

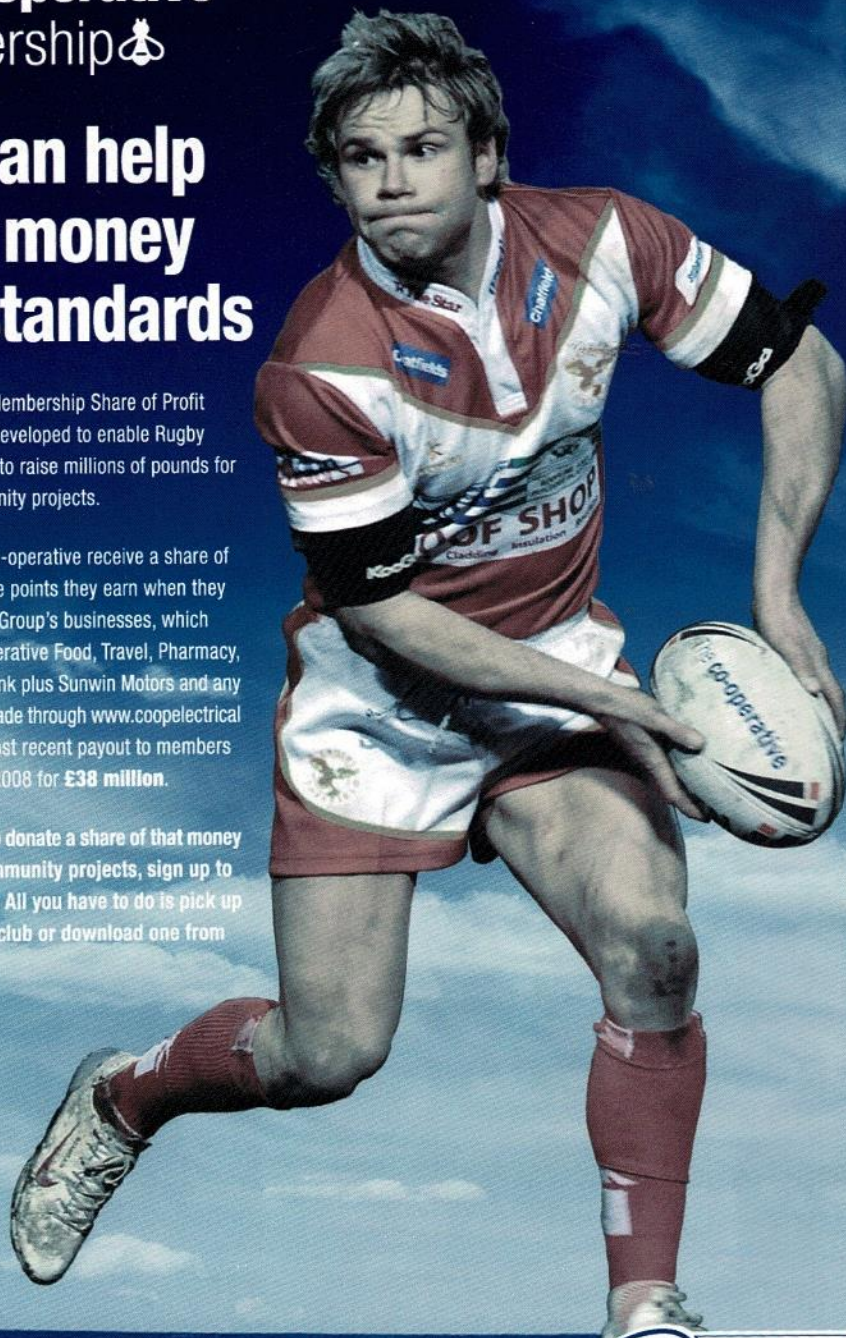
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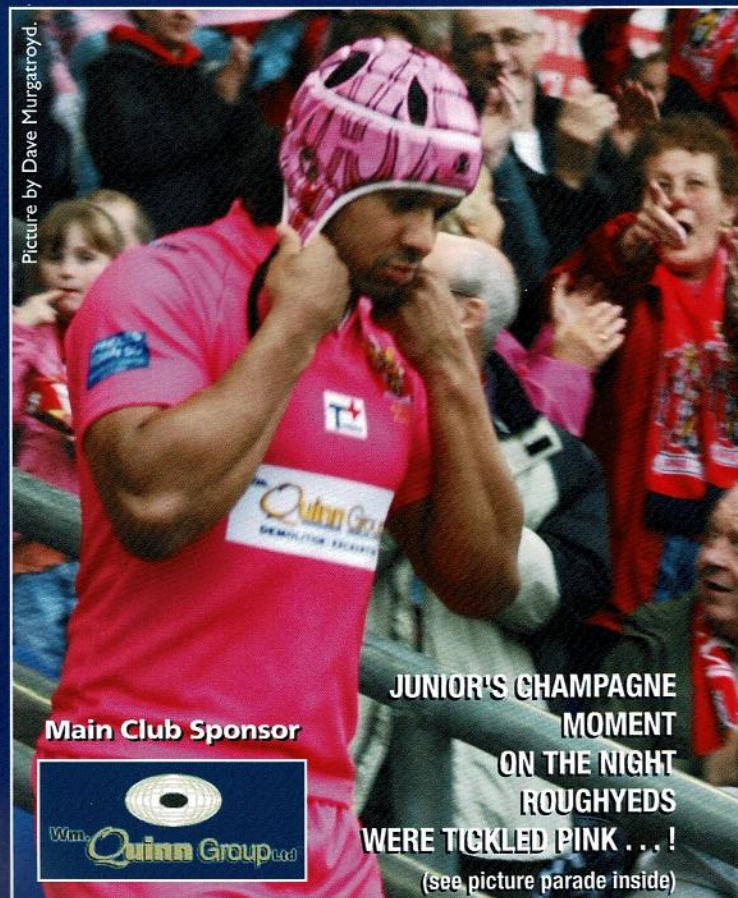
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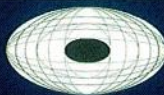
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From the Boardroom

With Chris Hamilton...



I wonder what surprises National League Two has in store for us today?

After the upset at Blackpool last week there is no doubt that this division has become the most hotly contested of all

the leagues and it is looking increasingly likely that the contest at the top of the table will go right down to the wire.

The standard of teams within the division has risen year on year with the last two being most noticeable according to people within the game.

With the public confirmation this week that three teams will be promoted from division two there is certainly plenty to play for as we head into the final weeks of the season.

The announcement on Tuesday that Celtic Crusaders and Salford had got the nod to increase the number of Super league teams to 14 was obviously the big talking point and one which had been eagerly awaited for a number of months.

It probably came as no surprise many in the game that it should be those two teams who were approved and it is up to them now to make the most of the opportunity they have been given.

I have no doubt also that some of the existing clubs within Super League will know (internally or by official word) that they will need to improve things, particularly in the ground context, before 2011 or else they will be out on their heels. With that in mind it will be very interesting to see at what pace the new grounds several clubs have promised come to fruition.

The Doncaster match on 17 July was a victory for grit and determination from a playing point of view with a second half display that showed,

once again, that this group of players really do have an abundance of character about them. Given the fact that we were down to only one sub for the second half with the injuries to Boultsy, Huddy and Craig Littler and a first half performance that meant we had to do a lot more tackling than we would have hoped for, to not only get the win against a very physical team but to do it in the manner we did was great to watch and it was one of those nights when I am sure the team took a lot of personal pride and pleasure from it also.

Keighley Cougars come to town today with a renewed vigour about their game and it is to their great credit that they find themselves in fourth position with only six games to go. After a great start they suffered a bit of a blip in their form and many people thought that was them gone for the year but they have found a second wind and have picked up again to record some great wins over the past few weeks.

We know from our defeat against them early in the season that they will play with plenty of enthusiasm and if we fail to match that, for starters, we will be in trouble.

With only three home matches to go we must make that advantage count as we have all season and increase the pressure on the teams above us if we can.

The attendance at the Doncaster game was very disappointing to say the least after a lot of hard work was put in by many people at the club but we must thank all of you who attended to help make the night memorable in other ways.

The lads commented on the atmosphere at the Doncaster match so please get behind the team as we try to win another three points.

Thanks for your support and enjoy the game.

Chris Hamilton



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With Steve Deakin...



I'd like to say a big HELLO to all the players, coaching staff, directors and fans of the Keighley Cougars.

It is always a pleasure to be involved with games against

this club and I am sure that they won't hold it against me if I tell them that the pleasantries will cease for a couple of hours mid afternoon today. They are having a bit of good form at the moment with wins over Gateshead and Swinton in their last 2 outings, so if ever we needed reminding of the abilities of their team then that is all the information we needed. It is fair to say that they are having their best season for a few years now and are chasing a high finish, even if automatic promotion is a bit too much for them they will have a major say on who does get up or has to go through the play offs and will be optimistic of their chances of going up themselves, so they will be confident, on a roll and healthy - quite a challenge for us.

Coming in to today's game we had a great result last time out against Doncaster when I thought that we gave one of our bravest performances of the season to get a 36 - 16 win in circumstances that saw us lose three players during the course of the game (quite possibly for lengthy periods) and meant that we couldn't rotate players

with our usual regularity. So some players got a lot more playing time than normally but they all dug in deep and gave a great show to get the three points that sets up a classic finale to the season.

Three days later and lo and behold the minnows of Blackpool beat Barrow and throw open the title race. It has been said by both me and Chris Hamilton on numerous occasions this year that there are no easy games and that on any given day anyone can get a result against any team in this competition. I am sure that there are more twists and turns to come (hopefully all in our favour) before the season ends.

Lastly I'd like to say well done to Mick Nanyon on breaking the club points scoring record, previously held by Pat Rich. With at least 6 games to go he has the chance to score a few more and possibly finish the leading points scorer in all three leagues, just rewards for his efforts this year.

Enjoy the game

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With Mick Bradshaw...



Good afternoon all and welcome back to Commercial Corner.

I've been working for the club for three weeks now and I have to say i've enjoyed every minute. I've also had the pleasure of meeting some very interesting people, many of whom share my great passion for the club. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome onboard Park Cakes as our latest commercial partner.



Park Cakes are one of the town's biggest employers who employ many Roughyeds fans. The next event in our social

calendar is our annual golf day which is on Friday 12th September at Crompton & Royton golf club. There's a shotgun start at 1pm, followed by a four ball stableford, then it's back to the clubhouse for all to enjoy a delicious 3-course meal. There will also be a presentation, comedian, auction and raffle.

There's an opportunity to sponsor a hole for only £75, for a team of four the cost is £325 + vat.

There are still places left in our hospitality box for the next two home games against Barrow and Workington if anyone would like to enjoy the games in comfort please get in touch. There's a wide range of sponsorship and corporate hospitality opportunities with the Roughyeds. For detail's on how an association with the Roughyeds can enhance your business please call me on 0161 628 3677.

Onwards and upwards

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important and that's just what the club has been doing of late. our club mascot "Roary the Roughyed" has been in numerous schools, community centres and amateur clubs promoting the club and he's gone down a treat with young and old alike. Don't forget if you'd like Roary to make a personal appearance then just get in touch. Subject to availability he'll be there!

Today in our hospitality box we're entertaining some very important guests, representatives from all the amateur rugby league clubs in the borough. Our aim is to forge a strong link with them, something I'm really positive about. The club is certainly moving in the right direction. We've put together a great initiative for the clubs which I'm sure they'll all appreciate. Anything we can do to help the community we'll do it.

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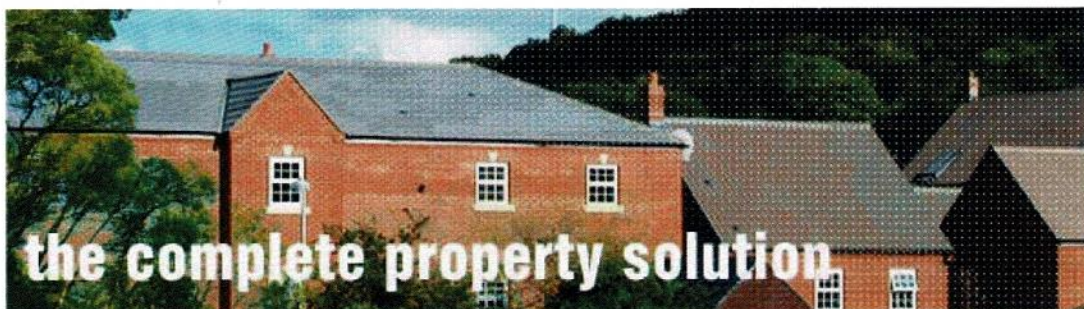
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COACH— Well known throughout the National Leagues, former Welsh international scrum half

BARRY EATON is in his second year as coach to the Cougars, still registered as a player but unlikely to figure on the field, letting the younger legs take over for 2008! Barry is assisted by **GLENN BARRACLOUGH** the former Bradford hooker and long time coach of amateurs West Bowling RLFC.

BACKS

The Cougars Full Back today is likely to be Ex York City Knight **GEORGE RAYNOR**, who joined at the start of the season and has scored some spectacular tries as well as being solid defensively. The wing spots are likely to be contested by **SAM GARDNER**, **JAMES HUTCHINSON**, **GAVIN DUFFY** & **RYAN SMITH**. Gardner, winger in the NL2 Form team for June and Hutchinson are both converts from Rugby Union, whilst Smith joined the Cougars from West Bowling and has been a first team regular in 2008. Former Cougar Cub & local lad Duffy could come into the squad after recovering from a broken ankle. Centres today are likely to be **DAN POTTER** & **MICK FOGERTY**. Former Waterhead try Machine Fogerty recently returned to 1st team action after almost a season missing

through injury, and he has formed a good partnership with former Widnes Super League Centre, Potter, who came to Cougar Park early in 08. Also in contention is the Cougar's longest serving player, utility man **KARL SMITH** in his 11th season at his home town club and former Sale Shark Flyer **OLLIE PURSGLOVE** who began his professional career with the Cougars Academy set up.

HALF BACK

Cougar Half Backs today are likely to be either, **JON PRESLEY**, **CRAIG FAWCETT** or **DANNY JONES**. Former Featherstone scrum half Fawcett has been making a habit of coming off the bench to score some spectacular tries as he did against the Panthers recently, which are usually converted by Jones, the Cougars regular goal kicker after his move from Halifax, where he was U21 player of the season in 2007. Presley is another to have made an impact since he came to Cougar Park at the end of 2007, scoring several touchdowns from the No 6 shirt, including two against Swinton last week.

FORWARDS — The Cougar pack is lead by the experience and firepower of **ANDY SHICKELL**, brought in from Halifax and Scottish international and former York & Doncaster player, **NEIL LOWE**. Aussie Prop **BRENDON RAWLINS**, back at Keighley for another year,

joining initially from the famous Balmain Tigers is currently the Cougars leading scorer this season, including scoring a club record for a forward - 4 tries against the Skolars - earlier in the season. He is likely to be joined in the front row by former Cougar Cub Junior, & Wigan and Batley player **SIMON BISSELL** or new signing from Halifax, **SCOTT LAW**

Making up the Cougar pack are likely to be former Huddersfield Giant **RICHARD KNIGHT**, tough tackling former Featherstone Rovers **GREG NICHOLSON**, and possibly former Batley Bulldog **WILL CARTLEDGE**, returning after a broken arm. Experienced ex Bradford and Hunslet **CHRIS REDFEARN**, one of last seasons most consistent performers is likely to start in the 13 shirt. Creativity is aplenty in the hookers role with former NL2 Player of the Month, **JERMAIN WRAY**, in from York sharing No 9 duties with local lad and fans favourite with a huge talent, 'Buster' Feather

CLUB MASCOT — Rumoured to inhabit a luxury bachelor pad in the Clubs boot room, **FREDDIE COUGAR** has been resident at Cougar Park for quite a few years now. Lists waving, paw shaking, dancing badly and bull baiting amongst his hobbies. I wonder how he gets on with **LIONS**?


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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	38-8	1,350

March

CCC3 Sun 9th	BRITISH ARMY	A	1.30pm	56-10	500
NRC Sun 16th	SWINTON	A	3:00pm	52-10	549
NL Fri 21st	ROCHDALE	A	3:00pm	46-32	1,003
NL Mon 24th	HUNSLET	H	3:00pm	40-12	1,168
NL Sun 30th	YORK	H	3:00pm	36-26	1,049

April

NRC Sun 6th	WHITEHAVEN	H	3:00pm	16-6	966
NL Sun 13th	KEIGHLEY	A	3:00pm	26-12	1,276
CCC4 Sun 20th	SWINTON	A	3:00pm	20-8	591
NL Sun 27th	ROCHDALE	H	3:00pm	24-14	1,107

May

NL Mon 5th	BLACKPOOL	H	3:00pm	38-26	1,115
CCC4 Sun 11th	DEWSBURY	A	3:00pm	58-12	1,103

NL Sun 18th	SWINTON	H	3:00pm	30-20	1,191
NRC Sun 25th	BATLEY	A	3:00pm	16-24	885

June

CCC6 Sun 1st	WAKEFIELD	A	3.30pm	4-46	2,966
NL Wed 4th	GATESHEAD	A	7.30pm	18-32	434
NL Sat 7th	LONDON	H	6:00pm	42-20	644
NL Sun 15th	HUNSLET	A	3:00pm	66-10	887
NL Wed 18th	LONDON	A	7:30pm	40-6	334
NL Sun 22nd	BLACKPOOL	A	3:00pm	44-10	640
NL Sun 29th	GATESHEAD	H	3:00pm	40-16	823

July

NL Sun 6th	WORKINGTON	A	3:00pm	16-14	647
NL Fri 11th	BARROW	A	7:30pm	12-32	1,799
NL Thur 17th	DONCASTER	H	7:30pm	36-16	2,806
NL Sun 27th	KEIGHLEY	H	3:00pm		

August

NL Sun 3rd	YORK	A	3:00pm		
NL Wed 6th	DONCASTER	A	8:00pm		
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				
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TOP-SCORER MICK SMASHES ROUGHYEDS POINTS RECORD

Player Profile: MICK NANYN

by ROGER HALSTEAD

Now Nanyin has his sights on goals-in-a-season standard set by Pat Rich in 2001



MICK Nanyin, Oldham's big centre, rewrote the Roughyeds record books for the second time in seven matches against Doncaster at Boundary Park last Thursday night.

It should be made clear at the outcome, however, that statistics apply not to all-time Oldham Rugby records, but merely to records of the 'new' club, Oldham RLFC (1997) Ltd, which was established in that year following the liquidation of Oldham Bears.

In a 66-10 win at Hunslet on June 15 Nanyin kicked 11

goals from 11 attempts to beat Simon Svabic's club record ten in a match, which Simon kicked against Swinton Lions at Boundary Park on April 6, 2003.

This season, his first with the Roughyeds, has also seen Nanyin TWICE equalling the 'new' club's points-in-a game record, first established by Gareth Barber with seven goals and three tries - 26 points - against Dewsbury Rams at Hurst Cross on April 2, 2002.

Mick matched that figure with nine goals and two tries in our 58-12 Challenge Cup win at Dewsbury on May 11 and then hit it again with his 11 goals and one try at Hunslet five weeks later.

He hasn't quite managed to beat Gaz Barber's 26 points in a match yet but, having knocked Simon Svabic off top spot for most goals in a match, Mick then set his sights on Pat Rich's club record 320 points in a season which the Geordie centre established with 146 goals and seven tries in the Northern Ford Premiership Grand Final season of 2001.

With so much else happening on a memorable night for the Oldham club last Thursday, Nanyin's achievement in beating that seven-year-old record with his sixth goal of the game - a penalty in the dying seconds - almost went unnoticed.

The fact is that points-machine Mick, who has scored more points this season than any other player in the whole of British rugby league, has now piled up 322 points with 125 goals and 18 tries.

The leading goalkickers and points scorers in Super League, Pat Richards of Wigan, Sean Long of Saints and Kevin Sinfield of Leeds, can't touch him, Richards trailing him by 47 points, Long by 85 and Sinfield by 87.

His biggest challenger is NLI club Halifax's veteran stand-off Graham Holroyd, who has kicked 127 goals to Mick's 125, but whose points total stands at 278 against the Oldham man's 322, this because Holroyd has scored only six tries to Nanyin's impressive tally of 18, which included a match-winning hat-trick at Workington in a tight 16-14 win on July 6. Mick had the distinction of scoring all Oldham's points that day.

The words of the club's chief executive Chris Hamilton, speaking when Nanyin put pen to paper on a two-year Oldham deal last autumn, were indeed prophetic. He said: "Mick isn't only a very accomplished goalkicker, but he scores more than his fair share of tries as well. Over the last four or five years he has undoubtedly been one of the best and most consistent players in the upper reaches of NLI."

"He is a big unit and he will bring lots of attributes to

the club. He has no concerns about dropping down to NL2 because he, like us, believes the club is on the up. He sees NL2 as a temporary measure only and he is looking forward to the challenge of helping us to win promotion."

So, has he scored "more than his fair share" of tries? Given that he is the Roughyeds' joint top try scorer with scrum-half James Coyle, each with 18, and their nearest challenger is Danny Halliwell with 14, you have to give him a resounding YES.

To digress briefly, next in line on 12 come full-back Paul O'Connor, stand-off Neil Roden and back-row man Tommy Goulden, who is easily the leading try-scorer among the forwards, although one needs to consider that Halliwell has probably played as much of his rugby this year in the second-row as he has at centre.

Anyway, back to Nanyin, who has two more Roughyeds scoring records in his sights now --- Rich's 146 goals in a season (2001) and winger Nick Johnson's 26 tries in a season (2004). Catching Johnson might be a little difficult, though certainly attainable, but you would have to say Mick is a banker bet to push Rich into second place in the club's goals-in-a-season list.

The all-time Oldham records for goals in a season and points in a season are held by the legendary Bernard Ganley, who kicked 200 goals and piled up 412 points in season 1957-58.

With a minimum of six games still to go - more if Roughyeds are involved in the play-offs - Nanyin is unlikely to get even close to Ganley's 200 goals, but he has a better chance of catching Ganley's 412 points in a season. (One must consider also that in Ganley's day a try was worth three points only).

Says Mick: "I am not really conscious about records or anything like that. I just keep doing my job and seeing where it takes me."

So far in his career it has taken him to Swinton, Rochdale Hornets, Whitehaven and Widnes and he has smashed club scoring records at every club he has been with. He took the Widnes record off Jonathan Davies in 2006. He also has the distinction of having played in each of the last four NLI Grand Finals, two for Whitehaven and two for Widnes.

It is interesting to compare Mick's statistics with Oldham so far this season and those he compiled for Widnes last season.

Widnes (2007): played 29, tries 28, goals 161, points 434.

Oldham (2008, to date): played 27, tries 18, goals 125, points 322.

There is still a lot of rugby to be played, especially if Roughyeds are to be involving in the play-offs, and it will be interesting to look at the two sets of figures again once the 2008 campaign has been put to bed.

Roger Halstead

APPEARANCES AND SCORERS (28 games played to date)

	P	T	G	Pts
Jason Boults	28	3	-	12
James Coyle	28	18	-	72
Richard Merrill	27	2	-	8
Mick Nanyin	27	18	125	322
Danny Halliwell	26	14	-	56
Paul O'Connor	26	12	-	48
Neil Roden	26	12	-	48
Phil Joseph	25	8	-	32
Said Tamghart	25	3	-	12
Tommy Goulden	24	12	-	48
Marcus St Hilaire	24	11	-	44
Robert Roberts	23	6	-	24
Chris Baines	19	1	-	4
Andy Robinson	19	2	-	8
Simeon Hoyle	17	4	-	16
Gareth Langley	17	3	6	24
Matty Brooks	15	1	-	4
Craig Littler	15	7	-	28
Tommy Grundy	13	1	-	4
Lucas Onyango	13	8	-	32
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Matthew Chambers THE Red Hall beauty contest has finally ended and the results are in.

Rough-around-the-edges yet exotic Celtic Crusaders and down-at-heel but scrubbing-up-well Salford City Reds have made it into Super League, sashaying out of the National Leagues and into the glare of the big time.

As expected, plenty of noses were put out of joint when the RFL did their big reveal on three-year licences on Tuesday morning.

Leigh were never serious contenders, but it didn't stop chief executive Alan Rowley from launching a snarling attack on the governing body, arguing that those responsible should "hang their heads in shame". You almost have to wipe the spittle from your face just reading his words. It can't have helped Leigh's chances of getting in next time round.

Widnes owner Steve O'Connor - whose claims to a licence were far greater than any of the other rejectees - was far more diplomatic in reacting to the blow that his attempts had been foiled, perhaps with an eye on a renewed bid in three years' time.

"We must build on the solid foundations we have laid down over the past eight months and prepare an absolutely irresistible licence application for the future," he said, doing a grand job of papering over what must have been a huge disappointment.

And on the other side of the coin, Castleford Tigers and Wakefield were hosing themselves down after months of sweating over their Super League lives.

Hopefully, Celtic will make a success of things over the next three years. But despite good development work going on in the area, it will be very difficult for them to do so.

To put it kindly, they operate from a ground which is not up to Super League standards

and crowds, which have risen as the club has ascended to the upper reaches of National League One, remain at a disappointing level.

It seems that there are plenty of fingers being crossed at the RFL on two fronts.

Firstly, that Celtic blossom in the top flight as previous expansion side Catalans clearly have.

Second, that Salford manage to tap into their potential as a side that the people of Manchester find affinity with. It is probably heresy to say so, but is tough to see how that will happen without a name change.

What of the National Leagues in all of this? Well, prize money has been increased, talk abounds of a Magic Weekend event and there is also talk of a licensing system below Super League. In the absence of both carrot and stick, it is difficult to see how this latter point would work, but the intention of raising standards across the board is a positive one.

There is also increased coverage from Sky as of next season, which can only help increase exposure and sponsorship potential, and the incorporation of teams from new areas into the competition.

But as far as the clubs who harbour ambitions of getting in to Super League in 2012 are concerned - including Oldham - the RFL is in a difficult position. While wanting to emphasise that the National Leagues have to be ambitious and sustainable competitions in their own right, the door has not been shut completely as one NLI side will definitely get a place in the next round of licences.

Matthew Chambers

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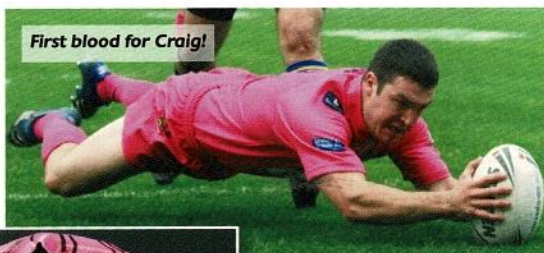
PinkParty...

There was an unexpected treat in store for young fan Matty Jackson when Marcus St Hilaire gave him his pink headguard as a souvenir at the end of the game.

Marcus, or Junior as he is nicknamed, had the headguard specially made for the occasion and it so impressed club officials that it won him the game's champagne-moment award and a bottle of bubbly.

"It was a magnificent gesture by Junior -- and it was typical of how well the players took our 'Pink plan' on board," said chief executive Chris Hamilton.

And Junior? "It was my daughter's idea," he said, "and I was proud to wear it because the fight to beat breast cancer is close to my heart."



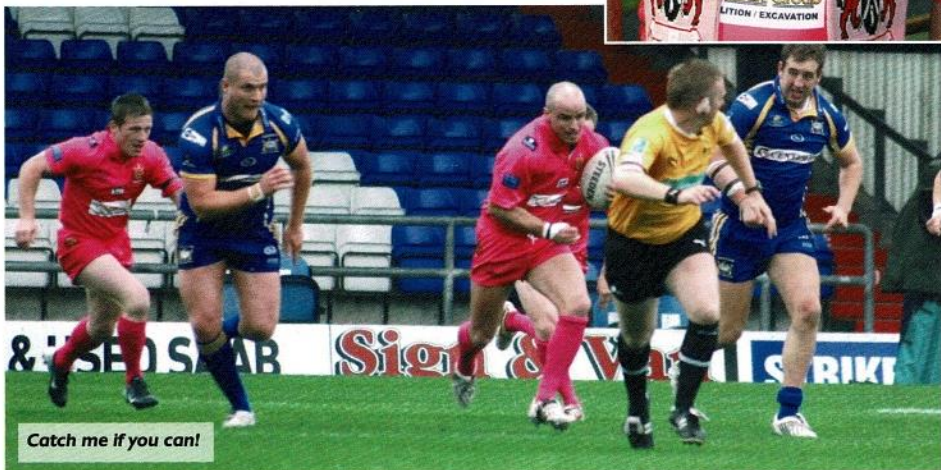
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THANK-YOU ROUGHYEDS - FROM THE WIGAN BRANCH OF THE OLDHAM SUPPORTERS' CLUB

In the aftermath of the big 'Pink' night at Boundary Park, exiled Roughyeds fan Tony Bostock, who lives in Wigan, has sent the following letter to the club's chief executive Chris Hamilton and a copy to the editor of the programme, Nigel Marland. It is largely self-explanatory.

Dear Chris

We brought two car loads from Wigan, and everyone said what a fantastic night they had. Congratulations on yet another memorable night, where the club made a big impact on the town and the Rugby League fraternity, and also showed to the wider community that men can be sensitive to a terrible illness, which can strike both men and women alike.

The players did the club and the town proud in demonstrating their support for such worthy causes, by playing in pink, a colour that by no means affected their approach to the game, rather made them more determined to succeed against a good Doncaster side. The lads again put their bodies on the line and obtained a great result in poor conditions.

Yesterday morning, we closed the Connor Tennant fund, as he will complete his chemo in approx. 6 months time and the funds are now required for the family to make the much needed bookings for the holiday of a lifetime in Florida, at Disneyland. Chris, Connor's parents now have £5,880 to spend and once again can I, on behalf of Chris and Claire, Connor's parents, thank you for the wonderful support the club gave in helping the people in Shevington to achieve this fantastic figure.

Back to last night. When I heard that the club were sponsoring Genesis and Dr. Kershaw's Hospice, I felt I would like to support the club's

efforts in a small way. I play keyboard and guitar as a hobby and play every two weeks at the Methodist hall for a wonderful group of people, "memories" group aged 59 to 95, and they wanted to buy me something for playing for the last 10 months without any fee.

I turned up today in pink, and being fanatical rugby fans, they started to put 2 and 2 together. Their interest turned to the Oldham jersey, which they thought was amazing, and the pink programme signed by one of their heroes, Ellery Hanley. I explained about last night and they have kindly donated £20 towards the funds. I already have £20 donated in various ways from a neighbour and my son who lives in Oxford. He came home for last week's match at Barrow, but he could not get to the Donny game. The fund now stands at £40.

In September, November and December I will be playing for various groups in Shevington and Wigan and would like to donate any fees I receive towards the fund, through the club. Most people charge £45; however I only take £10, which always goes to a local charity or charity of my choice. The Shevington Circle evening will be focussed on the two charities, Dr Kershaw's and Genesis, and I will ask all to attend in some form of pink. They have already offered to run a raffle and set up a donations box.

I hope we can send the money to you throughout the remaining part of the season and up to Christmas, as I feel it is the least I can do for your wonderful support of Connor and our local Youth Club.

The Oldham club has put down a marker for all other clubs in terms of Community Support and Relations, and is a credit to the town and the great game of Rugby League. Oldham is truly a family club.

Best wishes to all at the club and I look forward to hearing in the next few weeks how much the fund is accumulating.

Tony Bostock.

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NLR	Wed 2nd	LEIGH CENT.	A 7:30pm	L 6-48	
NLR	Thurs 10th	ROCHDALE	H 7:30pm	L 6-18	
NL	Fri 18th	SALFORD CITY REDS	A 7:30pm	L 8-46	
NLR	Thurs 24th	ROCHDALE	A 7:30pm	L 28-38	
May					
NLR	Thurs 1st	LEIGH CENT.	H 7:30pm	L 6-56	
NLR	Thurs 8th	SALFORD CITY REDS	H 7:30pm	L 4-56	
NLR	Thurs 29th	WIDNES VIKINGS	A 7:30pm	L 30-36	
June					
NLR	Sat 7th	WORKINGTON	A 2:30pm	L 14-38	
NLR	Thurs 12th	HUNSLET HAWKS	H 7:30pm	L 20-22	
NLR	Thurs 19th	FEATHERSTONE ROV	H 7:30pm	W 28-16	
NLR	Fri 27th	HUNSLET HAWKS	A 7:30pm	W 22-12	
July					
NLR	Sat 5th	WORKINGTON	H 2:30pm	Post.	
NLR	Sat 12th	BARROW RAIDERS	H 2:30pm	L 16-27	
NLR	Weds 16th	FEATHERSTONE ROV	A 7:30pm	L 6-52	
NLR	Thurs 24th	WIDNES VIKINGS	H 7:30pm		
August					
NLR	Sat 9th	BARROW RAIDERS	A 2:30pm		
	Sat 23rd	PLAY-OFF WEEK 1			
	Sat 30th	CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP FINAL			
September					
	Sat 6th	PLAY-OFF WEEK 2			
	Sat 13th	PLAY-OFF WEEK 3			
	Sat 20th	FIRST DIVISION RESERVE GRAND FINAL			

Fielding a side that was hit by injury, suspension and a lack of senior-squad representation, a young Oldham Reserves team was beaten 27-16 by Barrow at Sedgley Park.

Not only did John Hough's boys go into the game without any first-teamers, but they also lacked the services of prop Luke Sutton, who had played well for the seniors on debut at Barrow the previous night, writes ROGER HALSTEAD. To add to the problems the game was only nine minutes old when centre Dwaine Nelson was carried off, never to return, with a serious ankle injury. He was hobbling around on crutches after the game and was heading to hospital for x-rays.

Said coach Hough: "Due to circumstances beyond our control -- injuries, lads away on tour, suspension and no first-team presence -- we were really low on numbers, and then Dwaine's injury added to the problems. However, the boys competed strongly and in the circumstances I was proud of their performance." Martin Elwood was in for his second game, and his home debut, at second-row, while Mohammed Tamghart, Said's youngest brother, played his first trial

game for the club at right centre. Both came through well, Elwood showing up well in the forwards and Tamghart imposing himself on the game in the threequarters.

The young Frenchman had a hand in all three tries. His offload under pressure set up position from which young prop Ryan Jackson squeezed in for the first Oldham try. He scored the second himself, getting on the back of some impressive approach play by Chris Clarke, David Orwell and Michael Ward to crash over.

Tamghart and Orwell also combined to set up the third Oldham try for winger Ward, who finished well in the corner to crown a fine individual performance. Ethan Langhorn completed Oldham's scoring with two goals. Barrow led only 10-8 at half time, but they scored three second-half tries to Oldham's two to finish comfortable winners against a Roughyeds side in which loose-forward Chris Clarke again showed considerable promise. "He had another terrific game, and he is playing like that week in and week out," said a delighted Hough.

Oldham: Heaton Ward, Tamghart, Nelson, Burns Langhorn, Lowe Jackson, Mansfield, W Schofield, Orwell, Elwood, Clarke. Subs: Eyres, G Schofield, Wildman, Toft.

The next match at Featherstone was due to be played on Thursday, July 17 but to avoid a clash with the big "Pink party" night at Boundary Park it was brought forward 24 hours to the Wednesday.

Roughyeds were once again torn apart by injuries, holidays, suspension and BARLA tour commitments and as a result they went down 52-6. The squad consisted of only 15 players, including the coaches John Hough and Leo Casey. They both turned back to come off the bench, Houghie dislocating a finger and Leo breaking his nose.

Dale Lowe scored the Oldham try and Ethan Langhorn kicked the goal, but Rovers were already on their way to victory at half-time when they led 24-6.

By all accounts Featherstone had four senior players on duty against an Oldham side that had to go into battle without the suspended Phil Jagger the on-tour duo from Warrington, Steven Fisher and Mark Smith the injured Dwaine Nelson two or three who were on holiday Mohammed Tamghart, who had to return home to France for ten days and prop Luke Sutton, who has now joined the first-team squad.

One hoped the situation was somewhat easier by the time Reserves entertained Widnes Vikings at Sedgley Park last Thursday night, a game that was too late to catch this programme's copy deadlines.

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Welcome to this new page in our match day programme which we're dedicating to all the amateur clubs in the borough. Saddleworth Rangers, Higginshaw Eagles, Oldham St Annes, Shaw Rhinos, Waterhead, Fitton Hill Bulldogs, Hollinwood and Milnrow Cobras.

We pride ourselves on our amateur friends and today we're entertaining all the clubs in our hospitality box. Here we'll be discussing some fantastic initiatives which will be of massive benefit for ourselves and the clubs concerned. We aim to forge very close links and pull out all the stops in not only helping out the clubs in any way we can but to also involve them heavily during all future home games.

This page will be used as a newsletter by the clubs to give out information on fundraising events they may be holding, tournaments,

results, presentations and club honours etc.

Oldham Roughyeds players Daryl Cardiss and Said Tamghart attended St Annes junior presentation evening along with Roary. Roary also attended Waterhead's junior presentation evening, all three were very well received. Meanwhile Waterhead are holding a funday in Waterhead Park on Sunday 3rd August 12pm-4pm. The police, the fire brigade and the army will be in attendance, who'll be bringing along a 60ft climbing wall and a paint ball game (not to be missed). There will also be stalls, a brass band and expert rugby league coaching by Barrie McDermott (ex Oldham & Leeds Rhinos) and Lee Jewitt (ex Waterhead). To book on the coaching course please call Andy Dean on 07764 183 129.

Details on how to join the amateur clubs will appear in the next edition.

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Braddy



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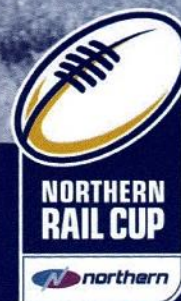
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