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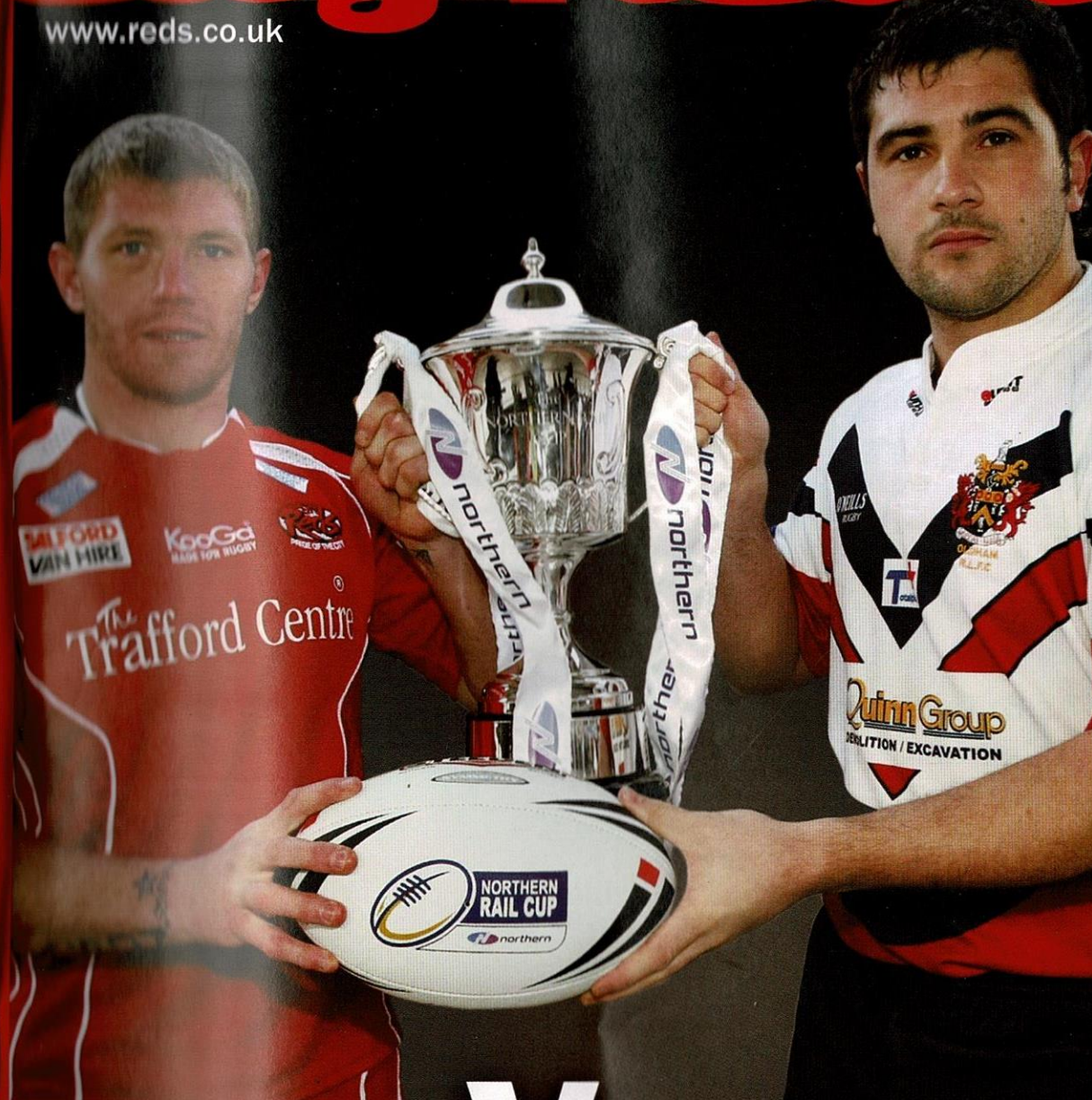
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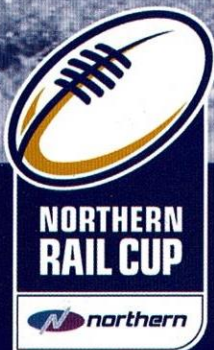
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Chairman's Message

GOOD Evening everyone and welcome to The Willows for tonight's opening home fixture against Oldham in the Northern Rail Cup.

Here at The Willows we are all looking forward to the bright new future that lies ahead of us and we remain confident that we will bounce back from the disappointments of 2007. Things are moving at a pace now with our application for a license in Super League due in March and it is of paramount importance that we are given the nod in our quest to rejoin the top flight.

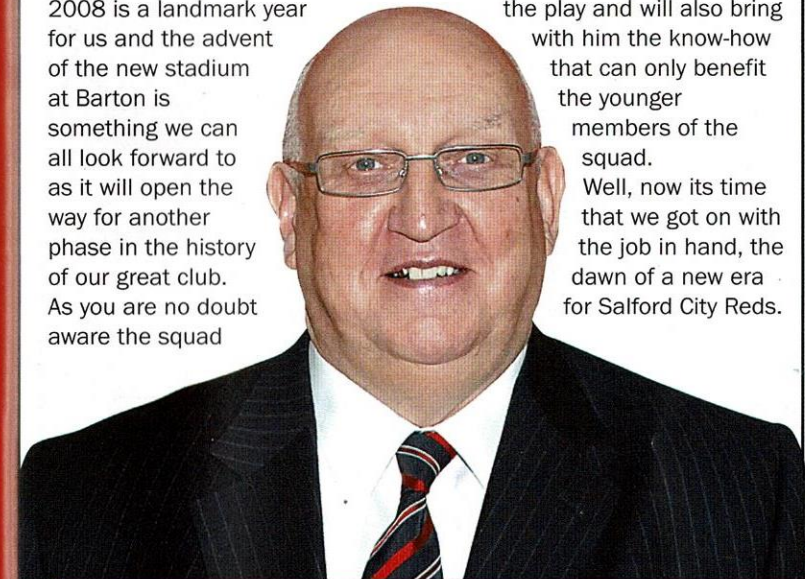
2008 is a landmark year for us and the advent of the new stadium at Barton is something we can all look forward to as it will open the way for another phase in the history of our great club. As you are no doubt aware the squad

recently returned from the annual pre-season training camp in Jacksonville and everyone was impressed with the way that Shaun McRae put the players through their paces. He is very thorough in his research, and his varied training schedules and one to one coaching methods have left nobody in doubt as to what is expected of the squad next this season.

The appointment of vastly experienced half-back Robbie Paul was another master-stroke but it is unfortunate that he will miss the opening games in this competition due to a back injury. He is the player that can dictate

the play and will also bring with him the know-how that can only benefit the younger members of the squad.

Well, now its time that we got on with the job in hand, the dawn of a new era for Salford City Reds.



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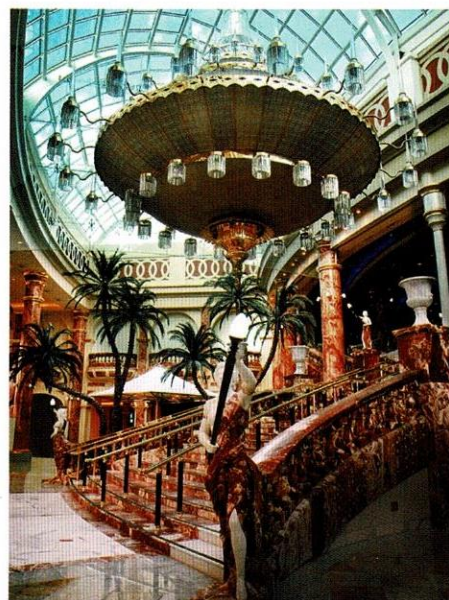
BARTON Square, the new £90million, 200,000sqft homeware development is set to open on 20 March this year.

Marks and Spencer Home, Next Home, British Home Stores, Dwell and Habitat are all confirmed tenants and there are

exciting new signings on the horizon. The campanile was completed in September 2007, and the link bridge attaching the development to The Trafford Centre was finished in November – both of which caused a media frenzy.

Barton Square is set to reflect the UK's increasingly sophisticated tastes for home products and offers an exceptional retail opportunity by creating a development devoted to lifestyle retailing. Barton Square will contain an

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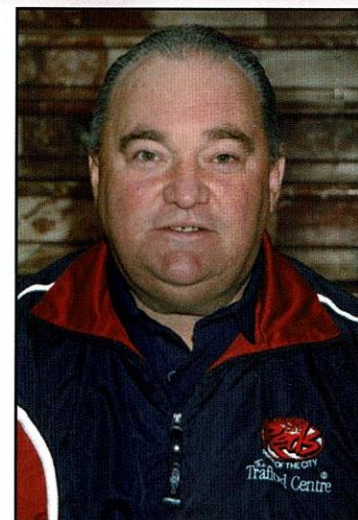
The décor has amazed plenty of tourists and overwhelmed many a journalist – and is even getting something of a reputation as a location for wedding photographs!

Carluccio's, Las Iguanas, Costa Coffee and Pesto are now well established; Brasserie and Café Palmes D'Or which opened in September have added a new dimension to the dining offer, and two new restaurants are soon to be announced adding further impetus to this great attraction.



Head Coach, Shaun McRae

Bomber Command



HI EVERYONE, tonight's game against Oldham marks our first home fixture in the Northern Rail Cup and I am hoping we can continue the momentum from our victory at Rochdale Hornets last Sunday.

Obviously the loss of Robbie Paul was a big blow to us, but I feel that we have enough quality in the squad to carry us through. That showed in the pre-season friendly against a strong Warrington line up who had to pull out all the stops for a narrow 22 points to 15 victory.

The future of this club depends on the flow of talent coming through the ranks and there will be one or two surprise selections this season, I am sure of that.

We have no divine right to win our games this term and it is obvious that we are there to be shot at by all opponents. There can be no room for complacency however in any of the competitions but our objectives have got to be to win everything in front of us. The players know that there are cups and medals up for grabs and any player worth his salt should be aiming for those rewards.

Everyone at the club is pulling in the same direction and we need to be unified in our quest to make this club great again. Hopefully this season will prove to be the turning point in the future of Salford City Reds.

Enjoy the game.

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Rugby League Challenge Cup winners: 1938

Rugby League Challenge Cup runners-up: 1900, 1902, 1903, 1906, 1939, 1969

Lancashire League Championship: 1932-33, 1933-34, 1934-35, 1936-37, 1938-39

Lancashire Challenge Cup winners: 1931, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1972

Lancashire Challenge Cup runners-up: 1929, 1938, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1988, 1990

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Setting the Scene



TONIGHT'S opening home fixture of the 2008 campaign brings local neighbours Oldham to The Willows for a Northern Rail Cup Group 4 fixture.

It's almost five years ago that we last met in this competition which was then known as the Arriva Trains Cup, with Salford going on to win the trophy with a 36-19 victory over Leigh at Spotland.

Oldham coach Steve Deakin has worked miracles to turn around the club's fortunes since taking over from John Pendlebury early in the 2006 season. A

crippling injury list did him no favours at all that season with the result that Oldham finished National League 1 without a win and they were duly relegated.

Last season the club turned things round and some battling end of season performances saw them reach the National League 2 Grand Final, only to go down 24-6 to Featherstone Rovers.

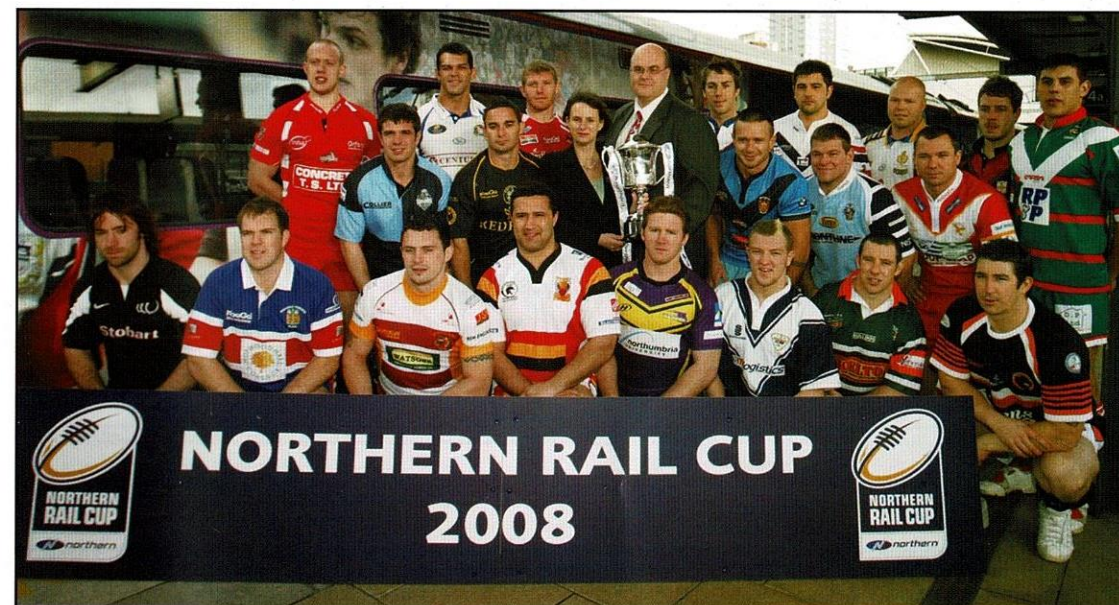
Ambitions are high though for this season with promotion back to National League 1 their main priority but don't rule out a big showing in this competition with Steve

Deakin's side out to cause a few shocks.

With the likes of Simon Baldwin, Mick Nannyn, Marcus St Hilaire and Phil Joseph in their squad they have the quality to make things happen.

Last 10 meetings at The Willows (Salford first)

1985-86	Championship	L 20-34
1986-87	Championship	W 36-30
1988-89	Championship	W 38-20
1989-90	Challenge Cup	L 7-18
1990-91	Lancs Cup	W 27-24
1993-94	Championship	L 23-26
1994-95	Championship	L 12-16
1997	Super League	W 35-26
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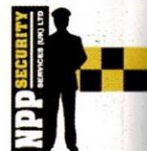
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Team Work

GOOD evening, I hope I find you all well.

On behalf of our Chairman Mr. John Wilkinson OBE it gives me great pleasure to welcome the Chairman of Oldham Mr Bill Quinn and his Board of Directors to the Willows. Their Head Coach Steve Deakin, his coaching and playing staff and of course, Oldham's loyal supporters.

Special mention and welcome to our very loyal supporters and sponsors who have stayed with us for the 2008 season. Your support and loyalty is greatly appreciated and invaluable to Salford City Reds.

Team work is all about working together and I am honoured to be able to report that our relationship with our supporters is stronger this season than ever before. Hence we have a record number of established and new season tickets holders this year. Our replica kit seems to have "pressed all of the right buttons" as our retail income is proving to be very healthy. Our Meet the Players evening in January was very well supported and was a great lift for Shaun McRae and his men going into a new season. Special welcome to our members of the Captain's Club.

Thank you to our sponsors and business partners. All of our

Main and Associate Main sponsors have stayed loyal to the Club and some have even increased not only their moral support but also their financial support. Our Chairman's Executive Club is proving to be even more popular than last year with many new members. We also have a new club called the Barton Vocatus **MMX** Club. Barton Vocatus **MMX** means Barton Calling 2010. To become a member of this very exclusive club, sponsors need to have supported the club financially and morally to a very high level.

Membership is by invitation only from our Chairman himself.

I feel it would also be remiss of me not to thank the staff at the club who have worked so hard in preparation for the start the 2008 season. It is an honour and pleasure to work with these fine people and I class myself as being very lucky to

have such a wonderful, hardworking team of people.

Warm wishes and good luck to Steve Simms, Shaun McRae and the boys.

Take care of yourselves and God Bless.

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RIGHTY. Hello. Happy New Year and all that and welcome back.

It's been a busier few months than even we expected and it's been brilliant to be honest. It all culminated in the brilliant attendance at Rochdale on Sunday. Season ticket sales are up almost as high as the enthusiasm and that's fantastic to see, especially at this time when we are putting our license application together.

On a personal note it's been busy for me too. We started our new weekly radio show on Salford City Radio 94.4FM last Wednesday. It was a bit hairy in places but it will get better as



the weeks go on! Promise.

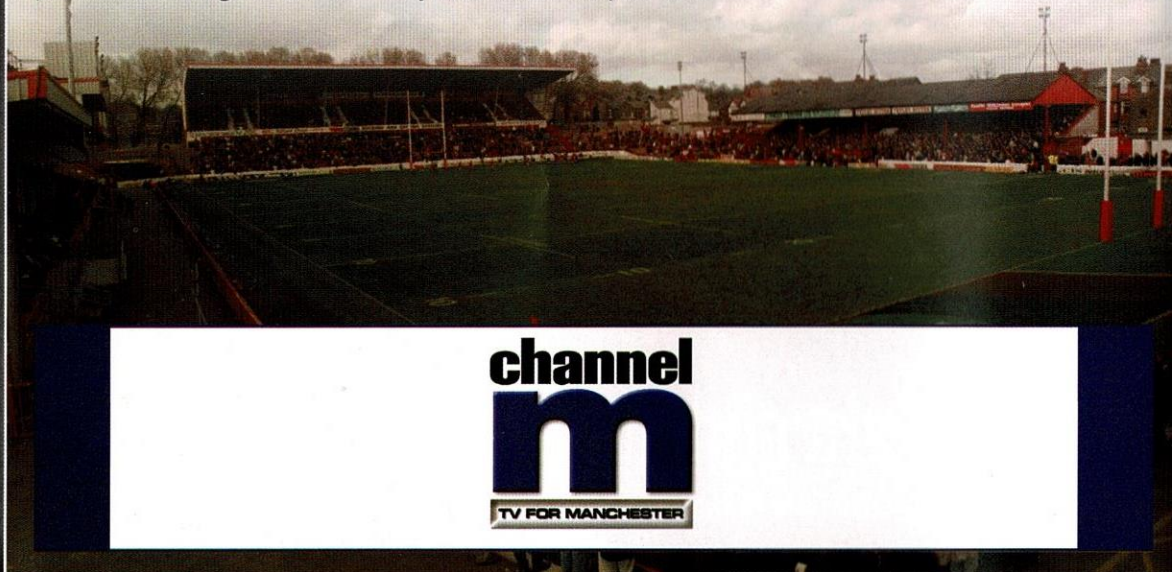
It's on each Wednesday between 6-7PM and we'll have a variety of guests from the club over the course of the season, we'll be discussing the events, have interviews from the coaching staff and generally trying to play some decent music and have a bit of a laugh along the way so hopefully you can tune in or even taken part.

On the website we also launched our blogging site where they will be regular updates from the various departments and also from you the fans, and players. Have a look, we think you'll like them.

Anyway, enjoy the season, it's obviously going to be a big year from the club and we are glad you're here to be part of it.

ERIC COE

The club is sad to record the passing of Eric Coe in January from Ordsall who had been a Salford supporter for over 60 years. We would like to pass on our sincere condolences to all of Eric's family and friends who are at the game this evening.



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with Mat Gardner

Player Spotlight

BARROW-BORN Mat played for the England Academy side against the Aussie Schools side in 2002. He began his professional career at Leeds Rhinos but in July 2004 went on loan to Castleford Tigers, making a try-scoring debut for them in a 48-16 Super League defeat at Wigan.

He joined Huddersfield Giants in September 2005 but had to wait until the 2006 season to make his debut for them. However, in the interim period, whilst still on Leeds' books, he was selected on the wing for Cumbria in a friendly match against Ireland up at Whitehaven in front of 1216 spectators.

Mat notched a brace of tries in his side's 64-4 victory, whilst current team-mate at The Willows, Stuart Littler, scored the only try for the Irish.

In 2006, he made a total of 15 appearances for

Huddersfield and scored six tries, including three in the 42-34 home Super League victory over the Catalans Dragons.

Last season he made 11 appearances for the Giants, scoring a couple of tries, including one against Salford in the Reds' 18-16 success at the Galpharm Stadium. That was Huddersfield's seventh successive Super League defeat from the start of the 2007 campaign.

In October 2007 Salford stepped in to secure his services on a 12-month deal and it is expected that he will figure prominently in the Reds' squad this term.

Elder brother Ade Gardner is a prolific try-scorer at St Helens, with whom he has played since 2002.



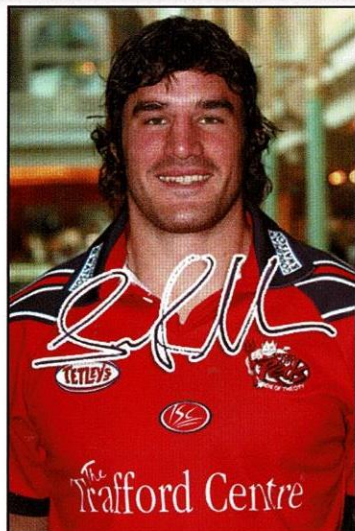
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with SIMON BALDWIN

Club Connection



IN our visitors ranks this evening will be front row forward Simon Baldwin who made 88 appearances for the Reds after joining us from Leigh prior to the 2003 campaign.

Simon originally played for Leigh East ARL club before turning professional with hometown club Leigh on his 17th birthday in March 1992.

The following season he made his first team debut as substitute and scored a try in the 12-12 home draw against Leeds.

He was a member of the 1994 GB Academy squad on their Tour

of Australia and within three months of his return to these shores he had linked up again with coach Steve Simms at Halifax.

It was in 1995 that he made his debut for England, playing against Wales and France in the European Championship. A month later he gained his only cap for the GB Under 21s in their 17-16 defeat against France at Albi.

He continued to play for Halifax until the end of the 1998 season, and then he joined Sheffield Eagles for the opening of the 1999 campaign. However, it did not work out for him at the Don Valley Stadium and the 2000 season opened with him back at Leigh.

Whilst at Hilton Park he appeared for Leigh in a couple of Division One Grand Finals (2000 and 2002), both of which ended in defeat.

Salford snapped him up for the 2003 campaign and he played a big part in helping Salford regain Super League

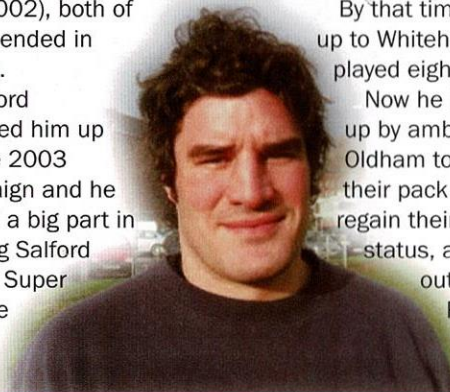
status. He missed just one match all season, scored a total of 13 tries and gained Winners' Medals for the Arriva Trains Cup and the Division One Grand Final, ironically on both occasions the opposition was his hometown club of Leigh.

Simon continued to play for the reds on their return to the top flight and he went on to make 88 appearances for the club, scoring 17 tries, prior to joining Rochdale Hornets in National League 1 for the 2007 campaign.

A disastrous season for the Hornets saw them lose their last nine matches, culminating in a massive 106-0 home defeat at the hands of Grand Final winners Castleford Tigers and that saw them relegated to Division Two, along with Doncaster.

By that time Simon had moved up to Whitehaven where he played eight matches.

Now he has been snapped up by ambitious neighbours Oldham to hopefully bolster their pack in an all out bid to regain their Division One status, after just missing out to Featherstone Rovers in the 2007 Grand Final.



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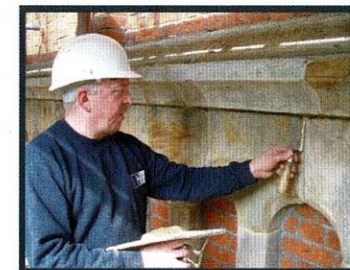
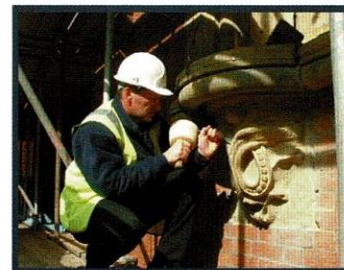
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	App	Sub	T	G	D/G	Pts	App	Sub	T	G	D/G	Pts
Luke Adamson	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	17	1	-	-	4
Malc Alker	1	-	1	-	-	4	270	4	65	-	1	261
Luke Ambler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andy Ballard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stephen Bannister	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Chris Borgese	-	1	1	-	-	4	-	1	1	-	-	4
Andrew Brocklehurst	1	-	-	-	-	-	36	26	6	-	-	24
Karl Fitzpatrick	1	-	2	-	-	8	60	17	28	8	-	116
Mat Gardner	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Paul Highton	-	1	-	-	-	-	149	96	22	-	-	116
Lee Jewitt	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	12	-	-	-	-
James Jimenez	1	-	1	-	-	4	1	-	1	-	-	4
Phillip Leuluai	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-
Stuart Littler	1	-	-	-	-	-	221	20	90	-	-	360
Richard Myler	1	-	1	-	-	4	1	-	1	-	-	4
Stephen Nash	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8	-	-	-	-
Robbie Paul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stefan Ratchford	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	-	-	4
Ian Sibbit	1	-	1	-	-	4	43	4	12	-	-	48
Adam Sidlow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Craig Stapleton	1	-	1	-	-	4	4	-	1	-	-	4
Jordan Turner	1	-	-	4	-	8	10	10	2	4	-	16
Leon Walker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jason Walton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paul White	1	-	1	-	-	4	1	-	1	-	-	4
John Wilshire	1	-	1	3	-	10	52	2	23	102	-	296

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Match Report



SALFORD EASE THEIR WAY TO OPENING VICTORY

ALTHOUGH looking a bit rusty at times the Reds showed that they will be a force to be reckoned with in the 2008 campaign.

Almost from the kick off Wilshire nearly got Stapleton in for a try but the Reds did take the lead in only the 4th minute when

newcomer Paul White took Littler's inside pass to score, but Wilshire was surprisingly off target with his attempt at goal. 0-4.

Gardner then intercepted a Hornets' attack and raced 80 metres before being tackled just short of the line.



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However, in the 14th minute Salford scored again when Sibbit powered his way over for another unconverted try. 0-8

Three minutes later the reds received a shock when former Salford player Simon Svabic reached out to score a try to which he added the extras. 6-8.

This try shook Salford into some frenzied attacking play and when Alker made a neat break in the 24th minute he sent Myler over by the posts leaving Wilshire with an easy kick at goal 6-14.

Then a lovely passage of play involving Myler and Fitzpatrick ended with Hornets centre Stout being sent to the sin-bin for interference off the ball. Reds pressure saw Sibbit and Brocklehurst both held on their backs over the line before Fitzpatrick got the try in the 36th minute and Wilshire added to the extras. 6-20.

Just before the interval Alker forced his way over but Wilshire failed to convert from another easy position. Half time. 6-24.

In the 49th minute Myler did the spadework for Jiminez to score and Wilshire kicked the goal. 6-30.

Six minutes later Wilshire took advantage of a mistake in the home defence to score and Turner added the conversion. 6-36. In the 58th minute prop Stapleton forced his way over under the sticks and Turner once again obliged with the extras. 6-42.

Fitzpatrick claimed his second try six minutes later, converted by Turner before Ainscough scored a consolation effort for Hornets goaled by Svabic. 12-48.

With three minutes remaining the industrious Borgese scored and Turner completed the scoring 12-54.



TEAMS:

ROCHDALE:

Campbell, Andrews, Stout, Spurr, Brown, Ainscough, Svabic, Best, Elston, Wild, Alcock, Sinfield, Newton
Subs: Butterworth, Robinson, Mars, Brocklehurst.

SALFORD:

Fitzpatrick, White, Littler, Jiminez, Gardner, Wilshire, Myler, Leuluai, Alker, Stapleton, Sibbit, Brocklehurst, Turner
Subs: Borgese, Highton, Jewitt, Bannister

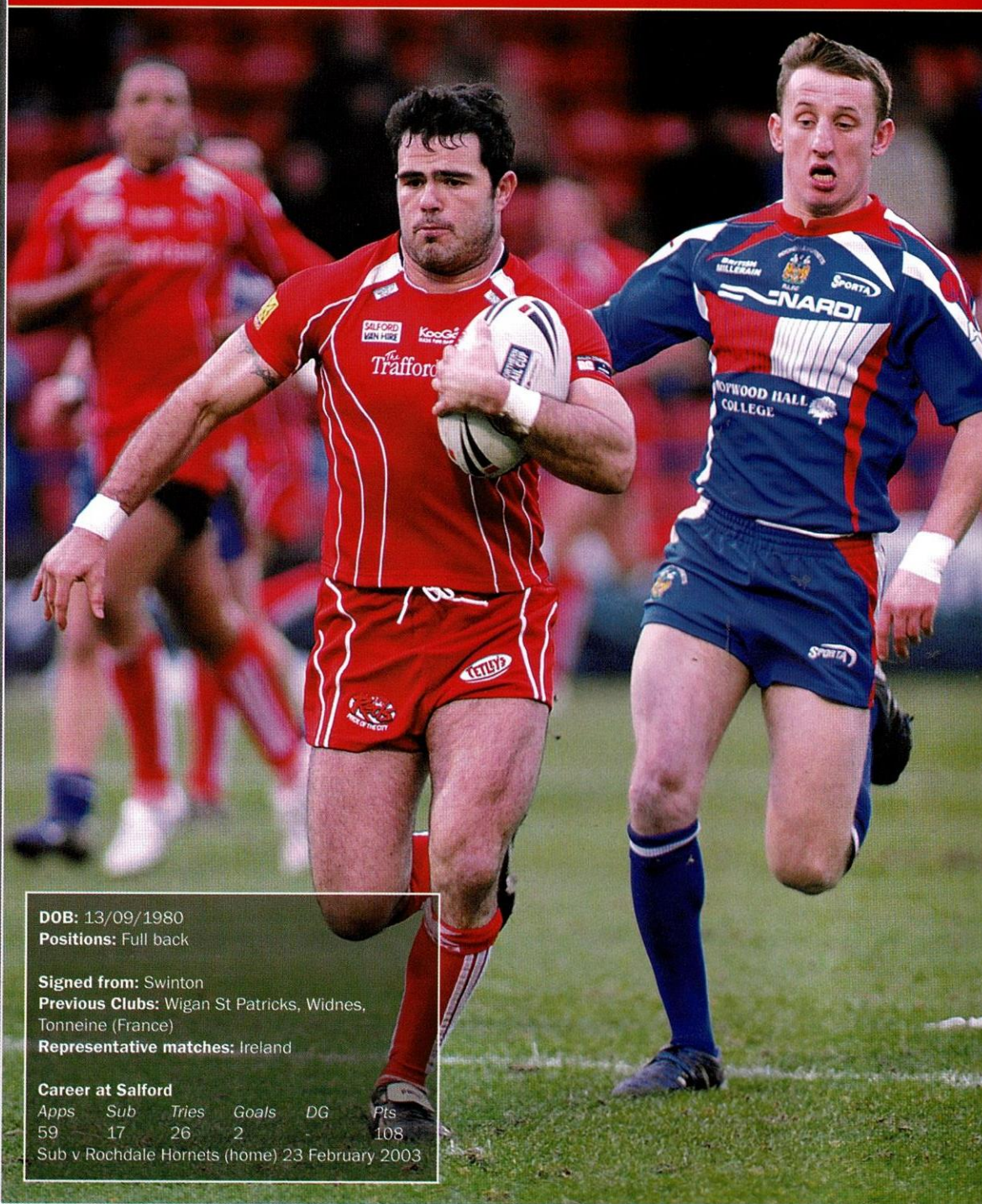
Referee: Ian Smith

Half-Time: 6-24

Attendance: 1,478

with Karl Fitpatrick

Reds' Showcase



DOB: 13/09/1980

Positions: Full back

Signed from: Swinton

Previous Clubs: Wigan St Patricks, Widnes,
Tonneine (France)

Representative matches: Ireland

Career at Salford

Apps	Sub	Tries	Goals	DG	Pts
59	17	26	2		108

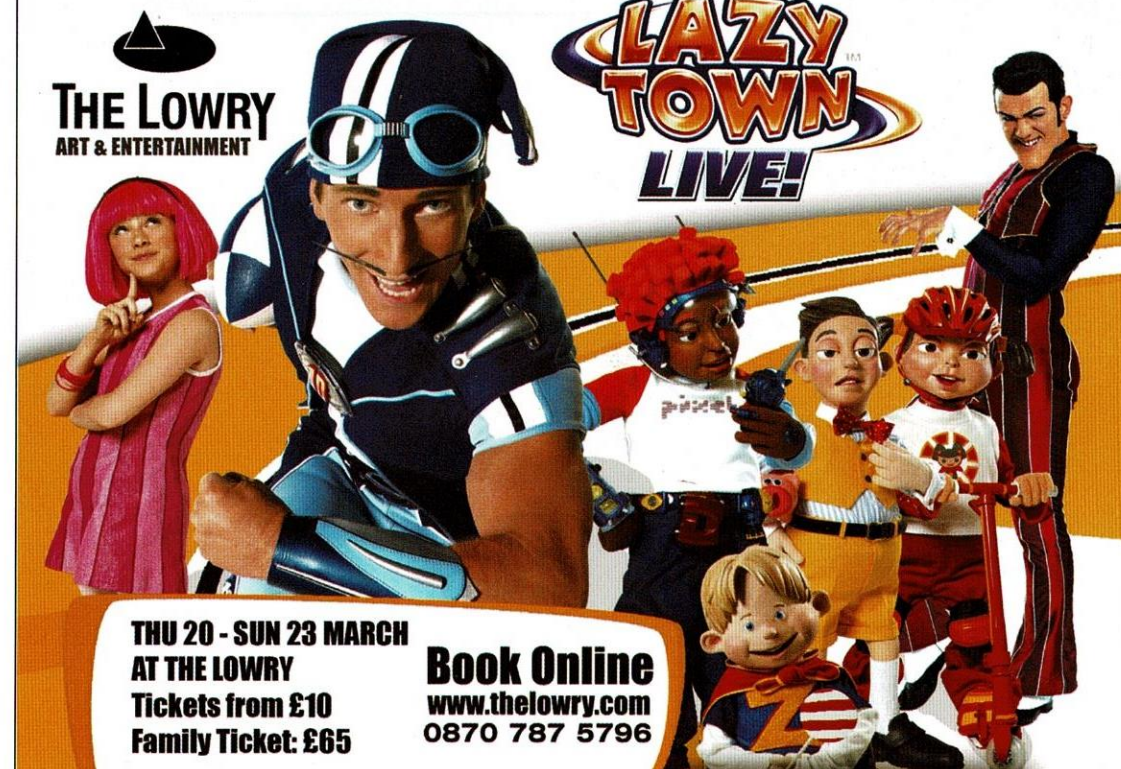
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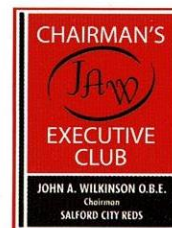
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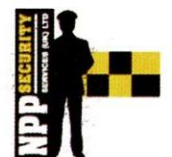
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I would like to sincerely thank the following companies for becoming members of my Chairman's Executive Club for the 2008 season. Your support is greatly appreciated and I look forward to working with you closely over the forthcoming year.

Yours in sport,
John A. Wilkinson, OBE



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Reds in the Community

GOOD evening and welcome to the Willows for the opening home game of the 2008 Northern Rail Cup from everyone in the Salford City Reds Foundation. Although a backward step was taken on the field last season, the club is moving from strength to strength with its off field activities within the community.

The decision has been taken by the club to take the next step in the evolution of its community activities and become the **Salford City Reds Foundation** with full charitable status. The rational behind becoming a fully fledged charity is clear. The Foundation will be in a

position to access new funding routes and develop new partnerships to allow us the opportunity to take the name of Salford City Reds as far a field as possible. We are more committed than ever to expand the appeal of the Reds and continue our expansion in to schools, businesses and other organisations beyond Salford and in to Manchester, Bury, Bolton & Trafford.

The Foundation is now heavily involved in delivering its many community projects and commitments. The Sportsmatch backed 'Accredit to the Game' project is well under way in conjunction with Pendleton College. The club is also heavily involved with the National Sports Foundation funded 'New Broughton Rangers' project, developing and establishing rugby

league within the Broughton area of Salford. This commitment to develop new amateur clubs and assist existing ones is extremely important to the club. We continue to work with the Council and their Safer Stronger Communities Fund, which specifically sees us working in the Eccles and Little Hulton areas of Salford, with a great deal of success over the last couple of years. Keep your eyes open for all the latest information on new projects coming soon, such as our exciting 'Streetlights' pilot scheme involving the Greater Manchester Fire Service & our partnership with the University of Salford, via these pages and the website.



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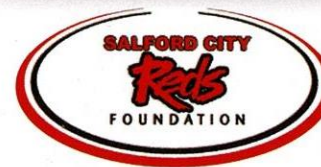
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REDS AT PARRENTHORN HIGH SCHOOL - EXCITING TIMES AHEAD IN PRESTWICH!

FOUNDATION Development Officers have been continuing their good work outside of Salford taking skills sessions at Parrenthorn High School, Prestwich over the last few months.

These coaching sessions involve putting a variety of age groups through their paces. A lot of work is being undertaken by the club in the Prestwich & Whitefield area now, indeed the clubs academy teams now have bases at both Philips High and Parrenthorn High. A schools league is being run this year around the Phillips, Castlebrook, Prestwich & Parrenthorn High schools with a junior amateur club possibly emerging from the area to play



Reds Development coaches Ben Cramant, Seb Rowe, Neil Blackburn & Tom Wild spread the word in Prestwich at Parrenthorn High School.

out of Parrenthorn's excellent new sporting facilities. These pictures feature Development officers Seb Rowe, Ben Cramant, Neil Blackburn & Tom Wild with the groups of youngsters at Parrenthorn.

For more information about the Salford City Reds

Foundation or about becoming involved with any of the Foundation's activities please contact Mark or John at the Foundation via **0161 737 5515** or visit our official Salford City Reds Foundation 'microsite' on the Reds official website.

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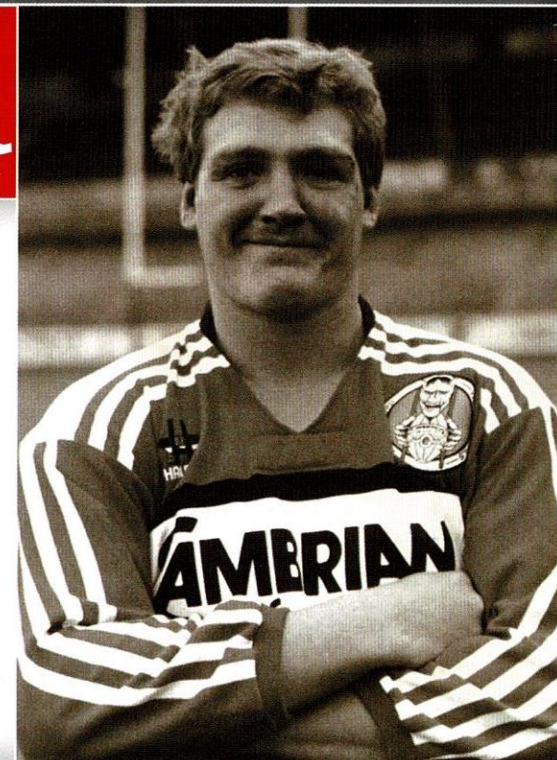




Let's Get Quizzical

- 1 Who was top try-scorer at Oldham last season?
- 2 How many seasons did Oldham spend in Super League?
- 3 Which was the final season Oldham played at Watersheddings?
- 4 Who was the last player to score three tries in a match for Oldham?
- 5 When did Oldham last win at The Willows?
- 6 What is Salford's highest ever score against Oldham?
- 7 Who is Oldham's most capped player for GB?
- 8 Name the former Oldham and Salford player shown opposite?
- 9 In which season did Steve Kerry join Oldham from Salford?
- 10 Have Salford and Oldham ever met in a major Cup Final?

Answers on page 62



Action from Salford v Oldham in 1988-89.
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A Brief History...

Oldham RLFC

A FOUNDER member of the breakaway Northern Union in 1895 but Oldham's history goes back to September 1876 when the club was formed at a meeting in the Prince Albert Hotel.

Their first ground was at Glodwick and their inaugural opponents Stalybridge on 21 October of that year.

A move to the sloping ground at Clarksfield preceded the switch to the site at Watersheddings where the opening game against Swinton on 28 September 1889 ended in defeat in front of a 7000 gate. When the "split" occurred some six years later, Oldham were one of the pioneer members.

In 1899 the club won the NU Challenge Cup beating Hunslet

by 19 points to 9 and in doing so became the first Lancashire side to lift the trophy.

Although Oldham have subsequently won the Challenge Cup in 1925 and 1927 and been runners-up on

four occasions, they have still never appeared at Wembley.

Oldham's glory days came in the 1950s when they were the kingpins of the League. They were consistently

high up in the table and in

1956-57 they ended the season with a six points lead over Hull,

a side they defeated in the Championship Final 15-14 at Odsal in front of 62,000 spectators.

Oldham also headed the league the following season and went on to land a hat-trick

of successive Lancashire Cup Final wins.

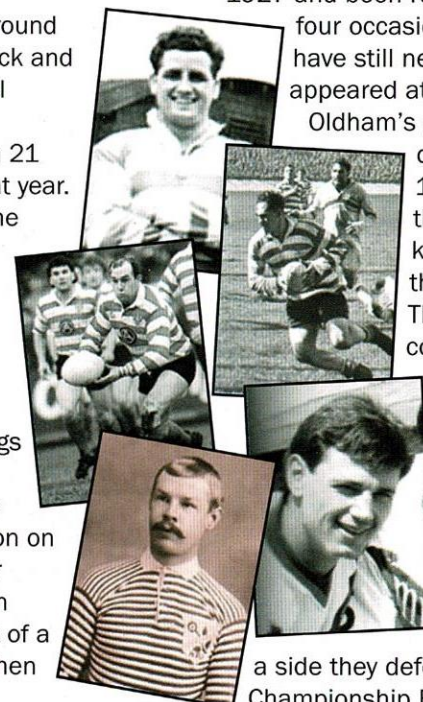
During 1957-58, Bernard Ganley set up a new goalkicking record with a total of 200 for Oldham and 19 for GB.

Other well known stars of the period were internationals Frank Pitchford, Sid Little, Charlie Winslade, Alan Davies, Derek Turner, Ken Jackson and Ike Southward, who was a then record signing of £10,650 from Workington Town.

The first floodlit match at Watersheddings took place on 26 October 1965 when GB Under 24s beat France by 12 points to 5.

Meanwhile, on the domestic front Oldham went through a lean spell and apart from a couple of Second Division and Divisional Premiership victories, the club have not won any major trophies since their 1958-59 Lancashire Cup Final triumph.

Despite the setbacks, Oldham took their place in the newly formed 12-club Super League in 1996, playing their matches at Boundary Park.



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everybody at the club was so pleased to see you all down there. Watch out for some special events throughout the course of the season.

Well everybody's another year older than they were this time last year so it's great to see that everybody has stayed safe and we want that to continue here at Salford.

Rugby League is a family game and kids are always welcome so why not ask mum and dad if they'll bring along a couple of your friends too.

Anyway, it's time to introduce this week's mascot who is 6 year old **William Gunshon** from

Salford. William goes to school in Eccles and enjoys watching and supporting the Reds.

He likes all the players but especially the wingers because they score all the tries. William has just become a Season Ticket holder this season and is really excited about tonight. Have a great night little mate.

We'll also be pulling a mascot out of the crowd to so if you want to be part of that get yourself over to the Shed and give Trish a wave.

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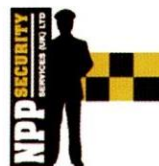
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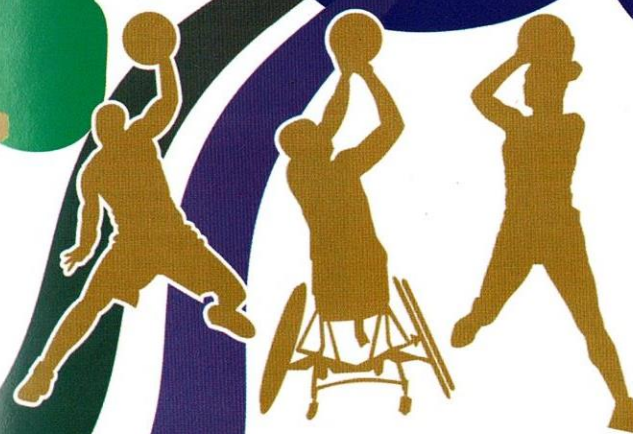
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First Team 2008 Season Pen Pics

Salford City Reds

LUKE ADAMSON (Second Row)
D.O.B. 17/11/87

Having progressed through the ranks at Salford, Luke made his debut as substitute for the first team in the Reds victory at Wakefield Trinity in 2006. Having acquitted himself well so far he will now be looking for a regular place in the Reds pack this season. Luke played for the England U18 academy side against the Australian combined HS side in 2006 and was voted U18 players' Player of the Year at Salford for 2005.

MALCOLM ALKER (Hooker)
D.O.B. 04/11/78

Club skipper, Malcolm had a well deserved testimonial year at Salford last season, joined the club from Wigan St Pats in 1995. A tireless worker who always leads by example, he was the first player to complete over 1000 tackles in a Super League season. Malcolm holds the club record for tries in a match (4) and also in a season (22) by a hooker, both attained in 2003. He has represented both England and Lancashire county.

LUKE AMBLER (Prop)
D.O.B. 18/12/89

Having represented Yorkshire Academy in the Under 17's Origin match against Lancashire in 2007, Luke scored for the first team in the 2007 pre-season defeat at Swinton.

ANDREW BALLARD (Winger)
D.O.B. 10/05/86

A goal kicking winger, Andrew has worked his way through the club's Academy ranks. Voted U21 Players' player of the Year in 2007, he scored a try for the first team in the pre-season 40-34 defeat at Swinton in 2007.

STEPHEN BANNISTER (Second Row)
D.O.B. 10/10/87

Signed on a one year deal from Harlequins R.L. prior to this season Stephen has represented his country at all age groups

before making his first team debut for St Helens against the Catalan Dragons in 2006. He joined Harlequins R.L. in 2007.

CHRIS BORGESSE (Utility)
D.O.B. 28/03/87

Signed from Canberra Raiders prior to the 2008 season, Chris is a former U18 captain and NSW schoolboy's star. Holding an Italian passport he does not count on the overseas quota.

ANDREW BROCKLEHURST (Second Row)
D.O.B. 06/03/83

Andrew has been at the Willows since 2004, when he arrived here from a stint at London Broncos. Previously at Halifax, he was highly rated touring Australia and New Zealand with the GB Academy side in 2001, playing in four of the Test Matches. He missed out on the England 'A' tour in 2002 due to suspension but gained selection for the subsequent World Sevens Tournament.

KARL FITZPATRICK (Full Back)
D.O.B. 13/09/80

Karl will be hoping for better luck this season after a very serious ankle restricted him to just three appearances last term. He made his debut for Salford in 2003, following spells at Widnes, Tonneins (France) and Swinton, starting at scrum half before making a successful switch to full back. In 2004, Karl represented Ireland in the European Nations Cup and has been a regular for them since.

MATT GARDNER (Winger)
D.O.B. 24/08/84

Barrow born, Matt represented the England academy side against the Australian Schools side in 2002, before beginning his professional career at Leeds Rhinos. During an on loan appearance for Castleford in 2004 he scored a try in their 48-18 defeat at Wigan. Matt joined Huddersfield Giants in the 2005 before joining Salford prior to the 2008 campaign. He has also represented Cumbria.

PAUL HIGHTON (Prop)
D.O.B. 10/11/76

A hard grafting forward, Paul has given Stirling service to the Reds culminating in his award of a testimonial year in 2008. Oldham born, the former Waterhead A.R.L. Club prior to turning professional with Halifax in the 1994-95 season. Having represented the GB academy on the 1996 tour down under, and following a 4 match stint at Featherstone Rovers, Paul signed for Salford in 1998. A well respected member of the Reds squad. Paul played for Wales with distinction in the 2000 World Cup.

LEE JEWITT (Prop)
D.O.B. 14/02/87

Lee signed from Wigan Warriors prior to the 2007 campaign, having made his first team debut for Wigan in 2005. A 2006 trip to Australia, where he was highly regarded, resulted in a broken thumb and he returned to Wigan, playing for their under 21 side. Having made a promising start at the Willows last season and making 15 appearances before breaking his leg, Lee should make a big impact in 2008

JAMES JIMINEZ (Utility)
D.O.B. 23/05/85

Signed on a one year deal from St George - Illawarra, James was a member of the Shell Harbour Sharks U18 side that won the Australian Cup. Another 2008 signing on a European passport, this time Spanish, passport means that he will not count on the overseas quota.

PHILLIP LEULUAI (Prop)
D.O.B. 16/07/77

Phil signed for the Reds on a two and a half year deal towards the latter end of last season. Auckland born, he began his career at Newtown jets before making his debut with Cronulla Sharks in 2005 winning the 'Rookie of the Year' award in the same year. Phil represented Samoa in the 2008 World Cup Qualifiers competition.

STUART LITTLER (Centre)
D.O.B. 19/02/79

Formally with Leigh Miners Rangers A.R.L., Stuart has played his entire professional career at the Willows after joining in 1998. Having worked his way through the ranks to first team status and his 30 tries in the 2003 season saw him equal the long standing club record for tries from the centre position set by David Watkins. Stuart was the Reds top try scorer in the 2004 and 2005 seasons and having represented Ireland on numerous occasions has now been installed as their skipper.

RICHARD MYLER (Stand Off)
D.O.B. 21/05/90

Richard joined Salford from Widnes prior to the current season on a three year deal. A tremendous prospect, he has represented Lancashire and England at U17 Academy level and scored three tries for England Academy U17's against their Australian counterparts in a thrilling 38-22 victory that squared the series in 2007.

STEVE NASH (Prop)
D.O.B. 14/01/86

Big things are expected from the young prop forward, who made his debut for Widnes during the 2005 season when only 19 years old. Salford snapped him up prior to the 2007 campaign in which he made ten appearances for the Reds and he looking like a good prospect who should go well this term.

ROBBIE PAUL (Scrum Half)
D.O.B. 03/02/76

Signed from Huddersfield Giants during the close season, Robbie has won every honour in the game whilst at Bradford Bulls, including being the first player to score three tries in an R.L. Challenge Cup Final at Wembley that earned him the Lance Todd Trophy. Having skippered the Bulls to Grand Final wins in 2001 and 2003, a World Cup Challenge Victory in 2002 and the R.L. Challenge Cup in 2003, he joined Huddersfield Giants in October 2005. Robbie is also a former NZ test star who played 30 times for his country.

STEFAN RATCHFORD (Utility Back)
D.O.B. 19/07/88

A product of the Reds Academy, Stefan was voted the U21 Coaches Player of the Year for 2007. Having come on as substitute for the first team in a pre-season friendly



against Swinton in 2005, he debuted against Gateshead Thunder in a R.L. Challenge Cup 4th round tie at the Willows in 2007. Making six first team appearances last season, Stefan scored a try in the 27-26 defeat at St Helens when he was selected on the wing.

IAN SIBBIT (Second Row)
D.O.B. 15/10/80

Ian signed at the end of the 2004 season from Warrington Wolves, where he was mainly used as a centre. Highly rated in the Warrington Academy team, he attracted the attention of Aussie NRL side Melbourne Storm. Having improved no end with this experience he eventually a better player. A quality player who has been unlucky with injuries whilst at the Willows, Ian has scored several classy tries for the Reds and will be looking for a big season in 2008.

ADAM SIDLOW (Prop)
D.O.B. 25/10/87

Signed on a one year deal from Widnes Vikings prior to the 2008 season, Adam played for Lancashire Academy and was in the 2006 England Academy train on squad. Having made his first team debut for Widnes in 2006 he went on to loan to Workington Town in May 2007 until the end of the season.

CRAIG STAPLETON (Prop)
D.O.B. 13/08/78

A big 2008 signing for the Reds, Craig signed on a two year deal from Cronulla Sharks. One of the best and most highly respected props in the NRL, Craig is no stranger to these shores, having spent the 2005 season at Leigh where he played in every one of their 31 matches.

JORDAN TURNER (Stand Off)
D.O.B. 09/01/89

Jordan is another youngster who has come through the ranks to deservedly earn a place in the first team squad. An England School Boys representative he has gone on to play for both Lancashire Academy and England Academy. Voted academy player of the year 2006 and Young Player of the Year 2007, Jordan made his first team debut at Harlequins in the final round of the 2006 Super league season.

LEON WALKER (Second Row)
D.O.B. 27/12/88

Another talented youngster from the club's Academy ranks, Leon was voted Academy U18 Players Player of the Year for 2007. Having played at loose forward for Yorkshire Academy U18 against Lancashire he was also substitute for the England U18 Academy side that beat the French Cadets side 40-12 at St. Esteve in July 2007.

JASON WALTON (Centre)
D.O.B. 13/06/90

A powerful running centre who hails from Yorkshire, Jason has represented his country in the U17 Origin match against Lancashire. Selected for the England Academy U17's in both tests against the Australian Institute of sport, Jason was substitute on each occasion.

PAUL WHITE (Winger)
D.O.B. 07/12/82

Paul was signed from Wakefield trinity in November 2007, but began his career at Huddersfield Giants in 2002, making a try scoring debut against Gateshead Thunder. Playing with the Giants until the end of the 2005 season, when he joined Wakefield Trinity, Paul is a pacy winger who knows where the try line is.

JOHN WILSHIRE (Winger)
D.O.B. 05/05/78

Another great season for John in Salford's colours saw him pick up the major awards at the clubs end of season presentation evening. The Papua New Guinea Test player joined us from Leigh prior to the 2006 campaign and has had vast experience playing with the likes of Perth, Melbourne, Brisbane Easts, Penrith, St George-Illawarra, Warrington and Leigh. Representing Papua New Guinea in the 2000 World Cup and whilst at Salford, John has developed his goal kicking skills.



Tonight's Visitors...

Oldham RLFC

ROUGHYEDS have assembled a 24-man squad for the 2008 campaign, including eight new signings. The line-up (in alphabetical order with new signings in capitals) is as follows:

Chris Baines, SIMON BALDWIN, Jason Boults, Matty Brooks, DARYL CARDISS, James Coyle, TOMMY GOULDEN, TOMMY GRUNDY, DANNY HALLIWELL, Simeon Hoyle, PHIL JOSEPH, MICK NANYN, Paul O'Connor, Lucas Onyango, Rob Roberts, Adam Robinson, Neil Roden, Lee Sanderson, Warren Stevens, MARCUS ST HILAIRE, Said Tamghart, Lee Wingfield.

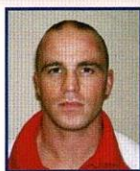
CHRIS BAINES (back-row): Signed on a two-year deal for 2008 and 2009 following the good impression he made on Roughyeds in the previous two seasons. Aged 23, he joined the club originally on loan from Warrington. Toured New Zealand with Great Britain Young Lions in 2003 after representing his country at youth level against Australia and France. A product of Wigan St Pat's.



SIMON BALDWIN (prop): One of the most experienced forwards in the squad, formerly with Leigh, Halifax, Sheffield, Salford, Rochdale Hornets and Whitehaven. Having ended last season at Whitehaven and having had two spells with hometown Leigh, Simon has made his seventh move in a long career to sign a one-year Roughyeds deal. Made 127 Super League appearances, mainly in the second-row, but now widely regarded as a prop.

JASON BOULTS (prop): This 24-year-old former Bradford and Halifax workhorse was a real stalwart of the Oldham pack in 2007. He played in 25 games and for much of the season he was first-choice No 8 after producing an outstanding performance in the win at Celtic Crusaders in May. A wholehearted grafter with a huge engine, Jason never takes a backward step.

MATTY BROOKS (half-back/hooker): Joined Roughyeds last season on loan from Hull KR, scoring two tries in 17 appearances and ending the campaign with a terrific show as a substitute in the NL2 Grand Final against Featherstone at Headingley. Now a fully-fledged Oldham player on a one-year deal he will have to make the adjustment from full-time pro with Rovers to part-time footballer with Roughyeds. Turned pro for Bradford, then on to Hull KR. A native of East Hull.



DARYL CARDISS (utility back): Aged 30, this hugely experienced utility back has played for Wigan, Halifax, Warrington and Widnes. Joined Wigan from Hunslet Boys Club in

1994. Made a total of 142 Super League appearances and scored 46 tries in the elite competition. Enjoyed a fine stay at Halifax, for whom he scored 39 tries in 99 outings.



JAMES COYLE (scrum-half): Now contracted to Roughyeds until November, 2009, this talented 22-year-old joined the club from Wigan midway through last season and made an immediate impact. His 14 appearances yielded six tries, but it was the vast number of tries he made for others that underlined his real potential. Another product of Wigan St Pat's, he was a shooting star in Wigan's academy system before spending the whole of the 2006 season on loan at Widnes.



TOMMY GOULDEN (back-row): Equally at home in the second-row or at loose, 26-year-old Tommy was a key member of the Rochdale Hornets pack in 2006 and 2007, having been signed from amateur rugby in Leigh by Bobbie Goulding in 2005. Leigh born, he picked up every possible honour as an amateur, including captaincy of BARLA Great Britain, before turning pro for Rochdale.



TOMMY GRUNDY (back-row): Aged 22, Leigh-lad Tommy is one of the younger members of the Roughyeds squad. Can play equally well in any of the back-row spots as well as centre. Turned pro for Warrington as an 18-year-old, then played for Leigh and Blackpool before returning to his hometown club, Leigh, for 2006 and 2007. Joined Roughyeds on a two-year deal.



DANNY HALLIWELL (centre): One of eight new signings, 26-year-old Leigh-born Danny was on loan at Leigh, from Salford, last season and he has also worn the

colours of Halifax, Warrington and Wakefield. Can play anywhere across the back division and, like many of his Oldham colleagues, has considerable Super League experience. His 43 top-flight outings comprise three for Wakefield, 10 for Wigan, 25 for Halifax and five for Leigh.

SIMEON HOYLE (hooker): Edinburgh-born Simeon is half-way through a two-year contract with Roughyeds. Aged 28, and formerly with Keighley Cougars and Halifax, he is a hooker of the old school, tough in defence but with an ability to make things happen from dummy half. In 2003 he helped Keighley to win promotion to NL1 by beating Sheffield in the NL2 Grand Final.



PHIL JOSEPH (utility): Turned pro with Huddersfield Giants and, as a teenager, played 14 Super League games for the Giants in 2004. Moved to Swinton Lions in 2005, scored 11 tries in 29 games, and was named NL2 player of the year. Suitably impressed, Hull KR signed him on a two-year deal, but after one season at Craven Park he left the Super League-bound Robins to join Halifax, from whom Oldham signed him on a two-year contract.



GARETH LANGLEY (wing): Pacy, and a good finisher, 'Gaz' joined Roughyeds prior to the 2007 season after five seasons at St Helens. He was Saints academy player of the year in 2005 and runner-up in 2006. Played at Salford as a teenager before joining his hometown club at Knowsley Road. In 30 games for Oldham last season, he scored 13 tries and kicked 35 goals for a points haul of 122.

CRAIG LITTLER (centre): Aged 22 and, like Langley, a product of the St Helens Academy system. Both played several seasons at Knowsley Road and developed a fine understanding as a centre-wing partnership. Craig headed off to Australia on an extended holiday at the end of last season, but he signed a new two-year deal on his return after proving to coach Steve Deakin and his staff that he had kept himself in good shape while he was away.

RICHARD MERVILL (prop): Formerly with Halifax and Keighley, Richard had a superb season in his first for the Roughyeds in 2007.

Walked off with two major awards at the end-of-year Awards Night and was rewarded with a two-year contract for 2008 and 2009. Suffered a broken hand in one of his early games in 2007 and was similarly unlucky in the build-up to the 2008 campaign when he dislocated an elbow in training. There will be no complaints from the fans if he bounces back this year like he did last.



MICK NANYN (centre): A points machine – one of the best goalkickers in the English game – Mick has starred for Swinton, Rochdale Hornets, Whitehaven and Widnes and has smashed club scoring records wherever he has been. He took the Widnes record off Jonathan Davies in 2006. He played 29 games for Widnes last season, scoring 28 tries and kicking 161 goals for a points haul of 434. Also has the distinction of having played in each of the last four NL1 Grand Finals, two for Whitehaven and two for Widnes.

PAUL O'CONNOR (full-back): A Great Britain Students international, Widnes-born Paul played briefly on loan for Oldham in 2006, then returned in 2007 on contract having let it be known to the club that, in the May, he would be leaving for a pre-arranged sabbatical in the southern hemisphere. He had a great first half of the season but he didn't play again for the club until he reappeared in the first pre-season friendly of 2008 at Leeds. Having signed a new two-year deal he is set fair for a long association with the Roughyeds.



LUCAS ONYANGO (wing): A real flier, aged 26, Lucas grew up in rugby union in his native Kenya. Has played for Sale Sharks, Manchester and Leigh in rugby union, and Widnes Vikings in League. He had a great season for Oldham in 2007 when he scored 18 tries in 23 outings only to damage a shoulder at the end of the year. He entered the 2008 season waiting for an operation on that shoulder and was expected to be sidelined at least until the start of the NL2 campaign at Easter.

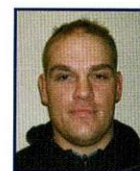
ROB ROBERTS (back row): Joined Roughyeds in late July, 2007 and landed a match-winning drop goal at York in a 15-14 win on his debut. Played Super League with Hull, Halifax and Huddersfield and also represented several clubs in the National League. Known as 'Two Bobs' – for obvious reasons – he put his career back on track with Oldham after a difficult time at Leigh and revelled in his new responsibilities as captain.

ADAM ROBINSON (back row): A tough-as-teak young Yorkshireman, Adam played much of his early rugby at Wakefield. Aged 21 he turned down Featherstone in order to sign for

the Roughyeds last year from Doncaster. A product of the Stanley Rangers amateur club in Wakefield, Adam thrives on his defensive duties but his first campaign in an Oldham shirt was cut short by a shoulder injury on which he had an operation. He is determined to bounce back, having signed a new two-year deal.

NEIL RODEN (stand-off): Neil rejoined Oldham from Leigh in 2007 after leaving the club initially to go to Batley in 2004. In his first stint here he scored 290 points (68 tries and 18 drop goals) in 142 games over four and a half seasons. He has overtaken Mark Sibson as the 'new' club's leading all-time try scorer. Last season, he was an influential midfield organiser, playing in all 34 games and forming a more-than-useful half-back pairing in the second half of the season with his fellow Wiganer James Coyle.

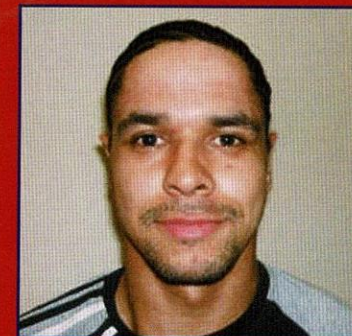
LEE SANDERSON (half-back): One of the unluckiest players in the game, Lee is currently on extensive rehab after a major knee reconstruction – and it wasn't the first time he had been under the knife. Extremely talented, and a gifted footballer and goalkicker, his father, Mark, played for Rochdale Hornets and his uncle, Ian, was a hooker at Oldham in Watersheddings days. Lee has previously played for Leigh, London, Rochdale and Barrow.



WARREN STEVENS (prop): Yet another vastly experienced performer with more than a century of Super League outings on his CV. This former Warrington and Leigh stalwart was playing with Blackpool last season on a match-to-match basis when Roughyeds boss Steve Deakin invited him to accept a more permanent arrangement with the Roughyeds. He played only a handful of games at the back end of last season, but Deaks has a load of faith in him as underlined by his new two-year contract.

SAID TAMGHART (back row): A French international, Said has represented his country at every level, including full Test matches against Australia and New Zealand. Came under the influence of Oldham coach Steve Deakin when both were at UTC, better known now as Perpignan-based Catalans Dragons. Said was popular with fans in his first season at Oldham when he made 29 appearances, most of them coming off the bench as an impact forward.

LEE WINGFIELD (utility): Played for Great Britain at amateur level in Russia, France and Australia, but desperately unlucky with injuries since he turned pro for Oldham on a two-year deal for 2006 and 2007. In top form early last year until he broke a hand and then suffered a serious knee injury against Swinton in his first game back. Currently on rehab after an operation, but hoping to be fit to make his comeback in the next few weeks.

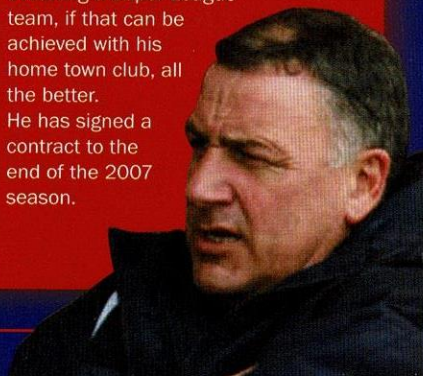


One to Watch

MARCUS ST HILAIRE (wing/full-back): A star with Leeds Rhinos, Huddersfield Giants and Bradford Bulls, 30-year-old Marcus has joined Oldham on a two-year deal. He played 24 Super League games last season, 2007, representing Bradford 19 times on the wing, once as a substitute and four times as fullback when deputising for Michael Platt. His record speaks for itself – 39 tries in 111 outings for Leeds; 37 tries in 74 games for Huddersfield; and 14 tries in 39 games for Bradford.

Head Coach

STEVE DEAKIN, aged 51, and a coach for 24 years, has seen service with Chorley, Halifax, Sheffield, Keighley, Rochdale, London Broncos and Huddersfield as well as with French clubs Cannes and Catalans Dragons. He also did a brief spell on the coaching staff at Watersheddings in the Peter Tunks era, but he has come a long way since then. During that time he has won the Challenge Cup as John Kear's assistant at Sheffield and won the French division championship as head coach with Cannes. Fully aware of the task ahead of him, Steve hopes to realise his ambition of coaching a Super League team, if that can be achieved with his home town club, all the better. He has signed a contract to the end of the 2007 season.



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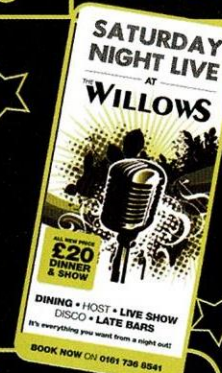
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Watch this Face

YOU may remember 22-year-old Chris Bamber from the last match programme. Since last season, our new Sports Science and Partnership Manager has been working with Salford University to help improve the Reds' performance - and spread the word in the community about the benefits of both rugby league and higher education.

"I knew my new role would be varied but I had no idea just how much! Over the last few months I've visited local school kids, helped the players develop their mental toughness, and got stuck in with rigorous fitness testing in the University's human performance labs.

My role's about helping the Reds make the most of Salford University's

"Our aim is to get local people interested in sport and encourage more of them to consider a university education."

facilities and knowledge, and vice versa - it's a great partnership. Our aim is to get local people interested in sport and encourage more of them to consider a university education.

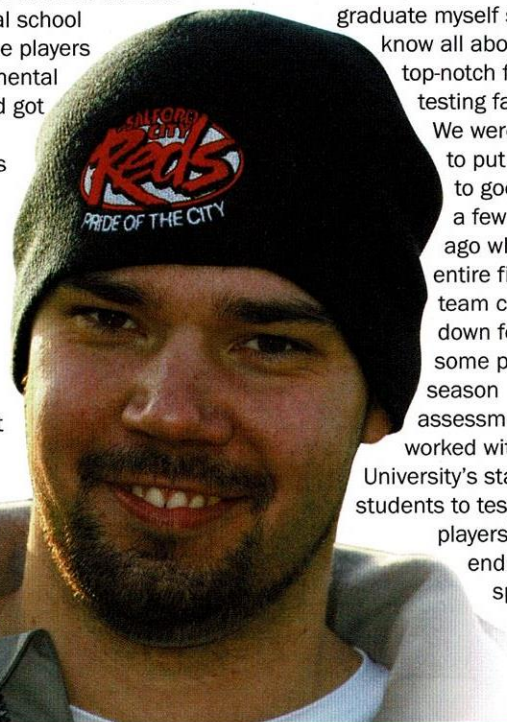
I'm a Salford sports science graduate myself so I know all about their top-notch fitness testing facilities. We were able to put these to good use a few weeks ago when the entire first team came down for some pre-season assessments. I worked with the University's staff and students to test the players' endurance, speed,

strength and flexibility. There were some great results and I'm confident the University's advice will stand them in good stead for this season.

I learnt that mental power is just as important as physical strength at a sports psychology event at the University in November. Head coach Shaun McRae, captain Malcolm Alker and scrum-half Robbie Paul all joined Salford academics to discuss how thinking positively can really boost competitive performance.

I've also enjoyed coaching the University's rugby league team and getting involved in projects with local schools. It's great to see how enthusiastic young people are about sport and learning. Some of the kids I met had never considered going to university but now they're really up for the idea of higher education.

There are loads of other exciting plans in the pipeline for the Reds and the University to work together. I'll keep you posted - watch this space."



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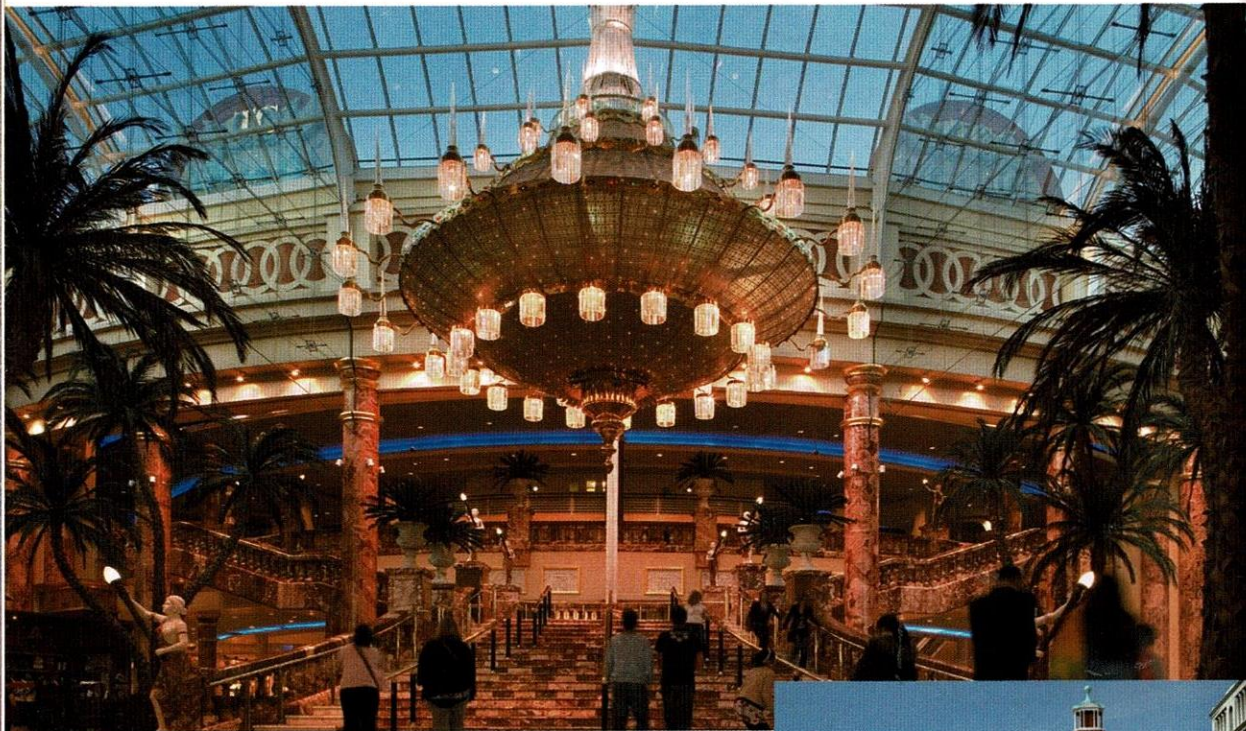
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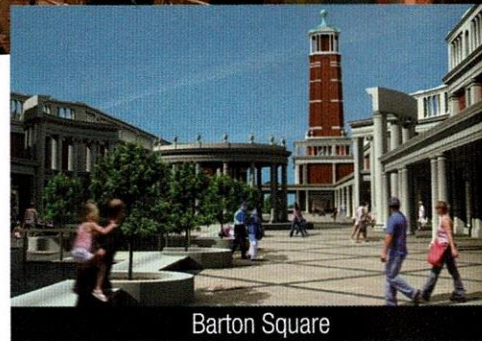


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REDS RECRUIT NEW ACADEMY PLAYERS

JANUARY 2008 proved to be an active month for Salford City Reds' Academy

with five more players added to the books in the signing window of opportunity.

With all five players signing from the scholarship ranks, the new recruits include schoolboy international, Richard Lepori, Dave Cardall and Keiron Cooper, both products of local side Langworthy Reds RLFC and Gareth Owen and Matthew Fogarty, two Oldham based players spotted by Chief scout Jim Reader.

With much emphasis being put

on pushing the Reds youngsters through the ranks, the Reds continue to create a strong home grown academy with an outlook to providing first team players for the future whilst being sympathetic in their signing to strengthen the current squad.

Alan Hunte, commented, "This years January signings are a little more position specific to add to the strong squad still available from last year. All players have attained great levels of rugby as amateurs and I hope that they will all progress in their new professional environment."

The new signings will be presented to the Reds' supporters at half time in one of the forthcoming National Rail Cup matches at the Willows.



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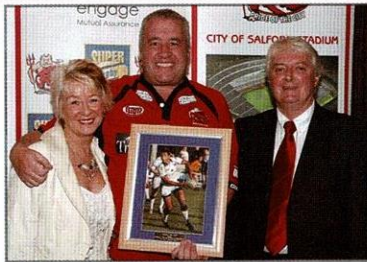
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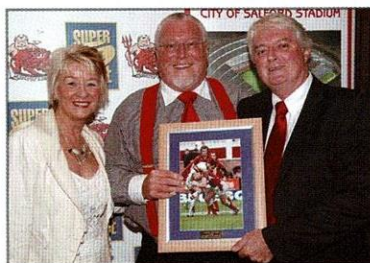
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The University of Salford was an Associate Match Day Sponsor; their support of the club is very much appreciated. Representing the University was Professor James Powell who is seen here with Club Directors Patricia Goldsmith and Steve Simms.



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We also had a very special guests with us from Crossling Plumbers & Engineers Merchants, they were also Associate Match Sponsors their support is also very most appreciated. Pictured receiving the Match Day Memento from Patricia Goldsmith is Jason Shave (left) and Ian Lucas (right).



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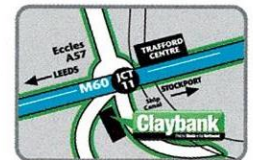
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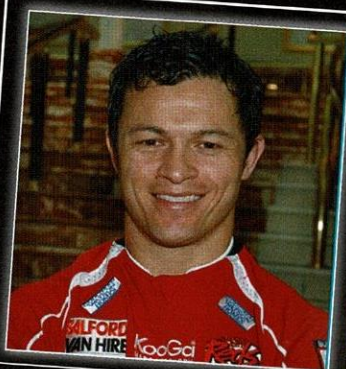
The main aims of my job are to offer Sports Science to the first team, fitness testing and match analysis in particular, as well as working

with the community departments of both Salford City Reds and the University of Salford.

The sports science support is given with the aid of students from the University with the aim of improving their student experience. The first chance for the students to get their hands on the players was on the 6th November when the entire first team squad came down to the lab at the University for a morning of extensive fitness testing. The testing was a great

success, with seasoned Reds players like Malcolm Alker leading from the front gaining some great results in the strength and endurance tests. There were also a number of great showings from some of the Reds' new signings. Robbie Paul excelled at a number of tests, including balance, speed and vertical jump height. Another notable showing was from

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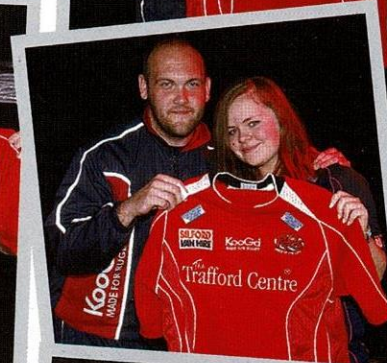
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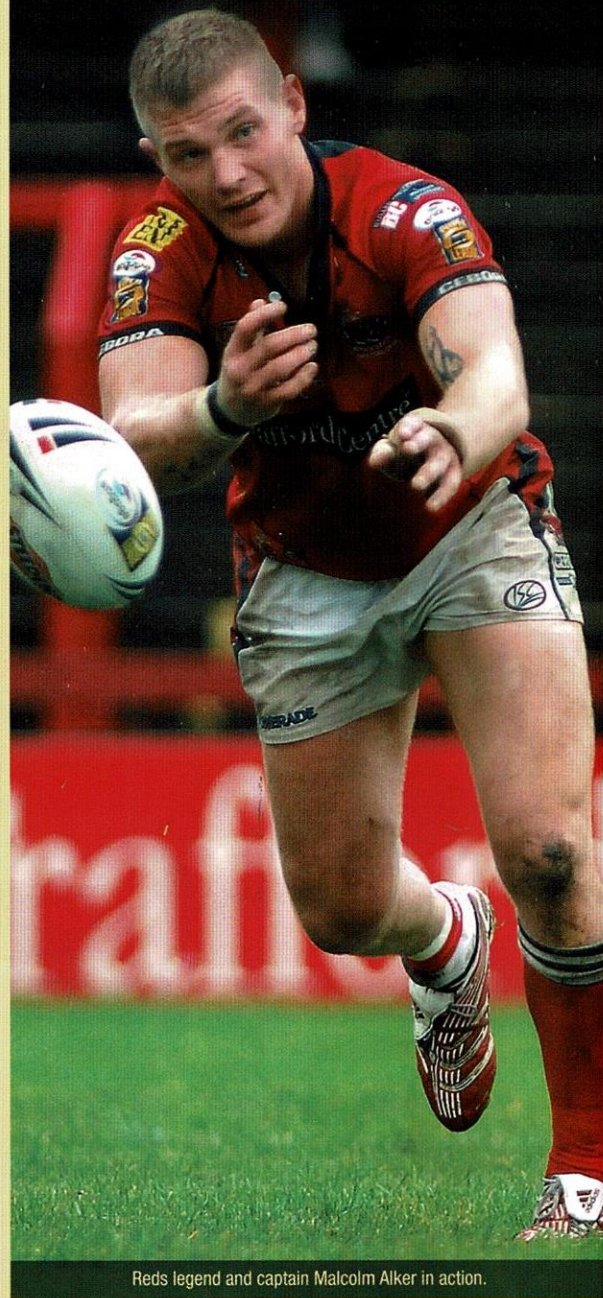
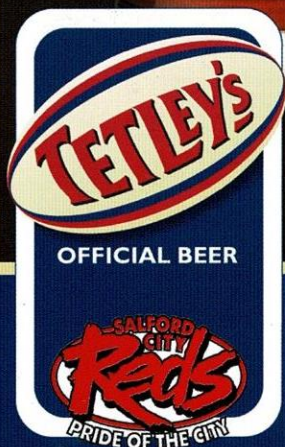
Junior Reds

JANUARY saw the annual **Junior Reds Shirt Presentation Evening**, here are some pictures of some of the lucky winners of the draw to present the shirts!



BITTER

SWEET



Reds legend and captain Malcolm Alker in action.

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First XIII

Fixtures and Results



DATE	OPPONENTS	VENUE	KO	RES	TRIES	GOALS	DG	ATT.
JANUARY								
27 Sunday	Warrington Wolves (friendly)	H	15:00	L 18-22	Littler, Sidlow, Leuluai	Wilshire (3)	-	2,008

FEBRUARY	NORTHERN RAIL CUP							
3 Sunday	Rochdale Hornets	A	15:00	W 54-12	Fitzpatrick (2), Wilshire, Myler, Stapleton, Jimenez, Borgese, Sibbit, Alker, White	Turner (4), Wilshire (3)	-	1,478

8 Friday	Oldham Roughyeds	H	20:00					
17 Sunday	Swinton Lions	A	15:00					
22 Friday	Oldham Roughyeds	A	20:00					
29 Friday	Swinton Lions	H	20:00					

MARCH	CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP - ROUND 3							
7 - 9								
14 Friday	Rochdale Hornets	H	20:00					
20 Thursday	Leigh Centurions (Rd1)	A	18:00					
24 Monday	Featherstone Rovers (Rd2)	H	15:00					
30 Sunday	Batley Bulldogs (Rd3)	A	15:00					

APRIL	NORTHERN RAIL CUP - KNOCK OUT STAGE							
4 - 6								
11 Friday	Widnes Vikings (Rd4)	H	20:00					
18 - 20	CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP - ROUND 4							
24 Thursday	Whitehaven (Rd5)	H	19:30					

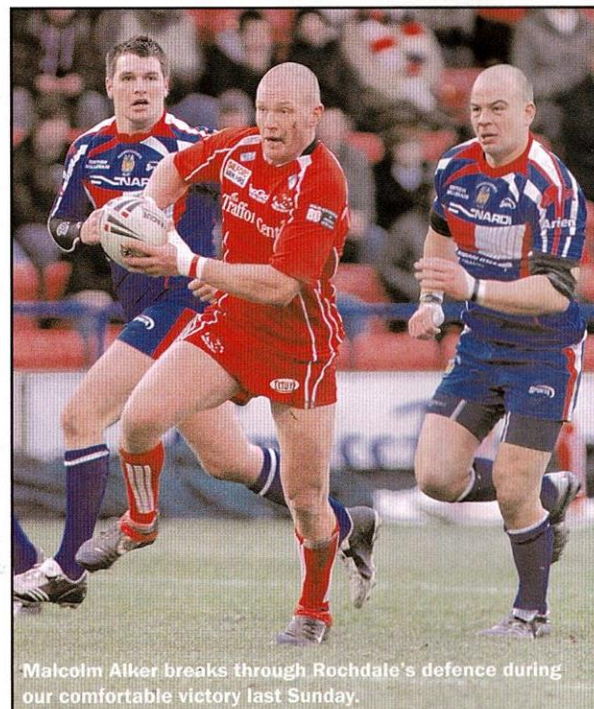
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5 Monday	Sheffield Eagles (Rd6)	A	15:15					
9 - 11	CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP - ROUND 5							
15 Thursday	Celtic Crusaders (Rd7)	H	19:30					
23 - 25	NORTHERN RAIL CUP - QUARTER FINALS							
29 Thursday	Whitehaven (Rd8)	A	19:30					

JUNE								
6 Friday	Sheffield Eagles (Rd9)	H	20:00					
13 - 15	NORTHERN RAIL CUP SEMI FINALS							
19 Thursday	Widnes Vikings (Rd10)	A	19:30					
27 Friday	Halifax RLFC (Rd11)	H	20:00					

JULY								
6 Sunday	NORTHERN RAIL CUP - FINAL							
13 Sunday	Dewsbury Rams (Rd12)	A	15:00					
20 Sunday	Featherstone Rovers (Rd13)	A	15:00					
25 Friday	Leigh Centurions (Rd14)	H	20:00					

AUGUST								
3 Sunday	Halifax RLFC (Rd15)	A	15:00					
8 Friday	Dewsbury Rams (Rd16)	H	20:00					
17 Sunday	Batley Bulldogs (Rd17)	H	15:00					
23 Saturday	Celtic Crusaders (Rd18)	A	17:30					
30 Saturday	CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP FINAL							

SEPTEMBER								
6	PLAY-OFF WEEK 1							
13	PLAY-OFF WEEK 2							
20	PLAY-OFF WEEK 3							
28	NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE GRAND FINAL							



Quiz Answers

- Adam Hughes (22)
- Two
- 1996
- Adam Hughes
- 16-12 in 1994-95
- 62-4 at Oldham, 2003
- Derek Turner (11)
- Ian Sherratt
- 1992-93
- No

Pic Poser: Paul Shaw

Tonight's Squads

Teams will be selected from the following player squad lists...

Salford City Reds



Oldham Roughyeds

Pld	No.	Coach: Shaun McRae	T	G	DG
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke Adamson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Wilshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: R Hicks
TOUCH JUDGE 1: P Wharton
TOUCH JUDGE 2: P Brooke
RESERVE REFEREE: T Selby
MC: P Taberner

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