

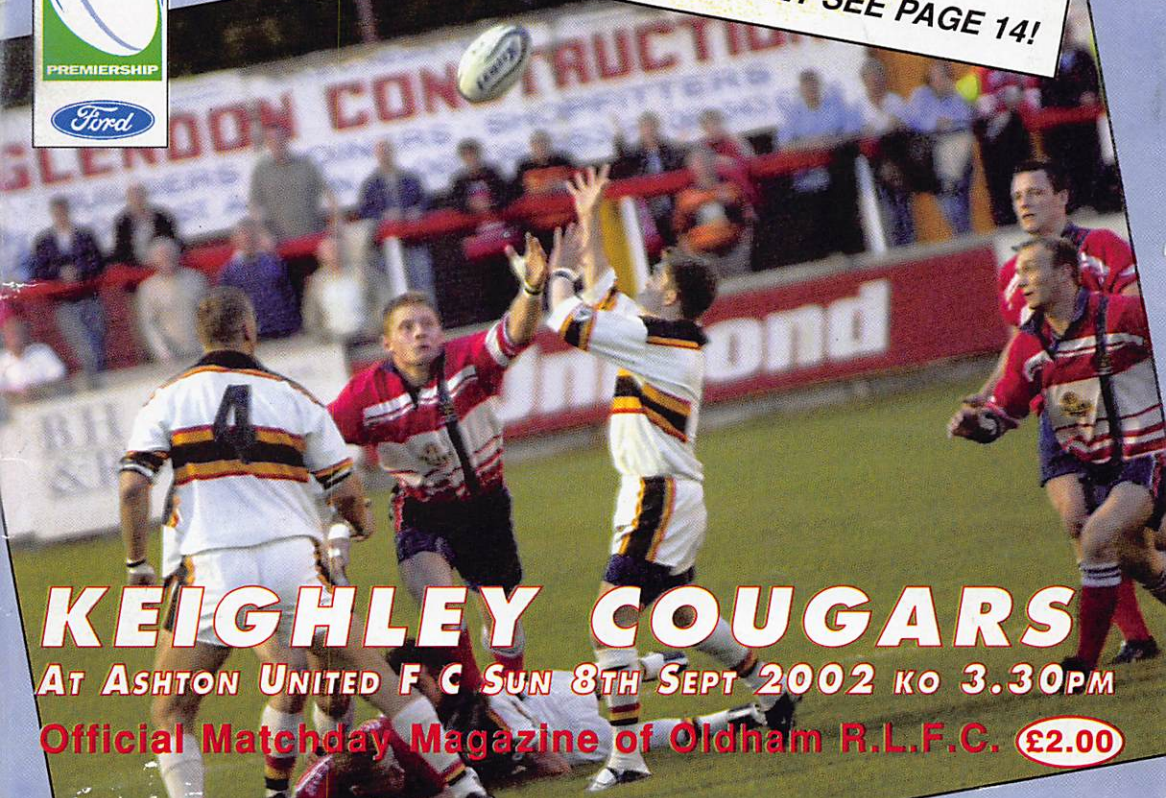
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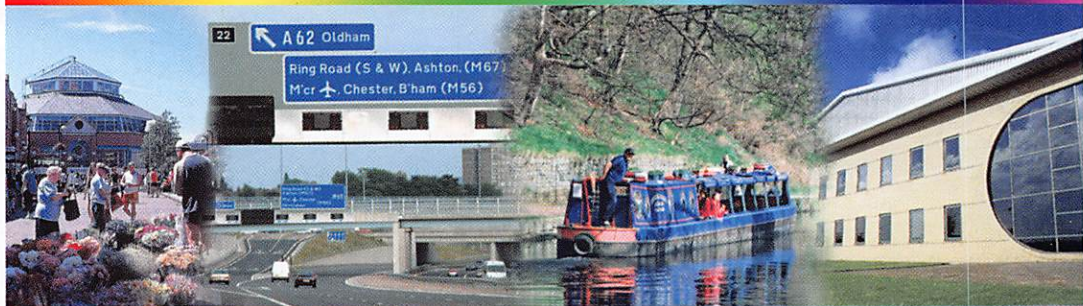
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IN THE HOT SEAT

with Christopher Hamilton

WELL, after the Dewsbury game and results at the weekend we now know that if we beat Keighley today we will have secured the final play off spot.

The Cougars will be difficult opposition as we found out at Cougar Park in June and although they have not won many games reports suggest that their level of performance since then has been fairly good.

One thing is for sure - going into the play offs will pose no greater pressure for the players because they have been playing cup tie football recently in the oft quoted 'Must Win' games and in some ways, should we win today, mentally the team will be in the right frame of mind to progress.

We are certainly capable of making our mark in the play offs having had a semi-final and a final appearance in the last 2 years and if we stay focussed anything can happen regardless of our current injury list.

It will be something of a strange situation after this weeks games as no less than 16 of the Leagues 18 teams will be entering play off games and it will be very interesting to see what the attendances are like after what has been a very disappointing season crowd wise - not only for us but also for everybody else. One thing is for sure at whatever date our season ends the players will deserve holidays and time off. The length of this season has been incredible and when you take into consideration the time players put in for pre season training they have gone 12 months without a break. Balance that against the level of effort and determination put into every game and the odd poor performance is not to be unexpected, and the occasional dropped ball suddenly becomes more understandable - oh and by the way don't forget that they are also working full time!!! Take a bow the stars of the show - the players. It would also be remiss of me not to publicly thank Steve Molloy for stepping into the breach earlier in the season and taking on the role of player/coach.

Ablly assisted by Andy Proctor and Shaun Gartland (who with his Academy squad deserve great praise for finishing second in the league and who are also aiming for a Grand Final place). Steve has worked hard from day one and the changes he has made have been there for all to see.

With a 100% backing from the players, Steve has seized his opportunity and, as agreed, once the season is over we will sit down with him to discuss what happens from here. As ever please get behind the team.

Enjoy the game,

Chris



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Andy Goodway 1979-85 & 1993-94.

TOMMY LEYLAND SNR

There will be one minutes silence prior to today's game in memory of TOMMY LEYLAND who recently died aged 80.

Tommy, a second row forward signed for Oldham in 1948 from the St. Helens club and between 1948 and 1953 played in 111 first teams matches. He continued to be a loyal supporter of the Oldham club and remained an active member of the ex Oldham players group.

Our thoughts today are with his family and many friends.



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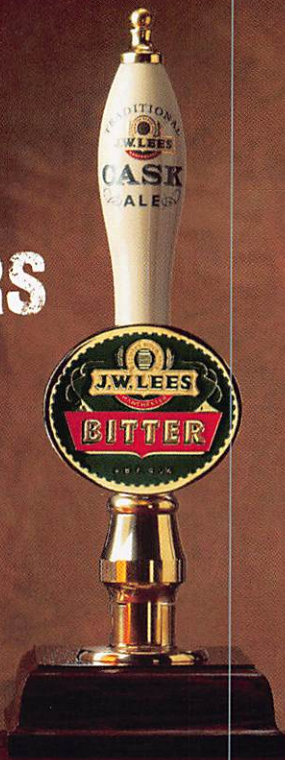
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COACH'S COMMENTS . . . with Steve Molloy

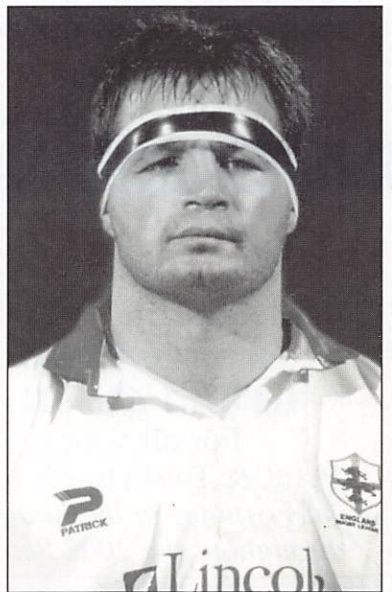
A WARM welcome to Gary Moorby and the officials, players and spectators of Keighley Cougars for what we hope will be our last home game of the season. It is a very important game for both clubs as nobody wants to go into the play-offs (hopefully) two different sets (of play-offs) on the back of a defeat. On top of this we have to win this game if we are not to depend on the results of others to finish in that all important 9th spot.

At Cougar Park, earlier in the season we managed to produce one of our (all too familiar, this season) performances where we got off to a flying start and then took our foot off the gas and enabled a young and enthusiastic Cougar side to get back in the game. We were, on that occasion, very lucky to hang on and win in the end.

That ghost almost came back to haunt us again against Dewsbury but some last dash heroics by "Scruffy" (John Hough) playing out of position, made sure of a point and a result today should see us in ninth spot barring a surprise Dewsbury victory over Leigh by 50+ points. This would mean we have reached our first goal of the season and that is a place in NFP 1.

The second goal is a successful play off run. This will only come about if we completely eliminate these "foot off the gas scenarios" and play to the best of our ability for the whole 80 minutes, which we are well capable of doing. But first things first, a victory today over Keighley Cougars. Keep up your support for the lads and thanks for all the support and encouragement you have given me in my new role it has been greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the game.



Steve

It is 50 years since the first radio broadcast from Watersheddings direct to Oldham hospitals. This excellent facility for the patients, now broadcast by RADIO CAVELL is marked prior to today's game by a presentation to RADIO CAVELL from Oldham Roughyeds' Chairman Chris Hamilton.

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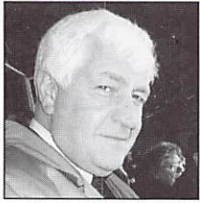
AS ANOTHER regular season draws to a close and clubs prepare for the play offs it is time to pause for reflection. In the case of today's visitors Keighley Cougars once the most progressive of clubs it has been a time for consolidation. As with many clubs the Cougars ran into financial difficulties last season and the club that exists today is a re-formed organisation in the same way that Oldham is. Under those circumstances it is always a case of starting at the bottom and getting back to basics. Losing players of the calibre of Martin Wood and Nathan Antonik to name but two can be devastating. Then, to suffer the loss through injury of that most loyal of servants and inspirational captain Jason Ramshaw only compounds the situation. Fortunately Keighley had in place a sound junior development programme which has paid rich dividends in re-establishing the club this year. From here on the only way is up.

In the case of Oldham long suffering Roughyeds fans have had to suffer another traumatic season. Suddenly confronted with an appalling decision by Oldham Athletic the club found itself without a ground only three weeks before the new season was due to start and it was only thanks to our hosts here at Hurst Cross that the season got underway at all. Next up came the loss of Coach Mike Ford to a job in Rugby Union along with the departure of his two major signings Tommy Hodgkinson lost to injury and Simon Knox transferred to Leigh. Since then Oldham have seen two other coaches come and go in Mark Knight and John Harbin, the latter in an extraordinary move which took him to Boundary Park and did nothing to endear him to the Roughyed faithful. Steve Molloy's accession to the hot seat has seen a marked improvement in

performance despite a sometimes horrendous injury list and a paper thin squad. Results have not always been as good as we would have liked but with so many scores within six points a bit of experience and steadiness can soon turn failure into success. Against all odds Oldham's Directors and loyal band of supporters continue to battle on with admirable determination and commitment. I only wish the carping and petty criticism too evident on Internet web sites could be turned into something more positive. If the current regime can be subject to so much abuse I really wonder why, when Oldham Bears was a P.L.C. and answerable to its shareholders, so many turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to what was going on and allowed the Directors a) to sell the club's greatest asset in Watersheddings and b) to fold the club. The achievements of this current Board are phenomenal and it is sad that so many people have to be reminded of that fact so frequently.

On the wider Rugby League front the game continues in its usual state of turmoil. The product on the field continues to enthrall but the game's administration still leaves much to be desired. It would be nice to think that we are on the verge of sorting this out and it is easy to become too inward looking when other team sports such as soccer, cricket and rugby union, plus the game Down Under, have equally horrific problems. And with the business end of the season now upon us it is better to look forward to an exciting play off season in both the N.F.P. and Super League to be followed by what promises to be a wonderfully competitive Test series against New Zealand. So, an Autumn of great rugby still to come. As ever, enjoy the game.

G.C.



‘THE DON’

ON THIS DAY . . .

Don Yates looks back to September 8th yesteryear

SIX YEARS AGO, on Sunday 8th September 1996, former Oldham centre Phil Larder spent his last working day as coach of the Keighley Cougars. His two-year reign at Lawkholme Lane ended with his team contesting the Divisional Premiership Final at Old Trafford where Salford provided the opposition. Keighley jumped into a 6-0 lead with a penalty from centre Simon Irving followed by a try from hooker Phil Cantillon. Unfortunately that lead did not last long for Salford recovered to take an 8-6 half time lead and go on to win 19-6.

Forty-years earlier, on Saturday 8th September 1956, the St. George club of Sydney won the first of eleven consecutive Premierships. They beat Balmain 18-12 before a crowd of 61,987 at Sydney Cricket Ground. During that amazing eleven-year run, the Dragons played 222 matches and lost only thirty-three. In 1959 they were undefeated throughout the entire season and it was during this astonishing era that Saints remained undefeated on their home ground, the Kogarah Oval, for a remarkable 12 years.



Dick Cracknell

The Roughyeds had a good team then, too. In season 1956-57 they won the Championship and, in so doing, pulled off an impressive victory on that same Saturday, 8th September 1956. That day they visited Knowsley Road and beat St. Helens 25-16. Wingers Dick Cracknell and John Etty each scored a couple of tries that afternoon and hooker Jack Keith also

crossed for a try. Full-back Bernard Ganley landed five goals.

It was on this day in 1997, Monday 8th September, that the original Oldham club played its last competitive match. Relegated from Super League, the Bears then visited Leeds in the Premiership play-off, a competition which that season involved all Super League clubs. Oldham led 6-4 late in the first half at Headingley before eventually slipping to a 42-16 defeat. Paul Atcheson, Afi Leuila and Howard Hill scored tries and Francis Maloney landed a couple of goals. Making their senior debuts in that match were a couple of lads who are now vital members of the current Roughyeds squad, winger Joe McNicholas and prop Danny Guest.

The future of the Roughyeds lies within their youth system. Twelve months ago, on Saturday 8th September 2001, the Oldham Service Area under-16 team entertained the Wigan & Leigh Service Area up at Counthill. The visitors were expected to win so no one was surprised when the cocky pie-eaters went 10-4 in front. But Oldham never lost belief in themselves and with scrum-half Andy Gorey calling the shots, Oldham hit back to win a thoroughly entertaining match 13-10. Gorey, now on the Roughyeds books, landed two goals and a dropped goal whilst another member of the Oldham academy squad, Michael Rowe scored a try as did Danny Lowe.

On Saturday 8th September 1906 Swinton entertained a Pontefract team who turned up with only twelve players. The Lions made full use of their numerical advantage by running up a club record 76-4 victory. They crossed for eighteen tries with hooker Billy Simister, winger George Jones and centres Albert Valentine and Billy Dixon each claiming hattricks. That record win stood for ninety years but, remarkably, when the Lions visited Pontefract three months later they lost 5-0!!

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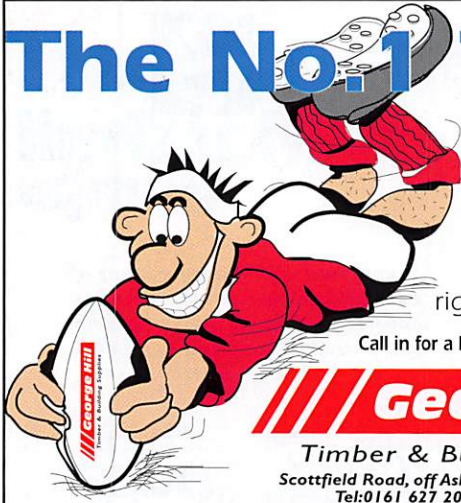
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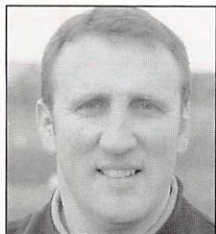
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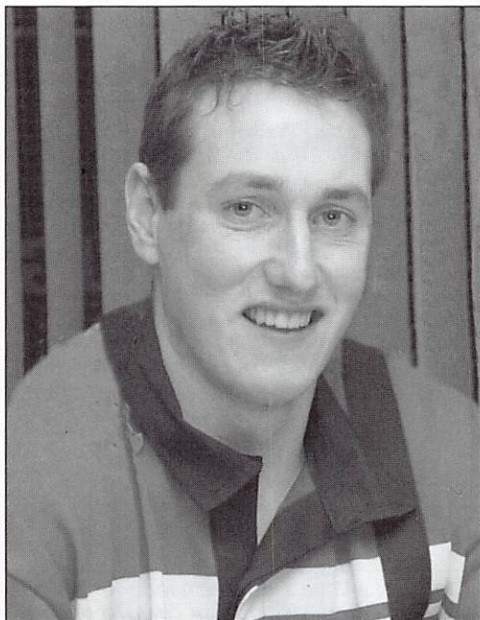
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THE Oldham Academy boys duly completed their league programme by winning both their last two matches 62-6 against Whitehaven at Manor Park and 26-18 at Doncaster Dragons thus securing runners up spot in Senior Academy One.

This is a tremendous achievement by one of the youngest squads in the division and now avoids a game in the first round of the SIX TEAM GRAND FINAL PLAY OFF SERIES commencing this weekend. They will now play Leigh Centurions away next week for an automatic spot in the final with the loser going into the major semi final



John Mitchell, who kicked of nine goals and scored a try against Whitehaven Academy.

ACADEMY FIRST DIVISION FIXTURES

MAY			
11	OLDHAM	v	Sheffield Eagles W 22-20
15	OLDHAM	v	Keighley Cougars W 60-12
18	OLDHAM	v	Workington Town P
25	Dewsbury Rams	v	OLDHAM L 20-12
JUNE			
2	Keighley Cougars	v	OLDHAM W 46-26
16	Sheffield Eagles	v	OLDHAM W 40-36
22	OLDHAM	v	Doncaster Dragons W40-28
29	Barrow Raiders	v	OLDHAM W 31-14
JULY			
6	OLDHAM	v	Leigh Centurions L 6-46
21	Whitehaven	v	OLDHAM L 35-20
27	OLDHAM	v	Barrow Raiders W 38-8
AUGUST			
7	OLDHAM	v	Dewsbury Rams W18-10
11	Leigh Centurions	v	OLDHAM L30-4
18	Workington Town	v	OLDHAM P
29	Whitehaven	v	OLDHAM W62-6
SEPTEMBER			
1	Doncaster Dragons	v	OLDHAM W26-18

The play offs are scheduled over the next four consecutive weekends commencing this weekend culminating with the Grand Final the weekend of 28/29 September. The format is as follows:-

Weekend 7/8 September (Preliminary Semi-Finals)

First & Second don't play

Match A Three v Six

Match B Four v Five

Weekend 14/15 September (Qualifying Semi-Finals)

Match C One v Two

Winner to Final

Loser to Major Semi Final

Match D Winner (A) v Winner (B) Winners to Major Semi Final

Loser eliminated

Weekend 21/22 September (Major Semi Final)

Match E Loser Match C v Winner Match D

Winner to Final

Loser eliminated

Weekend 28/29 September (Grand Final)

Winner Match (c) v Winner Match (E)

The final will be held at a ground provided by the team with the highest league position.

ACADEMY FIRST DIVISION FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts
Leigh Centurions	14	14	0	0	740	157	28
Oldham	14	10	0	4	425	309	20
Doncaster Dragons	14	7	1	6	461	478	15
Dewsbury Rams	14	6	1	7	423	346	13
Barrow Raiders	14	5	0	9	386	409	10
Sheffield Eagles	14	5	0	9	390	467	10
Whitehaven	14	4	0	10	255	571	8
Keighley Cougars	14	4	0	10	255	595	8

NFP Round Up

IT has already been well publicised that in order for the Roughyeds to grab that all important ninth spot in this seasons NFP campaign and with it a ticket to both the TOP NINE GRAND FINAL SERIES and next seasons NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE they have to beat today's visitors Keighley Cougars or rely on Dewsbury Rams, Workington and Sheffield Eagles all losing.

Without tempting fate ninth spot will ensure the Roughyeds a trip to the home of the side finishing in fourth, a position again determined by the outcome of today's final round of fixtures which mathematically could still be Featherstone Rovers, Hull K.R. or Doncaster Dragons. The two all important matches are Workington v Featherstone and Hull K.R. v Doncaster Dragons.

The Cougars already know their fate. Regardless of the outcome of today's game they travel to Barrow in the Preliminary Semi-Final of the SIX TEAM QUALIFYING SERIES the competition winners joining the top nine in next seasons National League One.

The format for both the TOP NINE GRAND FINAL SERIES and SIX TEAM QUALIFYING SERIES are including on this page.

Northern Ford Premiership

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	PTS
Huddersfield Giants	26	25	1	0	1118	238	880	51
Leigh Centurions	25	21	1	3	991	379	612	43
Rochdale Hornets	27	19	1	7	809	582	227	39
Featherstone Rovers	26	17	1	8	786	595	191	35
Hull Kingston Rovers	25	16	1	8	677	456	221	33
Doncaster Dragons	26	16	1	9	741	583	158	33
Batley Bulldogs	26	16	1	9	640	609	31	33
Whitehaven	26	15	1	10	617	560	57	31
Oldham	26	12	3	11	700	535	165	27

Dewsbury Rams	26	13	1	12	694	598	96	27
Workington Town	26	13	0	13	668	627	41	26
Sheffield Eagles	26	13	0	13	579	610	-31	26
Barrow Raiders	26	11	1	14	650	652	-2	23
Keighley Cougars	26	7	0	19	470	858	-388	14
Swinton Lions	26	5	1	20	433	888	-455	11

Chorley Lynx	26	4	0	22	434	970	-536	8
Hunslet Hawks	25	2	1	22	358	903	-545	5
Gateshead Thunder	26	0	1	25	330	1052	-722	1

HOW THE TOP NINE GRAND FINAL SERIES WORKS....

WEEK ONE ELIMINATION SEMI FINALS (SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2002)

- Match A Team 4 v Team 9
- Match B Team 5 v Team 8
- Match C Team 6 v Team 7

Clubs 1, 2 & 3 bye - Winners to the preliminary semi-finals, losers eliminated

WEEK TWO PRELIMINARY SEMI FINALS (SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2002)

- Match D Team 1 v Team 2
- Winners to Grand Final, loser to Major semi-final
- Match E Team 3 v Lowest placed qualifying club
- Match F Highest placed qualifying club v Middle placed qualifying club

Winners to Minor semi finals, losers eliminated

WEEK THREE MINOR SEMI FINALS (SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2002)

- Match G Winner Match E v Winner Match F
- Winner to Major semi final, losers eliminated*

WEEK FOUR MAJOR SEMI FINALS (SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2002)

- Match H Loser Match D v Winner Match G
- Winner to Grand Final, losers eliminated*

WEEK FIVE GRAND FINAL (AT WIDNES) (SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2002)

- Winner Match D v Winner Match H

HOW THE SIX TEAM QUALIFYING SERIES WORKS...

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-Finals

- 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-Finals

- 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. Team numbers based on final league positions - home advantage to highest placed team.*

The Final will be a double header at Widnes along with the TOP NINE GRAND FINAL

B.W.

IN Town TODAY



KEIGHLEY COUGARS

JAMES RUSHFORTH

Now in his third season at the Cougars. 'Rushy' is as safe as houses at full back. Scores lots of tries up the middle.

KARL SMITH

Local lad who came up from the Cougar Cubs junior set up and progressed through the Academy and Alliance to become a valued and ever improving player. Big in defence.

MICHAEL DURHAM

From Australia where he played with the Ipswich Jets County outfit. Michael is a British passport holder with family links in Keighley.

MAX TOMLINSON

A very quick and athletic player signed a couple of years ago and hit an excellent vein of form towards the end of last year.

OLIVER WILKES

Played three times on loan from Huddersfield Giants towards the end of last year and much impressed in that short time. A good prospect for the future.

GARETH HOOSON

Another Giants signing who joined the club early last season and showed lightning pace playing in the Alliance side rapidly making his debut in the first team.

PAUL ASHTON

Drafted in from the Oldham St. Annes club last year during the Cougars troubles and made such an impression that he quickly became a regular first team player. Has also had experience at Halifax and Rochdale. Another player to watch for the future.

MATT FIRTH

A new signing from Halifax Blue Sox where he had 8 Super league outings last year. The 19 year old is a great prospect who impressed early in the season.

PHIL STEPHENSON

'Stevo' is a great favourite with the Cougar fans and put himself on the line during the Cougars financial troubles, giving a hundred per cent. Cougars longest serving player.

DANNY FEARON

Danny is another player with Huddersfield links. Caused quite a bit of interest when recently signed. A valuable addition to the team.

CHRIS HANNAH

Back at Cougars for his second spell. Chris captained the Alliance side to success last

year and is a great and influential squad player.

CHRIS WAINWRIGHT

Leeds born player. Came up and progressed through the Cougar Academy and Alliance. Plays centre or stand off.

SIMEON HOYLE

Former BARLA international. Signed initially as cover for Jason Ramshaw, but in Rammys absence he has made the position his own. Last weeks Man of the Match.

DAVID FOSTER

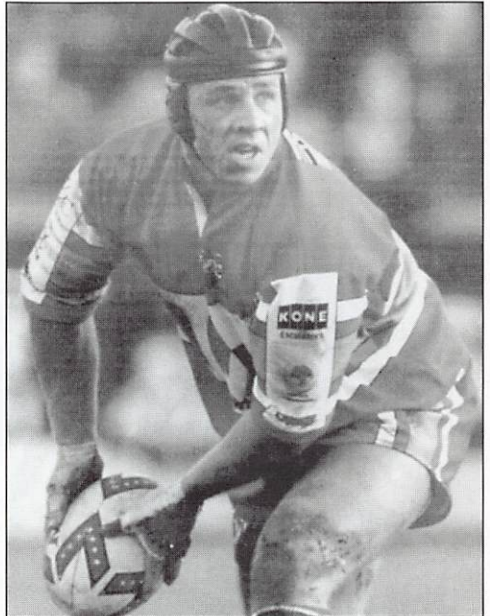
Represented Yorkshire for 6 consecutive years as a junior. On loan from Halifax Blue Sox. Outstanding defensive player.

MATTHEW STEEL

17 year old product of local Junior Rugby. Signed by Cougars early this season. Outstanding prospects.

JASON RAMSHAW

Presently recovering from shoulder operation. 'Rammy' is in a richly deserved Testimonial year. There are few more deserving players in



the game. Now in his eleventh season at Cougars. Jason has scored over 100 touchdowns in over 230 games.

Walkerbout

... with Brian Walker

THE KIWIS ARE COMING, HONEST!

TODAY the curtain closes on this season's league fixtures and as we look forward to the play offs and hopefully onwards to the autumn Test series against the incoming Kiwis I thought the occasion should be marked by including the atmospheric Stephen Bennett water colour on the front cover of today's match-magazine. The painting focuses on **JIMMY LOMAS** Oldham's classy centre and captain of the 1910 first ever British touring side to **NEW ZEALAND**.

Lomas was signed from Salford for a then £300 world record fee and joined a star spangled Oldham outfit that as well as including the captains of Australia, England and Great Britain in its ranks it also included **GEORGE W. SMITH** former 1905 All Black tourist and vice captain of the first ever rugby 'league' touring side to these shores the 1907/8 New Zealand All Golds.

A member of the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame, Smith had been nominated by both this magazine and the Rugby Leaguer and Rugby League Express as the person that a trophy should be named after and contested for in this autumn's and every future Lion/Kiwi Test series "**THE G W SMITH SHIELD**". The RL is currently 'mulling' over the proposal.

Prior to the arrival of the tourists there are still the outstanding matters of both the NFP and Super League play offs culminating with their respective Grand Finals but the marketing of the

tour so far has been noticeable only by its absence so one can presume the RL are perhaps still 'mulling' over it's marketing tactics perhaps in the wake of this summers 'hammering in Sydney'.

We have all experienced the excellent marketing of the Commonwealth Games and, ok, maybe in the early days it was overshadowed by soccer's World Cup but the pre event publicity was exceptional. How different the Kiwi tour, which has received little pre arrival media coverage.

The choice of the three compact Northern venues, Ewood Park (9th Nov), McAlpine Stadium (16th Nov) and JJB Stadium (23rd Nov) will go a long way to help ensure capacity crowds but I hope that doesn't lull the RL into a false sense of security and that they pay more than just lip service to the marketing. The worst scenario would be not to pre-sell the tickets, the first two tests lost and again for the 3rd tests face the cameras in a half empty stadium.

The marketing boys face a long, long haul in their attempt to establish league internationals anywhere near to the level of attraction and importance to our fans as they are to those in union. This series as opposed to one against the Aussies is less easy to predict so at least it provides a platform from which to make a start.



Stephen Bennett's atmospheric watercolour featuring Jimmy Lomas

Iva Slateloose



IVA'S END OF SEASON AWARDS

1. THE IF YOU'RE IN A HOLE STOP DIGGING AWARD

HALIFAX BLUE SOX. For having a great idea for a cash strapped club in awarding a new two year contract to Coach Steve Linnane and six weeks later sacking him. So you pay one man to coach the team and another one not to! (Still, Oldham in a former incarnation have been known to do that).

2. THE WHITE STICK AND DARK GLASSES AWARD

(Aka the Stevie Wonder prize)

ANY TOUCH JUDGE. The remarkable ability of these fellows not to see foul play and general roughing up is legendary. The number of head injuries in Rugby League is the biggest blot on the game and 90% of these go unpunished.

3. THE LIPPIEST COACH IN THE GAME AWARD

IAN MILLWARD BY A MILE. His weekly rants against anyone not connected with St. Helens are a joy. His ability to talk out of his rear end is worthy of a circus act. Still he does run the most entertaining team in the game.

4. THE WE PROMISE YOU A GREAT SEASON AWARD BUT WON'T TAKE RESPONSIBILITY WHEN IT ALL GOES WRONG AWARD

1st Place Leeds Rhinos and their charming and diplomatic leader Gary Hetherington.

2nd Place Wigan Warriors and their charming and diplomatic leader Maurice Lindsay.

3rd Place Leigh Centurions and their charming and diplomatic leader Mike Nolan (of course they could yet prove me wrong, but your good friend Iva is used to eating humble pie).

5. THE WE CAN SACK MORE COACHES THAN YOU AWARD

WARRINGTON WOLVES. They've employed more coaches than Wallace Arnold (yes, I know that's as old as the hills).

6. THE I'M HERE BUT I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING YET AWARD

RICHARD LEWIS, THE NEW HEAD OF R.L. AT RED HALL. (Who's that I hear you ask and do you know I haven't the faintest).

7. THE TIM STREET AWARD (Awarded for whatever Tim wants)

TIM STREET. Well, would you dare give it to anyone else?

8. THE SURVIVED AGAINST ALL ODDS AWARD

1st Place Gary Wilkinson, Head Coach of Hull K.R. At one stage he was within one result of being sacked.

2nd Place Graeme West. But I don't suppose Chorley could pay him off anyway.

3rd Place Darryl Powell. Leeds fans have been after him for months now. Will he make the end of the season?

9. THE OFF MY TROLLEY POSING AS A SERIOUS JOURNALIST AWARD

MARTYN (WITH A Y) SADLER (ONE D). This week we got the brilliant suggestion that the distance between the attacking side and the defence should vary with each tackle thereby posing some interesting tactical problems. At the same time it would stop you lot shouting 'gerrem onside, ref' all the time because you wouldn't know when they were and when they weren't. Hmm! Thanks, Einstein.

10. *And finally,*

THE WE'LL OVERCOME ANY DIFFICULTY NO MATTER WHAT AWARD

1st Place Oldham 3 weeks to go and no ground

2nd Place Swinton Kicked off their ground mid season

3rd Place Gateshead No Board, no Coach, no staff at one stage this season

4th Place Keighley Like Oldham, back from the dead after financial collapse

5th Place Every other NFP club battling against the odds.

Michael's Match

... from the pen of Michael Turner



Today, for our final home league encounter of the season, the Roughyeds offer a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of the Keighley club. The featured match goes back almost exactly one third of a century to the game played at Watersheddings on September 6th 1969.

After an early spell of Oldham pressure it was the visitors who first made an impression on the scoreboard after seven minutes when a break by ex-Oldham favourite Alan Kellett paved the way for Roberts to go for the line. He was tackled just short but from the play the ball Pascoe hurried through a disorganised defence to touch down. The conversion was missed and two minutes later Oldham responded with a penalty by Jim Crellin. After a quarter of an hour a typical defence splitting run produced a try for Bob Irving. Crellin was again on target with the conversion. Indeed the Cumbrian centre was having a field day and after laying on a try for Wilf Briggs, he followed it up with a try himself converting both and adding a penalty before half time. Briggs had also dropped a goal, whereas for Keighley Roberts scored after more good work by Kellett and the half closed with a penalty goal by Pickles to leave the Roughyeds with a 21 - 8 advantage at the interval.

The first score of the second period was another penalty goal from Pickles but hereafter Oldham took control aided by a massive monopoly of scrum possession courtesy of hooker Kevin Taylor. Crellin added another penalty and direct from the kick off

Hicks and Irving combined well to send in Briggs for his second try. Just after the hour mark quick thinking by Mike Elliott at acting half back gave skipper Ken Wilson a "walk-in" and five minutes later prop forward Fred Russell showed a fine turn of pace to out strip a tiring defence to dive in at the corner. Crellin converted from the touchline to give himself a perfect nine goals from nine attempts. There was still ten minutes left when the ever alert Briggs kicked ahead at a play the ball to complete his hat trick but this time Crellin missed the conversion and the Keighley defence survived continued Oldham pressure to leave the final score Oldham 41 Keighley 10.

Just over a month later Keighley enjoyed a much better time in the return fixture winning 20 - 9 at Lawkholme Lane but on that beautiful late summer afternoon the day belonged to Oldham, and particularly to Jim Crellin who incidentally was in the crowd for our recent match against Hornets at Spotland.

OLDHAM: M Murphy, M Elliott, J Crellin, G Beverley, T Buckley, W Briggs, C Sayer; K Wilson, K Taylor, F Russell, R Irving, R Fletcher, R Hicks. **SUBS:** B Clarke, K Payne.

KEIGHLEY: Pickles, Cockcroft, O'Brien, Roberts, Pascoe, Kellett, Westhuizen; Pollard, Dickinson, Walker, Searle, Garbutt, Aspinall.

SUBS: Hare, Butler.

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"Wilf Briggs dives over the line to complete his hat-trick in the match v Keighley on September 6th 1969."



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A Chance to Meet . . . CHRIS HAMILTON

Well Chris we always start off with the same question to players, coaches and Chairman alike where were you born, who's in your family and when were you born?

I was born in Oldham 17th January 1963. I'm divorced, but I have three sons, eldest son is Adam twenty two, middle son is Jordan who is ten and youngest son is Luke who is seven, and partner Gillian and daughter Amy. If I don't put that in I'll be in real trouble! (laughter) Born in Oldham, so where did you grow up? My first house was in Wild Street, which no longer exists, on the far side of Mumps. Then my mum and dad moved to become one of the first people to live on the new, as it was then, St Mary's Estate. So all my young and formative years were spent on that estate. That's not quite rugby league territory, St Mary's Estate, was it in the 1960's, 70's? No. Soccer was very much the predominant game. Parish Church Junior school that I went to played rugby league and I was on that team. Then I went to Bluecoat School and we only fleetingly operated a rugby league team which I was on, at the position of Full-Back. But I was predominantly a soccer player.

In that case, what's your first memory of Rugby League and don't tell me it's Bluecoat full-back?

(laughter) No it's not. First memory would be being taken by Bob Webb, who was the father of a friend of mine Tim Webb, or Timothy Saxon as he was called, up to Watersheddings for night matches in his Volkswagen Caravanette, one of these, like, travelling vans. It had such a distinctive noise that engine. The atmosphere up at Watersheddings for those night games, it was just incredible. Night matches seem to have that, don't they? It's the dark, with the bright lights that make it seem totally different from a Sunday afternoon. Yes, and I have to say that I really do enjoy night matches whether it be home or away. There is just something special about them. That's your first memory. You can't remember any of the teams or any of the fixtures? I can't be honest. I'd probably have been about nine or ten or something like that, and I'm struggling to remember things that happened last week never mind that long ago! You'd be in flares if it was 1972!

As a youngster, were you sports mad, or what?

Yes. Absolutely. You might not think it looking at me now but at junior school and secondary school football, rugby, cricket, athletics, cross country, volleyball you name it I did it. But the main sport that I was any good at was soccer. After leaving school I had the chance to go 'pro' with Rochdale. And? (laughter) One of my biggest regrets, in some ways, because my mum decided I was going to be an accountant and there I was an accountant! (laughter). So you turned down the opportunity of going pro with Rochdale and became an accountant. How long did that take you? A number of years. I actually ended up, rather than studying full time, did it part time because when I was 16 my dad died and there was only me and my mum at home and I needed to, basically, go out and help her to manage the house. So I needed to bring some money in.

Sports mad youngster, start training as an accountant part time, you support Oldham rugby league club and Oldham Athletic during that period of time. Any particular matches, or things, that stand out in your mind from that time?

From a rugby point of view the sensational game against the Australians at Watersheddings, which surprise, surprise, was again played midweek when Oldham came very close to beating them. They lost by six or eight points in the end but gave them the fright of their lives.

That was one of my outstanding memories, as was the game against Wigan in the Challenge Cup. Lots of them with both soccer and rugby.

Then we get to the point, a few years back now, when the Oldham Bears go out of existence and it looks as if Oldham are not going to have a rugby league club. What was going through your mind at that time?

Exactly that. By this time, through my business, I did some match sponsorship with the club, I was a season ticket holder and went home and away etc and like I say it was exactly that - There wasn't going to be a club! Over the last five years everytime I've told this story it never sounds any less corny than it did the first time I told it. I can remember sitting in my office and thinking we can't not have a professional rugby league club in Oldham. If you like the rest is, to a degree, history in terms of what happened. Going back to before that, the Oldham Bears and the Oldham Club prior to that had been mismanaged, in many ways, for years. Monies had come through the gates and been squandered. They were the first club to have a lottery that brought in huge amounts of money and we bought all sorts of players for silly sums of money that never made it. Well, I wont argue about the last bit. You think of some of players, for example *****, who's now coach at *****, £70,000 for somebody with a broken ankle who played only a handful of games. You think of other people like *****, who I think cost fifty grand and again (laughter) was almost lame when he came. It's a far cry from now if you think about the transfers fees that were paid and received compared to what they are like now. Obviously with freedom of contract and the Bosman ruling etc. The other thing at the time the Bears went out of existence was basically the other rugby league clubs just stood back and didn't help Oldham what-so-ever. They just said 'we'll wait for your players to become free agents and then we'll snap them up'.

Yes, and I'm not sure that it's actually changed since then. There's been two or three occasions when clubs have gone bust, not Super League teams apart from Paris, but clubs in the NFP. You look at Keighley, examples like that, obviously, York, Bramley, etc and what we've found since we've been involved is very much every man for himself. No matter what! You mention names there with great rugby league tradition but they are just allowed to go out of existence without a great deal of help for them? I think circumstances have, changed. You look back to, for example, I think 1962 or something when Bradford Northern went out of business and clubs loaned them players and things like that, either 62 or 64 or something like that. You certainly wouldn't get that now. It's a different animal now the game, in terms of survival of the fittest and the money that's involved, particularly at Super League level. The last thing you want to be doing is a favour for somebody else. That's very short sighted, in a way, as rugby league is only played in a very narrow belt across this country and every time a club goes 'bump' there's less players to come through for the next generation. Yes. Again you can extend that to Super League clubs abolishing Alliance teams and clubs in the NFP are abolishing Alliance teams, the number of players that you are able to have at your club and nurture and hopefully develop into professionals is obviously reduced. Unfortunately now the game is very, very much dependant on the finances, in and out, and in business, the way it is now in rugby league, nothing else matters.

Let's turn away from that a little bit because Christopher Hamilton and his co directors have now established the Oldham club. What's been your most memorable moment in those years since then?

A couple. One of them undoubtedly would be that first ever game at Rochdale in the Law Cup on the 1st of January 1998. The work that had gone in, in a short space of time, to even get the right number of players

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in that game where he nearly died out on the pitch. Then following on from that one, obviously, getting to the Grand Final last year which was almost against all odds with being kicked off Boundary Park and having to play seven games in twenty one days. I've said it a few times, but I don't think anybody really ever has stepped back and thought about it. That squad of players last year, that played seven games in twenty one days and won every one of them. That will never be repeated again in rugby league, never.

Now the next question, I think you might find a little bit more difficult to answer. If that was the best moment, it's the worst moment, and we seem to have had more than enough of those over the last few years.

Yes, it goes without saying there have been plenty of 'downs' with the 'ups'. So pick one. Or are you spoilt for choice? The reason I'm hesitating is that there have been a few different things, but one of the things we have always developed at this club has been the ability, no matter what's thrown at us, to pick ourselves up off the floor and that has only developed because of the way things have gone wrong for us, I think, in the unique set of circumstance in which this club operates. Right I'll take that as the answer then. We'll not pick on a specific one. We'll take the positives, like say, the bouncing back.

Rugby league every so often throws up the amusing moment and I've no doubt that even as Chairman of the club you see some amusing moments. Which has been the one that will stand out?

(Pause) Turn you mic off a minute while I think. (laughter) I think one of them was, well it was funny after, it wasn't at the time, but the coach driver got lost taking us up to Barrow for an away game. Instead of coming off at the Barrow turn off he carried on and we ended up coming to Barrow through Lake Windermere, Bowness on Windermere. If anybody's ever been through Windermere and knows the road that you have to get back towards Newby Bridge on, it's like a mountain trail. It's up - down, up - down. He took the wrong route and by the time we got through Windermere about half the team had gone green. By the time we got to Newby Bridge a couple of them had already thrown up. By the time we got to Barrow most of them had thrown up and they then had to go out and play a game of rugby league. Did you win? I don't think we did, actually no, and I don't think we had that coach driver again!

In all the other clubs that you go and visit which one makes you most welcome, as the Oldham club?

Whitehaven would be up there. They are nice people. It's a fair journey there and obviously you don't always come away with the result you want up. But Whitehaven always make you feel welcome. Most clubs make you feel welcome, but some do it better than others. (laughter)

A bit tricky this. What's your ambition for Oldham rugby league? Now you started off with a 'however many year plan' and that's been amended on the way.

That's been scrapped. What would be your ambition? Ambition would be to see it's two fold, no it's not, it's three fold. It would be to see Oldham playing in Oldham, in their own stadium, in Super League. Will we see that? Well if we don't it won't be for the want of trying and believe it, or believe it not, maybe the hardest one to achieve of those three might be the playing in Super League.

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to have a team, never mind to go on and perform superbly and beat them in front of a big crowd was amazing. I remember at ten o'clock on New Years Eve, the night before, I was down at the Willows Variety Club chasing John Wilkinson from floor to floor, to get him to sign the loan papers to allow Ian Sinfield to play for us the day after! That was my New Year that year. But I'll never forget driving up to the ground, reasonably early, and seeing the traffic queuing back even at that stage and even before the kick off the first time that the players came out to warm up for that game, the reception they got from a vast number of Oldham fans in the ground. That day will be something that will live with me forever. That's one what about another? I think getting to the Trans-Pennine Cup Final in the first year was a great achievement with the squad that we had and the resources available. Even though we lost that game to Batley, the way the game was put on, it was made into a proper final, the teams were led out and introduced to dignitaries and so on. Obviously that was tinged with, like I said, the fact that we lost the game and the injury to Roy Powell

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Wilson's Wisdom

... with Ian Wilson

AS ANOTHER season draws to an end, I thought it was perhaps a good time to reflect on the club and its fortunes. In the relatively recent past as well as the present. Spectators and players have the current, or the next, games as their immediate concern, obviously. But sometimes it does no harm to take a slightly historical perspective in interpreting the performance of the current team and regime.

It is, of course, now five years since the old club died - and the first achievement of these five years, not always acknowledged, but nevertheless a massive achievement, for which those responsible can never get too much credit, in my view, is that we are still here, with the continuing catalogue of off-field problems with which we have been beset, it almost falls into the miracle category!

Naturally, lots of Oldham people cannot think of being a successful club unless we are competing at the highest level in the game - but, realistically, from where we began on January 1, 1998, that was not a feasible outcome by 2002. Instead, I would argue that, apart from the miseries of 1999, the five years have been a relative success - more than mere survival in the first year, and than a competitive team on the field, with qualification for end of season play-offs (hopefully!) in the third, fourth and fifth, with last year's grand final a real eye-opening bonus.

What did we achieve in the previous 25 years, since rugby league switched to a competitive league structure in 1973? Sticking to league placings, and ignoring the occasional good cup run, the period divided into five distinct phases:

1973-1982 In division 1 for only 4 of the 9 years, and only once survived more than one season there. Yo-yo period?!

1982-1986 Held our own with the top clubs, and played some top quality rugby. With 16 teams in Division 1, we were consecutively 8th, 10th, 5th, 7th & 9th. (Home attendances averaged just over 4,000).

1986-1993 Yo-yo period 2?! In division 1 for only 3 of the 7 years and relegated each time.

1993-1996 Respectable in the top division - 13th, 10th and 8th (average home attendance 3,700).

1996-1997 Super League! 8th (very respectable again) and 12th (catastrophe!)

Conclusion? You could argue that in 8 of the 25 seasons, our performance was consistent with having a status as one of the top clubs in the game. (The equivalent for the previous 28 post-war season was 16 - 57% compared with 32%). So there is a target for the new club - to be an established Super League club for more than 8 of the 20 season between 2003 and 2022!

There is an awful lot of water to flow under the bridge before the 2003 season begins, of course - apart from our own play-off performances, and what I think will be Huddersfield's march back into the Top Division, the Super League play-offs and Grand Final, the Kiwi Test Series, and, presumably, a World Club Challenge match. Most importantly, though, let us all ask Father Christmas for progress on subject number one- **"OUR" GROUND.**

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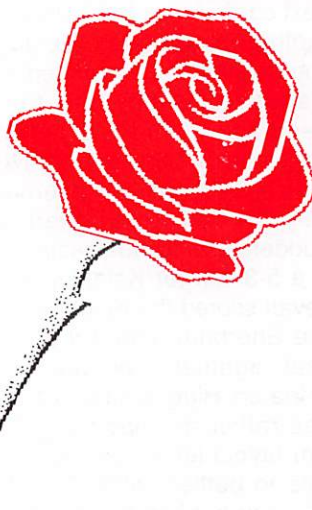
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A Potted History of Keighley

KEIGHLEY WERE formed in 1876 and were admitted into the league in 1901. They made an early impact on the professional game by winning the Second Division Championship in season 1902-03. Unfortunately since then Keighley have battled on with little reward and it was ninety years before the Lawkholme Laners lifted their next piece of silverware. During those ninety years Keighley did reach three cup finals, the Yorkshire Cup finals of 1943 and 1951 and the Challenge Cup Final at Wembley in 1937.

Keighleys Wembley campaign began with a trip to Hunslet where the club had never previously won. The only try of that tie was scored by winger Reg Lloyd giving Keighley a 5-2 victory. Lloyd was also on the scoresheet in round two when Broughton Rangers were beaten 11-5 before a Lawkholme Lane crowd of 8,500. Next came a visit to Liverpool Stanley and another close match. Keighley won 7-2. The semi-final draw paired Keighley with Wakefield Trinity but their clash at Headingley before a crowd of 39,998 produced a scoreless draw. Four days later a disappointing afternoon crowd of only 14,400 assembled at Fartown, Huddersfield for the replay which ended in a 5-3 win for Keighley. Stand-off Llew Bevan scored the Keighley try and winger Joe Sherburn added the vital goal. The final, against a Widnes side who had defeated Higginsshaw in the first round, was rather disappointing. Widnes were firm favourites and Keighley were never able to bother them. The Chemics won 18-5 with Keighleys consolation try coming four minutes from time when Llew Bevan and centre Gwyn Parker combined to put Reg Lloyd over.

Yorkshire Cup final defeats by Bradford Northern in 1943 and Wakefield

Trinity eight years later were the only bright moments enjoyed by the Keighley faithful until those emotional and eventually heart breaking events of the early 1990s.

Keighley began that decade down in the doldrums but in 1993 the club won its first trophy since 1903 when they were crowned Third Division Champions. Two years later Keighley won the Second Division Championship and also reached their first final in 44 years. In that final, the Second Division Premiership Final, Keighley defeated Huddersfield 26-6.

Under normal circumstances Keighley would have spent the following season in Division One. Unfortunately, one month before Keighley triumphed against Huddersfield, the league made the monumental decision to restructure the competition and set up a 12 club Super League. Keighley were left out in the cold. London Broncos, fourth in Division Two and comprehensively beaten by Keighley in the Premiership, were included in Super League alongside new club Paris St.Germain.

Despite all Keighleys protestations, they spent the first season of summer rugby down in Division One and it was Salford who won the Championship and qualified for the 1997 Super League. All Keighleys efforts to gain Super League status since then have also failed and this season they face an uphill task to even qualify for next seasons National League Division One.

Keighleys story has been one of almost constant struggle but their very survival in this ruthless, cut throat business of professional rugby league is in itself a story of success. Long may that success continue.

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CLUB WEEKEND IN PARIS

AS I write this, Tuesday morning, I am having to force my eyes open, as we didn't return from the club trip to Paris until 2.30am this morning due to a delay at Charles de Gaulle Airport. This did not however spoil, what turned out to be a very enjoyable and successful weekend away for 24 fans and club staff and officials. I say 24, there were actually 26 of us, but two turned out to be 'Hairnets' supporters, who we failed to lose in Paris. The trip was full of humorous incidents, but the best was probably Frank Pullen trying to catch the attention of a particularly lethargic Parisian waiter who appeared to be studiously ignoring him. In the end he decided to stand up and wave his hands and shout to him. Instead of shouting 'Garcon; however he let rip with 'Croissant' much to everybody's amazement and ultimate amusement. The Parisian driver of the number 21 bus is also still getting over the shock of Frank jumping out in front of him again waving his arms for him to stop, which he duly did only for Frank to ask him to 'Hang on', until the other 6 of them ran round the corner to get on the bus. There seems to have been a lot of arm waving in general as the other incident that comes to mind is of Chairman Chris remonstrating with the very camp proprietor of a seedy bar at about 2.00am on Sunday morning who was trying to con us out of a lot of Euros.

Seriously though it was a great weekend and because of the generosity of people donating raffle prizes and those buying raffle tickets raised over £1200 for the club. Probably the most sought after prize was a signed edition shirt (one of only 25 produced) from last year's Grand Final. A special vote of thanks must go to Chris who organised the weekend and acted as Courier and raffle ticket seller supreme.

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A PROFILE OF JOHN HOLDSWORTH

IN 1975/76, after my retirement as a senior referee, I was called in to see David Oxley, who had concerns about recruiting 'A' team referees to senior level.

The rise from the Lancashire Combination and the Yorkshire Senior Competition to senior matches was a lottery, luck was always a factor, e.g. if you were seen having a good game or two in the 'A' team games by some official or club director, one or the other might give the nod to the hierarchy. (There is no doubt these nods were very much influenced by whether their teams had actually won these games or not.) David Oxley asked me if I would be interested in following certain referees in 'A' team football, and judging their suitability for promotion.

One such referee was John Holdsworth who had established a good reputation in the Yorkshire amateur ranks: subsequently I sought advice from senior touch judges, and was told that John was worthy of my attention. Finding that on a particular Saturday he would be refereeing a game which might test him, namely Leigh Miners v Latchford Albion, (in previous meetings no prisoners had been taken) and would be supported by two very senior touch judges, I decided to attend the game.



John Holdsworth

I met John before the game and then went onto the pitch which was roped all around and spectators lined three or four deep in eager anticipation of another referee going like a lamb to the slaughter. They were in for a shock, however, this referee was a different kettle of fish, and by half time, each team were down to 11 players, John having sent off four players for foul play.

Both sets of spectators were incensed, but the more they showed their disapproval the more penalties were awarded. It was the touch judges however that were closest to the spectators ire and on more than one occasion were showered with beer. John controlled the game brilliantly, he was very fit, and his decisions were speedy and impartial. I decided that I had unearthed a referee of real quality, and ultimately he was given top 'A' team games.

It so happened that the York R.L. Club were about to hire temporary floodlights and an 'A' team game was to take place to test them. David Oxley agreed to my request that John Holdsworth should referee the game and thereby be given the opportunity to impress the officials that would be present. Afterwards, David Oxley agreed that John should be tried in a senior game and accordingly was appointed to referee at Huyton. This would entail him controlling Geoff Fletcher who was capable of trying to run a game himself and was often successful in his endeavours. John, however, was not overawed, he controlled the game well and even earned praise from 'Fletch'.

Eventually he was confirmed as a Senior referee and went on to referee many top games, Wembley, twice and the first game between the champions of the R.F.L. and Brisbane. This was another 'toughie' at Central Park, but proved to be well within his capabilities.

He always trained conscientiously and I confirmed this when my wife and I were on holiday in Rhodes; one very hot morning when I set off for my morning paper, I saw, in the distance, some guy running on the other side of the road wreathed in sweat. My first reaction was that this was some 'prat' trying to impress by running in the high 80's, but it turned out to be John Holdsworth, determined to have his daily morning work out, whether on holiday or not. This was typical of the dedication he gave to the job of refereeing despite all the abuse he and his fellow referees received on a weekly basis and of course nothing has changed nowadays.

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TOPIC OF THE DAY

OLDHAM DUCK EGGS

AFTER THE series on Oldham's and Rugby League's greatest players I thought it might be fun to reflect on a few of the less glorious signings made down the ages, so here goes:

Undoubtedly the greatest duck egg ever signed by Oldham was ARTHUR ROWE. The international shot putter signed for £1000 in 1962 took the money and never made a first team appearance. Still, for a while Oldham basked in the national publicity generated by their expensive mistake.

Two decades later Oldham took BARRY KEAR on trial. His trial matches in 1975 were sensational and hard up Oldham took up a blanket collection to help raise the cash to sign him. Duly signed Kear went on to make 36 appearances for the Roughyeds but never again hit the form of his trial games. He eventually returned to his native Castleford, promise unfulfilled, and made a living running a fish and chip shop.

1992-93 saw HUGH GUMBS appear 15 times in Oldham colours, mainly on the left wing. Despite a powerful physique Gumbs rarely threatened the opposition and was more of a laugh than a talent, I believe he'd been offloaded by Bradford and left Oldham, I think for Hunslet and obscurity. An original big waste of space.

By way of contrast, when Oldham signed DEREK PYKE in 1990 they secured the services of a top class ball-playing prop who had starred with Widnes and Leigh and had a World Club Championship winners medal to boast of after appearing for Widnes against Penrith Panthers at Old Trafford. The trouble was that Pyke only had one good knee. He managed just 5 games in the red and white before admitting defeat. Widnes meanwhile were laughing all the way to the bank.

1993 brought CRAIG RICHARDS from Odsal to Watersheddings. Built like Lennox Lewis you would have put Richards down as a hard hitter and one who could punch a hole in the best of defences. "fraid not: he'd have been hard pressed to break out of a paper bag. 16 appearances and 14 substitutions in two separate spells were 30 outings too many. Nevertheless Richards was able to do the rounds after leaving and must have contributed something useful somewhere.

1982-83 saw TERRY BILSBURY appear in an Oldham shirt 8 times. a Championship winner with Leigh and the talented centre partner to the great Des Drummond, Bilsbury should have been a brilliant signing. To this day I don't know what Leigh knew and Oldham didn't, but he was another who went out with a whimper.

The Peter Tunks 'swap shop' era produced some gems. Two of these came from St. Helens. Back row forward PAUL JONES managed 3 outings and four substitutions, before disappearing in 1992-3. Meanwhile, former Salford and Great Britain hooker PAUL GROVES arrived from Knowsley Road to make a undistinguished 6 appearances for Oldham before never being heard of again.

JEFF EDWARDS, of course, has a place in Roughyeds folklore as the only player ever transferred in exchange for a turnstile. Frank Myler had this idea that games were won and lost in the middle of the park and famously turned down the chance to sign Des Drummond, the outstanding and biggest crowd pulling wingman of his day. Instead Oldham made do with Edwards on one wing and PAUL SHERMAN on the other. Not surprisingly there were times when I thought the turnstile would have been more use on the wing than Edwards was.

A bit more up to date provides a couple more duck egg signings. To all intents and purposes ex-Saint DANNY ARNOLD should have been a great signing. A proven try-scorer and still on nodding terms with Super League at Salford Arnold never distinguished himself at Boundary Park, apparently thinking himself too good for the level he was appearing at.

Finally for now, (because it's certainly a subject well worth returning to if the Editor permits) how about EMMANUEL PERRALTA? This poor man's Danny Guest was supposed to be an impact player but he would definitely record 'nul points' in any European assessment. A ten minute blow out was about his maximum and the most distinguished thing about him was that his abbreviated name - MANU - could be arranged to indicate a rather good football team.

G. C.

Stat Attack

APPEARANCES & SCORERS (35 FIXTURES TO DATE) 2001-2002

PLAYER	APPEARANCES	SUBSTITUTIONS	TRIES	GOALS	DROP GOALS	POINTS
M. SIBSON	26	5	17			68
G. DODD	23	3	6			24
D. GIBBONS	28	2	9			36
J. GODDARD	33		10			40
J. MCNICHOLAS	31		15			60
J. BRADDISH	19	4	7	63	3	156
N. RODEN	25	7	17		5	74
S. KNOX	3					
J. HOUGH	32		10			40
J. CLEGG	23	11				
P. FARRELL	17	2	5			20
B. HENARE	29	2	10			40
L. DORAN	30	5	9			36
T. HODGKINSON	2					
G. BARBER	23	11	13	66	1	185
D. GUEST	4	24				
L. CASEY	1	3				
W. COWELL	9	13	5			20
K. BRENNAN	16	7	8	9		50
A. PROCTOR		8				
P. NORTON	22	3	5			20
A. GIBBONS	19	3	7			28
D. FOSTER	5	1	5			20
A. MURRAY		4				
S. MOLLOY	20	3	2		1	9
D. LACEY		3	1			4
C. CAMPBELL	6	5	3			12
D. NEWTON		2				
R. STAZICKER		2				
J. HAYES	10		6			24
S. BROWN		1				
G. JOHNSON	1	4				

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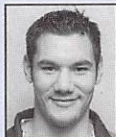
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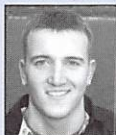
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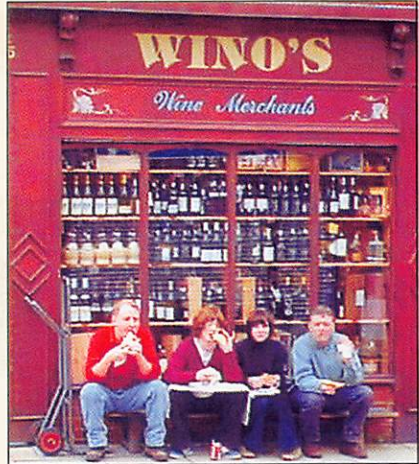
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3	Huddersfield	L 18-28	3191
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15	Sheffield Eagles	W 25-6	1095
24	FEATHERSTONE	W 23-12	1533
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2	DEWSBURY R. (NC)	W 47-12	1056
7	Huddersfield G. (NC)	L 16-44	2687
21	Hunslet Hawks (NC)	W 56-10	747
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5	BATLEY B. (NC)	W 40-16	1204
12	HUDDERSFIELD (NC/F)	L 16-36	1699
23	ROCHDALE HORNETS	L 24-28	1050
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2	Keighley Cougars	W 34-32	1188
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23	BATLEY BULLDOGS	L 26-34	1058
30	Hunslet Hawks	W 34-20	679
JULY			
7	LEIGH	L 22-26	1,526
14	Chorley Lynx	W 52-10	605
21	Whitehaven	L 17-20	1,010
28	HUDDERSFIELD	L 30-32	1,339
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4	HUNSLET HAWKS	W 24-16	907
11	Batley Bulldogs	D 20-20	1,013
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