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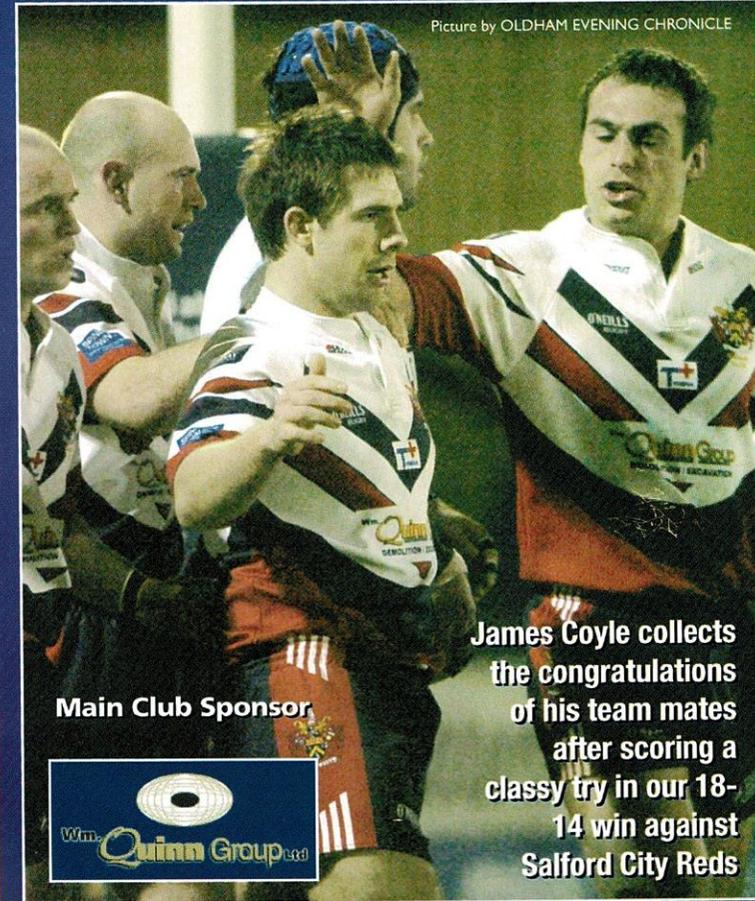
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HOW THE NORTHERN RAIL CUP TABLES ARE SHAPING UP

By Nigel Marland

Thought I'd put these tables in the programme because if you don't take the trade press I doubt you'll have seen them.

The surprise team so far must be Gateshead who top their group. York's draw last week with newly promoted Featherstone will have also shocked a lot of people. We mustn't write off Doncaster who, whilst only having two wins, have only narrowly lost their other two and were winning against Celtic last week with 2 minutes to go. Swinton too are in the same boat and should be ignored at your peril. Leigh and Barrow look strong whilst Widnes are struggling and, don't forget, will have points deducted in the league programme. Then there is that team who play at Boundary Park who, fingers crossed, look as if they may, for the first time, make some sort of impact on this competition after the wonderful result against Salford last week. The clubs finishing first and second in each of the six major groups go through to the sudden-death knock-out stages of the competition, plus the three best third-placed teams and the winner of the all-amateur Group Seven, making 16 teams in total to go into the hat.

The dates for the knockout matches are Sunday, April 27 (last 16); Sunday, May 25 (last eight); Sunday, June 15 (semi-finals); Sunday, July 6 (final at Bloomfield Road, Blackpool).

NORTHERN RAIL CUP TABLES

Group One Table

Team	P	W	D	L	BP	F	A	Diff	Pts
Halifax	3	3	0	0	0	142	64	78	9
Whitehaven	4	3	0	1	0	100	86	14	9
Keighley	3	1	0	2	0	72	114	-71	3
Workington	4	0	0	4	2	54	104	-50	1

Group Two Table

Gateshead	4	3	0	1	0	118	92	26	9
Featherstone	3	2	1	1	0	136	98	38	8
York	3	0	1	2	1	52	88	-36	3

Group Three Table

Celtic Crusaders	4	4	0	0	0	112	58	54	12
Doncaster	4	2	0	2	2	96	78	18	8
Sheffield	4	1	0	3	1	74	112	-38	4
London Skolars	4	1	0	3	0	92	126	-34	3

Group Four Table

Salford	4	3	0	1	1	156	50	106	10
Oldham	3	2	0	1	0	52	74	-22	6
Swinton	4	1	0	3	2	100	140	-40	5
Rochdale	3	1	0	2	1	82	126	-44	4

Group Five Table

Dewsbury	4	3	0	1	1	136	75	61	10
Batley	3	2	0	1	0	97	62	35	6
Hunslet	4	0	0	4	1	56	180	-124	1

Group Six Table

Leigh	4	4	0	0	0	109	54	55	12
Barrow	3	2	0	1	0	88	68	20	6
Widnes	3	1	0	2	2	56	39	17	5
Blackpool	4	0	0	4	1	50	142	-92	1

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From the Boardroom

With Chris Hamilton...



I make no apologies for starting tonight's notes with a reference to last week's magnificent performance against the full timers from Salford.

Nobody needs to tell me that it is only one game and we need to keep that level of consistency up - I know all that - but performances like that - especially over a full eighty minutes are rare - even in Super League or international games - and it is a long time since an Oldham team for either the new or old club put in a stint like the team did last week for the whole of the game.

It would be unfair to pick out individuals from a performance like that because it really was a team effort from 1-17 and everybody must have been drained both mentally and physically at the end of the game.

What was especially pleasing was the way in which the lads had the strength of character to come back and win the game after Salford had taken the lead so near to the end of the match. There is no doubt however that it would have been a travesty had we not won that game.

One of the bizarre twists of sport means that as a club you strive for performances

like that but when you get one you have to talk it down so that players etc don't get carried away but when performances are sometimes below par you have to talk them up to keep morale high!

There is no doubt though that tonight's opponents Rochdale will soon bring our lads back to reality if they are not so already. Following a defeat at home to Swinton last week which means they will be smarting and their Law Cup victory over us a few weeks ago we should be in no doubt whatsoever as to what level of performance is needed tonight to give ourselves a chance of another three points as we try to secure progression from the group into the knock out stages of the Northern Rail Cup.

With two games against the same team in the space of five days there will need to be professionalism and hard work, but as we said before the lads showed that in abundance last Friday.

The support the team got in the second half was great and was reminiscent of old times but several people commented on how quiet the atmosphere was from large sections of the crowd in the first half. I know I say it every week but you really can make a difference to the team so please get behind the lads as they try to get the win over our local rivals.

Enjoy the game

Chris Hamilton

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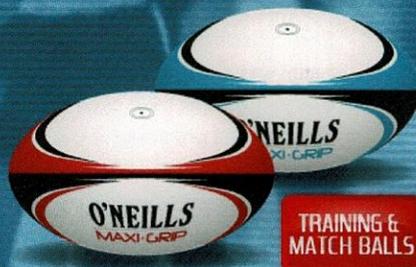
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Welcome to tonight's game for what should be another great spectacle and hopefully another win for us as we try to make the play offs

for the first time in the pre season Northern Rail competition.

Rochdale are always tough opposition and I am confident that Bobby Goulding's players will not disappoint anyone in that regard tonight, as they look to come back from the loss last week to Swinton while we look to build on the great result that we had in victory over Salford. It is also a chance to welcome back several past players to Boundary Park, notably Simon Svabic, David Best, Chris Hough, David Newton, Andy Gorey, Craig Farrimond and the assistant coach, Phil Farrell. I know rivalry exists between clubs and I would not want that to change but I find the qualities of Rugby League players to be so praiseworthy and qualities I am proud to be a part of. I am so in respect of all opposition players that I could never find myself feeling bitter to a RIVAL, only wanting to beat them on the day and then enjoy a drink with them afterwards.

I am sure that all the fans that watched us last week were encouraged by the efforts of all the players and could see that the work that has been done in the off season can pay its dividends, the key now is to make that our level of performance on a week in week out

basis, as consistency is the major element needed, if we are to have a successful season. The down side to the game was the loss off Darryl Cardiss with a dislocated shoulder and though we don't yet know the full extent of his injuries as we go to press, it is fairly obvious that the injury will keep him out for a good while. This only goes to show that the future is laid fairly and squarely in the hands of the gods and that the best laid plans can be ruined or at best disrupted by injury. So when trying to forecast the future there are too many intangibles to make crystal ball reading one of the productive habits of a coach. That said I am sure that we are a threat to anyone on any given day and if we look after the things that we can control then we are more than capable of beating last year's efforts on the pitch and going all the way to NLI, even if we have to go through the play offs to do it.

Another aspect of the night that gave me great encouragement was the introduction of the reserve grade players on the pitch, yet another positive step forward for the club and another outlet for the fans to show their support. I look forward to seeing you at their games where we can have an informal chat about things, something that I am unable to do at 1st team games with all the press and sponsor commitments straight after the match, but I do like to talk to the fans and am sure that I will get plenty of chances to do so.

Hope you enjoy the game, all the best

Deaks



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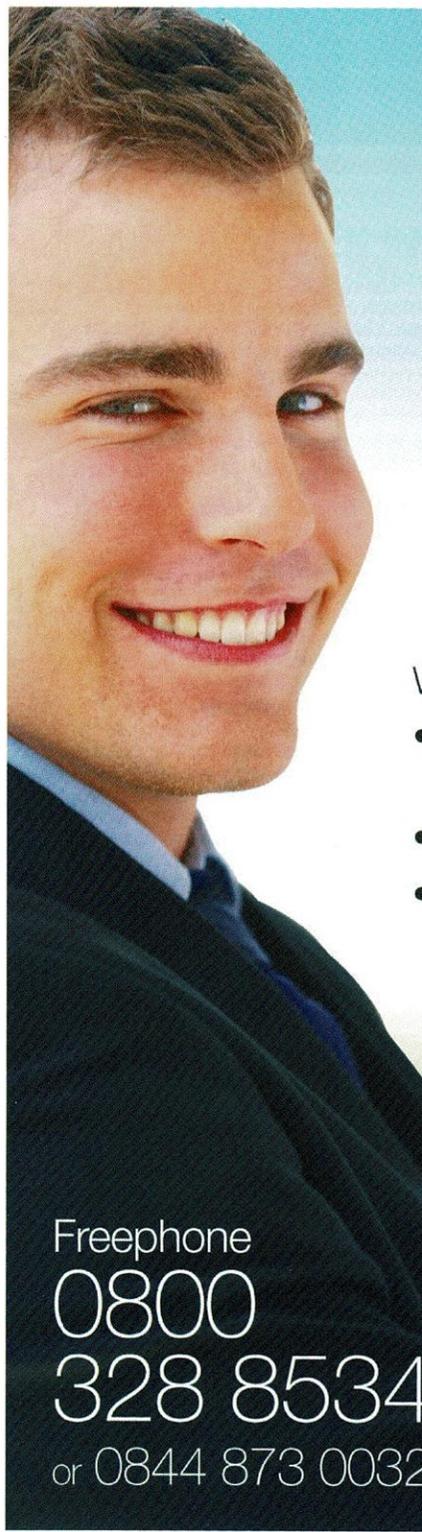
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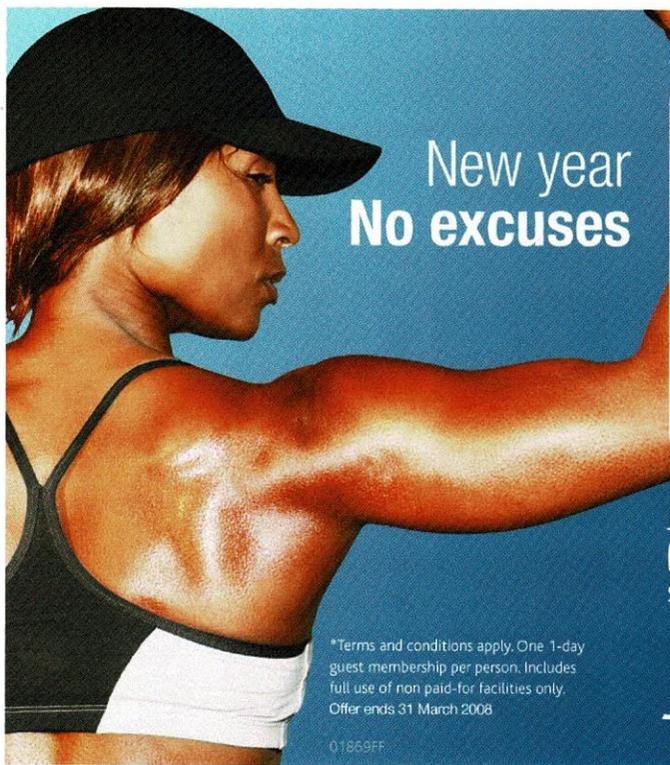
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	Sun 20th	HULL KR	H	3:00pm	Postponed
	Sun 27th	ROCHDALE	A	3:00pm	20-26 1,108
February					
NRC	Fri 1st	SWINTON	H	8:00pm	22-20 848
NRC	Fri 8th	SALFORD	A	8:00pm	12-40 4,224
NRC	Sun 17th	ROCHDALE	A	3:00pm	Postponed
NRC	Fri 22nd	SALFORD	H	8:00pm	18-14 1,350
NRC	Fri 29th	ROCHDALE	H	8:00pm	
March					
	Sun 9th	CHALL CUP 3rd ROUND			
NRC	Sun 16th	SWINTON	A	3:00pm	
NL	Fri 21st	ROCHDALE	A	3:00pm	
NL	Mon 24th	HUNSLET	H	3:00pm	
NL	Sun 30th	YORK	H	3:00pm	
April					
	Sun 6th	NORTHERN RAIL CUP QR			
NL	Sun 13th	KEIGHLEY	A	3:00pm	
	Sun 20th	CHALL CUP 4th ROUND			
NL	Sun 27th	ROCHDALE	H	3:00pm	
May					
NL	Mon 5th	BLACKPOOL	H	3:00pm	
NL	Sat 10th	LONDON	A	3:00pm	
	Sun 11th	CHALL CUP 5th ROUND			

NL	Sun 18th	SWINTON	H	3:00pm	
NL	Sat 24th	GATESHEAD	A	6:30pm	
	Sun 25th	NORTHERN RAIL CUP QF			
NL	Fri 30th	DONCASTER	A	8:00pm	
June					
	Sun 1st	CHALL CUP QF			
NL	Sun 8th	LONDON	H	3:00pm	
NL	Sun 15th	HUNSLET	A	3:00pm	
	Sun 15th	NORTHERN RAIL CUP SF			
NL	Sun 22nd	BLACKPOOL	A	3:00pm	
NL	Sun 29th	GATESHEAD	H	3:00pm	
July					
NL	Sun 6th	WORKINGTON A	A	3:00pm	
	Sun 6th	NORTH RAIL CUP FINAL			
NL	Fri 11th	BARROW	A	7:30pm	
NL	Thur 17th	DONCASTER	H	7:30pm	
NL	Sun 27th	KEIGHLEY	H	3:00pm	
	Sun 27th	CHALLENGE CUP SF			
August					
NL	Sun 3rd	YORK	A	3:00pm	
NL	Sun 10th	BARROW	H	3:00pm	
NL	Sun 17th	SWINTON	A	3:00pm	
NL	Sun 24th	WORKINGTON	H	3:00pm	
	Sat 30th	CHALLENGE CUP FINAL			
September					
	Sun 7th	ELIMINATION PLAY OFFS			
	Sun 14th	QUALIFYING/ ELIMINATION SEMI-FINALS			
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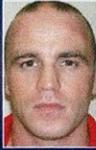
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'TWO BOBS' REVELS IN ROLE OF LEADER

Captain Courageous justifies the faith Deaks placed in him

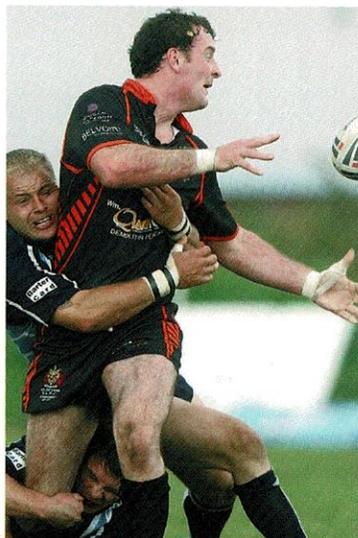
Player Profile: **ROBERT ROBERTS**

by **ROGER HALSTEAD**

Welsh international Robert Roberts -- 'Two Bobs' to anybody who knows rugby league -- will play a huge part in anything the Roughyeds achieve in what is sure to be an extremely important 2008 season for the club. As club captain, team captain and inspirational leader, Robert is revelling in the responsibilities thrust upon him by shrewd coach Steve Deakin.

The 29-year-old Yorkshireman, of Welsh descent, born on June 21, 1978, joined Roughyeds midway through last season and signed initially to the end of that 2007 campaign as Deaks moved for an old head to add vital experience to a young pack.

He had left Leigh earlier that year after what Deaks described as a clash of personalities and he was, in fact, without a club when Roughyeds brought him in from the cold --- and then quickly made him captain. It was to prove a masterstroke.



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'Two Bobs' crowned his debut at York with a last-minute drop goal that earned Roughyeds a draw and he went on to become significantly influential over the last dozen games of the season. He led the side from the second-row and used all the experience gained in a long career to guide Roughyeds to the NL2 Grand Final with play-off wins against Workington and Swinton at Boundary Park and Barrow up at Craven Park.

He did more than enough to earn a new one-year contract, fully justifying the faith Deaks had shown in him.

Not everyone in Robert's 13-year professional career has shown similar faith in the big fella. And the man himself would be the first to admit that the rugby league garden has not always been a bed of roses for this multi-talented and highly-skilled professional whose travels have seen him wear the colours of Keighley (two stints), Hull, Halifax, York, Hunslet, Huddersfield,

Leigh and Oldham.

He has also had experience playing Down Under in Australia, first in the Newcastle competition (which many years ago provided Mal Graham for the former Oldham club) and then in country football with Tumut.

Starting his pro career as a 16-year-old with Keighley, he quickly aroused the interest of the big clubs and in 1999, aged

21, he had a good season with Hull in Super League, making 26 appearances and coming up with 46 points from four tries, 13 goals and four drop goals. A short stint at Halifax followed (three Super League appearances in 2000), and then in 2001 he played for York, Hunslet and for Keighley a second time before signing for Huddersfield Giants, who were then battling to stay in the elite competition.

They failed to manage it, but despite their relegation to the Northern Ford Premiership he stuck with them to become one of their leading lights in a remarkable 2002 season in which Aussie boss Tony Smith piloted the Giants straight back to Super League with an unbeaten full season in the NFP and then victory over Leigh Centurions in the Grand Final.

Robert played in 34 of the Giants 39 matches in that sensational season, including a Grand Final second-row spot. Giants beat Leigh 38-16, with two tries from left-wing Marcus St Hilaire. And who was in the Centurions' second row? Simon Baldwin.

Phil Larder was coach at Lawkholme Lane, as it was then called, when Robert took his first tentative steps into the world of professional rugby league and when he returned some years later to Cougar Park his boss then was none other than a certain Steve Deakin.

Deaks remembers it well. "The club was having serious money problems," he recalled, "and we had released all our players. 'Two Bobs' came in to do a specific job and he joined us in similar circumstances to those which prevailed when we signed him for Roughyeds from Leigh only last year.

"Not everything has gone smoothly for him

throughout his career; but I always had, and always will have, a lot of faith in him and a lot of respect for him, both as a player and as a person. He is well respected by everyone at the club from management to the coaching staff and to his fellow players.

"He commands respect by his actions as well as his words -- and I can't speak more highly of him than to say that he is the epitome of a team and club captain in every sense of the word. His performances on the field have been outstanding as well.

"As a player, he is multi-skilled at a time in the sport's evolution when players are being developed to play in a variety of positions. But how many could play prop one match and stand-off the next? You could do that with 'Two Bobs' -- in fact, he played at stand-off for a while in the Law Cup match at Rochdale at the start of this season.

"He would be equally at home as well in the second-row, where he has played mainly for us, or at loose-forward. He is also very, very durable and you can always rely on him to do a first-rate 70 minutes, if not the full 80."

Away from rugby, Robert lives in Leeds with his parents and his Australian partner Sarah, whom he intends to marry later this year. They met while Robert was playing in Australia.

As well as playing for the Roughyeds, Robert has also been assisting the club's community development officer Sean Mellor in community-based work on development and coaching, centred mainly in local schools ... and, according to reports, he is pretty good at that, too!

Roger Halstead



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No 3: Brian Walker

Long time fan and official of The ORLFC Heritage Trust

THE GREEN, GREEN, PLAQUE OF HOME

I 'Googled' in the word 'Cheltenham' before I started to write these programme notes, looking for a bit of background to the town which a couple of weeks earlier I'd taken my hat off to. I'd done this as they had the initiative to raise a commemorative green plaque to mark the passing of exactly 100 years since the pioneering New Zealanders won the first ever 'rugby league' Test series on the beautiful Regency town's Athletic Grounds. In so doing they beat the Northern Union (Great Britain) in the decider.

It threw up three bits of interesting info. That those investors who'd stashed their cash in the Northern Rock would have been much wiser choosing the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society, that Turpin Green was a 50-1 outsider to win the town's famous Cheltenham Festival and that there was to be a brand new Rugby Festival to be played under league rules in this go-ahead town on the 2nd of May.

To stage a 'professional' rugby match in a town and county that was the heart and lungs of the English Rugby Union was a brave thing to do back in 1908 and a slap in the face to a sport that was still both policed and terrorised by the men with bell, book and candle exorcising the evil spirit of rugby professionalism. I don't know if Dick Turpin rode Black Bess through Cheltenham (I suspect not) but he'd have been hung on the town green for much less.

I've been party to unveiling two blue plaques, both of them here in Oldham, both of them commemorating rugby league, but

until Cheltenham I'd never heard of a green plaque. It's obviously green and it's larger – so you can engrave much more information on it.

One of those two blue plaques was to commemorate the work of Joseph Platt. With hindsight he deserved a green plaque too. He did a lot for rugby league did Joe. He steadied the good ship Oldham, led from the front the breakaway of the northern clubs from the clutches of the English Rugby Union and organised those early tours both to and from the Antipodes. It was through his Oldham letterbox that Baskerville's proposal of a tour of the Northern Union by a squad of New Zealand rugby union players dropped.

He was an entrepreneurial type of guy too, frantically fanning the embers of expansionism. By the time the third Test against the New Zealanders kicked-off in Cheltenham the second Test had already been played on Chelsea's Stamford Bridge ground and just a year later the three match Test series against the first ever touring Australian squad was staged at Park Royal in London, on St James Park, the home of Newcastle United and at Villa Park, Aston Villa's ground. Two other representative matches against the Aussies were played on Celtic Park, Glasgow and at Everton's Goodison Park.

A challenge to the RFL then. The fair town of Cheltenham has now set the precedent, so how about persuading the authorities of the cities mentioned above to each strike a plaque, to honour those early rugby pioneers?

Brian Walker



Bobbie Goulding is back as the head coach of Rochdale Hornets and to quote Hornets' director, Karen Reynolds, "Bobbie will bring enthusiasm, charisma and passion to Rochdale Hornets. The thing that he spoke about throughout our talks was having an unfinished job. He has a lot of affection

for Rochdale Hornets and has come back here to finish the task."

Goulding had two successful seasons in charge at Spotland in 2004 and 2005 when he was twice nominated as National League coach of the year.

In returning to Boundary Park tonight the Rochdale squad contains no less than 12 players who have worn the Roughyeds jersey in recent seasons.

Wayne Corcoran

joined Hornets from Oldham at the end of the 2006 season. He showed loyalty beyond the cause during the 2007 season when, despite requiring a shoulder

operation for the majority of the season he bravely played on showing immense courage in choosing to fight on and delay his operation. Wayne made a total of 23 appearances 12 from the bench scoring 3 tries.



Dave Newton, who was a regular member of the Roughyed Alliance side, re-joined Hornets after having a spell away from the club at Swinton and Hornets feel he returns to the Club a better player for it. He was very highly regarded at Swinton and they were

bitterly disappointed to lose him. Dave made a Grand Final appearance for Swinton in 2006. 10 full appearances with a further 10 from the bench was Dave's record last year scoring 2 tries.



David Best is another player who is in his second spell at the club, having had spells at Oldham and more recently Batley. He has really matured as a player and his power and toughness upfront will be a major asset to Hornets this

season. Dave is a player who feels that he has got unfinished business at Hornets. David's appearances last term were limited to 9.

Ex Roughyed **Chris Campbell** returned to Hornets during the closing stages of last season and was delighted to extend his stay when Bobbie Goulding was appointed coach. In between spells at the Club Chris has been playing for the highly successful Warrington Wizards outfit. After an excellent pre season Chris will be hoping to recapture the form he showed during the 2004/ 05 seasons. Chris scored 1 try in 6 appearances on his return.



Ian Sinfield left Hornets in 2003 to join Keighley where he made the first of his two Grand Final appearances. Ian then had two more highly successful seasons at Keighley before moving onto Swinton and then

to his hometown team Oldham for a second time, where he was a Grand Finalist in 2007. His leadership qualities will be invaluable and his knowledge of National League two a great asset for Hornets in 2008. Ian played 24 times for Oldham last season scoring 2 tries.

Although only in his mid twenties **Chris Hough** can be best

described as a much travelled, seasoned pro. Along with a previous spell at Hornets Chris has played for Oldham, Swinton, Doncaster and Batley and also had a loan spell at Leigh last season. Hornets feel his organisational qualities and kicking game will give them a new dimension this season. Chris was mainly used off the bench last term for Swinton where he made a total of 17 appearances scoring 2 tries and 3 goals. At Leigh he made 7 full appearances scoring 1 try.

Phil Farrell returns to Hornets as Assistant Player Coach to Bobbie Goulding. After successful seasons at Oldham he joined Hornets for a season, before returning to Oldham for a brief spell & then joining Batley. Phil is extremely eager to get onto the coaching ladder and sees the position at Hornets as an excellent opportunity to do this. When called upon Phil's on field experience will be an added bonus and his input with the younger players will be typically positive. A mid season departure from Batley only allowed Phil to make 11 full appearances 1 more as substitute scoring 1 try.

Craig Farrimond played his junior rugby at Warrington Wolves where he captained their Senior Academy and gained a promising reputation earning himself a place in the Super League U 21s select squad. He has since played for Oldham and Swinton where he has been extremely unlucky with injuries over the past couple of seasons. Now fit and raring to go Bobbie will be hoping for big things from him in 2008. Craig was restricted to 4 full appearances



last term with 7 more from the bench.

Andy Gorey is an extremely quick outside back. Andy spent the early years of his career at Oldham where he became a first team regular after coming through the Academy where he was coached by current Hornets U21's coach Shaun Gartland. Andy, always a firm favourite with the Oldham fans, started 7 games last season for Oldham scoring two tries. He has been playing for Oldham Rugby Union Club during the closed season.

Mike Callan came through the ranks at Warrington Wolves where he made four Super League appearances for them off the bench in the 2002 season. He moved onto Leigh where he played in the promotion year of 2005. Mike's career then took him to Blackpool and on to Oldham. After taking a year out of the game Mike is now looking forward to making a big impact in 2008.



Mike Stout is another player renowned for having a quick turn of foot; he has played for Swinton, Blackpool and Oldham after coming through the academy at Widnes. Mike started last season with us at Oldham, where he scored one try in 4 appearances, before

moving on to Blackpool where he scored seven tries in 17 appearances in what was a struggling campaign for the Panthers. Mike is relishing the new challenge presented to him at Hornets.

Simon Svabic was always a favourite with the Roughyed fans and won Player of the Year awards at the end of the disastrous 2006 season. He moved on to Hornets where, I think it is fair to say, he didn't have a happy season and in fact decided to hang up his books as the season ended. Bobbie Goulding persuaded him to have a rethink and I am sure he will have a big influence on the Hornets side this season.

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...what the papers said about our 18-14 win against Salford City Reds at Boundary Park last Friday.

Oldham Evening Chronicle (Matthew Chambers): 'While some maintain there is little life in the game outside Super League this thrilling, action-packed clash conclusively proved otherwise. Rugby league doesn't get much better.'

A brutal, dominating pack; backs consistently gaining massive yardage coming out of defensive territory; a half-back combination with speed and deftness of pass; and wingers and centres who knew how to get over that whitewash -- Roughyeds were clearly the superior side and should, if anything, have won by a more convincing margin.

If this performance sets a standard for the season, Roughyeds fans have plenty to look forward to in the coming months.'

Oldham Advertiser (Gavin Browne): 'Mick Nany's 78th minute try saw the Roughyeds stun full-timers Salford to come away with victory from an absorbing Northern Rail Cup tie at Boundary Park.'

Jordan Turner's try put Salford two points ahead at 14-12 but with time running out Nany touched down wide out on the left-hand side before adding the touchline conversion for good measure.'

League Express (Ian Wilson): 'Some people have occasionally regarded the Northern Rail Cup as a Mickey Mouse competition, but don't tell the 34 players who gave everything in this rip-roaring clash, or the 1,350 spectators who enjoyed fantastic value for money and shouted themselves hoarse on a cold Oldham night which resembled nothing so much as one of those memorable old winter nights under the Watersheddings floodlights.'

The game had everything. The lead changed hands six times which was remarkable given

that only six tries were scored in total. There was a period of 35 minutes of intense end-to-end play without a point scored, and superbly committed defence on display by both sides. Add in a match-winning try two minutes from time, a refereeing display which had the home crowd in apoplexy and a mini-brawl. What else could anyone ask for?'

League Weekly (Roy Craig): 'Friday's stay-aways (absent fans) missed an absolute treat, and if Oldham can play as consistently well as they did in seeing off the city slickers from the other side of Manchester it surely can't be long before the Boundary Park turnstiles start to go round a bit quicker.'

In a match which provided first-rate sporting entertainment, there was quality football; tough, uncompromising defence; well-worked tries, the odd moment of madness; end-to-end action which saw the lead change hands five times; and all the drama of a match-winning try by Oldham's big centre Mick Nany two minutes from the end.'

Roughyeds website (Roger Halstead): 'When Mick Nany crashed over in the corner for the winning try you would have thought there were 13,000 fans in the ground, not a disappointing 1,350. Most of them waited for the Oldham players to have their post-match debriefing on the pitch before giving them a standing ovation to shouts of 'Oldham, Oldham' as they left to disappear up the tunnel.'

It was that sort of night -- what I think of as an old-fashioned Oldham rugby league night under floodlights. We have had a few of those in the last 40-odd years up there on the hill on the other side of town. In many ways this ranked with the best.

It has taken Steve Deakin, his coaching staff and the players a few games to turn a mix of new, high-profile signings and selected members of last year's squad into a team, but that's exactly what they were last night -- a TEAM'

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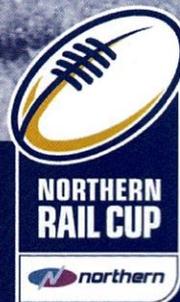
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