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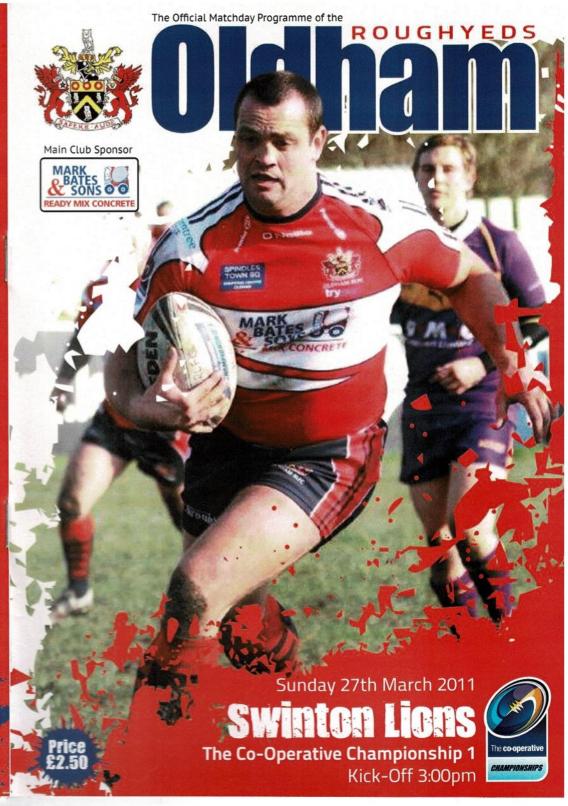
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with Chris Hamilton



Welcome back to Whitebank for today's local derby against a Swinton team who have started the season well.

Their start to the season which included a win over us in the Northern Rail Cup at the Willows has done nothing but strengthen those thoughts.

For our part we gave a poor display up at Workington last week and we have to get back on track pretty quickly if we are to do anything this season.

We all know this division spares nobody and if you turn up with anything less than 100% effort and attitude you get nothing and that's exactly what we got.

A real tough game today is the best thing for us and there is no doubt we will be up for it. Last Sunday also saw the draw for the Carnegie Challenge Cup fourth round and we have been drawn away at Hull FC. Whilst on the playing front it is certainly an extremely tough ask it could certainly have been worse from a financial view point and it will be a game that everybody connected with the club will look forward to, played in a magnificent stadium with very passionate fans.

Back to today and everybody has a part to play including you the fans.

It is no coincidence that this is a message you can read in almost every programme produced by the clubs because it is a fact the support you provide for the lads is vital in every sense.

Please get behind the team - they know they need to provide the spark as well - even when things are not always going our way as the lift the fans give to the team should not be underestimated.

Together we are stronger.

A special mention should also go to Alistair Williams for his efforts last week at Workington. Although he was not down to play when Tony received a call from Michael Ward who was 18th man that he had woken up with a sore knee we contacted Alistair to see if he could step in. Anybody who knows him would realise that he was still in bed when the call came through but once he got it he jumped in his car and drove all the way up to Cumbria arriving at the ground at the same time as the team and duly warmed up as 18th man.

Well done and thank you.

Enjoy the game

Christopher Hamilton Chief Executive

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Tony's Talk





Well here we are two games in to the Championship with one convincing win and one unconvincing loss.

It's frustrating that we are not further on than we are. The situation is made more difficult by a few injuries and a difficult start in the draw copping three of the favourites at the front end. But it is that challenge that makes our game great, and as a team we've just got to dust our selves off from last weekend, be honest with ourselves and do what ever work is needed to improve ourselves to the point of being competitive for 80 minutes against the top teams.

I know we are capable and have complete faith in our squad and

to be honest we are not that far off. It is just that the areas we are working on are that important that they are the difference between winning and losing, and for some it is a very steep learning curve.

To draw Hull FC in the next round of the Challenge Cup is very exciting for us as a group as it's been a few years since we were matched up against Super League opposition. For the Team it only adds to the urgency for us to be prepared for what will be a fantastic experience for the whole of the Oldham Club.

And finally can I offer a warm welcome to our Neighbours from Swinton. They are the team to catch at the moment with an extensive recruitment programme in the off season which included their new coach Steve McCormack who certainly has them playing with some form in the early season.

We look forward to the challenge and expect a much improved display here at home in front of our loyal support. Please get behind your team loud and proud and enjoy your day.

Regards

Tony B

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Reserves





GOOD afternoon and a warm welcome to Swinton Lions.

Well, it's been a busy, disappointing and bizarre couple of weeks!

Our first scheduled league game of the season at York was postponed because high winds in a gale snapped and blew down the posts on the field. Never had that before! Then we played out first game against Widnes last Saturday in a game that produced 90 points --- again never had that before! Unfortunately for us Widnes scored more points than we did, 50-40.

We wanted to start the game off with a positive, so we started off with a short kick off and we managed to get the ball back, but we also managed to knock on - a negative.

The start of a game is really important and we have started poorly in our last two outings so that was something we were looking to address in our next game against Keighley..

That first play summed up our first-half performance against Widnes. I was really disappointed with it and I vented my frustration on the players at half-time. We were 36-10 down and never in the game. I asked the players for a reaction and fortunately I got that and we managed to win the

second half 30 -14. It was, however, too little too late.

As a team we are only playing well in parts and this is something we, as a team,need to address. You can be rest assured we have been doing lots of tackling practice this week. Leaking 50 points is totally unacceptable, regardless of whom you are playing.

Hopefully if you see me around the ground today and I have a smile on my face you will know we have beaten Keighley in this week's home game. If not, stay away. I am a very sore loser and will be in a very bad mood (so the wife says!),

Hope you enjoy the game today.

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BEN HEATON: Full-back, centre or second-row Born 12-3-90. Squad number 1. Sponsored by Willscaff, Product of the club's youth system. having joined the reserves club Mayfield and working his way up to become a fully-fledged member of

Played three senior games in 2009 and 27 out of a possible 28 in 2010, operating at centre, second-row and loose-forward before establishing himself early this season as first-choice full-back



LUCAS ONYANGO: Wing. Born 12-4-81 in Kenya. Squad number 2. Sponsored by Rob the Gardener. First came to England as a in Manchester. Played RU briefly for Leigh and Sale Sharks before joining

Widnes Vikings and then signing for Roughyeds

Made a total of 87 appearances in the four seasons from 2007 to 2010 inclusive, scoring 62 tries and playing in every game in 2010.



MARCUS ST HILAIRE: Centre. Born 26-1-77. Squad number 3. Sponsored by Mick **Harrop.** The squad's senior citizen in both years and experience. Played more than 200 Super League games with Huddersfield, Leeds and Bradford between 1996

Joined Oldham in 2008 and has played most of his Roughyeds' rugby at centre, scoring 29 tries in 73 games in 2008, 2009 and 2010. A player whose voice in dressing room debate is highly respected, he is joint vice-captain in 2011 with assistant



JACK BRADBURY Centre. Born in Oldham 4-11-90. Squad number

16 on a three-year pro

contract and then signed a new one-year deal to go full time at Knowsley Road where he was elevated to senior squad for the 2010 season. Joined Oldham in the autumn of that year on a one-year deal to cover 2011



JOHN GILLAM: Wing. Another local recruit, born 15-10-84. Squad by Nigel Marland.

amateur club Oldham St Anne's John played for Rochdale and Blackpool before coming "home" to join the

Roughyeds at the start of the 2010 season. Was unlucky to suffer an early-season shoulder injury which kept him out for ten weeks, but he still finished the season with 16 tries in 19

outings -- a handsome return. Cruelly, he was hurt again in February, 2011 when his nose and eye socket were smashed in a Northern Rail Cup game against Whitehaven, this sidelining him again for the start of the 2010 league campaign.



NEIL RODEN: Stand-off. Born in Wigan on 9-4-80. Squad number 6. Sponsored by OJT Communications. Cut

Neil in half and you'll find 'Roughyeds' printed right through him. Joined from Wigan Warriors in 2000. Had stints with Batley and

Leigh in 2005 and 2006, but had completed eight and a half seasons with Roughyeds when the 2010 season ended with Championship One Grand Final defeat by York City Knights at the Halliwell Jones Stadium,

At that point Roden had posted 250 cup and league games for Oldham, more than any other player since the 'new' club was formed in 1997 and had registered 98 tries, another club record.



MICK DIVENEY: Scrumhalf. Age 23, bern Oldham. Squad number 7. Sponsored by Pizza Hut, Oldham. One of many locally-born players signed on contract for 2011. A

on scholarship at Wigan Warriors before returning to his amateur club from where he joined John Hough's Roughyeds Reserves squad in 2010. A key member of the side that reached the reserve

Regy Internet or the side train reactive the reserve league play-offs, he impressed in general play as well as goalkicking and did enough to earn himself a pro contract and elevation to the senior squad in 2011, quickly establishing himself as a



JASON BOULTS: Prop-forward. Born Halifax 7-9-83. Squad number 8. Sponsored by Sue and the Spanish Roughyed. Played for Bradford Bulls then had a successful stint with his hometown Halifax club where he built a

Played in every game in his last season for 'Fax-an outstanding feat for a prop -- before he joined Roughyeds for the start of the 2007 campaign. By



DANNY WHITMORE: Hooker. Born Oldham 22-12-88. Squad number 9. Sponsored by AMP of the 2010 season from Super League outfit Salford

season in which he shared hooking duties with the then club captain Martin Roden, making a total of 25 appearances out of a possible 28. While most of his game time was off the bench, he also had three starting spots at half-back -- a

DAVID ELLISON: Prop-forward. Born 2-4-82. Squad number 10. Sponsored by June and Julie Hibbert. Ex-Leigh, he joined London



Skolars when his full-time yment took him south and it was from White Hart Lane in North London that season on returning north to represent his company as a manager in Greater

A strong front-rower with a nifty step and a turn of pace of which any backrow man would be proud, 'Elly' played in each of the Roughyeds' 28 games in his debut season-- 20 of them as an impact prop coming off the bench



ANDY ISHERWOOD:

Had a brief stay with Roughyeds at the start of the 2005 season and returned for the start of the 2011 campaign -- one of several new signings.



BEN WOOD: Secondnumber 12. Sponsored by Levers Fish and Chip Restaurant. Another local lad who has returned to

While at The Willows he

was a team mate of another ex-Waterhead, now

was a teal in lace to allowing text hateriese, now Roughyeds man, in Danny Whitmore. Big Ben, as he is called, was an instant hit with Rougheyds fans, scoring a hat-trick of tries on his debut in the 2011 pre-season Law Cup victory



VALU BENTLEY: LOS forward. Born 9-10-82 in New Zealand. Squad number 13. Sponsored by David, Sylvia and

Oldham at the start of the 2010 campaign and quickly became a firm favourite of the Whitebank faithful.

Strong in the tackle and determined on the drive, Valu played 16 games in his debut season, having



CHRIS CLARKE: Back-row forward. Born Oldhan 29-3-89. Squad numbe

With an almost identical background to Ben Heaton's scrum-capped Chris worked his way up the Roughyeds

ladder from reserve team rookie to senior squad regular. He was formerly with Oldham St Anne's. He got his first-team break at the start of the 2010 season and he grasped the opportunity with both hands, finishing the year with 22 senior appearances and playing several different roles



LUKE SUTTON: Prop-forward Bern 25-2-86. Squad numbe 15. Sponsored 01116 Solutions, Luke

up in Australia and that's where he first learned the rudiments of the sport. He was a young prop at Keighley Cougars when Roughyeds first came across him and ultimately brought him to Oldham.

He impressed first in the reserves before making his first-team debut at Barrow in August, 2008. He played six games that year; one in 2009, when he was desperately unlucky with injuries; and nine in 2010. Coach Tony Benson injury front, Luke will enjoy a big year



HAM GUCHRIST Prop-forward Aged 21 and a native of

studying Preston.

Sponsored by Oldham Roughyeds Supporters' Association (ORSA). Liam has played for England and Great Britain Students while learning his trade as a member of the St Helens

He joined Roughyeds for the start of the 2011 season and he hopes to regular open-age rugby for the first



JOHN CLOUGH Hooker. Born 9-84. Squad number 17. Sponsored by and TTX. The

Paul Clough, John played his amateur rugby with Blackbrook before turning elite competition and he also had a

Panthers and then joining Roughyeds



WILLIAMS centre or wing. 18. Aged 22 Oldham born. Sponsored by Q Print and PSP Alistair was at Waterhead as a boy and he arrived at Roughyeds to show what he could do in the reserves.

He had a spell with Warrington Wolves in their youth academies and then returned to his roots with amateurs Roughyeds and doing enough in the second team to win himself a procontract for 2011.



MANSFIELD: hooker, Born 16-12-90. Squad number 19 Scott played originally

Saddleworth Rangers and, like Ben Heaton and Chris Clarke, arrived at the Roughyeds to try his luck in the Reserves. He did enough in his first season in John Hough's side to earn a professional contract.

his good hands, vision and tenacious on loan with Rochdale Hornets at the



BROCKLEHURST: Full-back. centre, wing. Born Oldham 27-9-86. Squar John Barratt.

Mark was another product of Waterhead who went on for Rochdale Hornets but came to the Roughyeds at the start of the 2010

forward and he has served Roughyeds well in all those positions if you take into account his performances at



HULME: Prop. Aged 20, born Widnes, Squad number 22. Sponsored by IKreative. Creative Web and Graphic.

vears with his hometown Widnes Vikings club, then Didn't like the 15-a-side code and returned north to play for St Helens (briefly) and then Salford City Reds before deciding to throw in his lot with the Roughveds

Reserves and then signed a pro contract to join the first-team squad. Did well in his early games and quickly established himself as an impact forward coming off the bench



PAUL NOONE: Second-row forward. Born 22-4-81 Whiston Hospital. Prescot. Squad number 24. Sponsored Hillcrest Flectrical

Contracting, Paul played for Widnes League appearances with Warrington Wolves before playing also for Widnes Vikings and Barrow Raiders. He also had a spell on loan to Harlequins while he was at Warrington

He enjoyed a National League Cup final win with Widnes in 2007 and a Championship Grand Final triumph joining Oldham for the start of the



MARTIN RODEN Hooker. Born Wigan 26-12-79. making him a little more than three months older than his cousin Sponsored by

OIT Communications. Initially joined of retirement to help out in a crisis at 2010, he was elevated to assistant coach in 2011, handing over the duties of captaincy to his cousin Neil, the

Martin started every single game responsibility in 2011 in which he was appointed as conditioner, assistant coach and joint vice-captain with Marrus St Hilaire



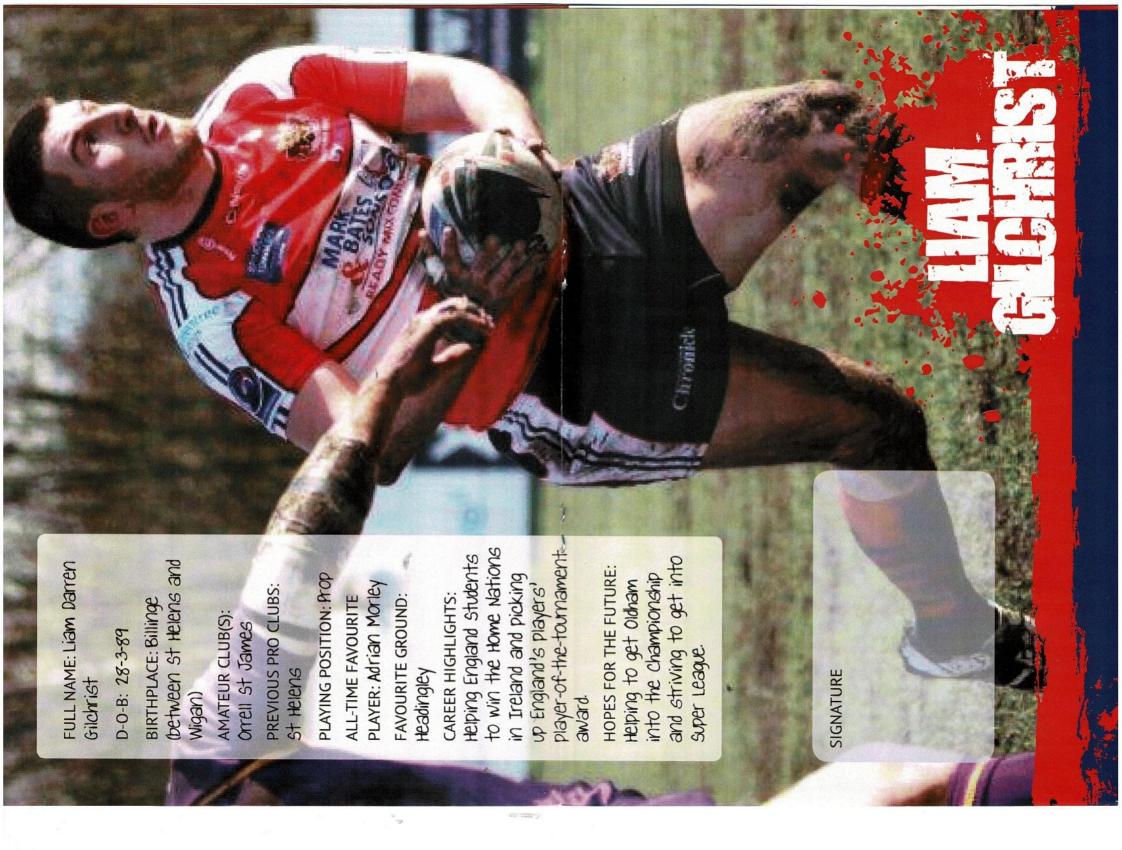
TONY BENSON **Head** coach Sponsored by Maureen Woodhead.

New Zealand

season at the Roughyeds helm. In 2006 he led Leigh to a cup final triumph over Hull KR at Blackpool. He later coached London Skolars before Roughyeds reached the co-operative Championship 1 Grand Final in 2009 and 2010.

For a few years he has had close links with Ireland RL - and he is still associated with rugby league and its development in the Emerald Isle.





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Liam Gilchrist



our young prop. celebrates his 22nd birthday tomorrow. Happy birthday, Liam. And best wishes a happy and successful season with the Roughveds from everyone at the

club and all the fans.

He became our second new signing for 2011 when we acquired the signature on contract of the Great Britain Students and former St Helens reserve team front-row man last autumn.

Standing 6ft2in tall and weighing 16st7lbs, Liam has had a similar Super League scholarship and development pedigree to those of several other voungsters who are now on the Roughveds' books, among them Danny Whitmore, Ben Wood and Jack Bradbury.

Like everyone else associated with the club he was disappointed in our performance up at Workington last Sunday, but he is happy to be playing for the Roughveds and contented in the knowledge that he made the right decision when he chose to come to Oldham to start a new chapter in his rugby league career.

"I'm loving it here," said Liam, "Travelling might have been a bit irksome (he lives in Billinge and studies in Preston), but I'm sharing the driving now with John Clough and Valu Bentley and that makes it a lot easier.

"It's also better now that winter has turned to spring, things are drying out and we can train at Whitebank. I like to think I'm starting to hit good

At the time of his signing, Roughyeds chairman Chris Hamilton said: "Potentially, Liam has a big future, just like the other young players who have come to us from Super League clubs. He will have had good habits drilled into him during his Liam's short-term goal in rugby is to help formative years with a Super League club.

"I've had a good chat with him and he is coming to Oldham to take the next step, to learn and hopefully to be given an opportunity to experience what first-team rugby is all about."

LIAM Gilchrist. Gilchrist is studying for a degree in fine art at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston. A large part of his degree involves sculpture in metal. He is in his last year and once he has graduated he will either extend his studies and aim for a Masters or go into teacher training.

> He went to school in Wigan and played junior rugby for Orrell St James from the age of 14, but he was still only 14 when he was picked up by

> At Knowsley Road he went right through the system - service area, scholarship, foundation, under-18s and under-20s, while also climbing the ladder in students' rugby, representing the North-West, England and Great Britain.

> He won a Saints' player-of-the-year award when he was 15 and only last July he was named players' player of the tournament as England beat Ireland, Scotland and Wales in student rugby's Home Nations tournament.

> "I want to develop my game now at a higher level," he said, "and several people said I should join Oldham because it's a good club with a reputation for giving younger players a chance.

> "I loved my years at St Helens, but they are behind me now and I intend to carry on enjoying my rugby with Oldham. Everyone I speak to assures me that Tony Benson is a good coach and that Oldham is a club where I have every chance of being happy and moving forward as a player.

> "My meeting with the chairman, Chris Hamilton, clinched it. He sold the club to me with his enthusiasm and with his vision for the future."

> Gilchrist, who has signed a one-year deal, is hoping to land selection for Great Britain Students' tour to Australia in mid-summer. He would be away for three weeks and would probably miss games against Gateshead and London Skolars away and Whitehaven at home.

> "I talked to Tony (Benson) at the time I signed and he told me Oldham wouldn't stand in my way if I was lucky enough to be selected," said Liam. "It would be the pinnacle of my time in student rugby and it would be the trip of a lifetime."

> Roughveds to have a successful season in Cooperative Championship One and, long term, to be the best he can be as a professional rugby league player and perhaps get back into Super





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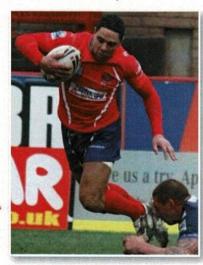
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(Northern Rail Cup, Sunday, February 20, The Willows)

Remember this?

Roger Halstead reports:

ROUGHYEDS fought back valiantly in the second half against Swinton Lions at Salford, but they had left themselves too much to do after a disappointing first half and were beaten 29-20 in the pool stage of the Northern Rail Cup.



Lions led 20-6 at the interval after dominating the first period, but Roughyeds hit back to 'win' the second half 14-9, scoring three tries to two in the process. Tony Benson's boys were off to a flying start with an 11th minute opening try by Mark Brocklehurst, fashioned by fullback Marcus St Hilaire, which Mick Diveney

converted beautifully off the touchline.

Marcus was called up for his first game of the season and he had a superb game at the back of a side that didn't do itself any favours by showing a shortage of intensity in defence in the first half.

Rob Foxen, Martin Ainscough, Richie Hawkyard and Gavin Dodd scored tries in a ten-minute Swinton purple patch which gave the home side their substantial lead at half time.

Roughyeds needed to emerge for the second half with all guns blazing and they did that in a very creditable second-half performance, given what had gone on

Ben Wood was to terrorise the Lions defence while running strongly out wide on the right and he and Brocklehurst both had outstanding second-half performances as Roughyeds turned the game on its head. John Gillam scored twice from Neil Roden kicks to the corner as Roughyeds pulled it back to 20-16. Darren Hawkyard and Brocklehurst (his second) traded tries for Oldham to remain strongly in the game at 24-20, but the Lions wrapped it up with a late drop goal by Dodd and then a lastminute try by the same player.

To complete the scoring Dodd and Diveney each finished with two conversions.

Swinton: R Hawkard; Foxen, Dodd, Thompson, Mort; Ainscough, Watson; Morrison, Smith, Wingfield, Cunniffe, Rigby, Joseph. Subs: Ashall, D Hawkyard, Holland, Fitzpatrick.

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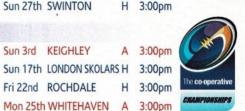
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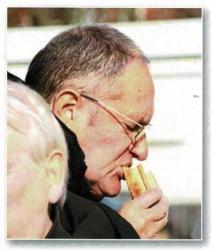


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WITH an eye to the future,

Specsavers has agreed a twoyear kit sponsorship for Oldham Rugby League Football Club's Roughyeds.

The opticians stores in Oldham and Royton have shown their commitment to the club by becoming commercial partners with Roughyeds for the third time in two years.

In March 2009, the opticians got behind the rugby club and signed their first

deal with Roughyeds to bring music to the stands for the first time at Boundary Park.

Then, in May, 2010, Specsavers in Oldham and Royton agreed a two-season deal to sponsor the new scoreboard at the Whitebank

Stadium - an agreement that concludes at the end of the current 2011 season.

Now the Roughyeds will be seeing green as part of the new two-year agreement in which the Specsavers logo will feature on the team's playing kits for the first time.

Nigel Williams, a co-director of the three Specsavers stores, says: 'Peter Holt, Rod Fullalove and I are very proud to be part of such as great team and are very honoured to be allowed to feature our Specsavers logo on their kits.

'We are looking forward to seeing the team on the field. As a supporter, we will continue to support the team commercially and personally.'

The three joint directors of Specsavers in Oldham and Royton have always seen eye-to-eye with the Roughyeds, and their vision for the Co-operative Championship One Club is to see it go from strength to strength now that it is established in its home base in the

borough.

'We are delighted to be developing and extending our partnerships with Specsavers, said chairman Chris Hamilton. trust our already well established links will go strength to strength and continue prove of benefit commercially."





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ROUGHYEDS have welcomed the fourth-round Carnegie Challenge Cup draw which pairs us with a potential money-spinner at Hull FC.

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The Championship One side from Whitebank (capacity 1,502) will play the Super League giants in the eight-year-old state-of-the-art 25,586 all-seat KC Stadium, home of both Hull FC and their soccer neighbours Hull City, on Saturday, May 7. kicking off at 1pm.

RETIRED labourer Eric Kenworthy will be laughing all the way to Skegness this summer after scooping a £1,000 jackpot prize on Oldham Rugby League Club's Club Cash lottery. "I'm going there on holiday with my brother Stephen in July, and this will pay for it with a bit left over," said 65-year-old Eric, of Salisbury Street, High Crompton. When he was a boy he used to be taken to Oldham's game at Watersheddings by his father and he later played himself in local amateur rugby as a scrumhalf.

"I don't watch Roughyeds these days," he added, "but I'm happy to support them with £1 a week on the lottery -- and I'm even happier now I've won this.

"I never thought I would win. But you don't miss £1 a week, you're helping your local club...and Stephen and I are going to have a good time in Skegness!"

Roughyeds loose-forward Chris Clarke and the club's lottery co-ordinator John McAndrew dropped in on Eric at his home to present him with the cheque.

His prize was the maximum £1,000 on a £50-a-week rollover jackpot which accumulates up to that amount each week it isn't won. Club Cash also has guaranteed weekly prizes of £300 and £100.

Said John: "The lottery provides the club

Ticket details will be announced in due course. However, all Hull FC season-pass holders get FREE entry as do the Roughveds' junior season-ticket holders.

It will be our first Challenge Cup tie against Super League opposition since we lost 46-4 at Wakefield Trinity Wildcats in the last eight in 2008 after beating

> the British Army at Aldershot, Swinton away and Dewsbury away to reach the quarter-finals.

> Said Roughyeds chief Chris Hamilton: "It's a good draw for us. We couldn't have played a Super League club at Whitebank, so if we were going to be drawn with one it was obviously beneficial to be drawn away.

"Like all clubs in our position we wanted a tie that would give us a good chance of progressing or one with the potential to make us a bit of money and I think we have got the latter, given how well supported Hull FC are.

"They have international players right across the park, and we will be taking them on in a magnficent stadium. It will be a day to remember for everyone at the Roughyeds - players, staff and fans - and it will throw us the sort of challenge that the club relishes."

with vital income all year round. Lots of fans are in it, but we also have loads of people who never watch Roughyeds, but who know that for an outlay of $\pounds 1$ a week they have a chance of winning decent prizes.

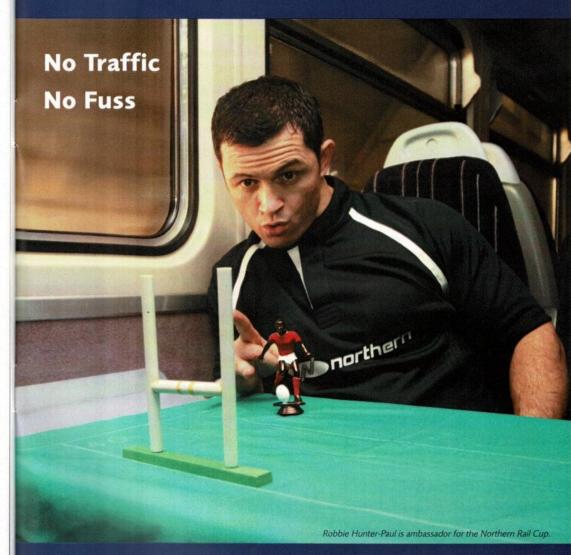
"Eric knew he had a chance to win - and that's what he's done."

To join Club Cash (you can pay by cheque, direct debit or to a collector on the doorstep once a fortnight) ring the Roughyeds office on 0161 628 3677 or leave your contact details with any member of staff at the game today.

Pictured left to right: John McAndrew, a happy Eric Kenworthy & Chris Clarke.



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