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## Chairman's Viewpoint

from Neil Hudgell



We return to league action (briefly!) this afternoon with the visit of Oldham when we will be looking to complete our first league double of the season. This seems slightly premature given that we have yet to face almost half the other teams in the competition. I am reliably told that our visitors are starting to find their feet after a difficult start to the season when they struggled to even put out a team. We have been happy to help them with the season long loan of Desi Williams and we will be particularly interested to see how he fares this afternoon.

After today we obviously turn our attention to the quarter final of the Challenge Cup and the "plum" tie against Warrington Wolves here at Craven Park.

From my point of view what I want to see is how well we cope with hosting a Super League side before a large crowd, live on TV with a substantial national media presence. I will leave Justin to care of what happens on the field. What I want to be able to show to the Rugby League authorities is that we are progressing with the infrastructure of the club in the right direction.

task and one where we are second favourites. One crumb of comfort however is that we are at home.

In the next few weeks we are also at home in the semi-final of the Northern Rail Cup to Doncaster with a league fixture sandwiched in between against Whitehaven. On top of that of course is a mid week game at Doncaster being re-arranged because of next weekend's game. From my perspective I will be interested to see how Justin rotates his team to keep them fresh and ready for what is a very heavy programme ahead of us.

I would particularly like to welcome into the club Chris Hamilton and his fellow Directors, officials and supporters of the Oldham club. I am sure it will not be long before they pick up their first league points under the guidance of Steve Deakin but obviously I hope that will not be at the expense of ourselves this afternoon.

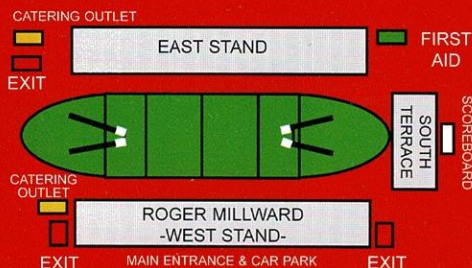
Certainly bar management, turnstile operations, car parking and general traffic flow around the stadium are high on the list of priorities this week and next in the run up to that game.

I hardly think we can complain about our luck with cup draws this season. Warrington is obviously a daunting

It only remains for me to welcome today our match day sponsors namely Simpson Seafoods, KwikFrames, Sutton Designs, Waverley TBS and Co-operative Funeralcare.

Come on you Rovers!

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## Playing Matters

from Justin Morgan



AS USUAL first things first and a very warm welcome to Oldham players and fans alike for this afternoon's match at Craven Park.

And a special welcome to Oldham coach Steve Deakin who is an old friend not only from the time we were both in France together with our respective teams.

It is good see him back in the game coaching and with his home town club too. He did a great job in France and he will get the best out of Oldham too.

From a Rovers' point of view this weekend sees the start of a busy spell.

We have today's game, followed by the Challenge Cup tie against Warrington, then a mid-week match against Doncaster followed by a visit from Whitehaven.

Now is the time we will see the importance of having a full squad and it is also important the players take good care of themselves off the field to stay on top of things.

Last week we were a bit guilty of turning up with not quite the right attitude and maybe for the first 20 minutes you could say we hardly turned up at all.

But you can't play at your best every week. No team does that all through a season. What you need to do though is grind forward and

end up with the win. And if ever proof was needed that a positive attitude works we all saw it by 4.20pm last Sunday.

One of the main problems was we did not build up as much pressure on the opposition as we have been doing. And when that happens the opposition starts to get a little more confident.

That is why it is important to start well against a side like Oldham. They are having it tough at the moment but if they are allowed to get some momentum going their confidence will grow and you can sometimes find teams like that can sneak up and grab a win.

I have spoken to the players about this and we have made a mental note about starting well. Right now, as you can imagine, there is a great spirit in the camp (as if there was not before) over reaching the quarter-finals of the Powergen Challenge Cup for the first in a long time.

However, apart from Oldham today and then Warrington, the next hurdle is that we have three matches in very close proximity to each other.

Having said that many of the problems are psychological ones. It's like Easter where you play two matches in three or four days. If you say you can't do it, or it's going to be too hard, it will turn out that way.

The players have put in the hard work. They have prepared well. Physically they will be fine.

What we are trying to do is look at things logically. See what factors we can strip out so we don't have to think about them and so they don't start to cause uncertainty in our build-up.

It's like the mental work we have been doing on away games and which has enabled us to look at them as matches which are not played at home. The rules are the same, the pitch size is not all that different, there are the same numbers on both sides, and the weather is the same for both teams. And that takes a lot of the uncertainty out of things.

Apply the same sort of positive thinking to the issue of multiple games in a short time period and you can take the fear out of things.

We have a good enough squad and a big enough one to handle the situation.

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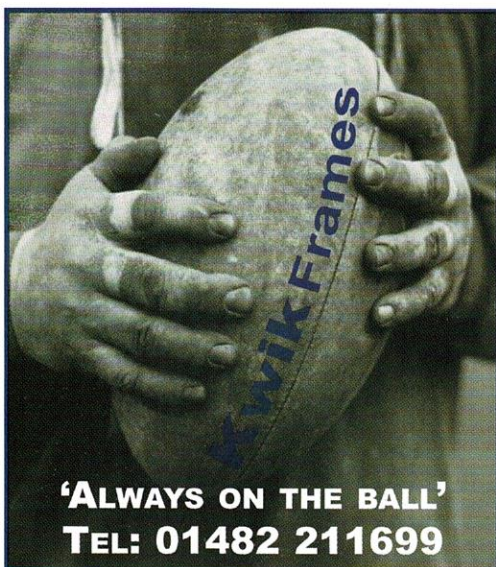






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TAKES A LOOK AT THE ROBINS.

Things are moving at quite a pace these days, here at Craven Park, and to be drawn at home against the Warrington Wolves in the Quarter Finals of the Powergen Challenge Cup, with the impending Northern Rail National Cup Semi Final and some big National League One clashes to come in the next few weeks, all this has no doubt cranked up the workload behind the scenes as well as placing the Club firmly in the public eye.

Heady times, then, and having broken one Club record two weeks ago, when Widnes were defeated on their own patch to give Rovers their fifteenth consecutive win and their best ever start to a season, The Robins take on Oldham this afternoon knowing that a win or draw today would enable the Club to equal their longest-ever sequence of matches unbeaten.

That's a record which goes back to the 1966-67 season when after winning their first league, game of the season at Hunslet, only to lose their second at Workington, the side embarked upon a run of 17 consecutive wins, from 22nd August to 19th November 1966 inclusive, winning the Yorkshire Cup on the way:

22.08.66 Batley	(H) W 28-6
27.08.66 Huddersfield	(H) W 16-10
29.08.66 York	(A) W 31-13
03.09.66 Hull (A) (Y.Cup R1)	(A) W 24-20
10.09.66 Warrington	(H) W 30-10
14.09.66 Hunslet (Y.Cup R2)	(A) W 29-3
17.09.66 Dewsbury	(A) W 20-9
24.09.66 Doncaster	(H) W 31-8
26.09.66 Huddersfield(Y.C.sf)	(H) W 27-7
01.10.66 Featherstone R.	(A) W 20-6
08.10.66 Castleford	(H) W 19-13
15.10.66 Featherstone(YCF)	(N) W 25-12 at Headingley
22.10.66 Wakefield	(H) W 25-11
28.10.66 Castleford	(A) W 15-9
05.11.66 Hunslet	(H) W 17-7
12.11.66 Doncaster	(A) W 22-8
19.11.66 Bramley	(H) W 25-3
26.11.66 Wakefield	(A) L 14-22

(Information taken from Hull KR Annual Report and Balance Sheet, Season 1966-67.)

The Annual Report simply states that "From August 22nd. to November 19th., 17 consecutive matches were won."

It was a side which played some terrific football, and this will be regarded by many Rovers fans as the era when, after over thirty years in the doldrums, Hull Kingston Rovers started to make people sit up and take notice. Quite a few of the side which played in this most successful combination had joined the Club a few years earlier and were maturing steadily, and I hope to be able to pay proper tribute to this squad in the next programme.

Quite a few of that squad came to the Club from local amateur football, such a rich breeding ground for talent in years past. We owe the amateur game a lot, which is one reason that I really hope that this afternoon, regardless of their result in the GMB sponsored National Cup Final, which was played at Blackpool yesterday, that Rovers fans save a special cheer today for Skirlaugh ARLFC today, because they have done themselves and the local area proud in getting to that Final for a record SIXTH time. And that has to be an excellent achievement by any Club, amateur or professional.





# Senior Academy Update

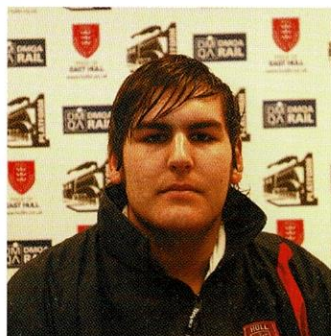
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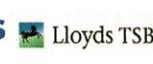
## Hull Kingston Rovers Senior Academy Remaining Fixtures 2006

A	Friday	02 June	Doncaster	7.30
H	Sunday	11 June	Whitehaven	12.15
A	Friday	16 June	Batley	7.30
A	Thursday	22 June	Keighley	7.30
H	Sunday	2 July	Batley	12.15
A	Sunday	9 July	Halifax	12.15
H	Sunday	23 July	Widnes	12.15
H	Sunday	30 July	York	12.15
A	Sunday	6 August	Leigh	12.15
H	Friday	11 August	Dewsbury	7.30

"Jon is a very capable & responsible captain, his leadership qualities are first class and he has the potential to go all the way" Justin Morgan



# COMMUNITY NEWS



For the second year in succession, Hull Kingston Rovers were pleased to play host to the schools finals organised by Hull Schools Rugby League. A bright and breezy May evening saw finalists from South Holderness, Winifred Holtby and David Lister Secondary Schools compete on the new Craven Park pitch.

Each school brought a large following of supporters who cheered on the school sides throughout two exciting games. The Year 7 final was won by Winifred Holtby who fought hard to overcome a strong South Holderness side. Unfortunately, South Holderness youngsters were defeated in the Year 8 final also by a confident David Lister side.

"...Doreen Coupland was delighted to present a trophy in memory of her husband Alan to the captain from David Lister School. Alan was a personal friend of mine and actually died whilst coaching a schools team from Hull at Wembley Stadium. He was an avid red and white fan so it's appropriate I think that the game was played in his memory - at Craven Park..." Don Barker - Hull Schools Rugby League

Praise must go to all the youngsters who took part and their accompanying teachers who were a glowing example to all schools concerned. Compliments should also go to Hull Schools Rugby League for organizing a very enjoyable and entertaining sporting event in particular Ian Jones and Don Barker. Hull Kingston Rovers are proud to support schools rugby in Hull and the East Riding.



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## DWAYNE BARKER

"MY big aim at the moment is to get back in the starting line-up," says former Leeds Rhinos man Dwayne Barker.

Barker, who was hitting form until suffering a spiral fracture in a hand which kept him out of the running for two months, is once again starting to look like the player he knows he can be.

The second thing he would like is to play regularly in the back row. Loose-forward was the preferred option but failing that the second-row.

And the 23-year old from Leeds, whose amateur clubs were Milford and Hunslet Parkside, is finding out that while versatility is a great gift to his club it is not quite as big a bonus when it comes to developing a career.

Now in his second full season after joining Rovers from Leeds, Barker said when he made the move he never really imagined the atmosphere at the club being as it is today.

"I did think we should have got into Super League last season, but then things fell away a bit and if it had not been for James Webster, we may not even have done as well as we did. But we still ended up with the Northern Rail Cup.

I think going full time has made a massive difference, plus the fact we have had a good pre-season. Obviously Justin Morgan coming has been a big plus and having Dean Sampson on board has been another massive bonus for us.

On top of that we are playing well and I think it's this year or never for us to some extent as far as Super League is concerned."

## AIMING TO START

"Everyone wants to win every game. We come to work during the week and everyone is just focussed on winning. As soon as one game is over we really do start to think about the next one. And we try and work on making areas of poor performances better every week. That goes for the team and for individual players," he said.

Some people may wonder about the intensity of training and the facilities and ask how Rovers compare to Leeds.

Barker has little doubt: "Everything is about the same level. We are full time like Leeds. The facilities are as good and everyone wants to win. The atmosphere is similar too. Everything is right this year from training and playing right through to the pitch itself."

Like his team-mates, Barker is looking forward to the Challenge Cup quarter-final against Warrington.

"It's not just because we have got to that stage, but because it gives us a good side to judge ourselves by. It will give us a benchmark and something to go by for the rest of the season.

I think we will be ok. I know the Bradford match was a pre-season friendly but for the second half they put everybody out except for a couple of players and we did ok. We have now moved on a bit from there and I think we will play better against better sides. We have done that so far this season and I think we will continue to do that."

As far as his own form is concerned Barker, who stands 6ft 2ins and

turns the scales at 15st, says there is room for improvement.

"For a start I want to get in the starting line up. Everybody has been playing well and due to coming back from injury and things I have had to start off the bench. It's still good to be part of the side, but my aim is to get back in the starting players."

Asked what he thought about becoming known as Rovers' Mr Versatile. He grinned and said: "It's ok being Mr Versatile but I would like to cement the loose-forward spot, either that or second row."

Barker feels the squad has gone from strength to strength because good players have been brought in from other clubs. And more importantly they have all gelled and want to play for each other and achieve their Super League goal.

"That aspect of the game gets better every week," he said.

Are Rovers ready for Super League?

"I think we are but maybe we would need to buy some experienced players. A lot of us are quite young even though most of us have played Super League. Maybe we would need one or two more experienced heads to see us through. But I don't think Rovers would be faced with having to buy virtually a new team to stay up.

"Who knows, the way things are going some of the clubs who let players come here might end up trying to get them back," he joked.





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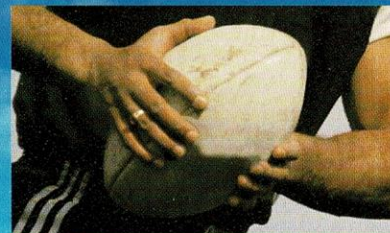
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## Welcome to Oldham

### Ian Hodson

## Focus on Oldham RLFC

**Andy Bailey** -second-row forward  
Signed from Castleford in the close season. Former Featherstone youngster who was brought to Hull FC by Shaun McRae at the age of 21, playing 10 Super League games for the Arlie Birds. Suffered a back injury at Barrow in the Challenge Cup, but back in contention today.

**Gareth Barber** -stand-off  
Local lad who grew up playing alongside Leeds and Great Britain loose forward Kevin Sinfield. Primarily a stand-off, but can fill in anywhere on the back line and also played regularly at hooker in 2005; this year he has slotted in well at full-back.

**Ged Corcoran** -forward  
Grafting forward and a full Irish international, reared at Halifax alongside brother Wayne. Moved across the channel after a contractual dispute but returned last year to help the Rams to the National League Two Grand Final. The 23-year-old has had injury problems, but he's been in good form for Oldham when available.

**Wayne Corcoran** -loose forward/stand-off.  
He made his Super League debut two years ago at the age of 18. Two shoulder operations have hampered his progress since, and a groin injury has meant his opportunities have been limited this term.

**Andy Gorey** -winger  
A slip of a winger whose enthusiasm makes up for his lack of weight. The former Royton Tigers youngster has scored five tries in his 10 appearances this season.

**Dean Gorton** -back-row forward  
Signed by then Salford academy boss Steve McCormack. Never played in Super League, though he was the club's under-21s player of the year in 2004. Gorton can also play in the three-quarters.

**Gareth Hayes** -prop  
Big Leigh-born prop who has been a regular starter in the front row in recent weeks. Went on the NW Counties under-16s Oceanic tour along with current team-mate Wayne Corcoran.

**Ian Hodson** -back row/loose forward.  
A plumber by trade, Hodson turned pro for Leigh at the age of 18. Signed initially on loan from Swinton in April 2005, Hodson is

an 80-minute player who is happy in the back row and at loose forward, though he has played at stand-off lately. An ever-present this season.

**Chris Hough** -scrum-half/stand-off  
He formed an excellent partnership with Matty Turner last season. Cousin of Roughyeds stalwart John, whose spot at hooker he has recently been occupying.

**John Hough** -hooker  
First player to commit himself to the new club when it was reformed in 1997. The hooker's contract runs until 2007, which will allow him to complete 10 years with the club. Can also play at loose forward.

**Chris Maye** -second row/centre  
Young second row or centre. Was on the verge of being selected for the England Academy side while at St Helens, but was thwarted by a wrist injury. Was Swinton's top try-scorer in 2004 and he earned himself a spot in the National League division two dream team.

**Chris Percival** -centre/wing  
Played for Oldham in the last three games of the 2003 season before signing a two-year deal with Leigh. The centre or wing missed all last season with a broken leg, after scoring 20 tries in 20 games in 2004, six of them against Oldham. Managed eight tries in 10 games before succumbing to an ankle injury, but likely to be back today.

**Mick Redford** -second row /prop /centre.  
Originally from the Leigh East amateur club, Redford can play second row, prop or centre. A wholehearted, crowd-pleasing figure, Leigh-born Redford has played around 100 professional games.

**Simon Svabic** -half-back  
Goalkicking, playmaking half-back who earned Great Britain Academy honours while at Salford. Had a big impact at loose forward last season, and spent time skipping the side. This time around he has been mainly used at scrum-half.

**Alex Wilkinson** -centre  
Locally-born 22-year-old centre, who has played nearly 40 Super League games. Played junior rugby with Royton Tigers before signing for Bradford Bulls. After a loan spell at Hull he was offered a two-year contract with the Arlie

Birds, but chose to go part-time with his home-town club to complete a degree in sports science.

**Lee Wingfield** -second row/centre  
Signed from amateur club Leigh East. As one of BARLA's top back-row forwards, Wingfield has earned four overseas trips; two to Moscow, one to France and one to Australia, and has been an excellent addition to the Oldham ranks. Strong, powerful runner.

**Chris Baines** -second row/loose forward.  
Signed up for a second month on loan with Oldham prior to the Whitehaven game two weeks ago. A second row or loose forward brought in from Warrington's under-21s side, Baines has shown a good work ethic during his time with the Roughyeds.

**David Best** -prop forward  
The 27-year-old prop forward was brought to the club from amateur side Oldham St Anne's, initially as a trialist, but after some powerful performances was signed up for the season. Has played under coach Steve Deakin at both his previous clubs.

**Matt Bottom** -forward  
Oldham-born forward with good ball skills, the highly-rated 20 year-old is on a month's loan with the Roughyeds. Formerly an amateur with Saddleworth Rangers.

**Tom Kilgannon** -second-row forward.  
Formerly a member of Oldham's academy squad, Kilgannon's impressive form for National Conference side Saddleworth Rangers prompted coach, Steve Deakin to snap up the second-row forward until the end of the season.

**Carl Jones** -utility back  
BARLA international utility back, signed on a contract until the end of the 2007 season. Jones, who has turned out for Leigh under-21s this year, is hoping to make his mark in the professional game and could make his debut today.

**Desi Williams** -winger  
Arrived on loan until the end of the season after finding his opportunities limited at Craven Park. The 20-year-old winger played for Rovers against Oldham at Boundary Park earlier in the season.





# NATIONAL LEAGUE TALK

with GARETH WALKER of RUGBY LEAGUER & LEAGUE EXPRESS



Progress report

By GARETH WALKER of Rugby Leaguer & League Express

THE respective LHF Healthplan National League seasons are around a third of the way through already and both competitions have begun to take shape.

In NL1, Hull Kingston Rovers remain the only team in the Rugby League still undefeated, and are on the crest of a club record winning run. Also in the quarter-finals of the Powergen Challenge Cup and the last four of the Northern Rail Cup, their status as promotion status is well placed. But the Robins themselves will know as well as anybody that they can take nothing for granted at this stage of the season.

Second placed Leigh Centurions, only blip in the league so far came when their patched-up team lost at Craven Park, and Tony Benson's side cannot be discounted. Whitehaven have been decimated by injuries so far and could still come good again, while pre-season favourites Widnes will be hoping that their stirring Challenge Cup display against Catalans can kick-start their troubled campaign.

Three other teams are currently vying for the top six in Rochdale Hornets, Halifax and Doncaster Lakers, and little looks to separate them at present. Upcoming matches against each other will be crucial. At the bottom end, it looks like two out of Batley, York and Oldham for relegation. The Bulldogs host the Knights at Mount Pleasant this weekend in what already looks like a vital clash.

In NL2, Dewsbury Rams, dramatic late win at Swinton last week has taken them clear at the top, and puts them in pole position for the one automatic promotion place.

The Lions and Sheffield are tied together on ten points just behind them, followed by Celtic Crusaders on nine. The Welsh have made an eye-catching start to life in the professional game, though at present they appear far stronger at home than they are away. Hunslet Hawks have moved up to fifth after a couple of impressive results under caretaker coach Mark Cass, and are level with Featherstone Rovers, who have been somewhat inconsistent to date.

Gateshead Thunder make up what is now a top seven, with Cumbrians Barrow Raiders and Workington Town - both who have had excellent wins to date - just behind them. Keighley Cougars, London Skolars and Blackpool Panthers are a little off the pace at present, though all three have recorded a win. Each team is also in its formative stage under new coaches - and like everybody else in the National Leagues, has much to play for during the remainder of the campaign.



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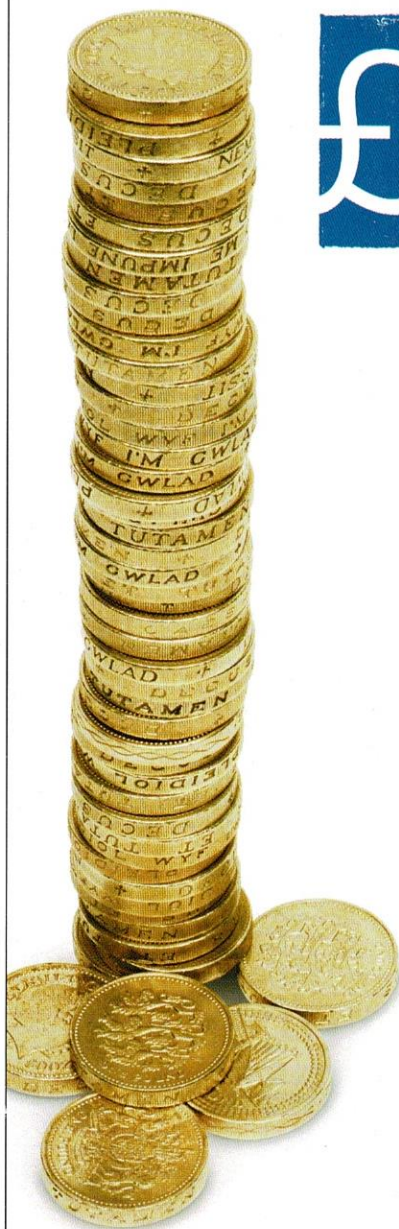
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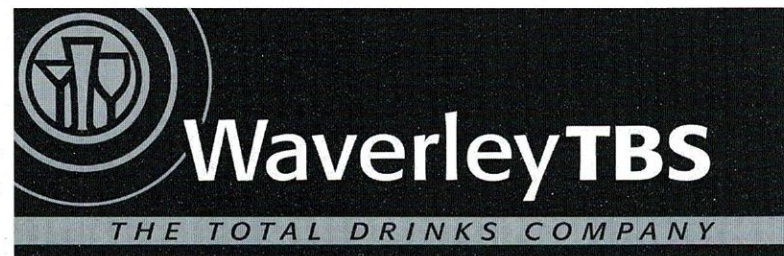
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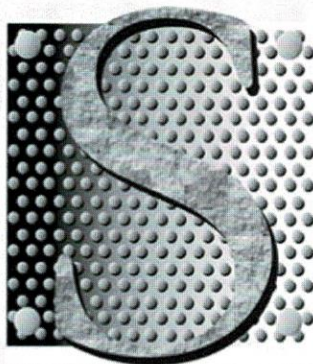
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Hello everyone and a big Junior Robins welcome to our friends from Oldham who hopefully will have had a better trip over the Pennines than we did to their place, earlier in the season!

It's back to league action this week, following that excellent cup win in the rain over Featherstone.

Wasn't it fantastic news that we will be at home in the quarter finals? I bet you're all looking forward to that!

I seem to be mentioning the weather a lot in my program notes just lately. It's not that I'm obsessed with it - it's just that we've been having a lot of it!

Like last week, for instance.

It absolutely hurled down, so much that I thought the Featherstone game could be called off, but our new pitch seems as though it can cope with anything.

If it's sunny on Saturday 17th June, do you fancy a walk in the park? East Park, to be precise.

This years Lord Mayor's Parade is going to be slightly different to previous years in as much as the float parade through town will be replaced with a walking parade around East Park starting at about 2.30pm.

We've had loads of fun on the parades in the past, but this year will be a lot more fun because there's no float to build!

If you are interested, please contact us as soon as possible so we can let the Lord Mayor know how many to expect!

We will also need some grownups to help supervise on the day, so have a word with Mum and Dad and get them along, too.

Looking forward to hearing from you - let's make East Park red and white for the afternoon!!

The JR's Mascot from the Featherstone game William Marshall pictured with James Webster and far right with Andy Ellis

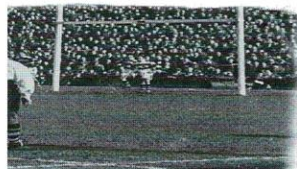






# RETRO ROVERS

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Today as we are entertaining Oldham we will look back to a match against our visitors dating back to Sunday 7th January 1974. This was a Division 1 league fixture, which was played at the Watersheddings Oldham's spiritual home. The Robins went into the match fighting hard to avoid relegation.

To attempt to strengthen the team Rovers had signed experienced forward Terry Ramshaw from Salford during the week for the sum of £1,000, and he was making his debut. Roger Millward was still missing due to an Achilles tendon problem, although he was also interesting Leeds at the time, as Alan Hardisty was due to have a spell in Australia. Included in the Oldham side that day was ex Craven Park favourite Terry Clawson, and two recent signings in David Treasure and Ian Holland, who they had paid big fees to sign on.

The Robins went ahead after 18 minutes when a move started by hooker Peter Flanagan with a long pass which enabled Ramshaw to draw his man and send Ged Dunn racing towards the line, he in turn put Australian winger Ross Birrell over for an unconverted try. Oldham came close to scoring when Ian Holland crossed, but Flanagan pulled off a superb tackle to prevent him grounding the ball.

John Millington almost got Mike Stephenson over, before on the stroke half-time Clawson broke the line for David Treasure to race 30 yards to the posts. Phil Larder converted to give the home side a 5 points to 3 advantage at the interval.

On the resumption the Robins had a spell of pressure which led to them regaining the lead on 50 minutes when John Moore playing at centre and Flanagan put Millington over for an unconverted try. This made it 6 points to 5 in favour of the visitors. The Robins defended their line heroically for most of the remainder of the match and Oldham try as they may never looked like breaching Rovers watertight defence.

Terry Ramshaw Rovers new signing was arguably their best player on the day as he gave the pack leadership which they had lacked previously, with Terry Hudson the pick of the back division.

The two sides lined up as follows Oldham: Murphy; O'Brien, Larder, Wainwright, Holland; Treasure, McCone; Clawson, Taylor, Hall, Gregory, McCracken and Peters. Subs. Elliott and Ashcroft. Hull Kingston Rovers: Hall; Birrell, Dunn, Moore, Leighton; Stephenson, Hudson; Ramshaw, Flanagan, Millington, Rose, Wiley and Fitzgibbon. Subs. Nuttall and Barnard. The Referee was Mr. R. Jackson of Halifax and the attendance 3,338.



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# HKR SUPPORTERS GROUP

The Rovers supporters Group welcome everyone to game 17 of the season against Oldham RLFC a victory today would register 17 consecutive wins. I wonder what odds Rovers making it 18 wins against Warrington next week would fetch at the bookies.

It has to be said that not the too distant past teams like Oldham and Batley to name a couple have cost us dear in relation to wins in the league and the play offs.

Is it too optimistic to believe we have finally turned the corner and can go on to get back to former glories?

I don't think you will find any more fanatical Rover supporters then those that form part of the Supporters Group.

Even we realise that our great club began in decline after the Wembley cup final defeat in 1986 against Castleford. It could be said that due to not replacing ageing stars or a number of other reasons lack of funding direction etc etc.

The game has changed beyond recognition to that what it was 19 years ago. The advent of Super league of which we have never played a part. Clubs employing full time staff and expertise to take clubs forward off the field accounts for substantial investment whether this is backed with Sky money or self generated.

If we take the Castleford defeat as the start of the decline within 11 short years our club faced bankruptcy and entered a CVA. Since that time we have had a number of people running the clubs all of which have strived often without reward to get the

club back to a level where it can again compete. The present board must be mentioned for their forward thinking and professionalism for taking the club to its present position. Who honestly would think we would be playing this brand of fast open rugby as short as two seasons ago. Just spare a thought for our friends from Oldham who are currently in a CVA where just a short time ago they looked like going out of business.

At the time of our own CVA the HKR Supporters Group was formed and from that time many thousands of pounds has been re-invested in providing players for the club

To assist in taking us to the position that we find ourselves today.

The bottom line is every time you buy a raffle ticket or go to one of the many fund raisers, you the supporters continue to provide vital funds to make the playing staff stronger for the future.

Sunday evenings are reserved for a few beers in the town centre to discuss the match. Some of the lads all of which are East Hull boys twenty years ago went home and away with Rovers and over the years drifted away. It was only three years ago the boys were saying Rovers will never be promoted only to be told to keep the faith. The boys mentioned this season have again started to come to the games and are saying it's on.

Live the dream and with luck the Red Robin could be perched in Super League in 2007.







# STAT ATTACK

Date	Opponents	Venue	Comp	K.O. attend.	Result
<b>February</b>					
12	York City Knights	A	NRC	2809	W 2-32
19	Featherstone Rovers	A	NRC	2046	W 6-32
24	Sheffield Eagles	A	NRC	1347	W 22-44
<b>March</b>					
5	Featherstone Rovers	H	NRC	3130	W 50-18
12	York Acorn - THIRD ROUND	H	PCC	1748	W 62-1
19	York City Knights	H	NRC	2639	W 52-14
26	Sheffield Eagles	H	NRC	2314	W 52-12
<b>April</b>					
2	Hunslet Hawks	A	PCC	41259	W 22-0
9	Oldham	A	NL1	1658	W 48-8
14	York City Knights	A	NL1	2822	W 51-18
17	Leigh Centurions	H	NL1	4637	W 30-6
23	Halifax R.L.F.C	H	NRC	2306	W 88-6
30	Halifax R.L.F.C	H	NL1	3045	W 30-22
<b>May</b>					
7	Whitehaven	H	NRC	2366	W 37-10
14	Widnes Vikings	A	NL1	4331	W 42-28
21	Featherstone Rovers	H	PCC	2432	W 44-12
28	Oldham	H	NL1	3.00	
<b>June</b>					
4	Warrington Wolves	H	PCC	2.05	
7	Doncaster Lakers	A	NL1	3.00	
11	Whitehaven	H	NL1	3.00	
18	NORTHERN RAIL CUP - SEMI FINALS		NRC		
25	Rochdale Hornets	A	NL1	3.00	
<b>July</b>					
2	Batley Bulldogs	H	NL1	3.00	
9	Halifax R.L.F.C	A	NL1	3.00	
16	NORTHERN RAIL CUP - FINAL		NRC		
23	Widnes Vikings	H	NL1	3.00	
30	POWERGEN CHALLENGE CUP - SEMI FINALS		PCC		
30	York City Knights	H	NL1	3.00	
<b>August</b>					
6	Leigh Centurions	A	NL1	3.00	
13	Rochdale Hornets	H	NL1	3.00	
20	Whitehaven	A	NL1	3.00	
26	POWERGEN CHALLENGE CUP - FINAL		PCC		
<b>September</b>					
3	Batley Bulldogs	A	NL1	3.00	
10	Doncaster Lakers	H	NL1	3.00	

## STAT ATTACK SEASON 2006

Date	Opponents	Full Back	R/Wing	R/Centre	L/Centre	L/Wing	Stand O	Scrum H	Prop F	Hooker	Prop F	Sec R	Sec R	Loose	Sub	Sub	Sub
12 Feb	York City Knights	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Morton	Ford	Barker	Murrell	Stephenson	Fisher	Stephenson	Smith	Murrell	Gallagher	Joseph	Netherton	Tangata
19 Feb	Featherstone Rovers	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Ford	Barker	Murrell	Stephenson	Fisher	Stephenson	Smith	Murrell	Gallagher	Joseph	Netherton	Tangata
24 Feb	Sheffield Eagles	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Ford	Murrell	Webster	Stephenson	Fisher	Stephenson	Smith	Murrell	Gallagher	Joseph	Netherton	Tangata
5 Mar	Featherstone Rovers	Rivett	Steel	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Smith	Ellis	Stephenson	Netherton	Netherton	Joseph	Fallon	Edders	Barker
12 Mar	York Acorn - PCC R 3	Rivett	Steel	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Stephenson	Fisher	Stephenson	Netherton	Netherton	Gallagher	Price	Joseph	Alzue
19 Mar	York City Knights	Rivett	Steel	Goddard	Couturier	Ford	Murrell	Webster	Stephenson	Fisher	Stephenson	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Price	Joseph	Alzue
26 Mar	Sheffield Eagles	Rivett	Steel	Goddard	Couturier	Ford	Murrell	Webster	Stephenson	Fisher	Stephenson	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Price	Joseph	Alzue
2 Apr	Hunslet Hawks	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Ford	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
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21 May	Featherstone PCCR 5	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
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4 Jun	Warrington Wolves	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
7 Jun	Doncaster Lakers	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
11 Jun	Whitehaven	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
18 Jun	NRC - SEMI FINALS	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
25 Jun	Rochdale Hornets	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
2 Jul	Batley Bulldogs	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
9 Jul	Halifax R.L.F.C	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
16 Jul	NRC - FINAL	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
23 Jul	Widnes Vikings	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
30 Jul	PCC - SEMI FINALS	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
30 Jul	York City Knights	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
6 Aug	Leigh Centurions	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
13 Aug	Rochdale Hornets	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
20 Aug	Whitehaven	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
26 Aug	PCC - FINAL	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
3 Sep	Batley Bulldogs	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue
10 Sep	Doncaster Lakers	Cockayne	Rivett	Goddard	Couturier	Williams	Murrell	Webster	Price	Fisher	Price	Smith	Smith	Gallagher	Joseph	Ellis	Alzue