

The Squads



Oldham

Gateshead



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Mark BROCKLEHURST	21	24	Barry WALKER
Tom WOOD-HULME	22	25	Connor CONDRON
Matty ASHE	23	26	JAMES HALL
Paul NOONE	24	27	GARETH BARRON
Martin RODEN	25	28	DAVID CASH

Referee: Jamie Leahy;

Touch Judges, S Mikalauskas, D Sharpe; Reserve Referee, S Johnson.

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FROM THE
Boardroom
with Chris Hamilton



Welcome back to the Whitebank Stadium for our third successive home game.

This week we kick off our co-operative Championship One season with the visit of Gateshead Thunder who will have been buoyed by their Carnegie Challenge Cup win at Milford Marlins last week.

Since they were re formed a couple of seasons ago Chris Hood and Keith Gillespie particularly have worked tirelessly to make sure that the professional game in the North East has continued and whilst they have not had their rewards on the field no one can question their dedication or hard work.

For our part we came through a difficult game against Hunslet Warriors with a win and they certainly did not roll over at any time in the match.

Our lads had to dig deep and as ever in these games the pressure was on as we are in a no win situation. We showed character however to win the game and that's us in the next round.

As far as some of the off field events are concerned it was a disappointing day for the club as some of the "away fans" chose to behave in a manner that we have been fortunate enough not to have witnessed at any of our matches since the club was formed in 1997.

I am pleased to report however that as usual our fans behaviour was first class.

Like every other team today we are hoping to get the season off to a good start and to try and build some momentum from an early stage. All the clubs are level pegging at this point in the year and it is vital that we turn up mentally and physically today for what will be an arm wrestle.

With the length of the season there is not much room for error as we have found to our cost in previous years and we have to be striving to be one of the most consistent sides in the division.

The Northern Rail Cup was an up and down affair for us but now we have to focus on the league and up the ante in terms of the quality of our performance.

We certainly have the personnel to do that and the players all need to realise that they all have equal responsibilities in terms of what happens on the pitch. The synopsis is quite simple in this division - don't turn up mentally and physically don't win.

I have no doubt that Tony and the players will actually be glad to see the start of the season and know what is in front of them for the next few months.

Today is the start of a seven month journey which we all want to enjoy so as always please show your support for the team and hopefully cheer us on to three points.

Enjoy the game

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Chief Executive

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Tony's Talk



**As quickly as it finishes
the new Championship 1
season starts again.**

There's no doubt we've done the work required in the preseason. We're fit enough and our skill base is ok for this time of year. Although we are tight as a group it's evident that we are not yet gelled as a team on the field. There could be lots of reasons but personally I think it comes down to the type of restricted training the weather has dictated we do.

In last week's game there were 9 new players in the squad who weren't there last season, 3 of those promoted from our reserves and 3 others from the academies who are experiencing their first taste of open age rugby. And two more

have virtually just joined us for differing reasons. I think this is great; we have assembled a squad with huge potential, we are all working hard, but forming a functioning team takes time. Time on a pitch. Time to get used to each other, new styles and plans and of course the most important communication under pressure. We are making progress but there are obvious signs that we are struggling at times. I will assure you that over the next few weeks as the pitch dries out and we get time training on it as a team, we will fast become a force to be reckoned with.

An important component in our development is your support. We really appreciate when you are behind us in numbers and voice, not just when things are good but most importantly in times like this when for various reasons we are doing it a bit tough.

Today is a good opportunity for us to get together and welcome our friends from Gateshead to what I'm sure will be a tasty encounter at the home of Rugby League.

Regards

Tony B

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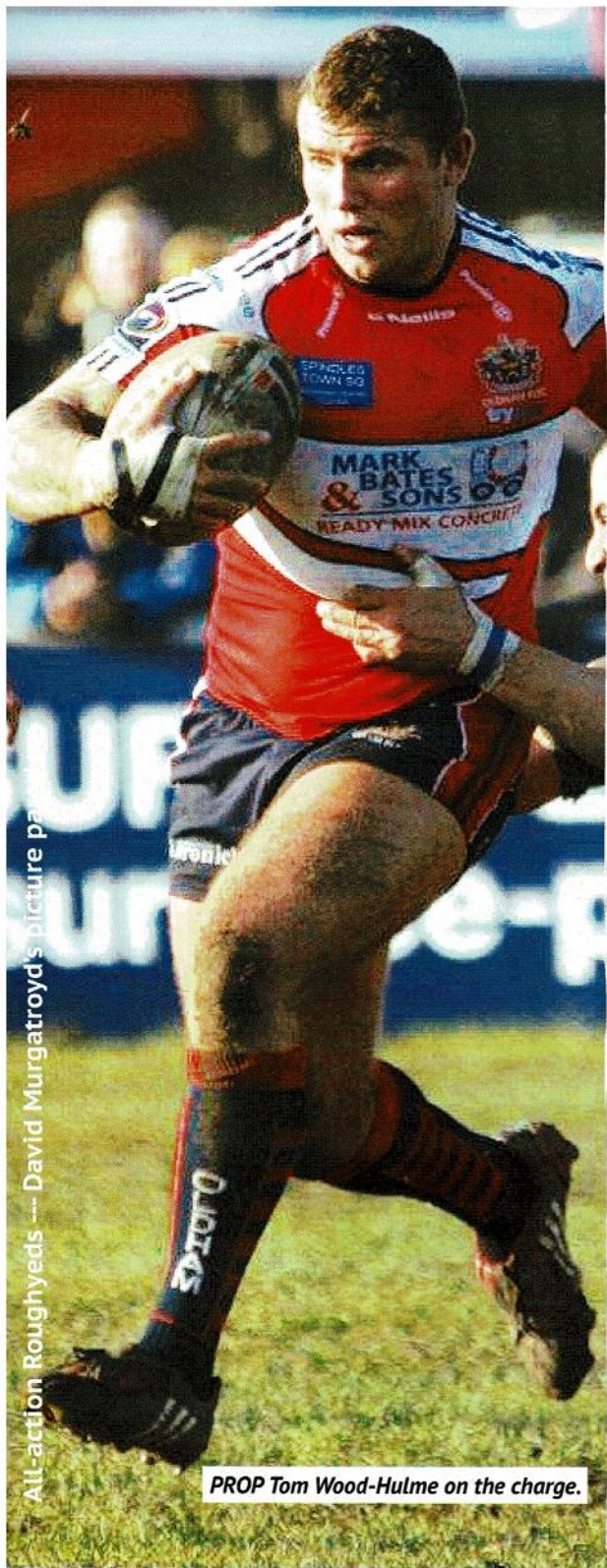
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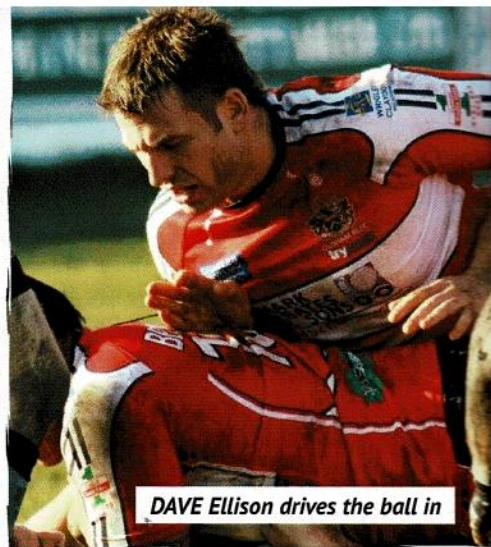
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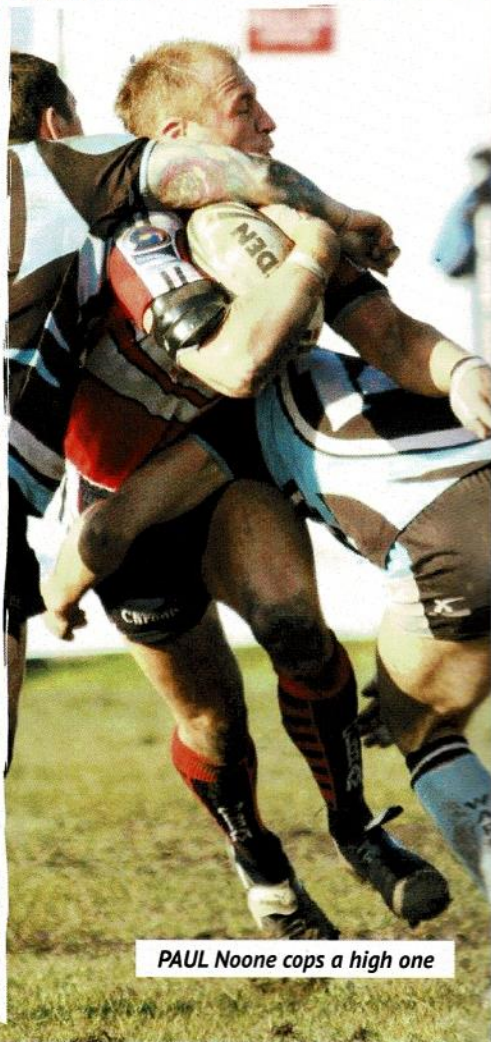
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PROP Tom Wood-Hulme on the charge.



DAVE Ellison drives the ball in



PAUL Noone cops a high one

Reserves



GOOD afternoon and a warm welcome to Gateshead Thunder for this afternoon's opening game in Co-operative Championship One.

As you are reading, this the reserves will have already opened their league season with a game at York on Thursday night.

I was expecting nothing short of a big improvement from the pre-season loss at Keighley. We learnt a great deal from that defeat and we were able to analyse where we needed to 'tweak' areas and hopefully put the changes into practice against York.

Shaun Robinson and Terry Bridge, the two wingers, had 'eye-catching' performances against Keighley but our forwards lost the battle with their Keighley counterparts and they had a lot to work on in the build-up to the York game..

So to the season ahead, We have set ourselves a target

as to where we want to be at the end of the season and it's my job to steer us in that direction.

This year we have 18 games, nine at home and nine away. The top six then have a play-off and the Grand Final is at the home ground of the team which has finished the higher in the league.

That's two more than last year and it puts everyone on an even keel, but it is interesting to note that there are only three clubs outside the championship who have a reserve team - ourselves, Keighley and Whitehaven.

In the preparation for the York game we looked to fine-tune the team and ensure the mistakes we made at Keighley were not replicated at York.

The York pitch is quite a small one in comparison to some so we worked on a game plan to accommodate those surroundings.

Next Saturday (19th March 2-30pm KO) is our first home game in the league against Widnes,

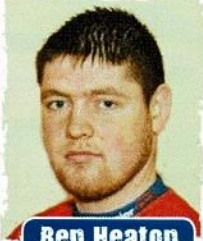
Widnes were the team that beat us in the play off at the end of last season so I am sure it will be another great game as we bid to get our home league programme off to a flying start.

It would be great if you could come down and support us, as I am sure we definitely get the biggest crowds in the Reserve Championship and your vocal support can certainly influence our Young Guns,

Thanks and enjoy the game,

Houghy.

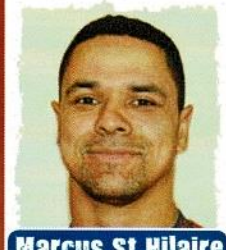
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Weds	23rd	HALIFAX (F)	H W 28-10
2011 MARCH			
Thurs	3rd	KEIGHLEY COUG (F)	A L 28-22
Thurs	10th	YORK CITY KNIGHTS	A 8:00pm
Sat	19th	WIDNES VIKINGS	H 2:30pm
Sat	26th	KEIGHLEY COUGARS	H 2:30pm
2011 APRIL			
Friday	1st	DEWSBURY RAMS	A 7:30pm
Sat	9th	HALIFAX	A 2:30pm
Sat	23rd	YORK CITY KNIGHTS	H 2:30pm
Sat	30th	FEATHERSTONE ROV.	A 2:30pm
2011 MAY			
Sat	7th	HALIFAX	H 2:30pm
Sat	21st	LEIGH CENTURIONS	H 2:30pm
Sat	28th	SHEFFIELD EAGLES	H 2:30pm
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Sat	4th	KEIGHLEY COUGARS	A 2:30pm
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Sat	2nd	WIDNES VIKINGS	A 2:30pm
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Sat	23rd	WHITEHAVEN	H 2:30pm
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2011 AUGUST			
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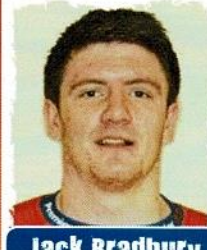
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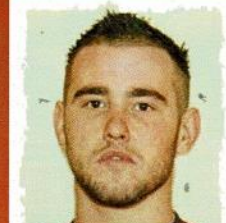
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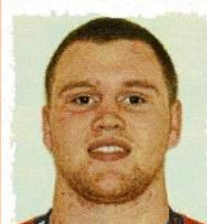
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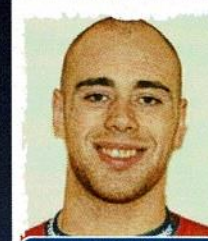
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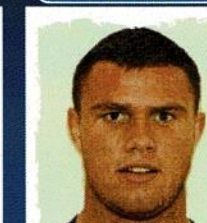
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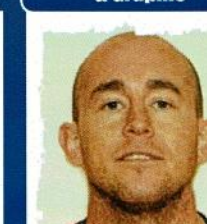
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A photograph of Jack Bradbury, a young male rugby player, in action. He is wearing a red and white rugby jersey with 'SADDLEWORTH RANGERS' and 'SADDLEWORTH TOWN SQ' visible. He is holding a rugby ball with both hands. The background shows a crowd of spectators and a blue and yellow banner with the word 'HIRE' partially visible.

FULL NAME: Jack Bradbury

D-O-B: 4-11-90

BIRTHPLACE: Oldham

AMATEUR CLUB(S):
Saddleworth Rangers

PREVIOUS PRO CLUBS:
St Helens

PLAYING POSITION:
centre/stand-off

ALL-TIME FAVOURITE

PLAYER: Greg Inglis

FAVOURITE GROUND:
Galpharm Stadium

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:
Representing England at
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**AS we set
off today on
another Co-
operative
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One campaign,
it is perhaps
appropriate
to turn the
spotlight on
a young man**

**from Oldham who is also looking ahead
and wondering where his future in rugby
league will lay**

That young man is Jack Bradbury, whom we signed last November to bring him "home" to Oldham after his four years' apprenticeship at St Helens.

He is one of several up-and-coming players from similar backgrounds who are now under contract to Roughyeds and in Jack's case his one-year Roughyeds contract was a belated birthday present because the former Saddleworth Rangers junior celebrated his 20th birthday just a few days before he put pen to paper.

He became Oldham's fifth new signing of the off-season and the third to arrive at Whitebank straight from a rugby league apprenticeship at the highest level.

Prop Liam Gilchrist (21) also came from St Helens; back-row man Ben Wood, also 21, signed from Salford City Reds; Bradbury followed Gilchrist from Saints, having spent four years learning his trade at one of the biggest clubs in the land.

Other players of 21 or under in a young first-team squad are Ben Heaton, Danny Whitmore, Chris Clarke, Scott Mansfield, Matthew Fogarty and Tom Wood-Hulme, although they have emerged from different backgrounds and not all have been with Super League clubs.

Bradbury was one of those who did take the Super League route, leaving Saddleworth at the age of 16 to join Saints on a three-year professional contract.

When that expired he was offered a new one-year deal to go full time. It was a measure of the regard in which he was held at Knowsley Road that he was quickly promoted to the senior squad.

Ultimately, his dream of breaking through into the big time ended in disappointment, but he is determined to be back in Super League before he is much older and that remains his big ambition for the future.

Wakefield Trinity Wildcats were interested, but instead of moving to Yorkshire he decided to put himself in the shop window with his hometown club.

Said Roughyeds team boss Tony Benson: "Before we signed Jack I had been monitoring him since the end of last season when I got a tip from Saints that he would be available.

"He was being courted by other Super League clubs, but at this stage of his development as a player he decided we could offer him the better pathway to where he wants to go.

"He harboured the dream at Saints, but sometimes matters are taken out of your hands. They have been going overseas for centres in recent times and that made it extremely tough for a young bloke like Jack to break through.

"He has already shown that he will be a great addition to the Oldham squad as we set out once more on our league campaign and I am absolutely certain that he has what it takes to eventually get back into Super League.

"In the meantime we will be doing all we can do at the Roughyeds to progress him as a player and to help him to fulfil his Super League ambitions."

Bradbury joined an ever-growing band of Oldham-born players at the Whitebank Stadium, many of whom have been connected to Super League clubs in the past such as Whitmore, Alistair Williams, Michael Diveney, Wood, Fogarty and Mark Brocklehurst.

"I was disappointed in how it all ended for me at Saints," he said, "but I have to move on and I am looking forward to the experience of playing for my hometown team.

"I'm hoping to get back into Super League, but in the meantime I will be doing the very best I can for Oldham in the hope that I can help them to win promotion."

He represented England at under-15 and under-16 levels and those remain the highlights of his career so far, although at the age of 20 he can no doubt look forward to his future in rugby league taking a few twists and turns in the years ahead.

During the three years he was on part-time duties at St Helens he studied sport and leisure at college and, outside of rugby league, he would like to think that he has a future in those disciplines. He is sponsored by K Bradbury, Builders.

Jack has already made himself a strong contender for either of the centre positions with his performances in the pre-season friendlies and the Northern Rail Cup games, but he wouldn't be averse either to having a crack at stand-off, a spot he rather fancies if the truth were known.



Roughyeds AT PLAY!

ROUGHYEDS AT PLAY...NO PAIN, NO GLORY!

ROUGHYEDS players enjoyed a novel training session in their build-up to the new league season ... gunning for each other at Manchester Paintball Arena in Chadderton.

First-team squad and coaching staff swapped training kit for protective paintball gear at the Fields New Road arena to split into two teams and go into battle with paintguns at the ready.



"We wanted a brilliant team-bonding session -- and that's just what we got," said coach Tony Benson. "It was an exhilarating exercise at a fantastic facility and the lads enjoyed every minute of it.

"I think Dogger (Martin Roden) and Elly (Dave Ellison) copped the most paint, but a lot of the lads took big hits and there were a few screams of

pain ringing around the arena.



"One team had to defend their flag while the other had to pull it down and raise their own. It made for a great tactical battle, and after a poor run of form on the rugby field it was perfect for lifting spirits and putting a smile back on the players' faces.

"I can't speak too highly about the facilities on offer at the Arena. The protective gear is brilliant and it's a great way of getting the boys together for something different and for a change in routine while still being active and competitive. The people there are very safety conscious too."

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January

LAW CUP Sun 2nd ROCHDALE H W 34-28
Sat 15th FEATHERSTONE A L 36-10
SEAT TROPHY Sun 23rd WHITEHAVEN H W 50-0

July

Sun 3rd WHITEHAVEN H 3:00pm
Sat 9th LONDON A 5:00pm (The Stoop)
Sun 24th KEIGHLEY H 3:00pm
Sun 31st WORKINGTON H 3:00pm

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

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

March

CCC3 Sun 6th HUNSLET WARR. H W 28-16
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

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
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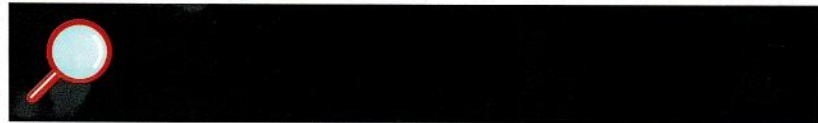
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CC1 Sun 26th GATESHEAD A 3:00pm

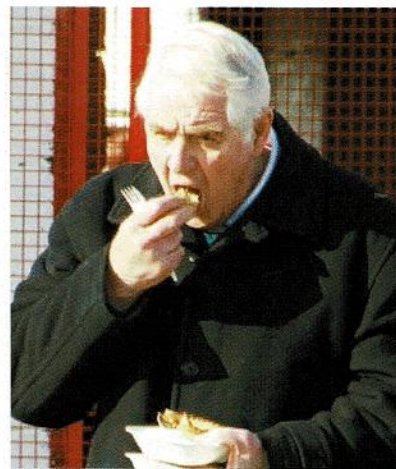


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Continuing to back the club commercially in 2011 are Wickes DIY; Premier Kia Motors of Rochdale and Dukinfield; and AMP Wire of Chadderton.

Wickes Wickes DIY, who are sponsoring the players' pre-match warm-up kits, will run an in-store competition for children in which winners will get the chance to be Roughyeds' match-day mascots.

Said Wickes manager Lee Ashworth: "Working alongside Roughyeds we can build community links, and we intend to go for that in a big way this year."

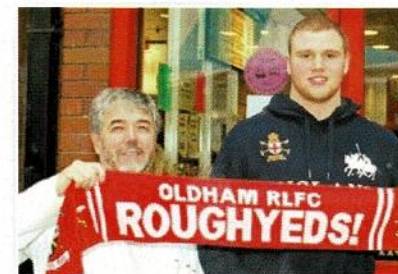
Premier KIA PREMIER KIA, shirt sponsors, provide Roughyeds with a customised car and offer tickets to Oldham games at Whitebank as one of several benefits to customers with service-history loyalty cards.

"We did something similar last year," said Kia director Nigel Bird, "and we are happy to do it again in 2011. Free golf at Dukinfield GC is another sporting benefit on our loyalty card."

ampwire AMP WIRE, who sponsor the Roughyeds' dug-out at Whitebank, are hoping to support Tony Benson's men all the way to automatic promotion from Co-operative Championship One in the new league campaign that starts today.

Said managing director Pam Pelham: "We don't want the play-offs again, that's for sure. We looked strong and fit in the SEAT Trophy win against Whitehaven and that's credit to everyone at the club. I've got my fingers crossed for a fantastic season."

BEN Wood is too big to get battered very often on the rugby field... but he does like a piece of the 'battered' when he calls in at Levers Fish and Chip Restaurant in town to enjoy a meal and have a chat with his sponsor, Savvas Eleftheriou. He



had to miss out, though, on his latest visit because it was on a Saturday and, like all dedicated Roughyeds players, Ben has to watch his diet on the day before a game.

Said Savvas, long-time Oldham fan: "We are delighted to sponsor an Oldham boy. We think he's going to have a great season."

SOLICITORS Wrigley Claydon, shirt sponsors, have renewed their backing of Roughyeds for 2011. John Porter, a partner in the firm, said: "We have been associated with Oldham RL Club, in all its various guises, for many years.

"We are proud and delighted to continue that relationship."



About Oldham

Meet the Rev Tony Ford, presenting his first column as our club chaplain.

The Rev.

Hello and a special welcome to our guests from Gateshead for the first league game of the season.

As it's my first time of writing in the club programme I thought I should say something about my role as Chaplain to the Roughyeds and how God has a place in Oldham Rugby League Club.

My first job on joining the club last May was to hold a short thanksgiving service for the new ground. Some may say it's not much to give thanks for but after 13 nomadic years since leaving Watersheddings and the hard graft of many staff and volunteers, we honestly do feel blessed to have a ground we can call home again and so it seemed right to give thanks to God for Whitebank Stadium.

On my first meeting with the playing staff and coaches I described my role as 'being there when s**t happens' only that very day s**t had happened with the tragic murder of Gary Purdham in Cumbria, Gary was someone several of the lads had played alongside or against and we were reminded that we just don't know when tragedy might strike.

We somehow seem to think these lads are invincible as they drive the ball up and tackle each other with such ferocity but they too experience the anguish you and I face on a regular basis. That's why I don't see my role with the club as any different than that in the church.

I am here to offer help and support both pastorally and spiritually to all who require it. Rugby League is now taking the role of chaplains seriously and most Super league clubs and a growing number of Championship sides are seeing the benefit of having folk with the training most Church ministers have. One of the unusual aspects to the chaplaincy here at Oldham is that I am available to Fans as well as staff members and have already had the huge honour of officiating at the funerals of a couple of supporters and been allowed to serve those families at a real time of need.

The big question I am always asked is 'are you hoping to convert them all to Jesus?' The honest answer is yes of course I am, if I believe as I do that Jesus is the way to everlasting life with the Father of all creation, isn't that a good thing to do? But I hope I don't rub that in anyone's face but only answer when asked about my faith in Christ. My main aim is to support the club and it's supporters in times of sadness and hopefully times of celebration as we strive towards automatic promotion the Championship this season after our recent exploits in the play offs.

Yours in Christ

The Rev

REPLICA Roughyeds jerseys and other leisure wear are now in stock and they can be purchased on line or from the office in Lansdowne Road, Chadderton, open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. To buy on line go to our website at www.roughyeds.co.uk, click on 'shop' and follow the links.

Replica shirts cost £45 (adults) and £40 (children) and we also have polo shirts at £23 and hoodies at £28 (children) and £40 (adults).

NEIL Roden needs just one more try to reach his century of Roughyeds' touchdowns in cup and league. When it happens let's raise the roof for Roden, who will become the first player to reach that milestone since the new club was formed in 1997.

MARTIN Murphy, an Oldham RL legend who made 462 appearances for the club (a post-war record), is still supporting Roughyeds via the Club Cash lottery, and he'll tell you it pays to be in it. He won £100 last Christmas and last week he scooped the top weekly prize of £300. Congrats, Murph! To join Club Cash ring the Roughyeds office on 0161 628 3677.

Ring the same number too if you fancy becoming a lottery agent. We need them in all areas.

DID anyone spot Hughie Waddell standing at the bar after the Whitehaven game? What a story Hughie can tell. From Blackpool Borough, via Watersheddings, to a Great Britain triumph against the Aussies in Sydney - and all in 18 months!

Waddell, a wow with Oldham fans back then, dropped in to renew acquaintance, and get his first glimpse of Whitebank, while driving from Yorkshire to his home in Carlisle. It was great to see him again.

THE Players' Association was represented in the hospitality suite at the Whitehaven game by Martin Murphy, Mike Elliott, Lou Laverty, Dave Kenway and Lyn Morgan. Rumour has it that Roger Halstead was so pleased to see the old warriors that when he came to reading out the Oldham team to the assembled company he began: "Murphy, Elliott, Larder ..."

Needless to say, the Whitehaven directors thought he had lost the plot!

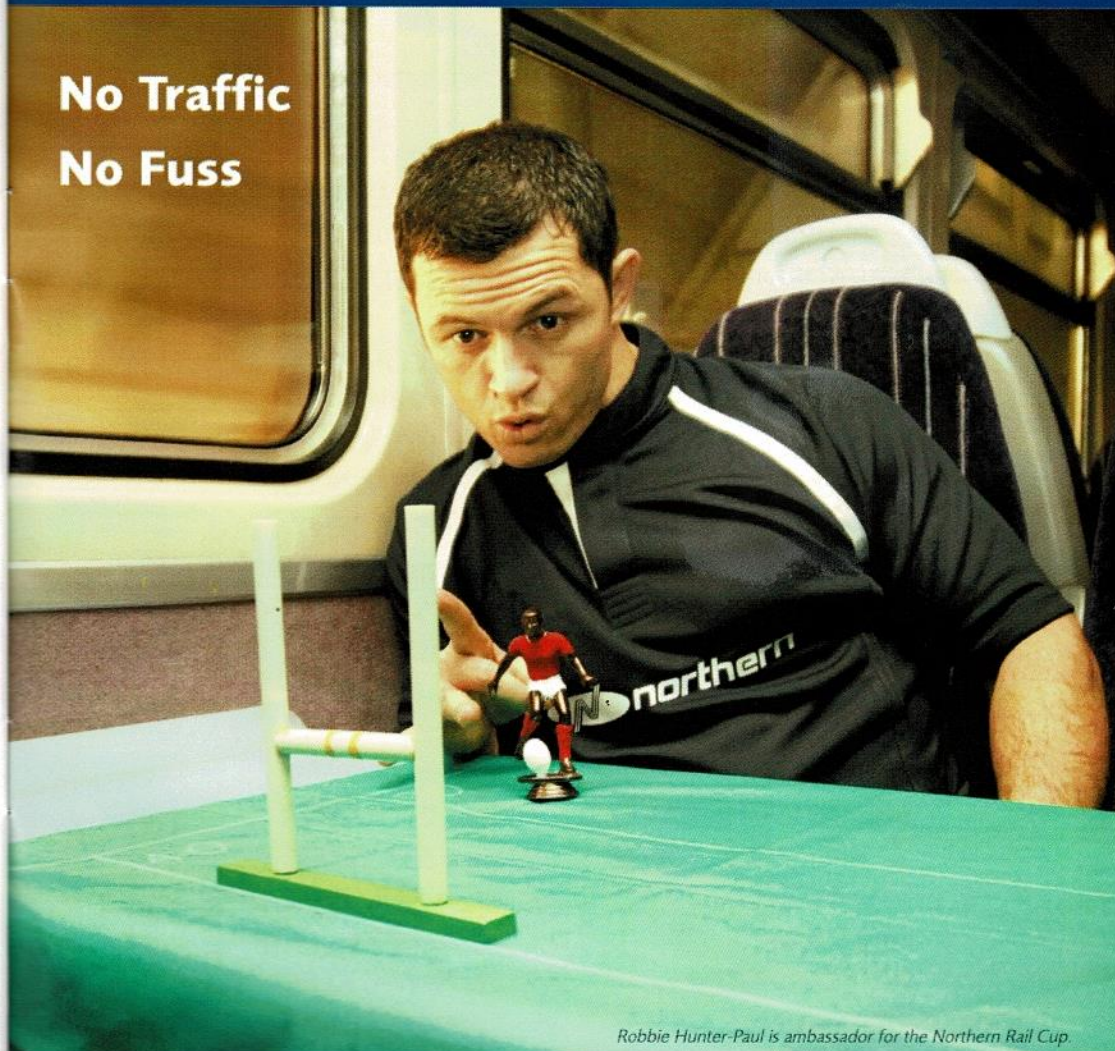
NIGEL Marland is chairman of an interim management committee which will look after the affairs of the Oldham Roughyeds Supporters Association (ORSA) until the AGM. Also on it are Paul Whalley, Maureen Woodhead and John Davies.

To have a chance of winning a £20 club shop voucher answer this: In what year were Mike Ford and Hugh Waddell picked for the tour Down Under?

Send your answer to ORSA comp, 38, Trajan House, St Mary's Estate, Oldham OL1 3BZ or email it to PW4856@aol.com (entries close March 31).

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