

SWINTON v OLDHAM

SWINTON LIONS RLFC

Officials

Referee: CLINT SHARRAD Touch Judges: MIKE BEADLE, ADAM GILL Reserve Referee: STUART KILPATRICK Match commissioner: KEITH LEYLAND

Swinton Squad

Selected from	T	G	DG
1. Richie HAWKYARD	✓	10	0
2. Rob FOXEN	✓		
3. Gavin DODD	✓	22	1
4. Dean THOMPSON	✓		
5. Sam REAY	✓		
6. Martin AINSCOUGH	✓	1	
7. Ian WATSON	✓		
8. Mike MORRISON	✓		
9. Mark SMITH	✓		
10. Dana WILSON	✓		
11. Dale CUNNIFFE	✓		
12. Lee WINGFIELD	✓		
13. Phil JOSEPH	✓		
14. Tommy GALLAGHER	✓		
15. Darren HAWKYARD	✓		
16. Neil HOLLAND	✓		
17. Carl FORBER	✓		
19. Neil RIGBY	✓		
20. Richard FLOOKS	✓		
21. Ian MORT	✓		
22. Adam RYDER	✓		
23. Alex HURST	✓		
24. Barry HAMILTON	✓		
25. Karl ASHALL	✓		
26. Joe FITZPATRICK	✓		
27. Bruce JOHNSON	✓		

Oldham Squad

Selected from	T	G	DG
1. Ben Heaton			
2. Lucas Onyango			
3. Marcus St Hilaire			
4. Jack Bradbury			
5. John Gillam		2	
6. Neil Roden			
7. Mickey Diveney		2	
8. Jason Boults			
9. Danny Whitmore			
10. Dave Ellison			
11. Andy Isherwood			
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13. Valu Bentley			
14. Chris Clarke			
15. Luke Sutton			
16. Liam Gilchrist			
17. John Clough			
18. Alistair Williams			
19. Scott Mansfield			
20. Johnny Walker			
21. Mark Brocklehurst		2	
22. Tom Wood-Hulme			
23. Matt Ashe			
24. Paul Noone			
25. Martin Roden			

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1969/70

Runners Up: 1910/11, 1923/24, 1931/32,
1960/61, 1961/62, 1962/63,
1964/65, 1972/73

Lancashire League

Winners: 1925/26, 1927/28, 1928/29,
1930/31, 1939/40, 1960/61

Runners Up: 1897/98, 1900/01, 1922/23,
1926/27, 1934/35, 1938/39,
1965/66

Salford Royal Hospital

Winners: 1924/25, 1926/27, 1927/28,
1929/30, 1936/37

Second Division Championship

Winners: 1984/85

Runners Up: 1986/87, 1996

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Second Division Premiership

Winners: 1986/87

Runners Up: 1988/89

National League Two

Runners Up: 2006

BBC Floodlit Trophy

Runners Up: 1966/67

Western Division Championship

Runners Up: 1963/64

RFU Lancashire League

Runners Up: 1892/93, 1893/94

FOR THE RECORD

POINTS

CAREER

Ken Gowers **2105**
1954-73

SEASON

Lee Marsh **310**
2005

Albert Blan **283**
1960/61

TRIES

CAREER

Jim Valentine **300**
1884-1901

Frank Evans **197**
1921-31

SEASON

Jim Valentine **48**
1888/89

John Stopford **42**
1963/64

MATCH

Mark Riley **6**
V Prescott Panthers
Aug 1996

MATCH

Greg Pearce **30** v
Prescott Panthers
Aug 1996

Mick Nanyin **30**
v York Wasps
Mar 2001

Gavin Dodd **30**
v Gateshead
Aug 2010

GOALS

CAREER

Ken Gowers **970**

SEASON

Albert Blan **128**

MATCH

Ken Gowers **12**
v Liverpool City
Oct 1957

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Club Record Attendance

26,891 v Wigan February 1964

World Record Kick

77.75 yards by Martin Hodgson at Rochdale
Hornets April 1940

Win

94-0 v Gateshead August 2010

Loss

10-106 v Leeds February 2001

Appearances

Ken Gowers 602 (inc. 8 sub) 1954-73

WELCOME TO THE WILLOWS

Good Afternoon and welcome to the Willows for our round 3 Northern Rail Cup game against Oldham. Today's game is our first chance to play opposition from Championship 1 this season and we know we are in for a tough challenge against a team favourite to win promotion. Over the last few weeks we have come up against Barrow, Salford, Halifax and Leigh. We have showed that we can compete at a high level during periods of all games, however, we need to get a greater level of consistency and composure to our play. Our last home performance against Halifax was a tremendous performance. With a better start to the game the result could and should have been better. This was also similar to the game last week at Leigh. We played some tremendous rugby at times and the players deserve enormous credit for their effort and commitment and skill.

In the first few weeks of the season I have given every squad member an opportunity to play as many games as possible. Every player will have had the opportunity to stake a claim for a regular first team spot and the competition for places in the squad is excellent. I have been really pleased with the attitude of all members of this years squad and as long as we keep working as hard as we can and keep looking for improvements every week then the wins will come.

Finally, Welcome to Tony Benson, the directors, players and supporters of Oldham. Oldham is a tremendous club which has come through adversity over the last few years and are an example of what hard work and commitment can achieve. The club has a lot of good people working in the coaching set up and also at board level and I am sure they will provide us with a stern test today.

Enjoy The Game Steve Mack

FROM THE BOARD ROOM

Good afternoon and welcome back to the Willows for this afternoons Northern Rail cup game with Oldham.

We would like to welcome to the game today Chris Hamilton and all the players and staff from Oldham.

They like ourselves have had no real home until they secured the Whitebank Stadium.

The next few weeks will be very interesting with discussions taking place about the future of the Championship and Championship 1. Hopefully Clubs are given the time to assess proposals as Clubs such as ourselves and Oldham should be given the opportunity to have a strong future.

The home fixture with Halifax was pleasing from a crowd perspective and it is our aim as a club to promote the club whenever we can and keep the crowds motivated with a good feel factor about the place. With this in mind, subject to the Challenge cup draw our next home fixture will be our Championship 1 opener with an improved Workington Town. We are making a genuine appeal to all supporters to bring a friend along to the game and increase the Clubs support.

Enjoy todays game.

The Boardroom

NEWSROOM

This week see's the launch of the Grand National Raffle.

Tickets for this are now available from the Club Office, Lottery Agents, and on the turnstiles at the next 3 Home Fixtures building up to the Big Day.

If you would like some tickets or sell them on behalf of the club you can contact the Raffle Organiser

Ryan Thaddeus at the Club on 08712312111.

We are looking for feedback from all supporters on club merchandise they would be interested in purchasing, either on-line or available at Home Matches for the 2011 season. If you could let Colin Gettins know on a Matchday or Ryan Thaddeus at the Club that would be much appreciated, all suggestions are welcome.



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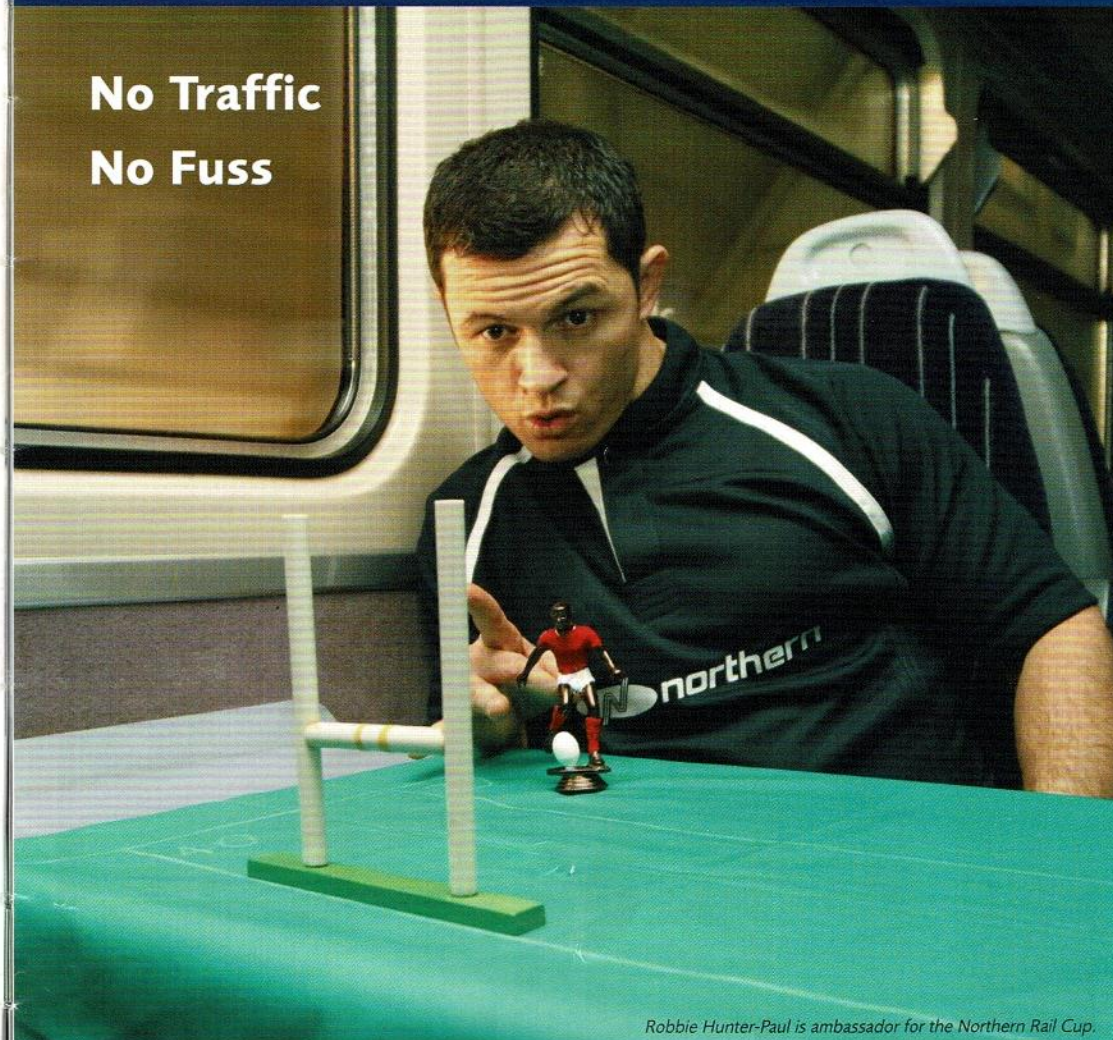
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THE HISTORY OF OLDHAM...



Oldham RLFC (1997) Ltd was launched in the autumn of that year by a four-man consortium following the demise of the original 120-year-old Oldham RL Club which went into voluntary liquidation with heavy debts following relegation from Super League in 1997.

The four directors were headed by chairman Christopher Hamilton, now the only person on the administrative side of the club to have had an official unbroken 13-year spell in office either as chairman, chief executive or both.

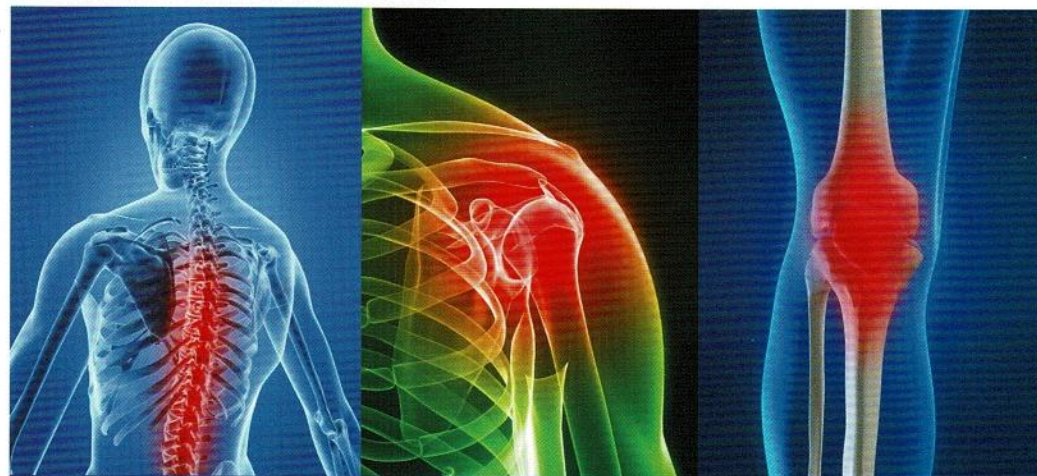
Local business man Sean Whitehead, who was also one of the original four founders, is now back on the board as the only other director, but he had a spell out of office when he stood down for business and family reasons.

The only other person in any official capacity to have had an unbroken 13-year association is current reserve team coach John Hough. He made local sporting history when he became the new club's first signing on December 2, 1997 and he went on to complete ten years at the club as a player before being appointed as the man to guide the reserve team --- a position he has occupied ever since.

For more than 12 seasons the club battled against all odds with no ground of its own, playing home games at a wide variety of venues, but its wandering days ended on May 9, 2010 -- a truly historic day for the club -- when the first game was staged at Whitebank Stadium on the Hollins side of town, a place Roughyeds can now call home. York City Knights were the opposition and they spoiled the 'house warming' by winning 34-28, the Roughyeds first league defeat of the season.

NORTHERN RAIL CUP TABLE

POOL B	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	DIFF	BNS	PTS
1 Workington Town	2	2	0	0	110	18	92	0	6
2 Halifax RLFC	2	2	0	0	78	32	46	0	6
3 Leigh Centurions	2	2	0	0	66	26	40	0	6
4 Sheffield Eagles	2	1	0	1	48	36	12	0	5
5 Whitehaven RLFC	2	0	1	1	34	44	-10	1	3
6 Batley Bulldogs	2	1	1	0	16	32	-16	0	3
7 Oldham RLFC	2	1	1	0	38	72	-34	0	3
8 Hunslet Hawks	2	0	2	0	30	40	-10	2	2
9 Swinton Lions	2	0	2	0	44	70	-26	1	1
10 Gateshead Thunder	2	0	2	0	20	114	-94	1	1



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As you'll see from the front of the players shirts we're proud shirt sponsors of our club this season. This is thanks to the support of our members over the last nine years. Yes, last week was the ninth anniversary of the beginnings of the Swinton Supporters' Trust. From that meeting in the White Lion on Valentine's Day 2002 we are now one of the 'old stagers' at the quarterly Trust meetings held at Spotland.

We've had lots of ups and downs over those years but this season promises to reward our continued support and love of the club. We started life in our new temporary home with a much applauded performance over last year's Grand Final winners Halifax.

Last week we were up against another Championship team on their own turf who had previously turned over Batley. Although the margin of defeat was 20 points it looked heavier than the count of seven tries to five which put the performance into some perspective.

LIONS DATABASE UPDATE

On an early February night with typical February weather the attendance of almost 1,000 supporters, helped by a good number from Halifax enabled us to begin a new era nearer to home.

To keep those supporters and those who could not attend informed about news of Swinton Lions we need to create an up to date database.

Around eight or nine days ago a letter was sent to all supporters whom we currently have names and addresses for BUT the figure of approximately 200 addresses is no where near what we consider to be persons interested in the Club. (We would like to point out that of those 200 many are families that we class as just one letter).

For those of you who did not receive a letter it would be a great help if you would either post your details to us or as with many of you these days email us.

On the merchandise front John Kidd has kindly allowed us to produce products under the club banner. The 'Swinton Lions Tales and More' heritage project will see the Club and Trust represented in eight schools in the area and we hoped to be able to distribute some free small items for the school-children.

Many items are under discussion but we will taking delivery of a batch of pens shortly so your support in purchasing one or maybe two will help us to spread the word to, hopefully, Swinton fans of the future.

We'd like to think that the Trust taking on this role will allow the club to concentrate its resources to on the field matters and also the all important task of developing Agecroft.

Next time out we'll let you know what the Trust has been up to recently on a European wide project that aims to give adults the opportunity to undertake learning experiences with the help of youngsters.

Throughout the course of the year the Club will email supporters (and of course all details of events, match day lunches, sportsmans dinners, cabaret nights, golf day and supporters get together). Naturally updates on the Agecroft project and players news will also feature.

The first fundraising event of the year is the Grand National Draw with tickets selling at £1, with ten tickets in a book, first prize is £500 and the draw will take place at Clifton Cricket Club on Thursday 7th April at 8:00pm.

Steve McCormack and his players will be in attendance.

There have been many occasions in the past where the Club have been accused of not being forthcoming with information, help us to solve this by creating an up to date DATABASE FOR SWINTON LIONS.



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SWINTON LIONS STATISTICS 2011

Date		Fixture		RES		ATT																
ROUND	Northern Rail																					
RD 1	Friday, 4 February	HALIFAX	(H)	22-28	916	Hawkyard(R)	Foxen T	Dodd 3G	Thompson T	Flocks	Ainscough	Watson	Morrison	Ashall	Holland T	Hawkyard D	Cunniffe	Wingfield	Smith T	Mort	Rigby	Johnson
RD 2	Sunday, 13 February	Leigh Centurions	(a)	22-42	1,622	Mort 2T 1G	Hurst	Dodd	Ainscough	Reay	Forber	Watson	Morrison	Smith	Holland	Rigby T	Cunniffe T	Wingfield	Hawkyard(R)T	Joseph	Tyrer	Gallagher
RD 3	Sunday, 20 February	OLDHAM	(H)																			
RD 4	Sunday, 27 February	Gateshead Thunder	(a)																			
	Championship 1																					
	Sunday, 6 March	Carnegie Challenge Cup (3)																				
RD 1	Sunday, 13 March	WORKINGTON	(H)																			
RD 2	Sunday, 20 March	Rochdale	(a)																			
RD 3	Sunday, 27 March	Oldham	(a)																			
RD 4	Sunday, 3 April	GATESHEAD	(H)																			
	Sunday, 10 April	Northern Rail QF																				
RD 5	Sunday, 17 April	South Wales	(a)																			
RD 6																						
RD 7	Monday, 25 April	Doncaster	(a)																			
RD 8	Sunday, 1 May	LONDON	(H)																			
	Sunday, 8 May	Carnegie Challenge Cup (4)																				
RD 9	Sunday, 15 May	Whitehaven	(a)																			
	Sunday, 22 May	Carnegie Challenge Cup (5)																				
RD 10	Friday, 27 May	OLDHAM	(H)																			
RD 11	Sunday, 5 June	Gateshead	(a)																			
RD 12	Sunday, 12 June	DONCASTER	(H)																			
	Sunday, 19 June	Northern Rail SF																				
RD 13	Friday, 24 June	ROCHDALE	(H)																			
RD 14	Sunday, 3 July	Workington	(a)																			
RD 15	Sunday, 10 July	Keighley	(a)																			
	Sunday, 17 July	Northern Rail Final																				
RD 16	Sunday, 24 July	WHITEHAVEN	(H)																			
RD 17	Sunday, 31 July	London	(a)																			
	Sunday, 7 August	KEIGHLEY	(H)																			
RD 18	Sunday, 14 August	SOUTH WALES	(H)																			
RD 19	Sunday, 21 August	Whitehaven	(a)																			
	Sunday, 28 August	Carnegie Challenge Cup Final																				
RD 20	Friday, 2 September	ROCHDALE	(H)																			

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- Match day competitions
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LEIGH CENTURIONS 42 SWINTON LIONS 22

Ian Rigg reports from Leigh Sports Village

The Lions once again put in a creditable performance against a team that is expected to be up near the top of the Championship at the end of the season.

Steve McCormacks should have taken the lead in the second minute when Ian Mort sent Martin Ainscough in at the left corner but as he went to touch down he lost control of the wet ball and the chance went. Leigh bounced back three minutes later when the Lions lost the ball in their own twenty on the first tackle and the ball was swiftly moved across the line for Jamie Ellis to go over from short range by the posts and Mick Nanyin slotted the simple conversion. The Lions hit back in the ninth minute when Tommy Goulden knocked on at the re start and from the resulting scrum Mark Smith and Ian Watson combined to send Mort over on the left but his conversion drifted wide of the posts.

John Duffy added the next Leigh try on thirteen minutes when again the Lions lost control of the slippery ball in their own twenty and again Nanyin added the simple conversion. Three minutes later they were in again when a high bomb kick near the line bounced kindly for the home side and Ricky Bibey sent over Chris Hill for the try by the posts with Nanyin making no mistake again with the conversion. Hill added his second try on twenty-eight minutes when Mick Govin went close but from the play the ball the Leigh prop went in from close range again by the posts and Nanyin goaled again. Mort added the second Lions try on the stroke of half time when some good passing saw him cross by the posts and he added the conversion points as the Lions trailed by fourteen points at the break.

Leigh almost scored from the first play of the second half when Mort lost the ball near his own line and Tom Armstrong picked up the loose ball and went for the try line only to loose the ball as he went to ground it. From the re start on the twenty the Lions were straight on the attack as they spotted there was no full back at home for Leigh and hoofed the ball down field but Adam Higson managed to get back and collect the ball despite the close attentions of Ainscough and Sam Reay. The Lions added their third try on forty-nine minutes when Watson sent out a nice pass for Neil Rigby

to race in on the right side but Mort's conversion attempt struck the posts and bounced away.

Five minutes later Nanyin went over for a try after the Lions were penalised for holding down near their own line and the former Lion also yet again added the conversion.

The try of the match came in the fifty-seventh minute when some good Lions build up saw a superb reverse pass from Carl Forber to sent Richie Hawkyard over on the right but again no conversion from the unlucky Mort's boot. Leigh hit back again four minutes later when Hill made a nice break up the middle and Martyn Ridyard fed the ball to Nanyin who again went over for the try by the posts and again added the conversion.

Swinton had Lee Wingfield placed on report for a high shot before they added the next try when Dale Cuniffe raced in to score on the left but again no conversion and the home side scored the final try with four minutes left when Goulden scored to the left of the posts and Nanyin made it seven from seven with the boot.

Centurions :-

1. Stuart Donlan
5. Dean McGilvray
4. Mick Nanyin
22. Tom Armstrong
14. Adam Higson
32. Mick Govin
25. Jamie Ellis
10. Ricky Bibey
9. John Duffy
8. Chris Hill
12. Tommy Goulden
3. Stuart Little
11. James Taylor
- Subs (All Used)
13. Steve Nash
33. David Mills
15. Andy Thornley
6. Martyn Ridyard

Tries: Ellis (5),
Duffy (13),
Hill (16,28),
Nanyin (53,61),
Goulden (74)

Goals: Nanyin 7/7

Referee: Chris Leatherbarrow

Att : 1622

Pens : 6-12

H-T : 24-10

Men of the match

Leigh: Chris Hill **Lions:** Neil Rigby

Lions :-

21. Ian Mort
23. Alex Hurst
3. Gavin Dodd
6. Martin Ainscough
5. Sam Reay
17. Carl Forber
7. Ian Watson
8. Mike Morrison
9. Mark Smith
16. Neil Holland
19. Neil Rigby
11. Dale Cuniffe
12. Lee Wingfield
- Subs (All Used)
1. Ritchie Hawkyard
13. Phil Joseph
38. Chris Tyrer
14. Tommy Gallagher

Tries: Mort (9,39),
Rigby (49),
Hawkyard (57),
Cuniffe (69).

Goals: Mort 1/5

On Report: Wingfield (63)
Alleged high tackle

Prog Score: 6-0, 6-4, 12-4,
18-4, 24-4, 24-10, 24-14,
30-14, 30-18, 36-18, 36-22,
42-22.



Picture: Ryan Bradley (Rugby League Development Officer) presents Bury Jigsaw Wheelchair Rugby League Club with their Clubmark Certificate



SWINTON LIONS RLC

Those present at the Halifax game will have seen the local Wheelchair Rugby League team Bury Jigsaw presented with their Club mark award.

Wheelchair Rugby League is quite unique in that it offers both disabled and non-disabled players the opportunity to compete both with and against each other.

Earlier in the year taster sessions were organised for teachers in East Lancashire and also the Swinton players, so now it's your turn.

Visit www.tryit.co.uk for video footage on how the game is played and contact the community coaches if you fancy giving it a try.

This is just one of the initiatives the Community coaching team are promoting to get more people involved in the great game of Rugby League. In future weeks we will tell you about other ways for everyone to get active through the game we all love.

The coaching programme in East Lancashire High schools is culminating

this week in matches for boys in years 7 and 8, as the first stage of introducing the sport to new players comes to a close. Most of the best domestically produced players who reach elite levels first pulled on a pair of boots while they were at school. I'm sure many of our current squad and coaching staff have fond memories of representing their school team and playing for a junior club. You also may have had first hand experience of playing the game as a child. Now with more competitions under the world's biggest Rugby League knockout tournament, Carnegie Champion and Emerging schools we have a greater chance of developing more players to feed into the professional rugby league circuit and give us a good base for the future.

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COME ON THE LIONS

JUNIOR LIONS NEWS



Today is the next instalment of the Northern Rail when we entertain our local rivals Oldham Roughyeds and especially any junior roughyeds and their families. The Lions have had two difficult opening matches against Halifax and Leigh which they have come out with a lot of praise but unfortunately no wins. Our opponents have had a different start with a good win against Hunslet but a heavy defeat at Halifax, so I am sure they will be trying to amend today, so we all need to get behind the lads... Come on you Lions

Fact about our visitors – Grounds Oldham started at Sugar Meadow 1876, then moved to Oldham Cricket Club in 1878 then on to Watersheddings in 1889 until they moved to Boundary Park in 1997 before a short spell at Ashton United FC before returning to Boundary Park a year later and they stayed there until gaining their own ground at Whitebank 2010. Before they obtained their own ground Oldham played some matches at Sedgley Park RUFC and a odd one at Spotland.

LEAD THE LIONS OUT

If anybody would like to be mascot for the day and lead the Lions out please see Barbara Gettins on a match day.



**Meet A Junior Lion –
Deanna Gettins age 13**

School	Mitchell Girls Adelaide
Favourite subjects	Languages and english
Favourite TV programme	Wizards of Waverley and Neighbours
Favourite Pop Star	Lady Gaga
Favourite Holiday	Barrier Reef
Favourite Food	Barbeque
Favourite hobbies	Ballet and surfing
Favourite Player	All the team

JUNIOR QUIZ

Which team do the following play for in Championship 1

1 Craig Fawcett	6 Wayne English
2 Ritchie Hawkyard	7 Neil Thorman
3 Ryan Clarke	8 Ian Watson
4 Neil Roden	9 Dave Newton
5 Jason Demetriou	10 John Clough

BIRTHDAYS

Let us know when your birthday is and we will mention you in our birthday wishes.

JUNIOR JOKES OF THE WEEK

Knock Knock – who's there – Summer –
Summer Who – Summer Good, summer bad
Knock Knock – who's there – Zookeeper –
Zookeeper Who – Zookeeper away from me
Knock Knock – who's there – House –
House who – House you doing

1 Doncaster, 2 Swinton Lions, 3 Gateshead
Thunder, 4 Oldham, 5 Keighley Cougars,
6 Rochdale Hornets, 7 London Skolars, 8 Swinton
Lions, 9 Rochdale Hornets, 10 Oldham

Answers to Quiz

SWINTON LIONS TALES & MORE

The Heritage Lottery Funded project Swinton Lions Tales & More, keeps on gathering momentum. Imagine walking into a room fifty feet long and unexpectedly seeing over a hundred years of history laid out before you. Old photographs, newspaper cuttings, match day programmes and club strips stretching back years and years.

That's what happened on a cold February late afternoon in Swinton just a few nights ago. In response to a call sent out to our supporters to come forward with memorabilia and archives from over the years, people had gone off in search of what we needed and come up trumps.

As part of the project a group of supporters have started to develop a series of picture packs, using their photographs and newspaper clippings. The picture packs will go out to schools and groups all over Salford and Manchester to enable people to learn about their history, or at least a very important part of it.

Heritage isn't everyone's cup of tea though. People like to look to the future too and Swinton Lions Tales hopes to do that. It's a project that's plotting the past but it's also spreading the word for the future. Swinton Lions are holding their own on the pitch this season and its still a season that's anyone's for the taking. There could well be a few new faces following the Lions this season, and all because the past and present are coming together through Swinton Lions Tales.

An entire class of pupils will be coming along to the next game from Chatsworth School as a consequence of the project. Parents and teachers will come along too, all new faces. And those faces will be telling their friends about the Swinton Lions V Workington Town game they watched. For most of them it'll be their first time going to a match and something they will never have experienced the like of before. Every one of them could become a fan for the next fifty years or more.

Heritage projects don't have to be stuck in the past, they can look to the future too!

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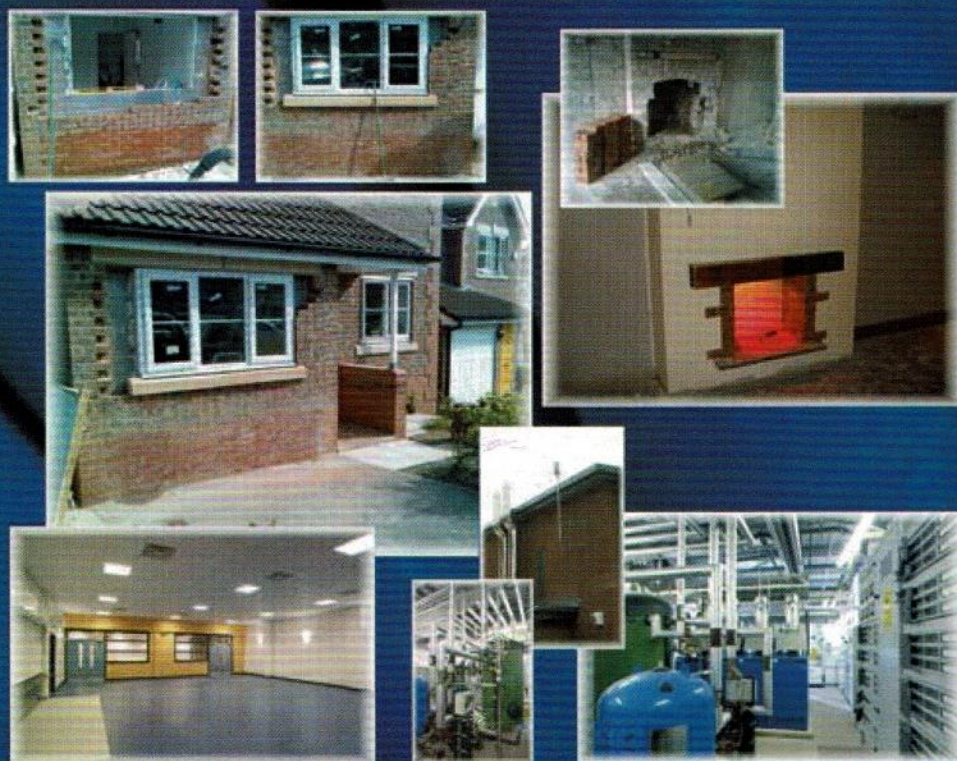
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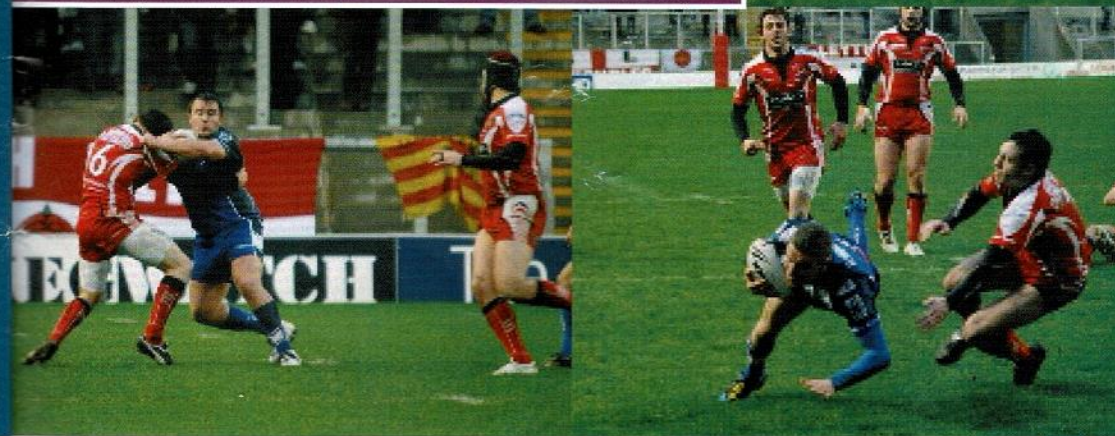
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OUR NEXT GAME

GATESHEAD THUNDER RLFC SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27TH 2011 KICK OFF 3.00PM – DIRECTIONS BY CAR

From the A1 – (signposted A1 The South, Gateshead):

1. Travel along the Gateshead Western Bypass.
2. Branch left, then merge onto the A184 – (signposted Gateshead).
3. At the junction with the A189 branch left, then at the roundabout take the 3rd exit onto
4. Askew Road – A184 (signposted Gateshead Town Centre).
5. Bear left and then turn right onto Oakwellgate.
6. Turn right onto Hawks Road.
7. At traffic signals turn left onto Gateshead Highway – A167 (signposted South Shields, Gateshead A184).
8. At junction for Gateshead Town Centre, keep in the right hand lane, then at the roundabout take the 1st exit onto Park Lane – A184 (signposted South Shields, Sunderland)
9. Turn right onto Shearlegs Road.
10. Bear left onto St James Road.
11. Arrive at Gateshead Stadium.

ROB FOXEN...

By Chris Brierley

ROB FOXEN is on a mission at Swinton Lions this season – to nail down a regular place in the starting line-up.

The giant winger was left twiddling his thumbs last week at Leigh when Alex Hurst was chosen by coach Steve McCormack to patrol the right flank. But it's that competition for places that Foxen believes will make the Lions a force to be reckoned with in Championship One this season.

"When he came in as a nine you thought how is he going to get a shout with Mark Smith and Phil Joseph in there but he has just burst into the team and has done really well.

"We have competition all over the place and that's the main thing this year.

"In every position there are three or four people competing for it. Everyone is stepping their game up at training. "We are all trying to do something to impress and the standard is getting better and better."

Foxen is a Swinton lad through and through being a product of Swinton High School and he made a late conversion to rugby league from football aged 16 under the tutelage of Peter Carey and Lee Spencer at Folly Lane.

He was snapped up by the Salford Academy and played alongside established Super League players Stefan Ratchford and Luke Adamson.

"I wish I had made the switch to a championship club earlier. Playing in the first team at that level would probably have been better for me."

Foxen left Salford and was playing rugby union for local side De La Salle when he was approached by former coach Paul Smith and current assistant player coach Ian Watson.

"I see myself as a winger – even after playing at second row against Salford!

"I always think speed is much more of an asset than power and I would rather be out there on the wing. I don't know how the forwards do it. It's definitely not for me but it's something I'm always prepared to do. And if that call comes in from the coach I would never question it."

Foxen has a three-year-old son called Bobby and runs a night club and pub in Huddersfield along with team-mate Phil Joseph.

On top of that he's studying for masters degree in real estate and property management at Salford University.

Now he just wants to nail down that regular spot in the starting line up.

SWINTON LIONS 22 HALIFAX RLFC 28

Ian Rigg reports from The Willows

In a pulsating match on Friday night the Lions gave the competition favourites something about as they almost pulled off a dramatic victory.

The home side started brightly and had the first chance of the match when hooker Karl Ashall made a good run down the left but his final pass to winger Richard Flocks sailed into touch. Halifax took the lead on six minutes when Danny Jones sent through a stab kick which came off a Lions player and James Haley was on hand to score on the right. Lee Patersons conversion fell wide of the mark in the strong wind even though one of the touch judges raised his flag but he was over ruled by the referee. Three minutes later Fox were in again when Ben Black flung out a long pass to the left and Lions winger Rob Foxen tried to intercept but the ball flew over his head to former Salford winger Paul White who raced in at the corner and Patterson converted this time.

The Lions then had a couple of chances when firstly Neil Holland went close only to lose the ball near the line and then a good passing movement involving Flocks, Martin Ainscough, Mark Smith and Ian Watson ended with Foxen knocking on in a good position. Lions centre Dean Thompson was sent to the sin bin on twenty-one minutes for holding down Rob Worrincy and this put more pressure on the Lions defence when Sean Penkywicz was held up over the line and from the play the ball Ainscough intercepted for the Lions and raced away down field but Paterson held on in the tackle for too long and he too was sent to the sin bin. From the penalty the Lions put pressure on the Fox line and a good passing movement saw Foxen race in at the corner to score but Gavin Dodd could not convert against the strong wind.

Black went close on the half hour and it took a superb tackle from Foxen to stop him from scoring but in the end Fox did break the Lions defences again seven minutes from the break when a looping pass from Haley sent Worrincy in at the corner but Jones could

Lions :-

1.Richie Hawkyard 2.Rob Foxen 3.Gavin Dodd 4.Dean Thompson 20.Richard Flocks 6.Martin Ainscough 7.Ian Watson 8.Mike Morrison 25.Karl Ashall 16.Neil Holland 15.Darren Hawkyard 11.Dale Cuniffe 12.Lee Wingfield Subs (All Used) 9.Mark Smith 21.Ian Mort 19.Neil Rigby 27.Bruce Johnson

Tries: Foxen (27), Smith (37), Thompson (40) Holland (62)

Goals: Dodd ¾

Sin Bin Thompson (21) Holding Down

Referee : Robert Hicks **Att:** 916 **Pens:** 11-13 **H-T:** 16-14

Men of Match – Lions: Ian Watson **Fox:** Ben Black

not add the conversion points. The Lions hit back almost from the re start when pressure on the line saw Watson put in a super little reverse angle kick for Smith to run onto and score by the posts with Dodd adding the simple conversion. And on the stroke of half time the Lions snatched the lead when Thompson powered for the line and managed to ground the ball over his head as he was tackled and again Dodd converted as the hooter sounded.

The Lions started the second half on the attack and Flocks had the first chance of the half as he was tackled into touch as he went for the corner. Both sides then had spells of pressure but defences where on top but it was Fox who went back into the lead on fifty-six minutes when the Lions where a man down on the field when Flocks got injured but Black sent out a super pass for Paterson to race through the defence to score under the posts and he also added the conversion points. The Lions then had a couple of chances with firstly Sam Barlow stopping a try and then Ashall went close down the left after a break by Thompson.

The Lions regained the lead on sixty-two minutes when Watson sent out a nice short pass for Holland to score under the posts and Dodd again converted. The visitors responded within four minutes when Paterson scored his second in the left corner but the conversion sailed wide of the posts. The next Lions chance came on seventy-two minutes when Foxen had the ball on the right wing and put in a cross kick towards the posts and the only person near the kick when it landed was Ian Mort who seemed to be in a different time zone when he picked it up and raced away to score and for one minute most of the fans thought the try was going to be given but Robert Hicks was on the mark to give the offside against the home team. There was another Lions chance just after this and Paterson was forced dead in goal by the Lions attack. Sam Barlow made the game safe for fox in the final minute when he scored in the corner after a Lions handling error but Patterson could not convert.

Halifax :-

1.Miles Greenwood 20.Paul White 2.Lee Paterson 5.James Haley 23.Rob Worrincy 6.Danny Jones 7.Ben Black 12.Sam Barlow 13.Bob Beswick 15.Jim Gannon 24.Steven Bannister 14.Ryan Clayton 16.Paul Smith Subs (All Used) 9.Seen Penkywicz 18.Joe Chandler 19.Jacob Fairbank 21.Josh Barlow

Tries: Haley (6), White (9), Worrincy (33) Paterson (56,66), S.Barlow (79)

Goals: Paterson 2/5 Jones 0/1

Sin Bin: Paterson (25) Holding Down

Prog Score: 0-4,0-10,4-10,4-14,10-14,16-14,16-20,22-20, 22-24,22-28.

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