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# MARTIN'S CORNER

WELCOME to this afternoon's Northern Ford Premiership game.

This is our last home game of the NFP season proper and we are looking first and foremost for another win to set us up for the final couple of away games before the play-offs. Whilst we've already qualified for the play-offs we won't be taking our foot off the gas today. Every league point is still vital as we strive for the highest possible finishing position.

The closeness of the competition means that points difference could also have a significant bearing. A look at the table after last weeks games shows that Featherstone Rovers, the team above us, has a 2 points better points difference and Doncaster and Hull KR, the two teams hot on our heels, are only 12 and 11 points better off respectively. When you think that one point could make the difference between having a week off to prepare for the next game or home advantage, you can see why I was disappointed about conceding some soft points last week.

We started and finished the game very slowly and paid the penalty. However in between time we played some great stuff. Our control was good, there were some excellent individual performances throughout the team and some spectacular scores capped it off.

No matter who we were playing today we'd want to win. The fact that it's Oldham makes it a little bit special for the fans and players alike. There's an awful lot at stake today for both sides so I expect another great spectacle.

I know you will need no encouragement to get behind the team this afternoon - your support has been magnificent all season. Obviously the numbers of supporters are not as big as we would like, but your loyalty and enthusiasm for Rochdale Hornets gives us all pride in the red, white and blue shirts.

Hopefully we can sign off the season in style, enjoy the game.

*Martin*

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# BOARDROOM BRIEF

Today we offer a warm welcome to the Chairman of Oldham his fellow Directors, officials, members and all the supporters of who have made the short journey to Spotland for this afternoon's Northern Ford Premiership game.

We also want to welcome the Club and Match Sponsors, we really value your support and hope you have a marvellous day's entertainment. If the last few games here at Spotland are anything to go by there should be few complaints about the quality of entertainment, it's of the highest order with the team playing some scintillating rugby football.

There are a lot of good signs at the moment and hopefully everything is coming together at the right time of the season.

This weekend will go some way to determining the shape of the final NFP table with all the 12 sides playing each other. So whilst we have more than a passing interest in events at Oldham KR (who entertain Featherstone) and Whitehaven (where Doncaster are the visitors) Oldham connections will be especially keen to find out the outcome of the game between Oldham and Sheffield.

All points to a tremendous climax to the season and says a lot about the benefits of the play-off system. The fact that 13 out of the 18 clubs in the NFP can still make the play-offs says a lot about the quality of the game.

It's not just the points for a win that are important. Points difference looks as if it could have a bearing in the final shake-up. Unfortunately ours are not the best and whilst some of our recent results have seen a big improvement, we really could do with improving further.

Whether we see a big scoreline today remains to be seen. Oldham have everything to play for themselves. Whilst they currently occupy the last play-off spot they have four sides breathing down their necks, so can ill afford any slip-ups. With the pressure on both sides it's a matter of time before another classic Derby encounter. We have won all three games between the two sides this season, hopefully we can make it four and set ourselves up for the last two games between Oldham and Doncaster.

This is our last home game of the NFP season proper (although if we finish in the top 6 we will get at least one home fixture in the play-offs). It is therefore appropriate for us to thank everyone associated with the Club for their efforts in contributing to what has been another exciting and entertaining season. There are a lot of people who make match days possible, the players and coaching staff of course, but also all the turnstile operators, stewards, catering staff, ballboys, people in the office etc. make important contributions.

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# OLDHAM

**Gavin DODD** A local youngster who is learning the ropes at Oldham. A wing or full-back, 20 year old Gavin played for the NFP under 21's at Widnes and is sure to be pushing for a regular place this season, either as competition for Mark Sibson at full-back or as a lively winger who knows where the try (goal) line is.

**Jon GODDARD** A 19 year old and the youngest member of the squad, Cas. lad Jon has joined Oldham on loan from Castleford thanks to the old pals act. Graham Steadman is a firm friend and former team mate of former coach Ford, and saw a loan spell with Oldham as the ideal way to bring Jon along. Already this is bearing fruit as Goddard's defence has been superb and as his confidence grows it is expected that the tries will soon be coming.

**Will COWELL** A 21 year old who played at Warrington, this Cumbrian utility back is equally at home at full-back, wing or centre. Played 18 Super League games for Warrington after signing from Kells, the Whitehaven amateur club. Recommended to Oldham by former Wolves boss Daryl van de Valde, Will is keen to kick-start his career in the NFP with the Roughyeds.

**Chris CAMPBELL** A recently signed 21 year old utility back, signed from Whitehaven after impressing in trials. Is the son of ex referee David Campbell. Signed for Warrington from Crossfields amateur club as a seventeen year old and was the top Alliance try scorer in his first season with 26 tries from full-back. Played 10 matches in Super league before following coach Paul Cullen to Whitehaven on a full-time contract. Unfortunately broke his jaw early in his Whitehaven career.

**Gareth BARBER** 20 year old Oldham born half-back or centre who was reared on rugby with his best pal, the Leeds and Great Britain loose forward, Kevin Sinfield. When Sinfield signed for Leeds Rhinos, Barber signed for Warrington, but returned home to Oldham before the start of the 2000-01 season. Played for the NFP under 21's at Widnes in the autumn.

**Keith BRENNAN** A versatile half-back or hooker, local lad Keith shot to prominence last season when his form was so good that, for a time, he kept John Hough out of the number 9 shirt. A natural footballer with good hands, he damaged a hamstring in the pre-season Law Cup game with Rochdale and then damaged a knee in his come back game in the cup against St. Helens.

**Steve MOLLOY** Steve had been playing for Batley on a short term contract after leaving Huddersfield at the end of last season. A strong prop forward and ex captain of England, Steve's other previous clubs are Featherstone and Sheffield. A local lad Steve will go some way to filling the gap left by Simon Knox and Leo Casey. Steve has of course recently been appointed the club's Player coach.

**John HOUGH** The first player to sign for his home-town club when the new Roughyeds were formed by Chris Hamilton and his fellow directors in the autumn of 1997. Before the start of last season, he had played 87 of the club's 90 matches and had scored 32 tries, a phenomenal record for a hooker. He didn't enjoy one of his better seasons in 2001, but a change of job, and less travelling, has seen him back at his best in 2002.

**Jason CLEGG** Second biggest forward at the club after Danny Guest. Is a former Bradford (Northern, not Bulls) forward, who has had four good seasons with Oldham. Powerful on the break, he is a favourite of the Oldham supporters and regularly picks up the Junior Roughyeds Player of the Year award.

**Paul NORTON** Journeyman forward and former Lancashire Lynx stalwart, who played 31 of 34 games last season. A hard worker and value for money performer, 'Knocker' was sorely missed at the start of the season when he was recovering from a groin operation.

**Bryan HENARE** Joined Oldham midway through last season from St. Helens on loan. A Kiwi back-rower who has played for Auckland Warriors, Bryan played a prominent role in Oldham's surge to the Grand Final in July 2001 before signing permanently for the club for the 2002 season on a one year contract.

**Lee DORAN** Another young player in whom Oldham have a lot of confidence. A Wiganer, Lee has worked his way through the Oldham Academy and Alliance sides and is now on the verge of breaking through to the first team on a regular basis. Showed up well for the NFP under 21's as one of five Roughyed players in the squad.

**Neil RODEN** A clever half-back who joined Oldham from Wigan, with Farrell, a season and a half ago. Has only missed a couple of games since. Can play stand-off or scrum-half and was a key figure in Oldham's run through to the NFP Grand Final last Summer. A knee injury kept him out of the pre-season warm-up games, but he is sure to be a regular performer in the long and testing 2002 campaign.

**Gavin JOHNSON** A young centre or wing, or occasional back-row forward, Oldhamer, Gavin spent two seasons at Odsal in the Bradford Academy side and made the occasional appearance for the Bulls in the Alliance Championship. Spent almost a season earning his Oldham spurs in the Alliance team before signing a two year deal last September.

**Anthony GIBBONS** formed a reliable centre partnership last season with goal-kicking Pat Rich, who has now left the club to go on a twelve months world tour. Looked certain to be the first-choice centre again this season, but suspension and a bad ankle injury have meant he missed the start of the season, but he is now back as a permanent member of the squad.

**Danny GUEST** Another of the Roughyed 'originals' who returned to the club two seasons ago. A big prop, he is expected to be a force to be reckoned with in the NFP this season after signing a new one year deal.



## **Our visitors in focus**

# **OLDHAM Club Honours**

Rugby League Championship Winners: 1909-10, 1910-11, 1956-57

Runners Up: 1906-07, 1907-08, 1921-22, 1954-55

First Division Winners: 1904-05

Challenge Cup Winners: 1899, 1925, 1927

Runners Up: 1907, 1912, 1924, 1926

Lancashire Cup:

1907, 1910, 1913, 1919, 1924, 1933, 1956, 1957, 1958

Lancashire League:

1897-98, 1900-01, 1907-08, 1921-22, 1956-57, 1957-58

Second Division: 1963-64, 1981-82, 1987-88

Divisional Premiership: 1988, 1992

## **10 Oldham Milestones**

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

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## TRIES

1	Hefin O'Hare	Huddersfield	22
2	Glen Tomlinson	Batley	19
	Jason Lee	Doncaster	19
	Neil Lowe	Featherstone	19
	Earl Crabtree	Huddersfield	19
	Bryn Powell	Hunslet	19
7	Jamie Rooney	Featherstone	18
8	Richard Chapman	Featherstone	16
	Stanley Gene	Huddersfield	16
9	Cliff Beverley	Barrow	15
	Adrian Flynn	Dewsbury	15
	Richard Newlove	Featherstone	15
	Andrew Isherwood	Leigh	15
	Neil Turley	Leigh	15

## GOALS

1	Jamie Rooney	Featherstone	105
2	Steve McNamara	Huddersfield	83
3	Danny Wood	Rochdale	79
4	Neil Turley	Leigh	78
5	Johnny Woodcock	Doncaster	77
6	Chris Charles	Hull KR	76
7	Tane Manihera	Workington	73
8	Gavin Brown	Sheffield	64
9	Darren Holt	Barrow	56
10	Dean Lawford	Batley	47

## POINTS

1	Jamie Rooney	Featherstone	288
2	Neil Turley	Leigh	216
3	Johnny Woodcock	Doncaster	186
4	Tane Manihera	Workington	180
5	Steve MacNamara	Workington	178
	Danny Wood	Rochdale	178
7	Chris Charles	Hull KR	168
8	Gavin Brown	Sheffield	149
9	Darren Holt	Barrow	137
10	Chris Thorman	Huddersfield	124

Note - The above are for league games only, and the NFP scorers do not include points scored against York Wasps.

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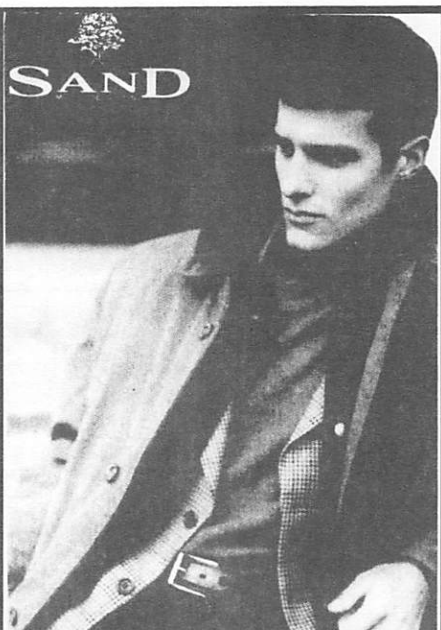


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# **BIG MATCH PREVIEW**

**by GARETH WALKER of Rugby League Express**

IT'S the game that means everything to supporters, officials, players and coaches of the two respective clubs. It's a game that conjures up anticipation, passion and excitement both on the field and in the stands.

It's Rochdale Hornets versus Oldham.

The two sides have participated in some mighty clashes in recent seasons, and with so much at stake for both teams at the moment, this afternoon should be no different.

Hornets are still chasing the all-important third place, with Featherstone, Hull KR, Doncaster and Batley their chief rivals. Oldham meanwhile are in the clambering pack to make the play-offs, currently in ninth position but having played a game more than the team below them, Dewsbury. They still have to play the Rams in a crucial fixture at Hurst Cross, but defeat at Spotland today would constitute a significant set-back to their top nine aspirations.

With the splitting of the Northern Ford Premiership having been confirmed, the need to get in that top nine and secure a place in next year's National League One has heightened considerably.

There are so many additional ingredients to throw into a fascinating pot. The three meetings so far this season have all gone in Hornets' favour, with the Law Cup triumph being followed by a one-point win at Spotland in the Buddies National League Cup and then a thrilling 28-24 win in the league game at Hurst Cross.

On the other hand who can forget Oldham's stunning win in the play-offs semi-final on this ground last year?

Several of the Hornets side have played for or hail from Oldham, while coaches Martin Hall and Steve Molloy played alongside each other at schoolboy level in the town.

And the home side welcome back something of a local hero today in the shape of Oldham-born prop Danny Sculthorpe, back on loan at Hornets from Wigan, who he joined for a reported £75,000 deal during the winter. Sculthorpe has been at the centre of the recent clashes with the Roughyeds, and will no doubt relish going head-to-head with the likes of Molloy and Jason Clegg this afternoon.

Both sides appear in good form going into the game, the Roughyeds having been somewhat unlucky to only take a point from in-form Batley Bulldogs according to reports, and a Casey Mayberry-inspired Hornets having completely demolished Workington Town here last Sunday.

Throw in what should be a sizable and passionate crowd and it should all add up to one of the tastiest clashes of the year. Enjoy the fare.

## RESULTS 2001-02

			H/A	Score	Att.
Dec	SUN 2	BATLEY B	H	26-14	1,133
	Sun 9	Hunslet H	A	28-20	637
	SUN 16	SWINTON L	H	22-10	1,035
	Sun 30	Hull KR	A	24-20	1,305
Jan	Sun 13	Leigh C	A	14-14	3,444
	SUN 20	YORK W	H	54-0	1,044
	SUN 27	FARNWORTH (CC 3)	H	44-28	626
Feb	Sun 3	Dewsbury R	A	20-25	1,201
	SUN 10	LEIGH C (CC 4)	H	20-24	2,710
	SUN 17	CHORLEY L	H	32-22	771
Mar	Sun 3	Workington T	A	20-10	1,093
	SUN 10	GATESHEAD T	H	58-24	737
	Sun 17	Huddersfield G	A	4-58	2,938
	SUN 24	DONCASTER D	H	22-24	1,138
	FRI 29	OLDHAM (NC)	H	14-13	2,096
Apr	Sun 7	Dewsbury R (NC)	A	7-6	874
	SUN 14	HUDDERSFIELD G (NC)	H	10-30	1,476
	Mon 29	Batley B (NC)	A	24-25	457
May	SUN 5	HUNSLET H (NC)	H	42-11	879
	Sun 12	Doncaster D (NC)	A	33-20	1,219
	SUN 19	BARROW R	H	46-32	1,106
	Tue 28	Oldham	A	28-24	1,050
June	Sun 2	Sheffield E	A	26-14	910
	SUN 9	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	H	33-16	1,117
	Sun 16	Keighley C	A	32-21	1,005
	Sun 23	Whitehaven	A	16-28	902
	Sun 30	Barrow R	A	8-15	654
July	Sun 7	Featherstone R	A	24-31	1,402
	SUN 14	DEWSBURY R	H	40-30	1,013
	SUN 21	SHEFFIELD E	H	64-2	1,038
	SUN 28	WHITEHAVEN W	H	30-28	914
Aug	Sun 4	Hull KR	A	12-13	1,502
	SUN 11	WORKINGTON T	H	62-20	1,029
	SUN 18	OLDHAM	H		
	Sun 25	Chorley L	A		
Sept	Sun 1	Doncaster D	A		
		Play Offs			

# ROLL CALL 2001-02

The following statistics reflect the withdrawal of York Wasps from the NFP

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Joe Berry	9	13	1			4	Keith & Sheila Brierley
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James Bunyan	20	7	8			32	Spot. League of Gentlemen
Matt Calland	28		15			60	Vining Solicitors
Sean Cooper	29	2	12			48	Tommy Cooper Appre. Soc.
Paul Davidson	20	5	7			28	
Steve Gartland	2	2				0	
Iain Higgins	12	1	6			24	
Andy Ireland	1					0	
Dave Larder	12	12	7			28	Ged Davenport
Matt Long	2	25	4			16	
Casey Mayberry	12	3	11			44	Barbara Taylor
Wayne McHugh	8	2	2			8	
Marlon Miller	3					0	
Brendan O'Meara	14	6	6			24	Ray & Ena Myers
Paul Owen	26		13			52	Albany Hotel
Richard Pachniuk	30		10			40	Eric & Rita Armitage
Darren Robinson	1	1	1			4	
Wes Rogers	18	9	1			4	Mike Ashworth
Danny Sculthorpe							rochdalehornets.com
Ian Sinfield	4	9	1			4	
Paul Smith	29		11			44	North Builders
David Stephenson	24	2	2			8	Spot. League of Gentlemen
Latham Tawhai	27		5	1	1	23	Heywood Market Traders
Andy Wallace		3					
Dave Watson	6	2	2			8	Gary Webster
Lee Wilson	1	1				0	
Danny Wood	24	6	9	1	104	245	Rossendale Engineering Ltd.

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## MAN OF THE MATCH

The Kingston Communications Man of the Match last week against Workington was awarded to Casey Mayberry, who of course scored 4 tries in his first game after a lengthy spell out injured. His second try in which he went 80 yards and beat many opponents had supporters still roaring after the game had restarted.

Sky sports are rumoured to be here today to interview Casey for next Wednesday's SUPER LEAGUE show, time to set the video.

## GOLDEN GAMBLE

The winner of the Golden Gamble last week was Neil Biddulph who won £100. Today's prize will be more of course, so support your Club and support the Golden Gamble.

## ROB HALL BENEFIT EVENING

The Cabaret Evening in aid of Rob Hall's Benefit Year is to be held in the Studs Bar under the Pearl St. stand on FRIDAY, 30th AUGUST starring the 'Front Row Band', commencing at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £5 each and can be obtained at the Hornets main office.

## DANNY SCULTHORPE

Welcome back on a months loan from Wigan to Danny Sculthorpe. As soon as news broke that Danny had arrived Jim Stringer of [www.rochdalehornets.com](http://www.rochdalehornets.com), was on the phone and donated £30 to sponsor Danny for the month, thanks Jim.

Talking of sponsorship it looks like we could be blessed with a home game in the forth coming 'play-offs' (see page 24) and we are looking for a Match sponsor and Match Ball sponsors. Main match sponsorship for 10 guests works out at £600 plus VAT, any additional guests add an extra £25 per person. Match Ball sponsorship is £250 plus VAT for four guests. Sponsorship packages include a four course meal in the sponsors box, match tickets, car park and bar facilities, and of course coverage in the programme as well as the P.A. announcements.

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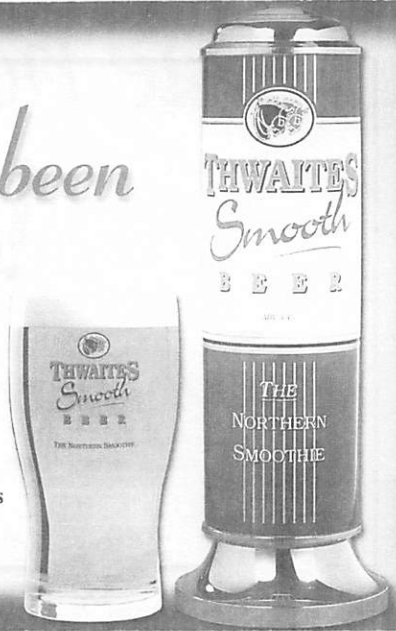
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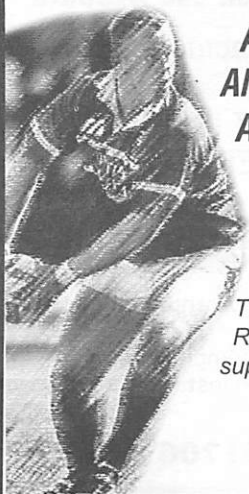
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Huddersfield Giants	23	22	1	0	962	212	750	45
Leigh Centurions	21	17	1	3	743	335	408	35
Featherstone Rovers	24	16	1	7	729	551	178	33
<b>Rochdale Hornets</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>33</b>
Doncaster Dragons	22	14	1	7	654	466	188	29
Batley Bulldogs	23	14	1	8	560	507	53	29
Hull Kingston Rovers	22	14	0	8	595	408	187	28
Whitehaven Warriors	24	13	1	10	509	535	-26	27
Oldham	23	11	2	10	626	485	141	24
Dewsbury Rams	22	12	0	10	619	492	127	24
Sheffield Eagles	24	12	0	12	537	560	-23	24
Barrow Raiders	23	11	0	12	586	545	41	22
Workington Town	23	11	0	12	588	562	26	22
Keighley Cougars	23	7	0	16	431	783	-352	14
Chorley Lynx	23	4	0	19	395	815	-420	8
Swinton Lions	22	3	1	18	325	780	-455	7
Hunslet Hawks	23	2	1	20	336	801	-465	5
Gateshead Thunder	21	0	1	20	258	792	-534	1

# LOOKING BACK TO .....

26th December, 1989

## Rochdale Hornets 24 v 12 Oldham

Oldham Coach Tony Barrow summed up the game with his after match comments. "We were out-though, out-gunned and out-played, there can be no excuses". Not much consolation perhaps for the Oldham faithful but music to the ears of Rochdale Hornets supporters, who for many, celebrated their finest hour since the clubs exploits over Leeds in the John Player Trophy some 16 years earlier.

On the day, Hornets' side was littered with heroes but it was the legendary John Woods who stole the headlines with a stunning solo try on the stroke of half-time.

Hornets' gameplan worked to perfection. Martin Hall, Woods, Steve Turner and Andy Sullivan peppered Oldham's full back with kicks from all angles and once they had Oldham pinned back they tackled tigerishly to force Oldham into making mistakes in dangerous areas of the field.

Kiwi back-row forward Dean Lonegan opened the scoring for Hornets on 8 minutes. He galloped through a gap, sold the Oldham defence a dummy and crashed over for a try that Woods converted. In the following 15 minutes Charlie McAllister scored a try, conversion and a penalty to give Oldham a 10-8 lead which they looked like holding as half-time approached.

Then came the turning point. Woods' tremendous break from scrum in midfield saw him touchdown in the corner and begin an 18 point Hornets scoring spree on either side of half-time. Next up was Paul Gamble, he took a short Neil Cowie pass to score a try converted by Turner on 54 minutes. Paul McDermott extended the lead further following a Sullivan up and under, the ever reliable Turner adding the extras.

The home fans were in raptures as Hornets completely dominated the second half seemingly swarming to victory on a wave of pride and passion. Even a late consolation try by Paul Lord failed to prevent the jubilant scenes that greeted the final whistle.

The derby-day performance and result was particularly sweet for the five ex-Oldham players in the Hornets side who had been branded "cast-offs" by the fans and Oldham press. "We've set ourselves a standard and now we have to maintain it" commented Hornets Coach Allan Agar after a victory that set up a realistic chance of promotion whilst denting Oldham's.

The game will live long in the memory of all 8,150 fans who crammed into Spotland for their Boxing Day entertainment in 1989.

**Rochdale Hornets:** Myler, Higgins, Lord, Nixon, Marriott, Woods (TG), Sullivan, Gamble (T), Hall, Cowie, Lonegan (T), Humphries, McDermott (T). **Sub:** Turner (3G).

**Oldham:** Hyde, McAllister (T 2G), Foy, Irving, Lord (T), Clarke, Ford, Fairbank, Russell, Fieldhouse, Newton, Croston, Cogger. **Sub:** Atkinson.

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### WEEK ONE - ELIMINATION SEMI-FINALS

Match A - Team 4 v Team 9    Match B - Team 5 v Team 8    Match C - Team 6 v Team 7  
Winners progress to Preliminary Semi-finals - Losers eliminated.    Teams 1, 2 and 3 bye.

### WEEK TWO - PRELIMINARY SEMI-FINALS

Match D Team 1 v Team 2    Winner to Final - Loser to Major Semi-final  
Match E - Team 3 v Winner Match C    Match F - Winner Match A v Winner Match B  
Winner to Minor Semi-final - Loser eliminated.

### WEEK THREE - MINOR SEMI-FINAL

Match G - Winner Match E v Winner Match F    Winner to Major Semi-final - Loser eliminated.

### WEEK FOUR - MAJOR SEMI-FINAL

Match H - Loser Match D v Winner Match G    Winner to Grand Final - Loser eliminated.

### WEEK FIVE - GRAND FINAL    Winner Match D v Winner Match H

*Winner of Grand Final eligible for promotion to Super League, should they fulfil minimum standards.  
Team numbers based on Final League positions - home advantage to highest placed team.*

## SIX TEAM QUALIFYING SERIES

### WEEK ONE - PRELIMINARY SEMI-FINALS

Match A - Team 3 (12) v Team 6 (15)    Match B - Team 4 (13) v Team 5 (14)  
Winners to Minor Semi-finals - Losers eliminated.

### WEEK TWO - QUALIFYING SEMI-FINAL

Match C - Team 1 (10) v Team 2 (11)    Winner to Final - Loser to Major Semi-final.

### MINOR SEMI-FINAL

Match D - Winner Match A v Winner Match B    Winner to Major Semi-final - Loser eliminated.

### WEEK THREE - MAJOR SEMI-FINAL

Match E - Loser Match C v Winner Match D    Winner to Grand Final - Loser eliminated.

### GRAND FINAL - Winner Match C v Winner Match E.

*Winner of Grand Final gains final place in National League One for 2003.  
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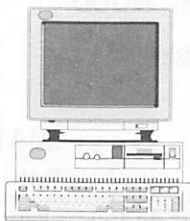
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