the decision to split the Northern Ford Premiership next season is a split worth having.

After much debate and deliberation, the Rugby League Council last week finally rubber-stamped the decision to split the Northern Ford Premiership into National League One and Two with effect from next season. It is a decision that will have a far reaching impact on most, if not all of the clubs currently in the NFP, but now it has been taken, it is time for the debating to stop and the planning ahead to start. For the sake of the clubs who will be involved, and for the wider credibility of the sport, it is vital that the new divisional structure is made to work.

An immediate 'positive' is that for once, the goalposts have not been moved mid-season. The clubs knew in advance of the plan to split the NFP, and also knew the details of how the split would be achieved, through a combination of final league placings and play-offs. It may not be the simplest solution imaginable, but it has resulted in keeping the season alive for the vast majority of clubs in the NFP as well as placing their destiny in their own hands.

With several targets to aim for, whether that be the Top 9 play-offs to reach the Grand Final and possible promotion to the Super League, or the mid-table play-offs that will decide which team will grab the tenth available spot in the new National League One, just

about every game of the final stages of this season's Northern Ford Premiership remains important. In addition to their decision to support the new divisional structure, the Rugby League Council also voted to accept two new clubs into National League Two next season. The news that York are back in the fold, reborn as York City, along with North London Skolars who will step up to the professional ranks after serving their apprenticeship in the TOTALRL.COM Rugby League Conference, should delight traditionalists and expansionists alike. The news was not so good for Bramley, turned down this time maybe, but they seem certain to continue knocking on the door and such determination to succeed ought to bring due reward at some stage in the future.

As with any change, there will be those more convinced of its merits than others, and there will be difficulties as well as new opportunities. But increased competitiveness throughout two divisions of clubs who will find themselves on a more equal footing should provide for a more attractive product to sell to the public on match day, and that has to be the message that goes out at every available opportunity if this is to be made to work. Rugby League has suffered from many damaging splits in the past, but perhaps the move next season to National League One and Two could turn out to be a split well worth having.

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No.	NAME	TRY	GOAL	D GOAL
	Craig Lingard			
	Chris North			
	Roger Simpson			
	Danny Maun			
	Leon Williamson			
	Glen Tomlinson			
	Dean Lawford			
	Joe Nadiole			
	Kris Lythes			
	Steve Hill			
	David Rourke			
	Will Cartledge			
	Ryan Horsely			
	Mark Cass			
	Mark Toohey			
	Andy Spink			
	Paul Harrison			

OLDHAM

Head Coach: Steve Molloy

No.	NAME	TRY	GOAL	D GOAL
	Mark Sibson			
	Joey Hayes			
	Gareth Barber			
	Will Cowell			
	Chris Campbell			
	Keith Brennan			
	Neil Rodden			
	Steve Molloy			
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