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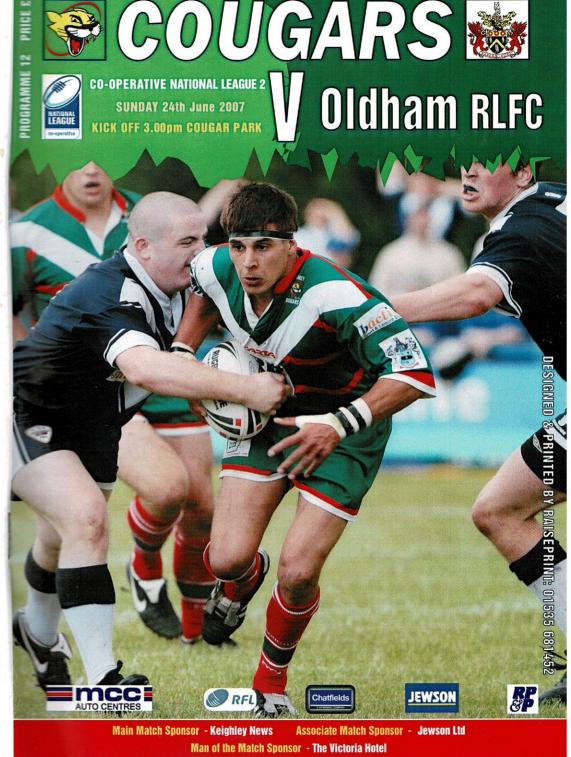
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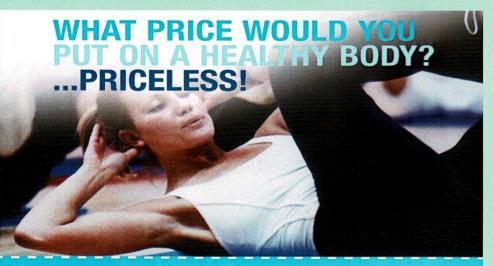
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Alright, we have lost two of our last three games. But lets be fair, are we full time Super League players?, or National League 2 players, yes professional and dedicated, but still part-time and holding down a full time occupation, out of the game.

Look at the events of the last week. On Sunday our young lads take on the second placed team in NL2 and stuff 'em. Three days later after a near full days work we have to finish early to get a bus at 4.00pm for a two hour journey to play the team lying in 3rd place in NL2 for a 7.45pm kick off.

Not the best of preparations for a full blooded battle in our wonderful game of rugby league, and with rain lashing down throughout. Back on to the bus, arrive back in Keighley and to bed for 1.00am, mustn't miss work the following morning.

Three days later we travel to Swinton who but for their unfortunate points deduction would have been lying in 4th or 5th position in the league. When does one have the time to recover from the knocks and recover ones fitness from such major confrontations?

No wonder ,after such a brilliant start at Sedglev Park, we run out of steam in the last guarter of the game. really do feel for the boys and thank them for their efforts at a time when circumstances were completely against

We will be reminding RFL that National League players have work committments outside the game and cannot be likened to Super League players. Especially with National Leagues now being truly National, with South Wales, London, Cumbria and Gateshead. We cannot accommodate mid week matches, there must be one or two free weekends or end of season dates incorporated into the fixture lists next term so that these incidents do not occur.

Sorry end of soap box orations and thanks to all you understanding fans for your support.

Today we welcome the Directors, offcials, players and supporters from Oldham, another tough encounter, as they all are in this division but with what our lads have shown us recently, after a full weeks rest, I feel we may have a chance of pulling it off.

We do hope our visitors enjoy their day with us and have a safe journey home.

Enjoy your rugby

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### RECORDS

**Honours:** 

Grand Final Winners 2003

Division Two: Champions, 1902-03, 1994-95,

Division Three Champions 1992-93

Challenge Cup beaten finalists 1936-37

Second Division Premiership winners 1994-95

Yorkshire Cup beaten finalists 1943-44, 1951-52

#### **Match Records:**

Goals: 15 by John Wasyliw v Nottingham City 1st November 1992

15 by Martin Wood v Lancashire Lynx 1st May 2005

Tries: 6 by Jason Critchley v Widnes 19th August 1996

Points: 36 by John Wasyliw v Nottingham City 31st October 1993

#### Season:

Goals: 187 by John Wasyliw 1992-93

Tries: 45 by Nick Pinkney 1994-95

Points: 490 by John Wasvliw 1992-93

#### Career:

Goals: 967 by Brian Jefferson 1965-1977

Tries: 155 by Sam Stacey 1904-1920

Points: 2116 by Brian Jefferson 1965-1977 Appearances: 372 by Hartley Tempest 1902-

and David McGoun 1925-1938

#### **Highest score:**

For: 104-4 v Highfield (played at Rochdale) 23rd April

Against: 2-92 v Leigh 30th April 1986

#### Attendance:

14,500 v Halifax in the Challenge Cup 3rd March 1951

# Down Memory Lane

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> of his series on Keighleys Cup final run of 1937, David Kirkley concentrates on the build up to the final.

With their semi-final win over Wakefield at Fartown Huddersfield Keighley had reached a Challenge Cup Final at last. Someone after the match congratulated the club chairman Sam Slater, "Congratulations, Sam, but who'd have thought Keighley would be going to Wembley?"

"Aye, indeed, who would have thought it? There isn't anyone here would have thought it six months ago." Sam agreed.

Word soon got around Keighley of the tremendous win and as the team bus heading home approached Cross Roads they were met by an incredible sight. Hundreds of people lined the route right down into town cheering them all the way; most of the route was decorated with flags and streamers.

Filled with many Welsh players you can imagine the team was

in good voice and they waved and sang all the way to the Victoria Hotel in Keighley. Thousands of people in the road outside blocked Cavendish Street and there were many more inside.

As Bevan, the try scorer, got off the bus the crowd went wild going on to recognise and cheer each player in turn leave until they had seen their heroes once again.

In the club's diamond jubilee year and in the year of the Coronation of King George VI the final promised great things.

Picture shows the team before the semi final



The team then went up to appear on the balcony to the adulation of the crowd.

The players then went inside for a meal but had to go out onto the balcony again later as the multitude would not Back Sherburn, Halliday, Herbet,Traill,Talbot Dixon,Jones

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# OFF THE BENCH

#### Welcome to high flying Oldham for what is going to be a tough game.

Oldham have been on a fantastic winning run that came to an end last week although they will count themselves unfortunate as they were leading with a few minutes to go and were reduced to 12 men for half the game after having a man sent off but 2 late tries from featherstone earned them the win with Oldham just not quite being able to hold out and the extra man telling in the end. Lets not forget that those 2 teams are probably the 2 form teams at the moment so ime sure Steve Deakin and his boys wont be too disheartened and they know that they have 2 games in hand that could elevate them to top of the league if they win them both.

Oldham have a couple of players in their ranks who i was very interested in bringing to Keighley in Tony Tonks and Adam Hughes but we were unable to compete financially at this stage to land them but hopefully as you read these notes we will have had a good response to my players fund which was launched on Friday night and if that becomes a success then with that and the club getting stronger and stronger off the field then we may be able to bring in this kind of quality to our team to add to what we have already Teams that want to achieve are always looking to bring players in to strengthen their squad and Oldham have been able to do that which has got them right up there with a chance as they attempt to get promotion to League 1. Hopefully in the near future if we can all pull together as a club, supporters, sponsors,

media etc, we can start to build on the good foundation we have got at the club and push the club forward so that we can challenge the top teams week in week out.

We have just come out of a

tough 3 games in 1 week which started fantastic with a great win over Workington which showed that when we play to our potential we can give anybody a game. It is not surprising that that our ball control was around 87% which is the reason we gave ourselves a chance to win. Against Barrow although we gave a fully committed performance our Ball control was around 60% and in poor conditions their pack got on top in the final quarter of the game. Against Swinton last sunday we played very well for an hour and were in with a great chance of winning the game but the 2 games previous against the 2 biggest teams in our league took its toll and we were visibly shattered in the last 15 minutes. Something needs to be done to avoid having these midweek fixtures because i know we would not have fallen away like we did at Swinton had we not had to go to Barrow on the Wednesday

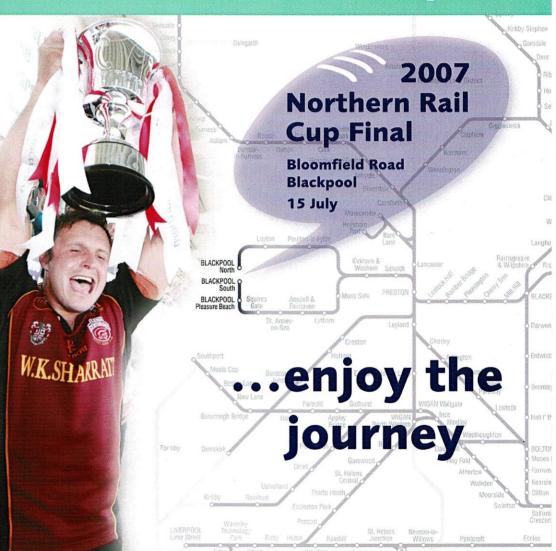
Lastly thanks to all who attended on Friday night and those who can help in any way and thanks to all who come down week in week out to cheer on their beloved KEIGHLEY COUGARS.

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#### **OLDHAM pen-pictures 2007**





Lucas Onvango-A real flier, aged 25. Lucas grew up in rugby union in his native Kenya. Hefirst came to England in the Kenya RU sevena-side squad for the

2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester. He liked it here, returned to stay, and played rugby union with Sale Sharks (briefly) and Manchester before turning codes to sign for Widnes Vikings in 2005. In nine first team games for Vikings he scored six tries and showed that he was one of the fastest men in the sport. Sadly, he picked up a serious knee njury at Batley and he was never to play for Widnes again.

Once fully recovered he played rugby union again in the Manchester area and Roughyeds signed him in March, 2007 from Leigh RU Club.

Shortly before turning pro with Widnes he played for Kenya again in the 2005 Rugby World Sevens in Hong Kong. Roughveds believe Lucas will score a lot of tries in the Co-Operative

National League Two where his speed and elusive running will make him a real



Geno Costin (Second Row/Prop) A non-quota Aussie, 22 year-old Geno is in England for the first time and hoping to make an impact in NL2. Former Halifax stand-off Carl Briggs, lined up

originally to become Gateshead Thunder's new coach, planned to take Geno to the North-East with him. When that move broke down, Briggs pointed Geno in Oldham's direction, much to the delight of coach Steve Deakin. Geno first established himself in the Queensland Cup competition with Wynnum-Manly, alongside another Roughyeds recruit Mark Ogden, but last year played in the same comp for Logan Souths. Has long had a yearning to embark on an adventure to England and now that opportunity knocks he intend to make the most of it. Arrived in Oldham with his mate Mark Ogden on Boxing Day --- just in time for his first training session on freezing Oldham Edge two



Richard Mervill (Prop Formerly with Halifax and then Keighley, Richard comes to the Roughyeds for 2007

from Australia ---- a similar route to that taken by his former Cougars team mate, Simeon Hoyle. Mervill played in the 2003 Keighley side that won promotion to NL1, alongside hooker Hoyle and stand-off Paul Ashton and later jetted off Down Under, where he has been playing for Dapto in the Illawarra competition.

Hoyle, who had also played out there, alerted Roughyeds to the availability of



Drew Houston





in 2007. Oldham-born he first played for the Roughyeds in the



Kris Smith (Second Row/Centre)

four Super League clubs, namely Leeds, Salford, Londor



Tony Tonks (prop)

League Two campaign. A Normanton lad, and a product of Normanton Knights, Tony had a season with Wakefield academy before turning pro full-time at Odsal for six years, though for the 2006 season he was loaned ou to Doncaster Lakers in N L1. He played



Said Tamghart



Paul Ashton (Half

Back) Son of former

during 212 club appearances which reaped him 72 tries. Aged 27, Paul learned his trade at Saddleworth before playing for Halifax, Rochdale, Keighley

side, with his new Roughyeds team mates Simeon Hoyle and Richard Mervill, that won promotion to NL1 in 2003.

Lee Wingfield

(Second Row)

Britain. He played against France and Russia in Russia in 2003 and kept his place for international appearances against France at Carcassonne and then for the return game at Whitehaven.

he toured Australia with GB amateurs and played in every game. He signed a contract to cover 2006 and 2007 and he

14. He ultimately spent two years as a full-time pro in the Wildcats' Super League squad when Shane McNally was coach

back-row forward

ADAM ROBINSON

hose to sign for Oldham, instead of

nalf star Ray Ashton, Paul is fulfilling a

#### **OLDHAM pen-pictures 2007**





Andy Crabtree

eager to fulfil the early promise that earned him not only a sp on the books of Wigan Warriors but al



Chris Baines (Back





A scrum-half in his Royton Tigers days, local lad Andy became a good full-back in the former Roughyeds academy side. He was under contract on the breakup of the academy side, but he pledged to fight for a place in the first team rather



than go elsewhere. In 2006 he became a fans' favourite with gutsy performances, capped off with a couple of length-of-thefield tries. Diminutive, but pacy, he established

himself as a regular on the wing, making more than 20 appearances and taking his try tally into double figures to finish the season as the club's top try

Not many of last year's squad were offered new contracts, but Gorey was and he quickly put pen to paper as he ooked to further develop his career with his hometown club.



**Gareth Langley** (Winger)
Pacy, and a good finisher, 'Gaz' Langley comes to the Roughyeds after five years in one of the mos

professional learning and developmen schools in rugby league --- the youth and academy set-up at St Helens. Born in the well-known rugby league district of Parr, near St Helens, 22-yearold Gareth didn't take up the sport with Blackbrook until he was 15. By the time he was 16 he was playing for Salford under-18s, having been headhunted by the then Salford academy coach Steve McCormack He wasn't on contract and it didn't take long for hometown St Helens to take him to Knowsley Road. He was the Saints senior academy player of the year in 2005 and runner up toplayer o the year in 2006, a season in which he made his Super League debut in a young Saints side that took on Catalans Dragons in Perpignan.



John Hough (Hooker) Cut 'Houghie' in two and you will find 'Roughyeds' running right through him. He was the first player to sign for the 'new'

Roughyeds club when it was formed by Chris Hamilton and his fellow directors in the autumn of 1997, following the demise of Oldham Bears Currently two seasons into a three-year contract, 29-year-old Oldham-born John will have completed ten years with the club at the end of the 2007 season and will thus qualify for a testimonial. A product of the Waterhead club, he signed for Warrington Wolves while still a boy, but he carved himself a niche in the history of the new Oldham club when he signed as a free agent on December 2, 1997.

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	2.Sam Gardner
	3.Matt Foster
	4.Mick Fogerty
	5.Ryan Smith
	6.Craig Fawcett
	7.Barry Eaton
	8.Simon Bissell
	9.James Feather
	10.Gareth English
	11.Greg Nicholson
	12.Richard Knight
	13.Chris Redfern
	Subs
	14.Mike Hastings
	15.Wayne Sutcliffe

16.Tom Palmer

17. Luke Sutton

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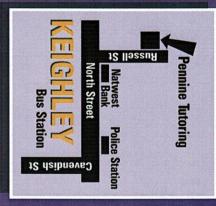
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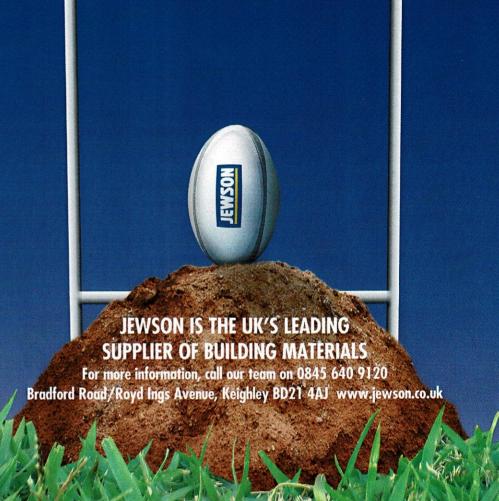








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# "Battle of the Stars" HOLLYWOOD COMES TO COUGAR PARK

Keighley Cougars are hosting a Battle of the Stars Charity Football Match on the 1st July at Cougar Park. The event is being promoted by Rancell UK which is the company involved in sending young local football players over to America to trial for LA Galaxy which is where David Beckham will now be playing.

The event is to raise money for the charity ASBAH (The Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus) and will feature stars from Harry Potter, Emmerdale, Dream Team and the band The Good Die Young.

The stars will play against the trialists who have been selected to trial for LA Galaxy. Some of the stars playing at the event are the Weasley twins played by James & Oliver Phelps, Neville Longbottom played by Matthew Lewis from Harry Potter and Sam Dingle played by Jim Hooton, Scott Windsor played by Ben Freeman and former Emmerdale stars Richie played by Glenn Lamont, Anthony Lewis who played Mark Reynolds and is now in the band The Good Die Young. The actor Alex Lawler from Mike Basset: England Manager, Dream Team and The Match will also be playing for the All Stars amongst many more.

The Good Die Young will be opening the day's events by playing live music from 1.30pm. There will also be a marching band and dancing from the Radio Aire FM Dance Team. The day promises to be a fabulous family day out and your chance to meet some real Hollywood stars whilst raising valuable funds for a worthy charity.

After the match there will be presentations and an auction giving you the opportunity to win amazing prizes and meet the celebrities in person.

Gates open at 1pm with Adults paying £5 and children/OAP's paying just £2.

# Harry Potter



the Weasley twins played by James Oliver Phelps, Neville Longbottom played by Matthew Lewis from Harry Potter

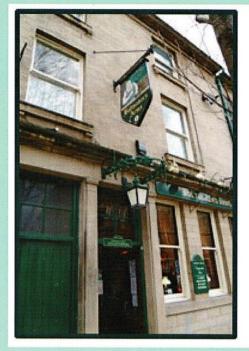


The Good Die Young



Sam Dingle played by Jim Hooton, Scott Windsor played by Ben Freeman





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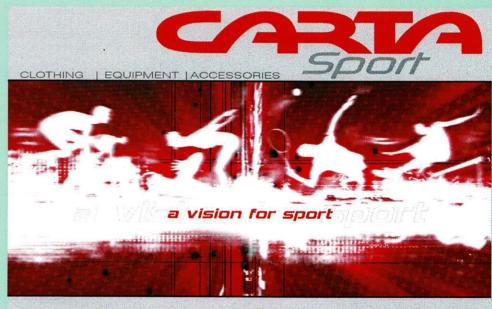
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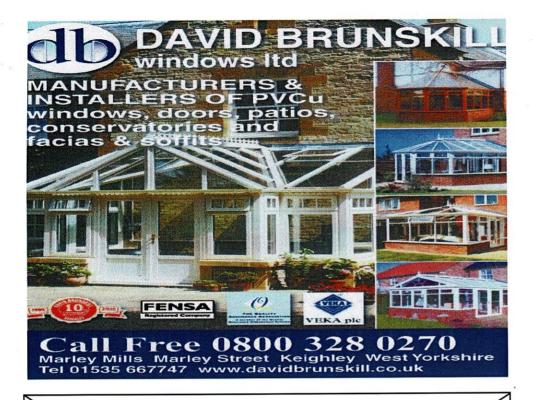
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# **KEIGHLEY COUGARS FIXTURES**



#### **National League 2**

1	Fri 6 Apr	<b>Keighley Cougars V Hunslet Hawks</b>	ko: 19:30,	Venue: Cougar Park
2	Mon 9 Apr	<b>Featherstone Rovers V Keighley Cougars</b>	ko: 19:30,	Venue: Chris Moyles Stadium
3	Sun 15 Apr	<b>Keighley Cougars V Celtic Crusaders</b>	ko: 15:00,	Venue: Cougar Park
4	Sun 29 Apr	Oldham V Keighley Cougars	ko: 15:00,	Venue: Boundary Park
5	Sun 6 May	<b>Keighley Cougars V Blackpool Panthers</b>	Cougars 30	Blackpool 10
6	Sun 13 May	<b>Gateshead Thunder V Keighley Cougars</b>	ko: 15:00,	Venue: Gateshead International Stadium
7	Sun 20 May	<b>Keighley Cougars V London Skolars</b>	ko: 15:00,	Venue: Cougar Park
8	Sun 27 May	<b>Barrow Raiders V Keighley Cougars</b>	Barrow 30	Cougars 0
9	Sun 3 Jun	York City Knights V Keighley Cougars	ko: 15:00,	Venue: Huntington Stadium
10	Sun 10 Jun	<b>Keighley Cougars V Workington Town</b>	Cougars 33	Workington 22
11	Sun 17 Jun	<b>Swinton Lions V Keighley Cougars</b>	Cougars 18	Swinton 44
12	Sun 24 Jun	Keighley Cougars V Oldham	ko: 15:00,	Venue: Cougar Park
13	Sun 1 Jul	<b>Blackpool Panthers V Keighley Cougars</b>	ko: 15:00,	Venue: Bloomfield Road
14	Sun 8 Jul	<b>Keighley Cougars V Featherstone Rovers</b>	ko: 15:00,	Venue: Cougar Park
15	Sat 14 Jul	London Skolars V Keighley Cougars	ko: 15:00,	Venue: New River Stadium
16	Sun 22 Jul	<b>Keighley Cougars V York City Knights</b>	ko: 15:00,	Venue: Cougar Park
17	Sun 29 Jul	<b>Keighley Cougars V Swinton Lions</b>	ko: 15:00,	Venue: Cougar Park
18	Sun 5 Aug	<b>Workington Town V Keighley Cougars</b>	ko: 15:00,	Venue: Derwent Park
19	Sun 12 Aug	<b>Keighley Cougars V Barrow Raiders</b>	ko: 15:00,	Venue: Cougar Park
20	Sat 18 Aug	Celtic Crusaders V Keighley Cougars	ko: 18:00,	Venue: Brewery Field
21	Sun 2 Sep	<b>Keighley Cougars V Gateshead Thunder</b>	ko: 15:00,	Venue: Cougar Park
22	Sun 9 Sep	<b>Hunslet Hawks V Keighley Cougars</b>	ko: 15:30,	Venue: South Leeds Stadium

#### **Last Results COUGARS**

June 17th Sedgley Park attendance 426 Swinton Lions 44 Cougars 18 Tries Knight (2) Gardner 1 Goals Knight 3

June 13th Craven Park attendance 1058 Barrow Raiders 30 Cougars 0

June 10th Cougar Park attendance 613 Cougars 33 Workington 22 Tries Gardner Fogerty (2) Feather Sutton Goals Knight (6) Drop Goal Fawcett

#### **Last Under 21 results**

June 16th Darwen FC Swinton U21s 38 Cougars U21s 8 Tries Dubas -Fisher, Boxwell

June 9th Cougar Park Cougars U21s 48 Workington U21s 10 Tries Pusglove, Smith (2) Young Anson , Feather, Donalley

Goals Robinson 8

### **National League 2 Table**

Pos	Name	Points	Pos	Name	Points
1	Featherstone	29	7	York	16
2	Barrow	28	8	Swinton	5
3	Workington	26	9	London	11
4	Celtic	24	10	Keighley	10
5	Oldham	23	11	Gateshead	10
6	Hunslet	17	12	Blackpool	4

Next U21 fixture v Featherstone U21s July 7th 2.30pm Cougar Park

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#### **1ST TEAM STATS**

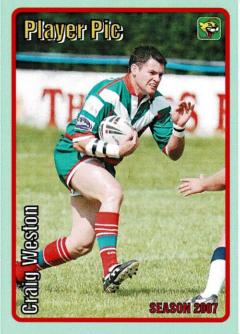
Apperances
Buster Feather 19,
Gavin Duffy 17 + 2 sub,

**Tries**Mick Fogerty 9
Chris Redfearn 8

Goals
Barry Eaton 49
Richard Knight 13

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#### Report from Helen Carter -**Commercial Manager**

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Cougar Park for this afternoons game against Oldham RLFC and welcome to the Oldham players, fans and officials. I hope you all enjoy your day with us.

I would also like to welcome today's match sponsors, Keighley News, the Victoria Hotel and Jewson. Enhancing our relationship with Jewson, Keighley Cougars held a Management Training Day that included a motivational talk from Matt Foster and was finished off with the employees of Jewsons taking part in a kicking competition We really appreciate your support and hope you have a great day with us here at Cougar Park.

Cougar Park will also be hosting a 'Celebrity Football Match' on 1st July 2007. 'Battle of the Stars' sees Hollywood celebrities from Harry Potter, Emmerdale, Dream Team and members from the band 'The Good Die Young' take on Rancell UK, a team made up of players selected to trail at LA Galaxy, the team David Beckham will be playing his football at next season. This is all in aid of the charity ASBAH (Assosiation for Spina Bifida And Hydrocephalus) Your support is hugely important, not only to give to a worthy cause but for your chance to see Hollywood stars in Keighley!

I would also like to make you aware of the Annual Golf Day which will be taking place on 24th September 2007. This fantastic event includes a day on the prestigious Keighley golf course along side one of our first team members followed by an entertainment filled evening with guest speaker Malcolm Lord, Hilarious comedian Charlie Hale, presentation and auction! Anyone interested in this incredible opportunity should contact me on 01535 606044.

We will also be looking towards having a "kids go free" match in the coming weeks so look out

for details on the exact date on the website or in the press. The club needs to attract children to the games as they are our fans of the future, so please help us to make our match days a real family

Finally. I hope you all enjoy today's game and cheer our boys onto

See you soon, Helen

#### **Holy Family make** it 3 in a row

Congratulations go out once again to everyone involved with Holy Family's year 9 girls rugby team as for the third successive year they have made it to the schools National Cup Final. The girls had to tough it out though with a very strong challenge coming from Outwood Grange school (who incidently had Barry Eatons neice in the team). Holy Family only went through on points difference having finished on the same points as Outwood but scoring more tries. The same scenario happened for Settle year 7's but unfortunately for them Castleford High had a better points difference which meant they just missed out on a trip to the finals at Wembley. It was agonisingly close for our two Enjoy the game Matt

vear 8 teams from Settle and South Craven with both teams finishing second in their group just missing out on the finals! Settle College also competed at year 10 and finished 3rd in their group. To have 5 schools in 4 year groups at the National Finals shows just how strong girls rugby is in our schools. Hopefully next year with a bit of luck more than 1 school will be heading down to Wembley!

The Oakbank Partnership Champion Schools tag rugby league Festivals also took place at the end of May down at Utley playing fields. The schools taking part were the champions of there local schools cluster. For the boys there were Burley Oaks (Ilkley Gram), Haworth (Oakbank), Eastburn (Parkside), Steeton (Greenhead), East Morton (Bingley and St Stephens (Holy Family) competing in a league format where the team finishing top would be winners. With standards very high the top 3 teams were seperated by 2 points only, Eastburn triumphing over Haworth and East Morton. The girls competition was between Burley Oaks (Ilkley Gram), Crossflatts (Bingley), Steeton (Greenhead), Oxenhope (Oakbank) Wilsden (Parkside) and Hothfield St (Holy Family). Again things got very tight and Burley Oaks just made it past the post in 1st place with Steeton very close behind them.

Coaching is happening in the schools at the moment in preparation for the forthcoming tackle rugby festival in July. This is likely to be the biggest ever competition held in Keighley as we have already had 24 boys and 16 girls teams confirmed to be taking part, beating last years total of 21 boys and 15 girls teams



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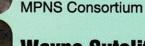
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After about 1.5 miles, turn left at traffic lights (T junction) onto B5261. Follow this road for approximately four miles. Fylde RUFC is on the left opposite "The Blossoms" pub.

#### Rail:

Travel to Preston, then change to a Blackpool South train. Get off at Ansdell station. The ground is only a few hundred yards away. If you are travelling from Blackpool North, you will need to take a bus to Lytham. Buses run frequently.

#### Match day Prices:

Adults £10, Kids under 16-£5, OAPS /Cons £8

#### Refreshments:

Club bar with outside seating area inside the Ground . 'The Blossoms' pub opposite Is a family-friendly dining pub.



# COUGAR CUBS



One of the biggest days in the Cubs Calendar took place

last Saturday, with the annual presentation day taking place at Cougar Park for all teams from the u9's through to the Under 18's National Youth League Side .

Brendon Rawlins, Buster Feather, Gavin Duffy and Matt Foster were on hand to present the awards, though both Brendon and Buster found themselves somewhat upstaged at the U9's presentation, when Ronnie the Rhino put in a guest appearance!

Every Member of Every squad received a team trophy for their efforts and their were special awards for outstanding effort, most improved and players player of the year, plus the overall player of the season at each age group.

#### In year order Players of the Season were

- UNDER 9's BAILEY HORVATH
- UNDER 10's JACK KENNEDY
- UNDER 11's KYLE AKRIGG
- UNDER 12's
- DAVID MEYRICK
   UNDER13's
- CIARAN SPENCER
   UNDER14's
- BEN STEAD
- UNDER 15' GRANT ACKROYD
- UNDER 16's SAM WALKER
- UNDER 18's JOSHUA SCOTT

U9's First aider Sharon McGee is orgainsing a family disco evening, featuring 'Pulsating Pete' on Friday July 6th start time 7.30pm in the Hall of Fame Bar at Cougar Park. Entry is only £1 with all proceeds being split between Girlguiding and the 'Callum' Appeal, raising money towards the trip of a lifetime for Cubs Under 9s player Callum Mynott who has been diagnosed with throat cancer.

Please support the event if you can - everyone welcome.



#### 5 mins - 5 questions Craig Weston



Your joining the Cougars came a little out of the blue to the Supporters, how did it all come about?

I'm a good friend of Barry's from our time at Widnes together and we've had a few chats over the past few months . I came back to England a few months again and I'm now settled in a new job . I wasnt intially planning to start playing professionaly again , but here I am!

How much did you know about the Cougars and apart from Barry were you aware of any of the other of your playing collegues?

When I first came over to England in 1997, Keighley were one of the top clubs in the lower divisions. I was with

Huddersfield at the time and I played against them in a semi final , as Matt Foster reminded me about the other day , so I knew a bit about the club from then plus obviously what Barry had told me

#### It was your first game for the club the other week -how did you find it?

Seen as it has been three and a half years since I've last played I wasn't sure how my lungs would hold out !

But despite the result after all that time out i was happy with my performance . I'm trying to pick up all the plays and blend in with the other players and hopefully we can gain a win today against Oldham.



#### How hard has it been to get back into a training routine?

I've always tried to keep myself fit but there really is nothing like being match fit . I'm working hard but it'll be a month or so before I find my feet and reach that level.

Do you see your move back into playing as route into the Coaching side of the game?

Not at this stage - I'm happy to help Barry and use my experience to help the other guys

Cheers Craig and good luck today!

# FREDDIES PAGE

Hiva Kids,

A big welcome to all our junior supporters out there in Cougar land also a huge hello to all the youngsters that are here today supporting Oldham, we hope you enjoy your day here at Cougar Park.

Well what a great day against Workington, I really enjoyed myself and it was a very happy Freddie that retired to the boot room that night. Sadly I couldn't make the trips to Barrow and Swinton, but lets hope we can get things back on track today against the Roughyeds.

Just a reminder that the Club shop will be soon getting some Away shirt replicas in in kids sizes, if you would like to order one please see Ann in the Shop just inside the main gate on matchdays.

Don't forget to watch out for me in next weeks Keighley Gala procession , I'll be there along with some of the players , I'll be giving a special wave to anyone I see in a Cougar Shirt!!

As well as that I am hoping to see plenty of you at the Schools Tackle Tournament held at Utley in July with the World record attempt at Rugby Passing also taking place that day.

Enjoy the game and keep cheering !!! coooooooooouuuuuuggggggggaaaarrrrsssss!!!!!





### MASCOT

Todays Mascot is Chris Redfearns Young Nephew Alfie. Lets hope he enjoys his special day with the Cougars & sees Uncle Chris score loads of tries!!

Do you want to lead out the Cougars , are you between 5 & 12 years old ?

Get your parents or carers to contact the club on 01535 606044 Or e-mail Freddie@keighleycougars.info





To 10 year old Alfie Seely, winner of our

Website Competition to be one of the mascots at last Fridays GB v France Game .

I'm sure Alfie had a great time with the GB Boys and Mascot Maneman!

### AWAY DAYS SPECIAL

For any travelling fans not looking forward to the long drive to Workington Floodlit / Hall of Fame Bar Patron, Mr Richard Greasley, will be running a supporters' Charabang ' to Derwent Park for the game on August 5th.

The now annual trip out is organised in memory of Graham Jarman who organised most of the bus travel during the clubs glory years in the 90's

Leaving from the 'Vic' mid morning and aiming to arrive in Workington for pre match 'refreshments', the bus will leave for home approx 1 hour after the game leaving ample time for celebrations or commiserations, depending on the result!

Everyone (including Kids) are welcome, with the final cost being determined by the numbers travelling.

If you are interested please see Greasley in the bar today or he can be contacted on 07789540721.



#### **COUGARS WEBSITE**

The Club website can be found at www.keighleycougars.info, you place on the net for all the up to date news from Cougar Park, from 1st eam through to Cubs.

This week we've added three new match highlights clips to our YouTube Channel. Gateshead, (away), Workington (home) and last weeks game at Swinton. Don't forget you can buy full match DVDS through our online club shop if you enjoy the highlight clips on the net. The shop section can be found through the sites front page.

The player profiles section has also been updated to include a number of the U21 players, which we hope you'll find useful for all those who watch the senior academy on a regular basis.

If you've any news you'd like to include on the website please don't hesitate to e-mail it to rach@keighleycougars.info

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