

TODAY'S TEAMS...

Lakers 58 v 10 Oldham

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Dean Colton	2	Andy Gorey
Kane Epati	3	Dean Gorton
MOSSOP Richard Newlove	4	Tom Kilgannon
Danny Mills	5	Desi Williams
Graham Holroyd	6	Simon Svabic
NEEDEN Chris Ross	7	Paul Ashton
Antony Tonks	8	David Best
ROSS Peter Green (c)	9	Wayne Corcoran SENT OFF
Gareth Handford	10	Ged Corcoran
LOWE Craig Lawton	11	Chris Baines
Adam Robinson	12	Phil Farrel BOTTOM
LAWTON Josh Weeden	13	Mark Roberts HODSON
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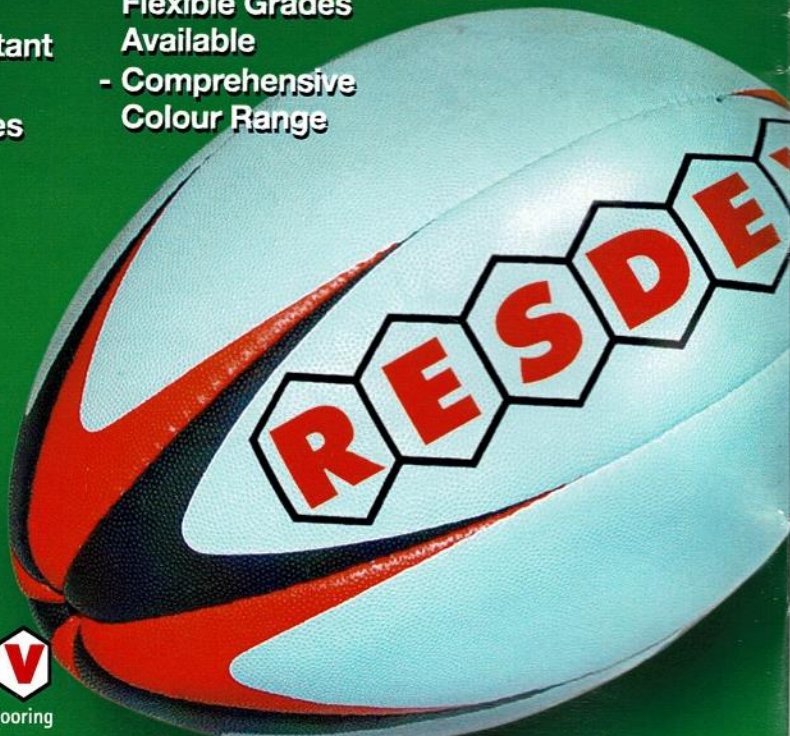


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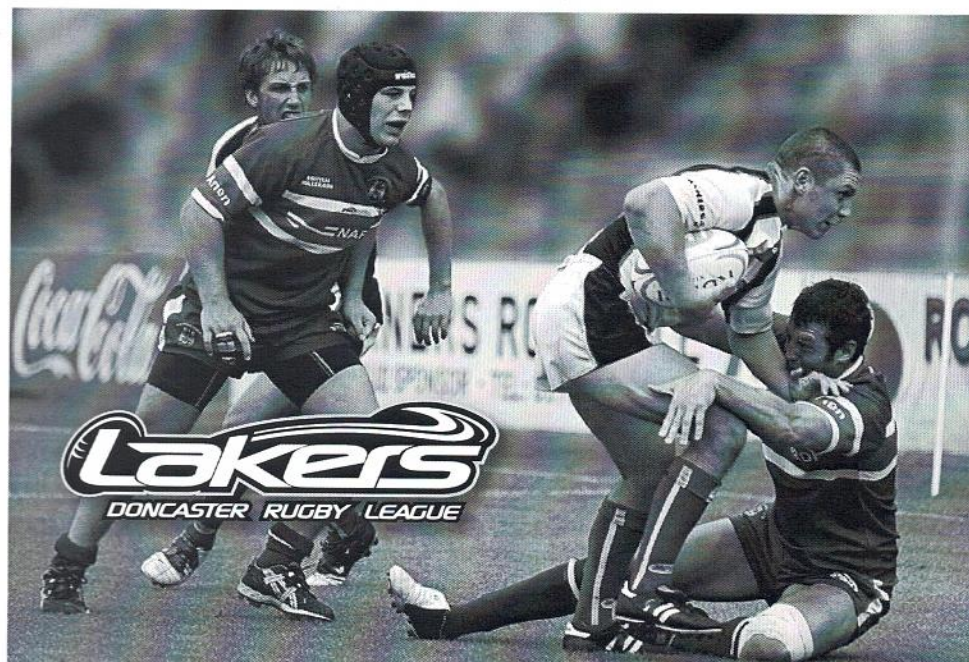
I need to put the record straight once and for all about Tony Miller. After the Leigh game I decided that I must tell Tony that he would not be figuring in our plans as full time head coach next season. Unfortunately Tony had arranged to go on a course with his full time job which he hadn't told me about and by the time he was due to return, I was away on holiday, so I asked Dave King to talk to him as soon as possible anticipating he may react by packing the job in, which he did.

My reason for deciding Tony was not the man to move the club forward was to some extent this seasons results, but mainly his need for a guaranteed three year contract on a substantial salary equal to the combined total of his two current jobs. I understood his need to guarantee his financial future, but felt that we just could not

give him that guarantee based on his experience and record to date. Tony has said in the press that he was working on a low budget, but the budget he had was higher than any Singe worked with in the past. He now says he will take legal action and that doesn't surprise me as he did it the last time I had to reduce his money when the club went bust.

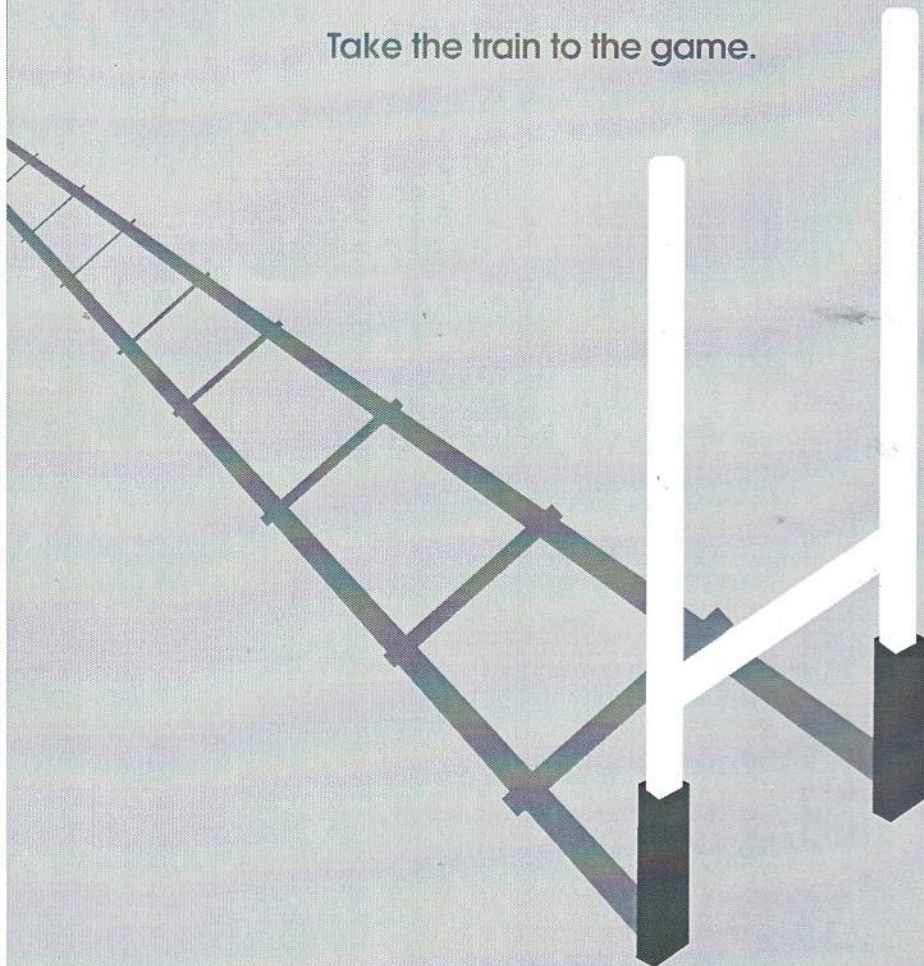
We have moved on now and I trust everyone now understands my reasons, which I have to admit were very difficult particularly as Tony has given his best for the club and the St John Memorial Fund. We all wish him the best for the future.

John C Wright, Chairman



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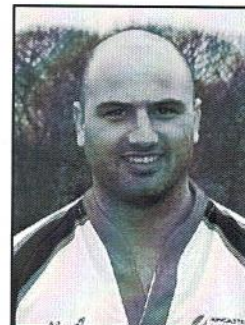


Coaching Comments

Firstly I would like to say it is an honour to be asked to take charge of this team and also to thank Alan Hunte for coming on board here at Doncaster Lakers.

A warm welcome to Oldham, today will be a tough game as they will be out to win their first game of the season and seeing some of their performances this year, they are a team not to be taken lightly.

This game for us is a must win as we want to continue our recent form and pick up as many points as possible to get into the play offs which I'm sure we are capable of doing as we have done two years in a row. Last weeks game at Rochdale was a good team performance and I think we showed great character to come back and win despite it being nerve racking in the closing stages.



I think overall we deserved to win, our forwards were dominant which is what we spoke about before the game. The good work by the forwards gives us backs a platform to work on especially Pete Green who again was very impressive at Hooker.

Congratulations to Dean Colton on getting his first league try of the year against Leigh, I know he has been itching to get over the white wash as all top wingers like to do plus there is a forfeit that players have to do at the end of the season if they don't score in the domestic season. Hopefully there will be a few try scorers today. Hope to hear your support as usual.

Enjoy the game!

Graham Holroyd, Caretaker Coach



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Lakers WOW crowd in Theatre Launch

The Lakers Community Development team were celebrating the launch of the revamped Goldthorpe Theatre recently. Lakers stars Pete Green and Craig Lawton were in attendance working on Rugby Skills and fun competitions with some of the young people in attendance.



Lakers Game Day Presenter Steve Long was on stage keeping the crowds entertained throughout the day with a mix of competitions, dances and interviews. Joining Steve on stage was club mascot Foxy Laker and dancers, the Laker Girls.

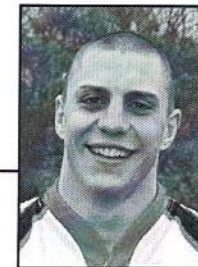
A vast array of posters were handed out to the hundreds in attendance as well as student tickets that allow the children entry to the remaining games this season.

Lakers Community Development Manager Dave Marshall said "The day was a massive success and a great opportunity to promote the Lakers in this area. The players and the mascots were well recieved by the public and hopefully we will see some of them at our games."



Team Talk

with Lakers' Skipper **PETER GREEN**



Hello again everyone and welcome to my latest article. It sure is good to be back after a weekend off for the Northern Rail Cup Final. Congratulations to Leigh Centurions on causing an upset and pulling off a shock victory against hot favourites Hull K.R.

As you already there have been a few changes at the club since my last report. On behalf of myself and the players I would like to wish Tony Miller all the best for the future. Tony was well liked by all the players as well as the supporters who will also remember him from his playing days. Tony did a good job whilst in charge but the club felt that we needed a more experienced coach with super league experience in order to take the club to the next level. Surely this is a positive sign and shows the ambition of the people in charge of the club.

We as players just needed to carry on with minimal disruption. No matter what is happening around you, as a player you are always responsible for your own performance and that was the attitude that we had to take into the game against Rochdale.

Training leading up to the game went well with Graham taking the first few sessions until Alan Hunte arrived to assist him. Personally I think that Olly relished the chance to be in total control and take the sessions totally on his own. I think the aspects of the game that we worked on with Graham showed during the weekend's game. Alan arrived midweek and his sheer presence alone had a big impact on the players. You can easily tell after working with Alan that he has recently been coaching at the top level. The video sessions and team running sessions have been better than ever and all the players had a clear understanding of their roles for the weekend's game. Without a doubt Alan has a lot to offer the club and all the lads are keen to learn as much as possible from him during his stay.

I suppose that our game against Rochdale must have been exciting for the supporters to watch as it could have gone either way right up to the last kick of the game. Rochdale away is always a tough game so it was a big relief to come away with the valuable league points.

It was a gutsy performance by the

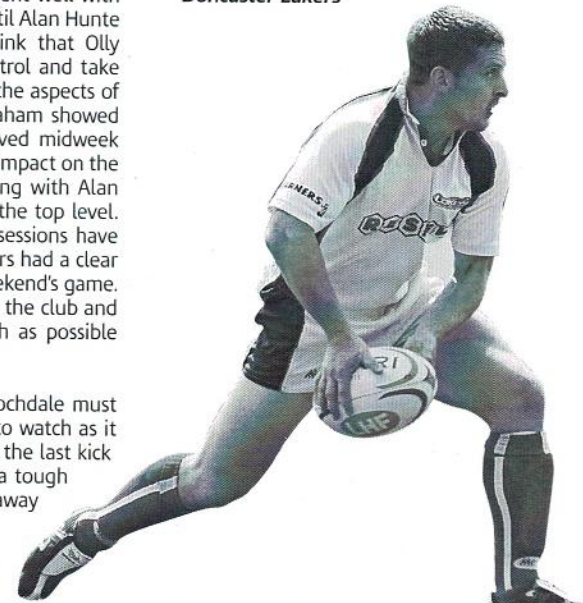
team and we were all forced to dig deep but as always there were a few players that stood out. Josh's defence was top notch again and I thought Kane did really well during his time on the field and did especially well to beat a few defenders and squeeze in at the corner for his try. Graham also had a great game and had a hand in most of our constructive plays.

We will now look forward to building on this performance and our good work in training by getting another two league points against Oldham this weekend. We will be boosted this week by the return of Danny Mills, Neil Lowe and Shaun Leaf so it's clear that competition for places is fierce when we have a fully fit squad.

I hope to see you all there!

As always thanks for your support!!!

Peter Green
1st Team Captain
Community Development Officer
Doncaster Lakers



Oldham Roughyeds

The Oldham Roughyeds come to town having failed to record a victory in this years LHF League 1 campaign. It's a potential banana skin for the Lakers as the Roughyeds, despite suffering so many defeats, have put in some inspiring performances this year and are not to be taken lightly.



Ged Corcoran

Last time out, whilst the Lakers were defeating Oldham's local rivals Rochdale at Spotland, the Roughyeds fell to a 40-8 home defeat to the Batley Bulldogs.

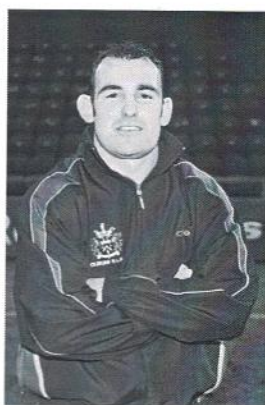
The last time the Lakers faced Oldham, Doncaster ran out 56-10 winners at Boundary Park. The game was played on a Bank Holiday Monday in April. Danny Mills creating a new club record. As Mills scored five tries, in the process he smashed the twelve year old record set by Carl Hall against Mysons at Tattersfield in 1994.

The Roughyeds, despite their lowly league standing, have a number of explosive players in their ranks. One player who proved a thorn in the side of the Lakers earlier in the season was Simon Svabic. The stand-off used to partner Bradford Bulls star Paul Deacon

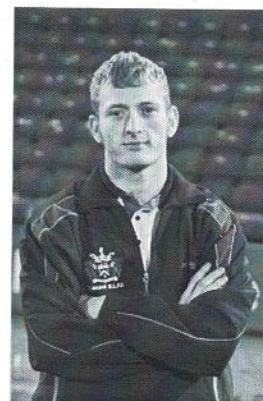
at half back during their time in the Oldham academy set up. Equally at home in the full back role, Svabic was used to good effect at Loose Forward last season under now departed coach Gary Mercer.

Likely to be on the wing for the Roughyeds today are Desi Williams and Andy Gorey. Williams, the 20 year old Londoner has joined the Roughyeds on loan from league leaders Hull Kingston Rovers where he was unable to get a place in the Robins regular squad. Andy Gorey is another youngster on the flanks. Having moved up from the Academy, Gorey has played the majority of his first team Rugby on the wing despite having experience in the halves.

Both Ged and Wayne Corcoran now ply their trade at Boundary Park. Ged, 23, is a prop forward who has previously had spells with Dewsbury, Halifax and in France at Limoux. Younger brother Wayne, 20, had an illustrious youth career. A player with the ability to kick with either foot, as well as touring Australia in 2001, the Hooker captained the Halifax Academy U18's to Grand Final



Chris Hough



Andy Gorey

glory in 2002 before playing regularly in Anthony Farrell's first team at the Shay last season.

Often at scrum half for the Roughyeds, leading from the front as always, is Chris Hough. The 24 year old scrum half is fondly remembered by Doncaster fans for his spell at Belle Vue in 2004 before moving to his hometown club via Blackpool Panthers.



Alan Hadcroft



Oldham Roughyeds RLFC



Service Area

On Thursday, 20th July 2006, Hillsborough Hawks ARLFC hosted the first annual presentation evening for the South Yorkshire Rugby League Service Area. Dave Marshall, Community Development Manager at Doncaster Lakers who ran the evening said, "This night is massively important to everyone who has been involved in the service area to recognise all the hard work and success we have had. Not only the players but all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make this work."

Over 200 people turned up for the evening. John Kaine from the RFL was a guest speaker at the event and told the audience of the RFL's delight in the success of South Yorkshire, not only in the Service Area but also eight players and two coaches been selected to attend Yorkshire Regional Camp this summer.

Dave Marshall from the Doncaster Lakers introduced each individual player to come and receive their medal, whilst Gavin Brown and Jack Howisen from the Sheffield Eagles were on hand to make presentations.



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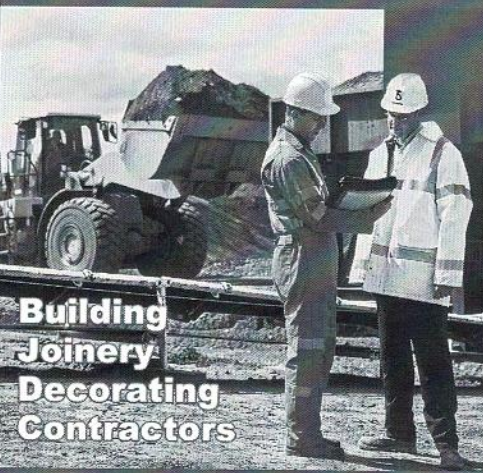
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STAFF INTERVIEW

Dave Marshall

In previous weeks we have had a player in the spotlight, but here we introduce one of our new faces working hard on the off-field structure of the club.

Hi I am Dave Marshall, the new Community Development Manager at the Lakers. Previously I have worked in sports development for Calderdale Council and the Rugby Football League (RFL) as the South Yorkshire Development Officer.

Whilst working as the South Yorkshire Development Officer I re-established the Service Area in the region who are now a strong group driving the game forward and this year made a successful return to the Service Area Festivals competing at all age groups, with 8 of our players making it through to Yorkshire

Regional Camp. I also worked closely with the amateur sides in South Yorkshire helping them with their work towards Clubmark Accreditation and brought the RFL's Champion Schools Competition to the area.

I've been brought into the club to assist with the setting up of the Lakers Community Foundation, which will be a charitable trust working to improve Rugby League in Doncaster and the surrounding area.

The trust will produce and develop programmes focussing around Rugby League working with various partners in the community. I will be working a lot with schools setting up Rugby coaching programmes and competitions and also non Rugby League based initiatives aimed at promoting the Lakers and recruiting new fans. Through my links with the amateur clubs in the area I will be working closely with them to support their developments and encourage the growth of the sport in the community. I will also continue to work closely with the Service Area supporting its work as I feel that a successful Service Area is vital to driving the sport forward in Doncaster.

Hopefully the work I will be doing will boost the profile of Doncaster Lakers both locally and nationally. I will be working hard to recruit new fans and hopefully help produce Lakers stars of the future.



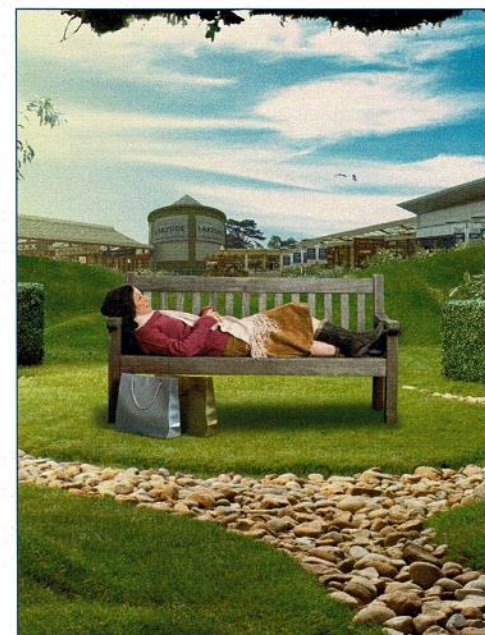
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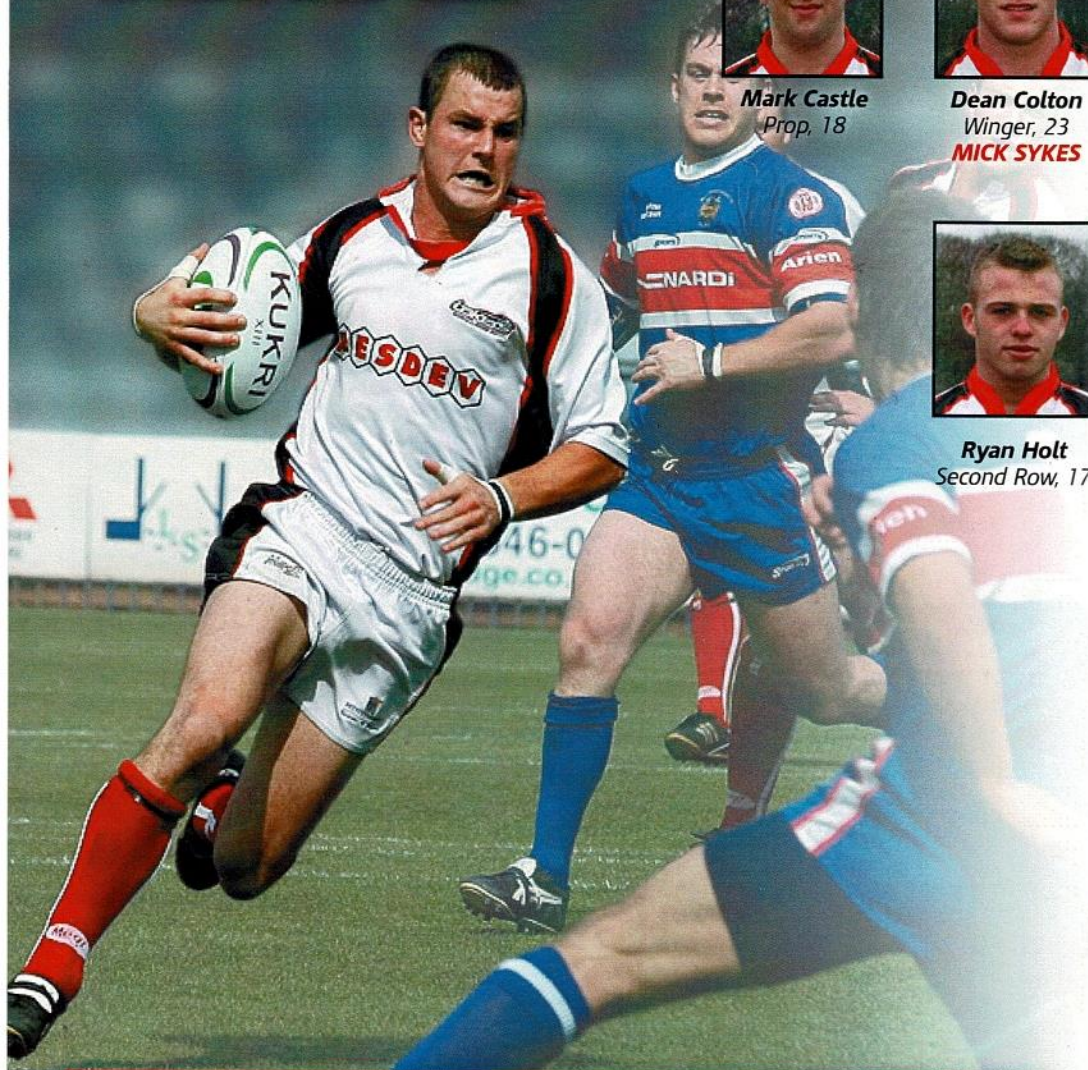
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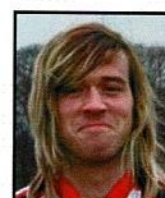
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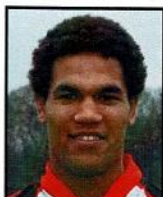
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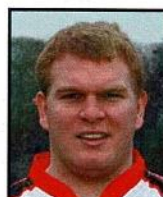
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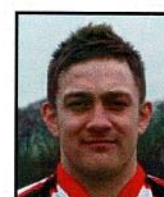
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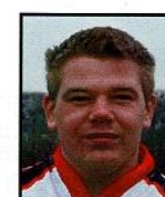
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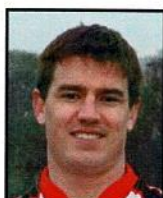
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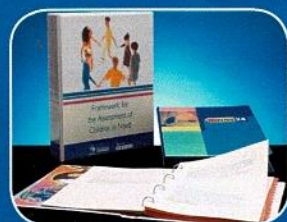
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National League Talk

By GARETH WALKER of Rugby Leaguer & League Express



NL2 race faces crucial spell

THE race for the LHF Healthplan NL2 title will be decided over the coming weeks - with some massive matches ahead.

They start with a mouth-watering clash in South Wales on Sunday, when third-placed Celtic Crusaders entertain front runners Dewsbury Rams.

If ever there was a "four-point" game, this is it. The Welsh newcomers need victory to maintain any hope of catching the high-flying Rams.

Defeat to Dewsbury would see the Crusaders seven points adrift with just five league games left to play.

Victory though would close the gap to three - with the added knowledge that the Rams have some titanic matches still to play.

Next weekend they entertain Barrow Raiders at the Tetley's Stadium - then it's away to second placed Sheffield, and home to Swinton Lions, who are currently fifth with a game in hand.

That run of matches will effectively shape the season of the Rams, whose consistency to date has allowed them to establish a four-point cushion at the top.

Sheffield will still believe they have

a chance of toppling Andy Kelly's side - especially knowing that they still have to visit the Don Valley Stadium.

In the meantime the Eagles need to keep winning - starting with another crunch match, at home to Swinton Lions this weekend.

Both Swinton and Featherstone still have outside chances of finishing top - though they would both need a remarkable run of results to go their way for that to happen.

Instead, they can start to plan for the play-offs at the end of the league campaign.

First place is so important now as it ensures automatic promotion to National League One.

But there is still a second promotion place available to the winners of the NL2 play-offs.

And remember that this season, there is no NL1 team dropping down to take part in those play-offs.

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It should all be fascinating stuff over the next few weeks.

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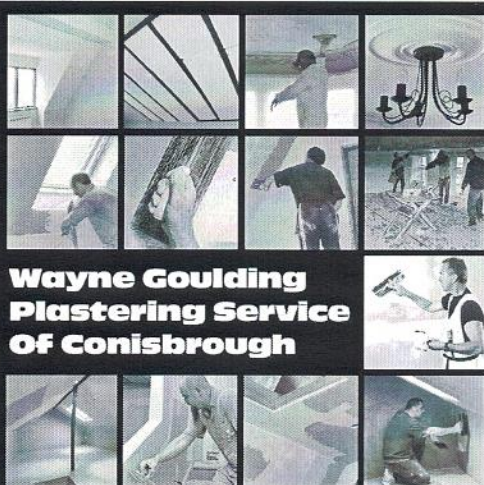
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I'VE waxed lyrical in the past regarding the magic powder the Rugby League Gods appear to sprinkle across the M6 motorway, right around where it meets the A590 and A65. It remains unnoticed to most travellers, but has alarming powers when falling upon a coach load of rugby league players.

For those heading north, there are decades of anecdotal evidence that it affects their eyesight. When they arrive at their destination their opponents, to a man, appear to stand 6ft 6ins tall. Scrum halves have the stature - and fierce demeanour - of a cross between an all-in wrestler and a gladiator. Tall men have to reach high above their heads to hang their coats up in the changing rooms. Are they truly in a land of giants?

Judging by last week's events, it would appear those Rugby Gods have been tampering with their formula. And whatever they put in it has plainly got in the eyes of the executives of the Rugby Football League. If northern travellers used to see giants, the burghers of Red Hall now see a ramshackle, tired old rugby ground in Whitehaven, where a scant 12 months past they fondly imagined a palace of Super League worthiness.

Having had their plans for a place in the elite division passed as suitable last season, Whitehaven have now had their promotion contingencies thrown back at them.

Of course there is the little matter of Hull Kingston Rovers, Widnes and Leigh between them and such a scenario, though if season 2006 has taught us anything, it is not to count chickens before mama hen has even rubbed beaks with papa cockerel.

Haven chairman Des Byrne has made ominous noises about court challenges. Save the money and the bluster Des. It's a costly battle that you really can't win.

It is a disappointing outcome for the Recreation Grounders. It's also difficult for we RL pundits to comment on it - because the RFL hasn't explained the position publicly yet. I thought Red Hall had smartened up its communication act, and it's disappointing that they have tacitly opened themselves up to this public salvo, because of a lack of explanation.

In the longer term, Whitehaven at least know what will be required of them when Super League opens up to expansion in another two years or so. They, and others, have been served notice that to get in, you need to have structures in place - and not just plans to finance them with the dividends that membership of Super League brings.

In the short term, don't be surprised to see lots of Wakefield and Wigan fans cheering Whitehaven on in the LHF Healthplan National League One play-offs.

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LATEST RESULTS:

Rochdale Hornets 28 - Doncaster Lakers 30

Royston, Colton, Epati, Newlove, Mossop, Holroyd, Ross, Tonks, Green, Handford, Lawton, Robinson, Weeden - Cuffe, Buttery, Sozi, Castle. T- Green (2), Epati, Weeden, Royston. G - Holroyd (5/5)

Doncaster Lakers 22 - Leigh Centurions 34

Royston, Colton, Epati, Newlove, Mills, Holroyd, Ross, Tonks, Green, Handford, Lawton, Robinson, Weeden - Mossop, Buttery, Sozi, McNicholas. T- Holroyd, Ross, Colton, Castle. G - Holroyd (3/4)

Top 3 Try Scorers:

Royston - 19
Green - 15
Mills - 15

Top 3 Goal Scorers:

Holroyd - 100
Ross - 5
Lunt - 1

Top 3 Points Scorers:

Holroyd - 234
Royston - 76
Green - 60

Milestones:

With his try against Leigh, Dean Colton racked up his 50th try for the club. This landmark was passed in 117 appearances in which he emerged from the bench 37 times.

Lakers Captain Pete Green is five tries away from getting his half century - who would bet against him doing it before the end of the season.



Fixtures...

Key: NRC = Northern Rail Cup

NL1 = National League One

H = Home Games (Belle Vue Stadium)

A = Away Games

JULY

9	Leigh Centurions	NL1	H	3:00
16	Northern Rail Cup Final, Blackpool			
23	Rochdale Hornets	NL1	A	3:00
30	Oldham	NL1	H	3:00

AUGUST

6	Whitehaven	NL1	A	3:00
13	Halifax	NL1	A	3:00
20	York City Knights	NL1	H	3:00

SEPTEMBER

3	Widnes Vikings	NL1	H	3:00
10	Hull KR	NL1	A	3:00
17	LHF National League One Play-Offs			
24	LHF National League One Play-Offs			

OCTOBER

1	LHF National League One Semi Finals			
8	LHF National League One Grand Final			



In Touch...

By **GARY FOX**

News and Views from the world of Rugby League

It has certainly been an interesting few weeks on the Lakers front with a number of personnel coming into the Club and a number leaving.

Recent arrivals on the playing staff are Josh Weedon, Jason Mossop and Chris Buttery. Half-Back or Loose-Forward Weedon, tracked by the Club since leaving Featherstone Rovers some weeks ago, certainly looks a useful acquisition. The other two are young utility backs who have come with good reputations from Super League Academy Teams and have a chance to establish themselves at First Team level albeit in National League One. Only time will tell if they are capable of cementing positions at the Lakers.

Still on the playing front, Caldon Bravo who always looked an excellent prospect in Castleford's Under 21's but couldn't break into the Lakers starting seventeen with any regularity has moved down the road to join up with a number of ex Dragons at Sheffield Eagles. Prior to this weekend, he had played three times scoring five tries and picking up one Man-of-the Match award. Also moving out of Belle Vue was Australian Prop-Forward Paul McNicholas who seemed to struggle with injuries and failed to produce the form which had seen him play in the Super League with Hull.

Quite understandably, the biggest news in this period was the decision of the Club to release Head Coach Tony Miller. A former player, Academy Coach, Assistant Coach and from the beginning of this year following the death of St John Ellis, Head Coach, Tony has been a popular personality at the Club over the years and regardless of supporters opinions on the rights and wrongs of the 'sacking' or it's timing,

will be fondly remembered by those who have followed the Club through 'thick and thin'.

Of course what follows is the speculation as to who will succeed Tony as Head Coach and take the Lakers forward and into the new stadium in 2007? A number of high-profile names have been mentioned. John Kear was originally linked to the post but has subsequently taken over the reins at Wakefield Trinity Wildcats and has the unenviable task of trying to keep them afloat in Super League. It has become apparent that had Brian McDermott not been approached by Harlequins, he would have been odds-on for the position. Other names touted by the press initially included ex Great Britain Scrum-Half Bobby Goulding and former Castleford Coach Dave Woods. Brad Davis and Dean Sampson are other names which have been put forward whilst caretaker Coach Graham Holroyd has distanced himself for the time being, pledging to play on and learn under another Coach.

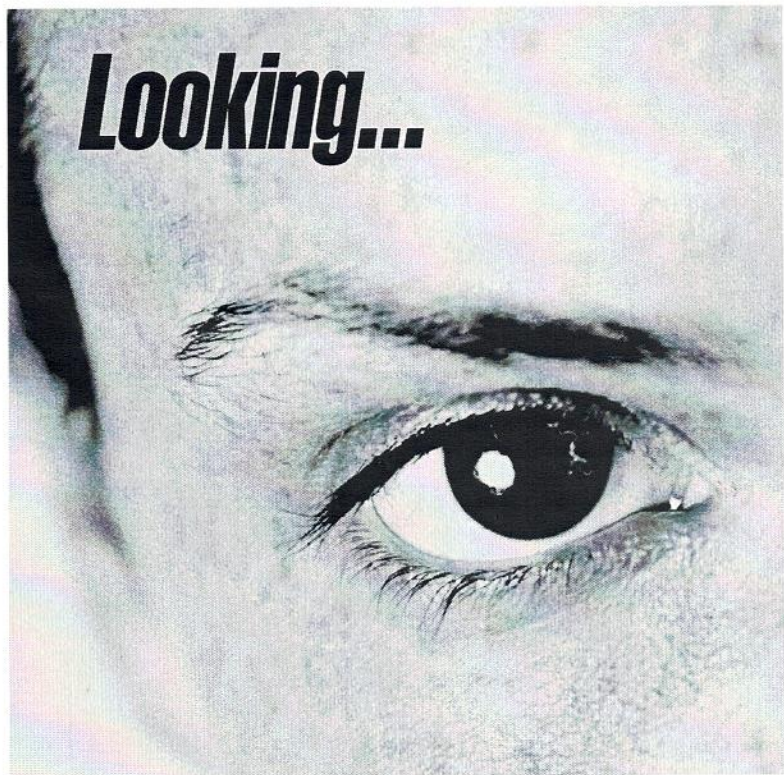
One of the names that won't go away however is that of ex Bradford Bulls and Great Britain hooker James Lowes currently on the Coaching staff at Salford City Reds and the appointment of Allan Hunte (also currently on the payroll at The Willows) to assist on matchdays has added weight to the theory that Lowes may be the man. Whoever does ultimately get the job, will have the benefit of a new state-of-the-art stadium and the promise of additional funds that have not recently been available. Lets hope that we get the right man and that success is not that far away.

Enjoy your Rugby League.

GARY FOX



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The development team aims to strengthen communities through forging formal links between groups/organisations that will provide long term partnerships. We aim to increase the number of volunteers in sport by working to recruit, train and retrain members of local communities.

Projects will increase participation levels in sport that will help towards improving health and promote healthy lifestyles. Work in schools and with amateur clubs will bring structure to grass-roots Rugby League in Doncaster and a pathway for talented players will be created that will help provide stars of the future.

For further information about the Doncaster Lakers Community Department please contact Dave Marshall, Community Development Manager on Telephone number (01302) 360960 or email: davemarshall@doncasterlakers.com

Fans Forum

The Lakers are keen to involve supporters in the club as much as possible, and keep them informed about what's happening.

The next Fans Forum will be on Monday August 21st at the Lakeside Visitor Centre starting at 7.30pm. All Lakers fans are welcome and your input is valued by the club.

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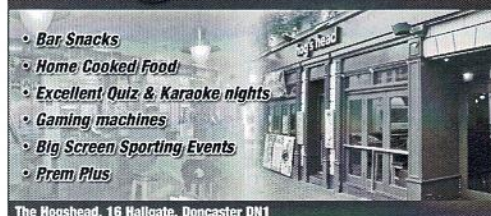
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Supporters Club News

THE MALLARD SUPPORTERS BRANCH

On behalf of the Branch, I would like to place on record our thanks to Tony Miller for all his efforts during a number of spells at the Club both as a player and in a variety of coaching roles. Tony was very supportive of the Branch in his role as Head Coach, attending meetings and functions and we wish him well in his future endeavours.

Today we welcome Oldham to Belle Vue and if any of us are thinking that we have had a disappointing season, spare a thought for the supporters of the Boundary Park Club who are so far this season without a National League One victory and who could have their relegation confirmed today if results go against them.

At the previous home fixture, there was a bucket collection organised by the Branch on behalf of the dependants of Jack Wilkieson, the Club's kitman who sadly passed away recently. That collection raised £373.00 and I am pleased to

announce that the Branch has agreed to make that figure up to £750.00. Thanks to all who gave to the collection, to those who gave their time to collect and to the Branch members for supporting my request to double what had been collected.

The next Branch Meeting will take place at The Mallard on Tuesday 8 August 2006 with an 8pm start and we continue to raise funds by way of a raffle each Wednesday evening at the popular 'Jam Sessions' in the pub.

As well as the 'Jam Sessions' on Wednesdays, a couple of dates for the diary are Friday 11 August 2006 when rock band Red Mosquito are at The Mallard plus Friday 18 August 2006 which sees the return of Pink Noise. For sports fans, there is regular SKY TV Rugby League and Football in the bar.

GARY FOX
(Branch Secretary)

THORNE BRANCH

A very warm welcome to the fans of Oldham for today's LHF Healthplan National League 1 game. Despite the fact that Oldham are yet to win a game this season, I'm sure their players will want to record a win today.

After the dismissal of Coach Tony Miller, the players put in a good performance against Rochdale last Sunday, they fought back well after surrendering the lead midway through the 2nd half and ran out deserved victors.

On a personal note, I was sad to see Tony go. I am not qualified to say whether Tony was a good or bad coach, but what I will say is that he was always approachable and a nice guy. Good luck in the future Tony and to your family.

Thorne Branch will today be running their 'predict the score competition' & collecting your loose change for our 'Copper Up'. Last time we raised £280.

Our next Branch Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th August 8pm at the Canal Tavern Thorne. New members are most welcome.

PAUL MARGRAVE
Chairman

Away Travel...

Once again we will be running a bus to all the away games. There are various local pick up points so give us a ring and we will try our best to accommodate.

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