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### CLUB HONOURS

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Challenge Cup Winners                      | 1921-22                               |
| Lancashire Cup Winners                     | 1918-19                               |
| Lancashire Cup Winners                     | 1911-12, 1914-15,<br>1918-19          |
| Beaten Finalists                           | 1912-13, 1919-20,<br>1965-66, 1990-91 |
| Regal Trophy Beaten<br>Finalists           | 1973-74                               |
| BBC2 Floodlight Trophy<br>Beaten Finalists | 1971-72                               |

### CLUB RECORDS

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Debut Season                            | 1895-96   |
| Biggest Victory, 98-0<br>v York Wasps   | 2000-01   |
| Heaviest Defeat, 10-82<br>v Hull Sharks | 1999-2000 |

### Most Tries

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| In a career - 103, J. Williams                                 | 1931-37                     |
| In a season - 31, M. Billy                                     | 2000-01                     |
| In a match - 5, J. Corsi, M. Billy<br>J. Williams, N. Brelford | 1921-22<br>1933, 1972, 2001 |

### Most Goals

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| In a career - 733, W.Gowers  | 1922-36 |
| In a season - 150, M. Strett | 1994-95 |
| In a match - 14, S. Turner   | 1989    |

### Most Points

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| In a career - 1481, W.Gowers | 1922-36 |
| In a season - 350, M. Nanyin | 2002-03 |
| In a match - 32, S. Turner   | 1988-89 |

### Most Appearances

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| 455, W.Gowers | 1922-36 |
|---------------|---------|

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# Bobbie's View



What a wonderful afternoon in the Leigh sunshine last week!

I was immensely proud of all 17 players and I certainly have a selection headache today.

Proud as I was of the players I was also delighted with the level of support the team received, it gave the lads a tremendous boost and silenced the home crowd. Keep it up today!

The victory at Leigh vastly improves our chances of avoiding relegation but we now have the business end of the season with five home games on the trot. Our fate will be decided in the coming weeks and what better way to start than facing our old rivals and neighbours Oldham?

The lads will be up for it as will everyone at the Club.

*Bobbie*

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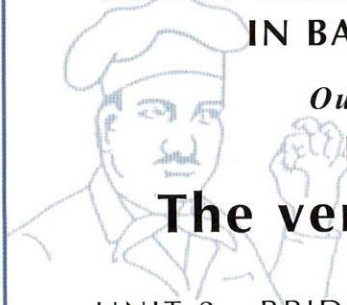


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## Boardroom Brief

Today we will be offering a very warm welcome to all the Board Members, Officials, Players and Supporters of Oldham who have made the short journey for today's LHF Healthplan National League One game here at Spotland.

We also want to welcome today's sponsors and trust they have a wonderful day's entertainment.

Every year when the fixtures are published the first games most Hornets supporters will look for are the "derby" fixtures against Oldham. There is always a little bit more excitement about the place on derby day and a little bit more tension. There is always the desire to want to win any game, but against your nearest neighbour victory is always a bit sweeter and defeat more difficult to accept.

Over the last few years the tension and excitement has translated itself into a number of memorable games, with both sides able to point to resounding victories and coming out on top in close scrapes. We have usually been richly entertained. Looking forward to today's fixture there is no reason to believe that it will be anything other than another tightly contested match.

Oldham come into the game in the knowledge that another win will keep them well in the hunt for a play-off spot. They are currently lying in fourth spot but are only two points in front of the team just outside the play-off zone. It is very tight so the pressure is on to keep picking up the points.

On the other hand the pressure is also on us. We have had a number of good performances of late but still find ourselves in a precarious position. In addition we have played each other four times already this season and have yet to come out on top.

Of course we can go into this fixture with a lot more confidence than in some of the earlier ones. Our form is good and last week we saw an exceptional performance and result at Leigh so everyone has been bubbling all week.

Even allowing for the improvement we have witnessed in recent weeks, the 44-18 scoreline was an extremely pleasant surprise, especially as Bobbie Goulding had to juggle the pack a bit in terms of the team. All seventeen players were magnificent on the day and the result breaks something of a hoodoo. For a number of years, even when we were playing well ourselves, we rarely beat the very top sides.

Hopefully that result will reinforce the growing belief in the squad that we can again begin to compete with the best in the Division. It provides a sound basis for kicking-on towards the end of the season and with a run of five home fixtures, starting today, to achieve our first priority, safety from relegation. We can then seriously think about the foundations that have been put down this year which give us a solid base for building towards next season.

# Our Visitors in Focus

## CLUB HONOURS

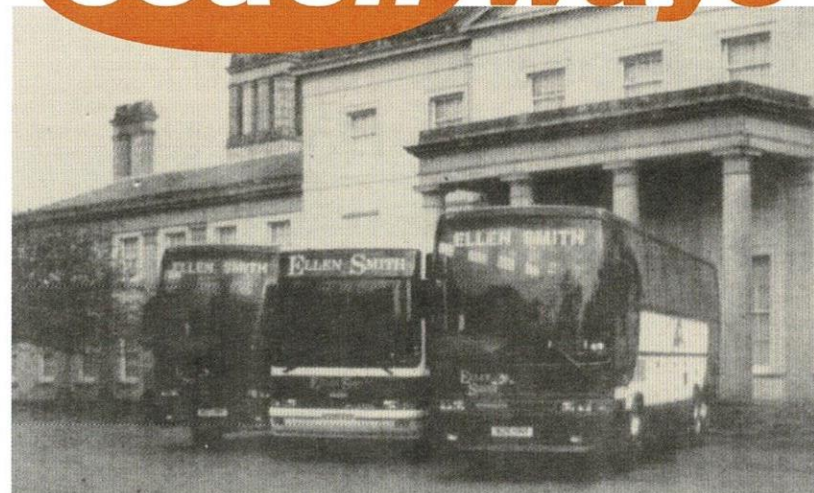
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Second Division : 1963-64, 1981-82, 1987-88  
Divisional Premiership : 1988, 1992

## 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

**Player Coach - Steve Molloy** - Oldham's Player-Coach is a vastly experienced front row forward. He had a loan spell for his hometown club in 2000 and then joined the Roughyeds from Batley in March 2002. Was the obvious choice as Player-Coach when John Harbin left in July 2002. Has captained England and was in the 1996 GB party that toured New Zealand. Has played for Featherstone, Sheffield, Warrington, Huddersfield and Leeds. Is looking to this season to capitalise on all he learned in his first full season as a coach in 2003.

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## OLDHAM 2004 SQUAD - PEN PICTURES

**Gavin Johnson** - A back row forward who can also fill in at centre or wing. He has been joined this season by brother Nik. Gavin also spent two seasons with the Bradford academy side before joining Oldham in 2000. He broke into the first team in 2002 but two serious injuries have restricted his progress.

**Nik Johnson** - 20-year-old winger and another Oldham born youngster returning "home" after originally signing for a Super League club, in his case Bradford Bulls. The younger brother of Oldham forward Gavin Johnson, Nick was a GB academy international. Stockily built and unusually solid for a winger, Nick lacks nothing in pace.

**Martin McLoughlin** - 23-year-old Martin is a Wiganer and was in the same form at school as Neil Roden. Worked his way through the Wigan Academy and Alliance system. After a successful season at Barrow he was the target for many clubs for 2003 but chose Oldham. Is proving to be a strong and powerful front row man.

**Iain Marsh** - 23-year-old St Helens lad who plays centre of winger. Played for Salford for 5 years, including some Super League appearances, before joining St Helens. Joined Oldham in 2003 and played consistently in the centre. A solid defender and very strong finisher who was having a big season when he suffered a serious knee injury.

**Lee Marsh** - A product of the amateur game in St Helens, when he was released by the City Reds at the end of the 2003 season he chose to sign for the Roughyeds. Play anywhere, Lee is at home in several positions but he lists loose forward as his favourite with stand-off close behind.

**Dane Morgan** - Oldham's big Aussie prop or second rower joined in February. He hit a rich vein of form at the end of last season and proved to be one of the best off loaders of a ball outside of Super League. He lives in Oldham and works part-time for the Oldham Evening Chronicle. Voted the Junior Roughyeds Player of the Year in 2003.

**Neil Roden** - Joined the Roughyeds along with Phil Farrell from Wigan in April. Very popular with his teammates, he was Player's Player of the Year in 2002 when he was also the club's leading try scorer. Has a phenomenal appearance and point scoring record at Oldham. Surely one of the best scrum half's outside of Super League.

**Paul Southern** - 26-year-old front row forward who, like Ian Watson, was also a major influence last year in the Hornets camp. Big and strong he is known to be a clever ball handler. Spent most of his career with Salford – much of it in Super League and comes to Oldham to "prop-up" the front row following the departures of Paul Norton, Jason Clegg and Danny Guest.

**Simon Svabic** - Signed from Leigh at the end of the 2002 campaign. Simon battled for the standoff and goal kicking spot with Gareth Barber last season. Simon has proved himself a skilful play maker and consistently good goal kicker. Shows great guile and is now part of one of the league's strongest half back squads.

**Ian Watson** - Aged 27, Ian is one of the most experienced scrumhalves in the game. Capped numerous times for Wales, he played most of his career with Salford City Reds, with whom he had considerable experience in Super League. A playmaker and midfield organiser, he was a key man in the Hornets team that finished third in National League Division One last term.

**Pat Rich** - Holds the Club's goals in a season and points in a season records for the season 2000-2001. He retired from the pro game to further his law studies, returning at the beginning of this season and soon regained a regular centre spot for himself. Has once again taken on the goal kicking responsibilities and is getting back to the supreme accuracy that was his hall-mark.

## OLDHAM 2004 SQUAD - PEN PICTURES

**Gareth Barber** - A 22-year-old goal-kicking half back who began his professional career with Warrington before signing for his hometown club at the start of the 2000/01 season. He's fighting to make the stand-off spot his own against tough opposition from Neil Roden, Simon Svabic and the up and coming Academy player Paul Bennett. Gareth can also play at centre.

**Keith Brennan** - A hugely versatile player who, although preferring scrum half can also play out half and hooker. Keith hung up his boots at the start of last season but soon missed the action and was training with the lads and in first team contention very soon. Signed for Oldham in 1999.

**Jon Roper** - Versatile strong centre or second row forward who has recently joined the club from Halifax as part of the deal that took James Bunyan to Halifax. Had a successful season at Hornets last year and brings Super League experience to the side having previously played for Warrington.

**Will Cowell** - Played 18 times in Super League for Warrington this 23-year-old Cumbrian, joined Oldham on the advice of former Warrington coach Darryl van der Velde. Will can play wing, centre or full back but prefers full back.

**Gavin Dodd** - Former Royton Tigers youngster, who had a spell with Bradford Bulls Academy. Pacey and happy at full back or on the wing he was the clubs leading try scorer last season and has represented GB students and the GB under 21's squad.

**Lee Doran** - Still only 21 years of age Doran has worked his way through the Academy and Alliance teams at Oldham and is now probably the first name on the team sheet. Has only missed one game in the last two seasons. Although basically a second row forward, Lee played at centre for the latter part of last season and proved to be a prolific try scorer. Represented Ireland in the World Cup.

**Martin Elwood** - tall and fast, 20 year Martin is an Oldham lad, who lives in Shaw. Spotted playing for Royton Tigers by Huddersfield Giants and he was there for a couple of seasons. Jumped at the chance of a move to his hometown club in the autumn of 2003. Originally a centre, he now plays in the second row, where he sees his future.

**Phil Farrell** - At 23 Phil is one of the youngest club captains in the game. Brother of GB captain Andy Farrell he joined Oldham from Wigan in March 2000 where he began a remarkable run of 67 matches. Played most of his career at second row but was converted to loose forward last season. Voted the Players Player of the Year in 2003.

**Craig Farrimond** - Became a Roughyed on his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday at the end of the 2003 season. Craig plays second row or loose forward. A Wiganer, who played his early rugby with Ince Rose Bridge before turning pro for Warrington Wolves. He represented Super League under 21's last season against National League U21's at Leigh. Unfortunately he was plagued with injuries this season.

**Jon Goddard** - Jon signed a full time contract in 2003 and was one of the most consistent players all season, winning the Coach's choice as Player of the Year. Jon was reared in Castleford Youth & Schools rugby before going to the Jungle, playing three times in Super League. Played most of his rugby at Oldham in the centre, but successfully switched to full back half way through last season.

**John Hough** - Seen by many as the best hooker outside Super League. "Scruff" was born in Oldham but signed for Warrington as a youngster. Was the first player to sign for the newly formed "Roughyeds" in 1997 and has since played over 170 matches scoring over 50 tries. Is at present the club's vice captain but has been out for most of the season with a serious knee injury.

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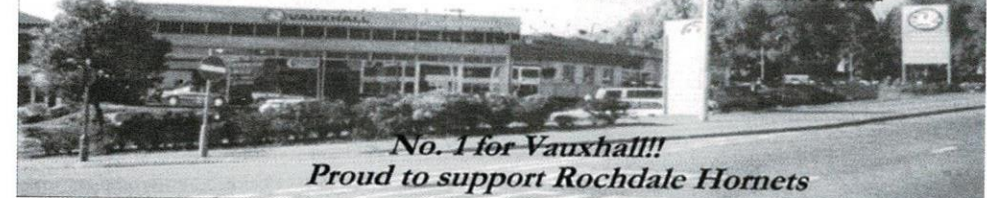
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## NATIONAL LEAGUE TALK

with GARETH WALKER of RUGBY LEAGUER & LEAGUE EXPRESS



### Shock of the season

By GARETH WALKER of Rugby Leaguer & League Express

IT'S often said that a week is a long time in Rugby League - and rarely can that have been more relevant than this month.

Last week's article for this column was effectively asking the question: "Can any team stop Leigh Centurions winning LHF Healthplan National League One?" That very weekend, the Centurions were stunned by what some people have labelled the result of the season in any competition - as Rochdale Hornets, second from bottom in NL1, stunned them 44-18 at the Coliseum.

The Spotland club has come a long, long way in the few months since their very existence was threatened at the end of last year. The club has had to ensure a major financial overhaul, and directors now report a much steadier ship.

But it is on the field where the real impression has been made. Bobbie Goulding arrived at the club with a long list of Rugby League clubs behind him, and more than a few observers predicting he would fail within a matter of months.

With only two contracted players at Spotland - and both of those, MickNanyn and Casey Mayberry, would soon join other clubs - Goulding had nothing to work with. Most other players in the competition had signed with other teams, so Goulding was forced to use all of his contacts in getting together a side full of amateurs, students and Academies players from Super League sides. There was also a sprinkling of experienced figures, such as Lee Hansen and Tommy Hodgkinson.

Hornets started slowly, and were the only NL1 side not to progress past the group stages of the Arriva Trains Cup. They then lost their opening five NL1 matches and were firmly rooted to the foot of the table. But victory at Keighley, followed by a terrific win over Hull KR and a draw at Featherstone, hinted they had turned the corner.

Much of that was put down to the inspirational playing return of Goulding. But the player boss didn't name himself for the game against the Centurions, and a host of other first choice players were also left out. And Hornets' spirited side still managed to pull off their magnificent win - which not only boosts their hopes to avoid relegation, but gives hope to every other club in NL1, with many predicting Leigh to walk away with the competition.

It also went a long way to proving that nothing is a sure thing in the National Leagues.

A full report of today's game will appear in Monday's edition of 'Rugby Leaguer & League Express'.

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|--|--|--|------------------|----|-------------------------|----|--|--|--|
|  |  |  | Michael Platt    | 1  | Full Back               | 1  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Andy Saywell     | 2  | Right Wing              | 2  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Mark McCully     | 3  | Right Centre            | 3  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Dave Alstead     | 4  | Left Centre             | 4  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Chris Campbell   | 5  | Left Wing               | 5  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | John Braddish    | 6  | Stand Off               | 6  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Bobbie Goulding  | 7  | Scrum Half              | 7  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Tommy Hodgkinson | 8  | O/S Prop                | 8  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Darren Robinson  | 9  | Hooker                  | 9  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Gareth Price     | 10 | B/S Prop                | 10 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Andy Gorski      | 11 | O/S 2 <sup>nd</sup> Row | 11 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Darren Shaw      | 12 | B/S 2 <sup>nd</sup> Row | 12 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Dave Cunliffe    | 13 | Lse Forward             | 13 |  |  |  |

|  |  |  |                 |    |              |    |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|-----------------|----|--------------|----|--|--|--|
|  |  |  | Janan Billings  | 14 | Substitute 1 | 14 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Sam Butterworth | 15 | Substitute 2 | 15 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Lee Hansen      | 16 | Substitute 3 | 16 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Mark Costello   | 17 | Substitute 4 | 17 |  |  |  |

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|  |  |  |                   |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|-------------------|--|--|--|
|  |  |  | Jon Goddard       |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Will Cowell       |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Iain Marsh        |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Jon Roper         |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Nick Johnson      |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Lee Marsh         |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Ian Watson        |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Paul Southern     |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Keith Brennan     |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Martin McLaughlin |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Lee Doran         |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Dane Morgan       |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Phil Farrell      |  |  |  |

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Mr. P. Taberner

Touch Judges: Mr. S. Wright, Mr. L. Todd

Reserve Referee: Mr. M. D. Thomason

Match Commissioner: Mr. J. Holdsworth

|                |        |        |
|----------------|--------|--------|
| For the record | H/Time | F/Time |
| Hornets        |        |        |
| Opponents      |        |        |
| Attendance     |        |        |

# 2004 FIXTURES & RESULTS

| Date    | Opponents         | H/A | KO   | Score | Att   |
|---------|-------------------|-----|------|-------|-------|
| 1/2/04  | Hunslet Hawks ATC | A   | 3.30 | 8-24  | 519   |
| 8/2/04  | DINAMO MOSCOW CC3 | H   | 3.00 | 60-24 | 707   |
| 15/2/04 | HALIFAX ATC       | H   | 3.00 | 14-33 | 1,343 |
| 22/2/04 | KEIGHLEY ATC      | H   | 3.00 | 18-14 | 762   |
| 28/2/04 | WARRINGTON CC4    | H   | 3.00 | 0-80  | 6,761 |
| 7/3/04  | Halifax ATC       | A   | 3.00 | 6-21  | 2,096 |
| 21/3/04 | HUNSLET ATC       | H   | 3.00 | 37-6  | 674   |
| 28/3/04 | Oldham ATC        | A   | 3.00 | 12-56 | 1,214 |
| 4/4/04  | Keighley ATC      | A   | 3.00 | 14-14 | 1,171 |
| 9/4/04  | OLDHAM ATC        | H   | 7.30 | 12-48 | 1,305 |
| 12/4/04 | Batley            | A   | 3.00 | 12-48 | 639   |
| 18/4/04 | WHITEHAVEN        | H   | 3.00 | 12-46 | 702   |
| 2/5/04  | Featherstone      | A   | 3.00 | 12-58 | 1,098 |
| 9/5/04  | LEIGH             | H   | 3.00 | 24-74 | 1,303 |
| 23/5/04 | Oldham            | A   | 3.00 | 24-26 | 1,234 |
| 30/5/04 | Keighley          | A   | 3.00 | 46-32 | 1,041 |
| 13/6/04 | Doncaster         | A   | 3.00 | 13-38 | 645   |
| 20/6/04 | Halifax           | A   | 3.00 | 14-15 | 1,301 |
| 4/7/04  | HULL KR           | H   | 3.00 | 36-18 | 1,094 |
| 11/7/04 | Whitehaven        | A   | 3.00 | 14-30 | 1,654 |
| 25/7/04 | FEATHERSTONE      | H   | 3.00 | 12-12 | 804   |
| 1/8/04  | Leigh             | A   | 3.00 | 44-18 | 1,662 |
| 8/8/04  | OLDHAM            | H   | 3.00 |       |       |
| 15/8/04 | KEIGHLEY          | H   | 3.00 |       |       |
| 22/8/04 | DONCASTER         | H   | 3.00 |       |       |
| 29/8/04 | HALIFAX           | H   | 3.00 |       |       |
| 5/9/04  | BATLEY            | H   | 3.00 |       |       |
| 12/9/04 | Hull KR           | A   | 3.00 |       |       |
| 19/9/04 | NL 1 PLAY OFFS    |     |      |       |       |

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|                  | P  | Sub | Tries | Dg | Goal | Pts |
|------------------|----|-----|-------|----|------|-----|
| David Alstead    | 3  | -   | 1     | -  | -    | 4   |
| Paul Anderson    | 12 | -   | 3     | -  | -    | 12  |
| Rob Ball         | 15 | 2   | -     | -  | -    | 0   |
| Janan Billings   | 11 | 9   | 2     | -  | -    | 8   |
| Lee Birdseye     | 15 | 4   | 6     | -  | 51   | 126 |
| Danny Butler     | 1  | -   | -     | -  | -    | 0   |
| Sam Butterworth  | 9  | 9   | 5     | 1  | 6    | 33  |
| John Braddish    | 18 | 2   | 2     | -  | 15   | 38  |
| Chris Campbell   | 16 | -   | 10    | -  | -    | 40  |
| Mark Costello    | 2  | 13  | 2     | -  | -    | 8   |
| Dave Cunliffe    | 12 | -   | 4     | -  | -    | 16  |
| Bobbie Goulding  | 3  | 1   | 1     | -  | 4    | 12  |
| Andy Grundy      | 2  | 7   | -     | -  | -    | 0   |
| Andy Gorski      | 21 | -   | 9     | -  | -    | 36  |
| Lee Hansen       | 9  | 7   | -     | -  | -    | 0   |
| Tommy Hodgkinson | 5  | 11  | -     | -  | -    | 0   |
| Tony Kirwin      | -  | 4   | -     | -  | -    | 0   |
| Andy Leathem     | 12 | 4   | -     | -  | -    | 0   |
| Mark McCully     | 7  | -   | 2     | -  | -    | 8   |
| Liam McGovan     | 5  | 1   | 1     | -  | -    | 4   |
| Komai Naulumatua | 1  | -   | 1     | -  | -    | 4   |
| David Newton     | 7  | 5   | 1     | -  | -    | 4   |
| Michael Platt    | 18 | -   | 5     | -  | -    | 20  |
| Kevin Picton     | 2  | -   | 1     | -  | -    | 4   |
| Gareth Price     | 14 | -   | 4     | -  | -    | 16  |
| Chris Ratcliffe  | 5  | 6   | 2     | -  | -    | 8   |
| Darren Robinson  | 8  | 1   | 4     | -  | -    | 16  |
| Andrew Saywell   | 5  | 1   | 3     | -  | -    | 12  |
| Darren Shaw      | 19 | -   | -     | -  | -    | 0   |
| Matt Sturm       | 3  | 1   | -     | -  | -    | 0   |
| Lepani Soro      | 2  | -   | -     | -  | -    | 0   |
| Alex Taylor      | 1  | -   | -     | -  | -    | 0   |
| Richard Varkulis | 3  | -   | 3     | -  | -    | 12  |
| Ashley Westmore  | 1  | -   | -     | -  | -    | 0   |
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Keighley Cougars v Leigh Centurions

**LHF Healthplan National League One  
as at 2nd August 2004**

|                      | P  | W | D | L  | F   | A   | Diff | Pts |
|----------------------|----|---|---|----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Leigh Centurions     | 12 | 9 | 0 | 3  | 486 | 249 | 237  | 18  |
| Whitehaven           | 12 | 9 | 0 | 3  | 362 | 215 | 147  | 18  |
| Doncaster Dragons    | 12 | 8 | 0 | 4  | 336 | 310 | 26   | 16  |
| Oldham               | 12 | 7 | 0 | 5  | 322 | 342 | -20  | 14  |
| Featherstone Rovers  | 12 | 6 | 1 | 5  | 339 | 347 | -8   | 13  |
| Batley Bulldogs      | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6  | 338 | 287 | 51   | 12  |
| Hull Kingston Rovers | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6  | 281 | 282 | -1   | 12  |
| Halifax              | 12 | 4 | 0 | 8  | 240 | 303 | -63  | 8   |
| ROCHDALE HORNETS     | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8  | 268 | 415 | -147 | 7   |
| Keighley Cougars     | 12 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 240 | 462 | -222 | 2   |

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### **Next Up**

Keighley Cougars are our next opponents here at Spotland on Sunday, 15th August, 2004 in the LHF Healthplan National League One. Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Hopefully Hornets will turn on the style in the knowledge that victory would almost certainly see them consign the Cougars to bottom place and certain relegation. The two points would also be invaluable to Hornets as they pursue League One safety.

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## **LOOKING BACK TO 4 in a row**

Rochdale Hornets and Oldham go into today's fixture having already met 4 times this season. What's more Oldham have won all of those previous encounters. Things were much different in September 2002. It was Hornets who went into the Play-Off game on the back of four wins and had high hopes of progressing to the next stage.

Hornets' derby winning streak had started almost 10 months previous, in November 2001 with a solid 27-14 victory in the A.J. Law Cup. Dominating the game from the outset and well worth their 16-2 half-time lead, Hornets had a number of new signings on parade, and three of them, Richard Pachniuk, Matty Long and Richard Agar (two tries and two goals) opened their scoring account. A Marlon Billy try, Danny Sculthorpe drop goal and Danny Wood conversion completed the scoring for Hornets. Oldham's reply came from Brennan and Henare with Braddish kicking three goals.

By contrast to a trophy that has been in existence for over 80 years, the next fixture between the two sides was in the inaugural Buddies National Cup on 29 March. This was to prove to be the first of a series of tight contests with Hornets easing home 14-13 in front of 2,096 fans. Tries from Sean Cooper and Matt Calland plus Danny Wood's 3 goals proved to be just enough. Oldham's scores came through McNicholas, a Roden drop goal and Braddish (4 goals). In a script that was to repeat itself later in the season a late Danny Wood goal put Hornets in front in the dying minutes of a game that Oldham probably thought they would hang on to.

The only game to have been played on Oldham's turf resulted in a 28-24 victory for Hornets. The key period was a six minute spell early in the second half when Hornets scored three tries through Paul Owen (two) and Matt Calland. Hornets other scores were Warren Ayres and Iain Higgins with Danny Wood kicking 4 goals. At one time Hornets appeared to be coasting but late tries from Brennan and David Gibbons set up a grandstand finale. Oldham's other scores came from Barber and Campbell (two), Brennan kicked two goals.

The match on 18 August was another pulsating affair. Played in part during a torrential downpour both sides enjoyed spells of dominance and the lead. Oldham fought back from 10-4 down to hold a 10-17 lead at halftime and even with a converted Paul Smith try against then, looked capable of holding out. A disputed penalty for offside provided the turning point, giving Danny Wood the chance to slot a long range kick and secure the valuable two points for Hornets. Hornets other scores came from Mayberry and Pachniuk with Ayres kicking 2 goals. Oldham's scorers were Goddard, Doran and Barber (2 goals and one drop goal).

As for the fifth instalment, it just went to prove that past form is no indicator of the likely outcome. Hornets never got started and slumped to a 20-6 defeat.

Like Oldham fans in 2002, for many Hornets fans victory today will go a little way towards erasing the painful memory of the last four defeats.

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| <b><u>NICKNAME</u></b>   | Dobbo  |
| <b><u>BIRTH DATE</u></b>   | 28 May 1979  |
| <b><u>BIRTHPLACE</u></b>   | Leeds  |
| <b><u>OCCUPATION</u></b>   | Route Planner  |
| <b><u>PREVIOUS CLUBS</u></b>   | Oldham, Rochdale, Sheffield  |
| <b><u>HONOURS</u></b>  | None yet   |
| <b><u>MOST MEMORABLE<br/>MOMENT IN THE GAME</u></b>  | Beating Leigh in 2001 after<br>coming back from breaking my<br>jaw |
| <b><u>WORST MOMENT IN<br/>THE GAME</u></b>   | Losing "that" Semi-final to<br>Oldham                              |
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| <b><u>YOUNG PLAYER TO<br/>WATCH AT HORNETS</u></b>   | Bobbie Goulding  |
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