

# The Squads



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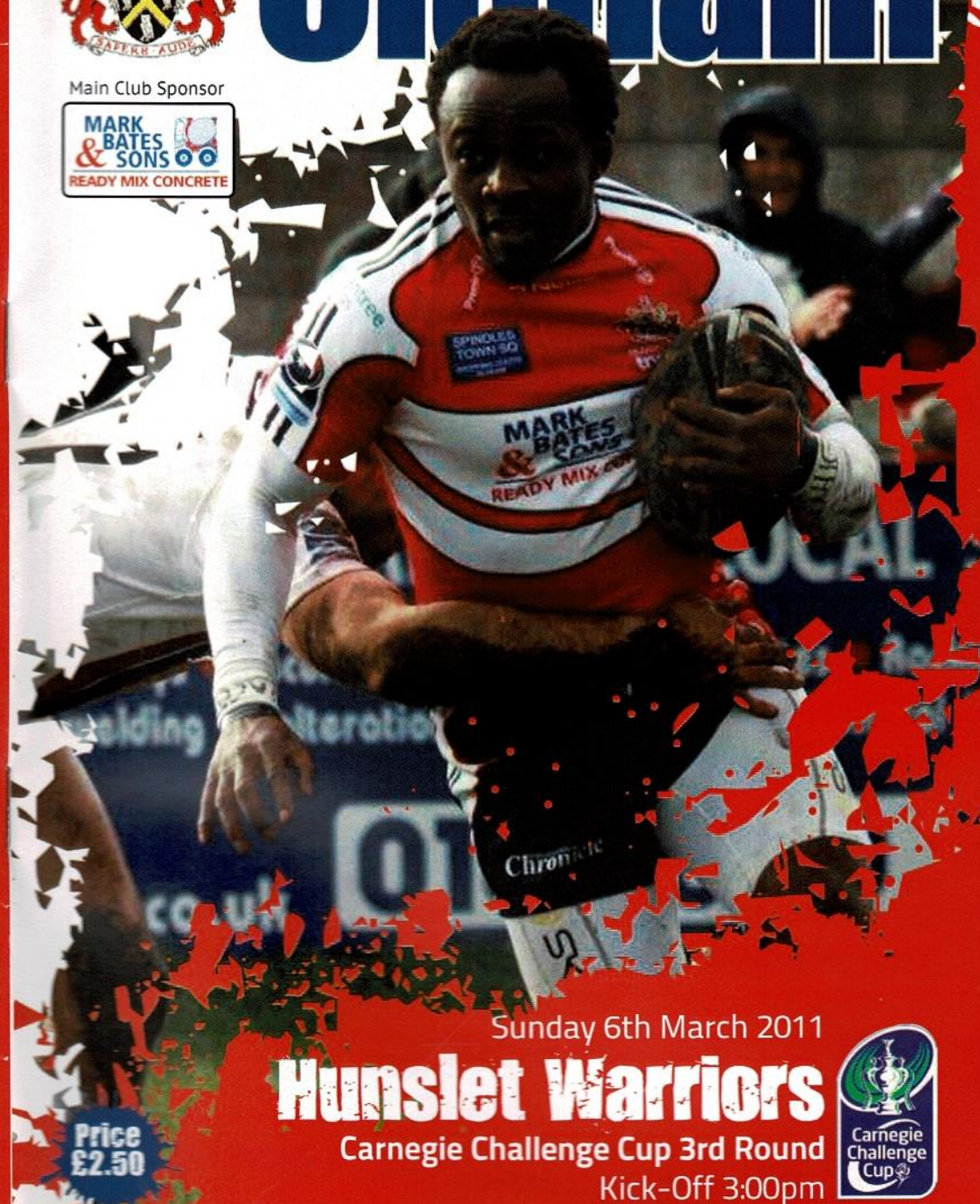


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FROM THE  
**Boardroom**  
with Chris Hamilton



Welcome to Whitebank Stadium today as we play our first ever Carnegie Challenge Cup game at the ground.

Hunslet Warriors provide the opposition today in what will be the first meeting of the two clubs.

Warriors are going strong this season and will provide a stiff test without any shadow of a doubt.

After the performance last week we know we need to put in a big effort today and improve on what we served up against Whitehaven.

I almost think we have become a victim of our own (respectfully speaking) success over the last couple of seasons with expectations now being very high.

Whilst there is nothing wrong

in that and we are all striving to be as good as we can as often as we can it can sometimes become a monkey on your back when things aren't going right.

The one thing we know we have in abundance though is the desire and willingness to make sure that we work to put things right as soon as possible. Nobody hurts more than me when we lose - whether we have played well or bad - and I have complete faith in Tony Benson, Martin Roden and the players to do the same in training and on the pitch on match day.

We all want success on the pitch and we are only at the start of a long season.

With the changes to the Championship structure expected to have gone through at a meeting of clubs earlier this week the season takes on an added importance and your support becomes even more vital to the ability of the club to build a future.

Congratulations are also due to John Hough and everybody connected with the reserves as prior to Thursdays game at Keighley they have had two wins in friendlies against Championship teams Dewsbury and Halifax and are about to start their own league campaign with high hopes of improving on the Play Off spot they achieved last season. The work that has gone in pre season already looks to be reaping rewards and let's hope it can continue and produce more first team stars of the future.

As ever I ask that you get behind the team today and encourage them as much as possible as we try to get our name into the hat for round 4.

*To all our guests from Hunslet Warriors we hope you enjoy your day out at Whitebank but not too much!*

**Christopher Hamilton**  
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# Tony's Talk



**To say we were disappointed in ourselves and a lost opportunity on Sunday would be an understatement:**

In our mind we should not only have won that game but the week before too. When looking for positives I thought our defence was good on Sunday particularly in the second half, combined with plenty of good field position in the later stages was encouraging. Unfortunately a combination of very strong Whitehaven defence and some wrong decisions meant we didn't score the points necessary to take the game away.

A couple of frustrating games like that with the external expectation of victory can drain a bit of confidence. We

are a team who desperately want to do well for ourselves, and our club, and our supporters, and at times like this it forms as pressure, and can go against you. It causes you to try too hard, and at times panic. There's a great saying that springs to mind; "you become a good team when you enjoy winning more than you fear losing". And to be honest I think that sums us up at the moment. Its nothing we can't fix, we are blessed with a really good group of players, a strong club, and the right approach over next couple of weeks will make all the difference. We will start the season on top of our game.

It's another historic game at Whitebank today when we play our first ever Challenge Cup game at our new home. I'd like to welcome our worthy opponents for today the Hunslet Warriors and their supporters to Whitebank Stadium for what I'm sure will be a fantastic encounter. I'm sure with their current consistently good form they feel they have a realistic chance of progressing to the next round and that's what makes the Challenge Cup the great competition it is.

*Enjoy your day,*

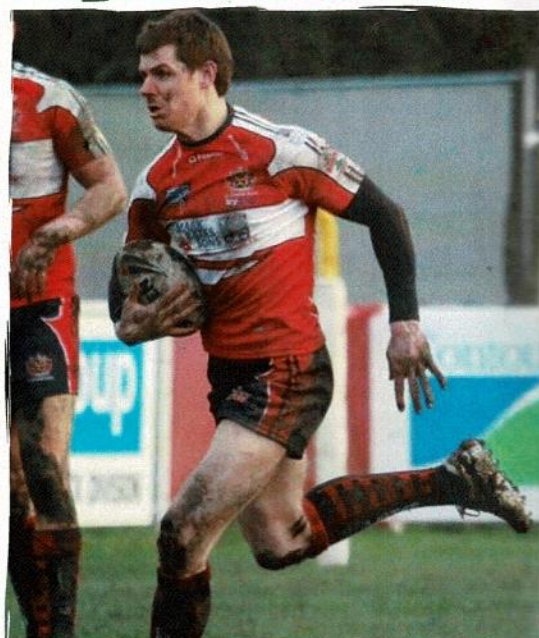
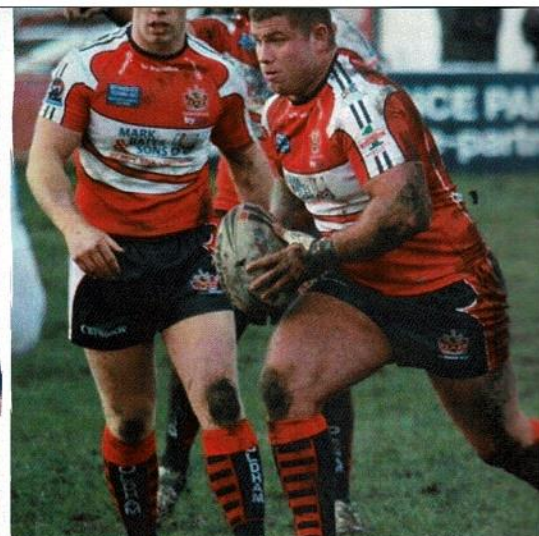
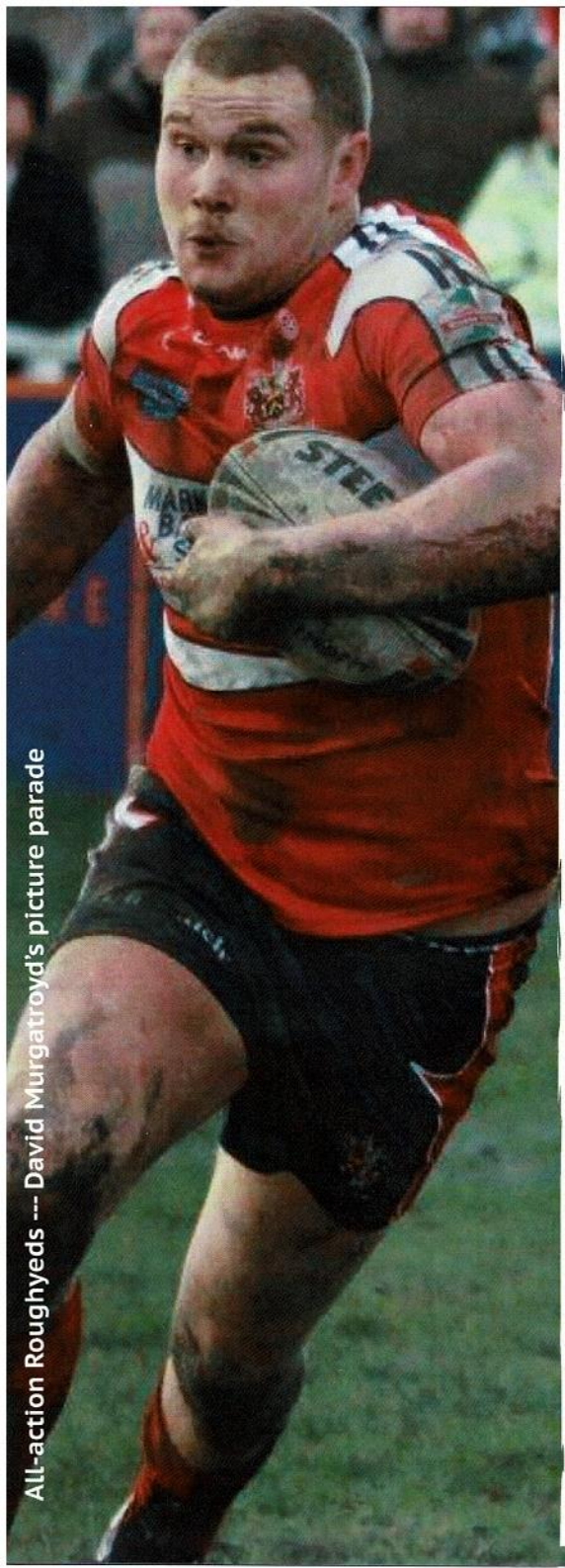
**Tony B**

ROUGHYEDS winger Lucas Onyango, pictured in full flight on the front cover, received a two-match ban at this week's RFL disciplinary committee meeting when he was found guilty of 'reckless use of a forearm' in our recent defeat by Swinton Lions at The Willows.

Lucas, who pleaded not guilty, has played in each of our last 44 cup and league games, scoring 28 tries in the process.



All-action Roughyeds --- David Murgatroyd's picture parade



# Reserves



**Good afternoon and a warm welcome to our visitors from Hunslet Warriors.**

A big Oldham welcome also for Darren Robinson, who will be playing for the Warriors today. Darren and I played together a few years ago in the early days of the 'new' Roughyeds club and we still keep in touch whenever our paths cross. Darren has played for a few different clubs and it will be good to see him in action here at Whitebank.

Last week we played Halifax on Wednesday night and came through the mud and wet conditions, victorious!

This was very encouraging, and the fact that we still managed to play some open rugby was particularly pleasing.

We still have a lot to work

on and 'patience' was one of the things we worked on when we played at Keighley on Thursday night. We need to start executing a bit better and understanding how to adapt to the conditions a little bit more.

As the English weather is being as unpredictable as ever, conditions can often dictate the way we play. The last two games, in particular, have been on heavy pitches and we needed to play accordingly.

In the game against Halifax we again saw a few players putting in good performances. In particular, Danny Langtree caught the eye, Danny has been previously at St Helens. He did some ferocious tackling and ran some good lines for our half backs to pick him out.

Michael Ward was again in good form and in the second half Alex Thompson and Chris Dean played some good stuff. Overall a good team performance. We are building nicely to start the league season with a bang.



**DARREN ROBINSON**  
- here with the Warriors.

By the time you read this we will have played Keighley in our final pre-season game before York on the 10th March.

The trip to Cougar Park was our first away game so it was always going to be a good test for the boys. It was interesting to see how they reacted to different surroundings.

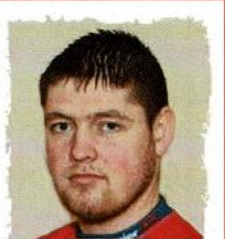
I am looking for them to improve individually each

week and give myself and Ashy a real headache when it comes to choosing the team for the York game.

Thanks again to the fans who braved the conditions last Wednesday against Halifax and hopefully you enjoyed the game. The next game at Whitebank will be the visit of Widnes on Saturday, March 19 when we will be back to our regular slot with a 2.30pm kick off.

*Houghy.*

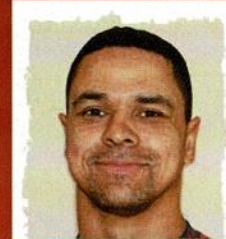




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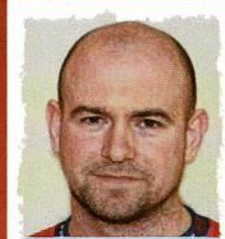
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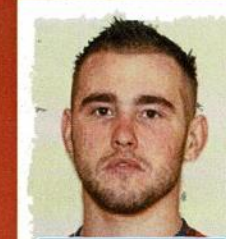
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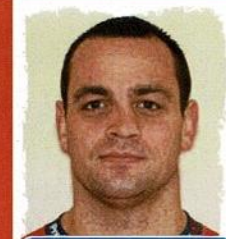
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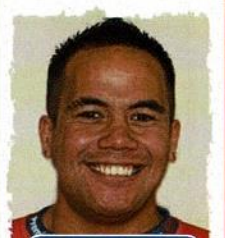
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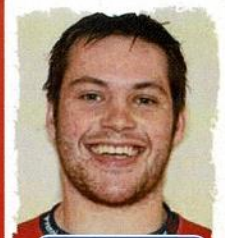
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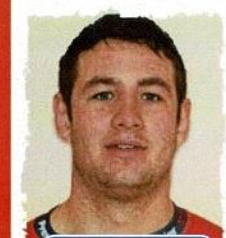
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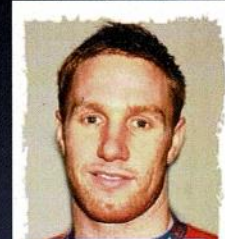
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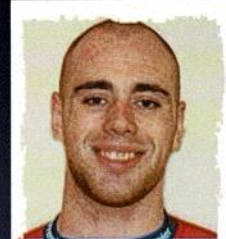
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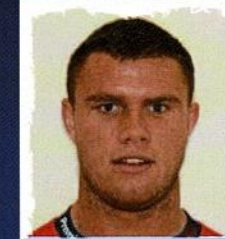
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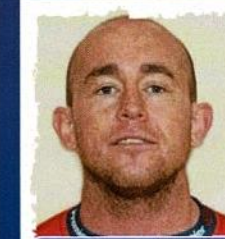
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D-O-B: 13-9-84

BIRTHPLACE: St Helens

AMATEUR CLUB(S):  
Blackbrook

PREVIOUS PRO CLUBS:  
Salford City Reds, Leigh  
centurions, Blackpool  
panthers

PLAYING POSITION: Hooker

ALL-TIME FAVOURITE

PLAYER: Brad Fittler

FAVOURITE GROUND:  
Knowsley Road (ever in  
the memory)

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:  
Super League debut for  
Salford at Huddersfield  
on Sunday, September 19,  
2004.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE:  
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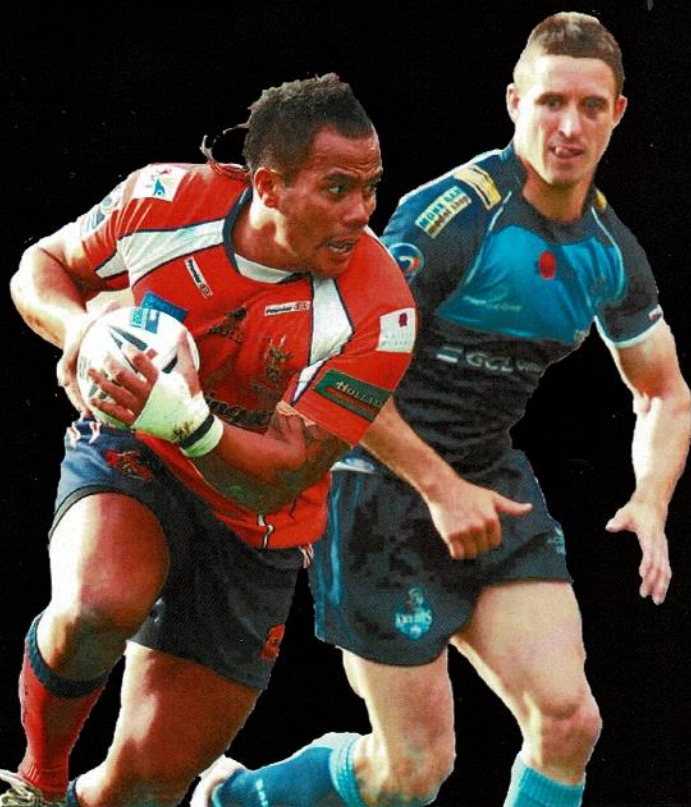
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# John Clough



**THE Roughyeds' restructuring programme continued with the capture on a one-year contract of former Salford, Leigh & Blackpool hooker John Clough.**

John has already made himself a favourite of the Whitebank crowd with his performances in our pre-season games and in our Northern Rail Cup matches.

A native of St Helens, 26-year-old John spent the last three seasons with the ill-fated Blackpool club and he is now looking forward to relaunching his career with the Roughyeds and getting involved with the club's battle to get out of Co-operative Championship One, which starts in earnest again here at the Whitebank Stadium next Sunday when Gateshead Thunder come down from the North-East to open up our league campaign.

"John knows pretty well all there is to know about the hooking role," said Roughyeds chairman Chris Hamilton. "We are delighted to sign him. He has already shown that he will be a more-than-useful addition to the squad."

Clough was a member of the National League under-21s representative side, managed by Chris, which played several games in France in 2002.

He later went up into Super League with Salford, for whom he made 17 appearances in the elite competition between 2004 and 2006. While at The Willows he also had a brief spell on loan to the old London Broncos club.

As understudy to a City Reds legend, Malcolm Alker, he did well to get as many as 17 outings in our sport's upper echelons, making his debut off the bench in Salford's 28-22 defeat at Huddersfield Giants on Sunday, September 19, 2004.

It is interesting to recall the Salford team that day: Beverley; Caine, Littler, McAvoy, Stewart; McGuinness, Kirkpatrick; Coley, Alker, Rutgerson, Shipway, Johnson, Charles. Subs (all used): Baldwin, Haggerty, CLOUGH, Hartley.

It was to be John's only Super League appearance that season - he had celebrated his 20th birthday only a few days earlier - but he got nine games at the top level in 2005 and another seven in 2006, all the time learning his trade and developing as a player.

His first Super League appearance at The Willows, an occasion he marks as one of the highlight of his career, was off the bench versus Leeds Rhinos in March, 2005.

When it was time to move on, he had one season at Leigh under Darren Shaw in 2007 before he became one of Martin Crompton's first signings when the former Oldham Bears captain was given the job of rebuilding the seaside club in 2008.

"Blackpool hadn't won a game for two years when Crommy (Crompton) got the job there, and signed me from Leigh," said John. "We put in a lot of hard work and had some success. It was a shame it had to end in such unsatisfactory circumstances.

"It's tough on players when there are broken promises, uncertainty about the future and nobody knows for sure exactly what's happening. But all that's behind me now.

"Oldham is a good club with a good reputation and I'm looking forward to the new start it will give me. Tony Benson had a chat with me a while ago and it all moved on from there.

"I'm really enjoying my time here at Oldham. Tony's approach is a lot different to Crommy's."

A product of amateur club Blackbrook, John is the elder brother of St Helens forward Paul Clough and a neighbour and lifelong friend of former Roughyeds winger Gareth Langley.

Added John: "When I told Gareth I was thinking of joining Oldham he said he couldn't fault the club. He said it was a good club to play for. When you hear that from a friend it goes down well.

"I just hope we can progress one step further than Oldham managed last year and finally win promotion for the club after so many near misses.

"I know a little bit about what it's like to play in four consecutive Grand Finals and lose them all because the same has happened to my brother Paul at Saints."

John has played nearly all his professional rugby at hooker, although he had a spell at Blackpool last season when he was picked at loose-forward.

"I'll play anywhere," he added, "but my preference is hooker - that's where I feel most at home."

He celebrated his third and final year at Blackpool by winning the supporters' player-of-the-year award - no mean feat when you consider the quality that Blackpool had in their squad in 2010.

Away from rugby, John works in Billinge at a special school for children with challenging behaviour.





# ORSA OLDHAM ROUGHYEDS' SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION



Oldham Roughyeds' Supporters' Association (ORSA), formed only a few months ago, has already made two significant donations to the parent club.

The first was to pay £405 for a new pitch-marking machine; the second was to sponsor young prop Liam Gilchrist for the 2011 season.

"We are grateful to ORSA for offering their support in this way, and we wish them all the best for the remainder of the season, and beyond," said Roughyeds chairman Chris Hamilton.

Pictured left to right on the day the pitch-marker was first used are Chris Hamilton with ORSA members Kyle Cooke, Yvonne Whalley, Max Anderson and Nigel Marland, who is the editor of the Roughyeds' match-day programme.



**ORSA have two events firmed up on their social calendar so make a note in your diary for April 8 and May 6.**

On Friday, April 8 ORSA will stage a Fun Quiz Night for all the family here at Whitebank, starting at 8pm. Players will be in attendance and cost per entry (for a team of four) is £10.

On Friday, May 6 ORSA will join forces

with Higginshaw ARL Community Club at a Race Night in the St Stephen's Community Club, starting at 7pm. Cost to buy a horse is £5 and cost to sponsor a race is £30, which includes a half-page advert in the event's publicity blurb.

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	Sat 15th	FEATHERSTONE	A L 36-10
SEAT TROPHY	Sun 23rd	WHITEHAVEN	H W 50-0

### July

CC1	Sun 3rd	WHITEHAVEN	H 3:00pm
CC1	Sat 9th	LONDON	A 5:00pm (The Stoop)
CC1	Sun 24th	KEIGHLEY	H 3:00pm
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### February

NRC	Sun 6th	HUNSLET HAWKS	H W 28-22
NRC	Sun 13th	HALIFAX	A L 50-10
NRC	Sun 20th	SWINTON	A L 29-20
NRC	Sun 27th	WHITEHAVEN	H L 4-14

### August

CC1	Sun 14th	ROCHDALE	A 3:00pm
CC1	Sun 21st	SOUTH WALES	H 3:00pm
CC	Sat 27th	CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP FINAL	

### March

CCC3	Sun 6th	HUNSLET WARR.	H 3:00pm
CC1	Sun 13th	GATESHEAD	H 3:00pm
CC1	Sun 20th	WORKINGTON	A 3:00pm
CC1	Sun 27th	SWINTON	H 3:00pm

### September

CC1	Sun 4th	WORKINGTON	A 3:00pm
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### October

Sun 2nd CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS DAY

### April

CC1	Sun 3rd	KEIGHLEY	A 3:00pm
CC1	Sun 17th	LONDON SKOLARS	H 3:00pm
CC1	Fri 22nd	ROCHDALE	H 3:00pm
CC1	Mon 25th	WHITEHAVEN	A 3:00pm



### May

CC1	Sun 1st	DONCASTER	H 3:00pm
CC1	Sun 15th	SOUTH WALES	A 3:00pm
CC1	Fri 27th	SWINTON	A 8:00pm

### June

CC1	Sun 5th	DONCASTER	A 3:00pm
CC1	Sun 12th	SOUTH WALES	H 3:00pm
CC1	Sun 26th	GATESHEAD	A 3:00pm

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# SPIE-CATCHER

The SPIE-CATCHER will be on the prowl at Whitebank today in a new Roughyeds initiative designed to create a few laughs and put some "meat" into our new match-day programme.



Our very own man with the lens, Dave Murgatroyd (official club photographer), will be furtively looking around the ground at the Hunslet Warriors game --- and at every other home match during the season --- to snap anyone he sees digging their teeth into a Holland's pie, which can be purchased from the refreshment bar inside the ground. So while you're getting your gnashers stuck into a Holland's meat and spud be aware that the SPIE-CATCHER could be zooming in on you in all your lip-smacking glory!

Dave's pick of the pie parade pics will be published in next week's programme for the Gateshead Thunder game. So buy a pie at Whitebank this afternoon and it could be YOU who appears in the programme next week.

All you have to do then is go along to the club office in Lansdowne Road, Chadderton to show staff it's you and to pick up your Holland's prize for being a good sport and allowing the SPIE-CATCHER to have a laugh at your expense.

Come the end of the season every fan who has fallen prey to the SPIE-CATCHER and subsequently had his or her most intimate mouth-watering moments reproduced in the programme will go into a draw for a bigger end-of-season prize, again donated by Holland's, the Roughyeds' pie suppliers.

**Said SPIE-CATCHER Dave: "I'll be on the prowl with my lens at the ready. Be warned you fans. I'm out to get you!"**

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# ROUGHYEDS Sponsors



**WE are delighted to report that the club has negotiated new kit-sponsorship deals with Oldham Community Leisure (OCL) and with a local property lettings company, Greentree Lettings.**



at the Radclyffe Athletics Centre and the players will soon be using the pool and other facilities in the Chadderton Wellbeing Centre.

OCL similarly backed Roughyeds last year and they were delighted to do so again ahead of the 2011 campaign in the hope that this WILL be the year when promotion is finally achieved.

Said Mr Kendall: "We are very pleased to be able to sponsor a local team. Let's hope this year Roughyeds make it to promotion. It is very important to us to be involved with local sport."

He revealed that John Gillam snr., father of our Irish international winger John Gillam, works for OCL at Crompton Pool. "That's another close connection we've got," said Ian.

The Greentree Lettings logo will be carried on the sleeve - and Greentree will also be backing Roughyeds during the season with other sponsorship initiatives.



Said business development manager Derrick Maguire: "We are proud to be local and proud to get behind our local rugby league club. Rugby League is a religion in Lancashire and Yorkshire.

"The club is going places, and it is attaching a lot of importance to the signing of Oldham boys. That again dovetails nicely with what we at Greentree are all about.

"All things considered it seemed a natural fit. We are happy to be getting behind the team and we hope to be cheering them on all the way to promotion."

Said Roughyeds chairman Chris Hamilton: "The theme running through both these sponsorships is 'local' - local organisations backing a local club. It's good for the town and the local community. Our thanks go to OCL and to Greentree and we hope the partnerships will be beneficial to all parties."





# WARRIORS ON THE WARPATH!



**AMATEURS yes, but team-of-the-moment Hunslet Warriors won't be in awe at the prospect of coming to Whitebank for a third-round tie in the Carnegie Challenge Cup.**

When you've lost only one game in 21 all season, and you've got that winning habit, you're ready to take on the world --- and that's the attitude with which the Warriors from South Leeds will descend on Oldham this afternoon, writes ROGER HALSTEAD.

Their squad is packed full of players who have loads of experience on the professional circuit and one of them, Darren Robinson, is no stranger to the Oldham club and its fans.

Now aged 31, he was only 18 when he signed for the 'new' Roughyeds club as a free agent on December 2, 1997, having previously played for the former Oldham Bears club's alliance side. Only one player put pen to paper before Robinson and that was John Hough, who committed himself to Roughyeds just a few hours earlier.

Robbo was to play in nine of the new club's first 11 fixtures, mainly as a sub, before he moved on to Rochdale Hornets. He was later to return to his home city of Leeds to join Hunslet Hawks before leaving the pro game behind to join the Warriors and put something back into the game at community-club level.

"I'm enjoying it, too," said Darren. "In amateur rugby you've no concerns about things like winning bonus and losing pay, but it isn't any less intense. We've still got that winning mentality; that burning desire to score more points than our opponents.

"We'll be coming to Oldham determined to put on a show ... and I'm sure I'll get a nice, warm reception from the Oldham faithful!"

Warriors, clear leaders of National Conference division 2 and certs for promotion, have been beaten by only one team in all competitions all season.

Their fantastic unbeaten record ended a couple of weeks ago when mighty Leigh East toppled them 18-6 in the third round of the BARLA National Cup.

The only other side this season to come anywhere near pushing them off their pedestal were Eastmoor Dragons, who held them to a draw in a titanic battle at the top of NCL2.

They are coached by 31-year-old Castleford Tigers and former Huddersfield and Wakefield prop Paul Jackson and they claim to be, not without justification, a club that's going places. Players to look out for? For starters there's ex-Hunslet and Batley centre Mark Cunningham, who has a phenomenal scoring record this season ---- 29 tries in 15 games.

Loose-forward and skipper Caldon Bravo leads from the front, while half-back Jim Baker, the side's Mr Reliable, regularly records 30 tackles a game from the scrum-half position.

Goalkicking full-back Gary McClelland is another prolific scorer among the backs, while the hard-working pack includes more former professionals in ex-Huddersfield prop Paul Sebine and former Batley man Mark Holmes, a hard-working second-row man who has represented Great Britain Community Lions.

Oh, and lest I forget, we might see a certain Darren Robinson in the line-up at stand-off ... and he's not a bad 'un, either.

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