

The Squads



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Ben HEATON	1	1	Dan BELCHER
Marcus ST HILAIRE	3	2	Craig MOSS
Jack BRADBURY	4	3	Tom BURTON
John GILLAM	5	4	Danny LAWTON
Neil RODEN	6	5	Gavin DUFFY
Jason BOULTS	8	6	Luke HELLIWELL
Danny WHITMORE	9	7	Ryan SMITH
Dave ELLISON	10	8	Andy SHICKELL
Andy ISHERWOOD	11	9	James FEATHER
Ben WOOD	12	10	Scott LAW
Valu BENTLEY	13	11	Will CARTLEDGE
Luke SUTTON	15	12	Olly PURSGLOVE
Liam GILCHRIST	16	13	Greg NICHOLSON
John CLOUGH	17	14	Jamaine WRAY
Alistair WILLIAMS	18	15	Tom SHELDRAKE
Mark BROCKLEHURST	21	16	Brendan RAWLINS
Paul NOONE	24	17	Ryan BENJAFIELD
Martin RODEN	25	18	James HAYTHORNTHWAIT
Matthew FOGARTY	26	20	Rick BARR
Shaun ROBINSON	27	21	Richard JONES
Luke STENCHION	28	22	Ben SAGAR
Carl FORBER		23	Chris BAINES
Mark McCULLY		24	Paul DRAKE
Bruce JOHNSON		25	Jamie SHEPHERD
Callum CASEY		26	James HUTCHINSON
Danny BRAVO		28	Richard LOPAG
		29	Jason DEMETRIOU

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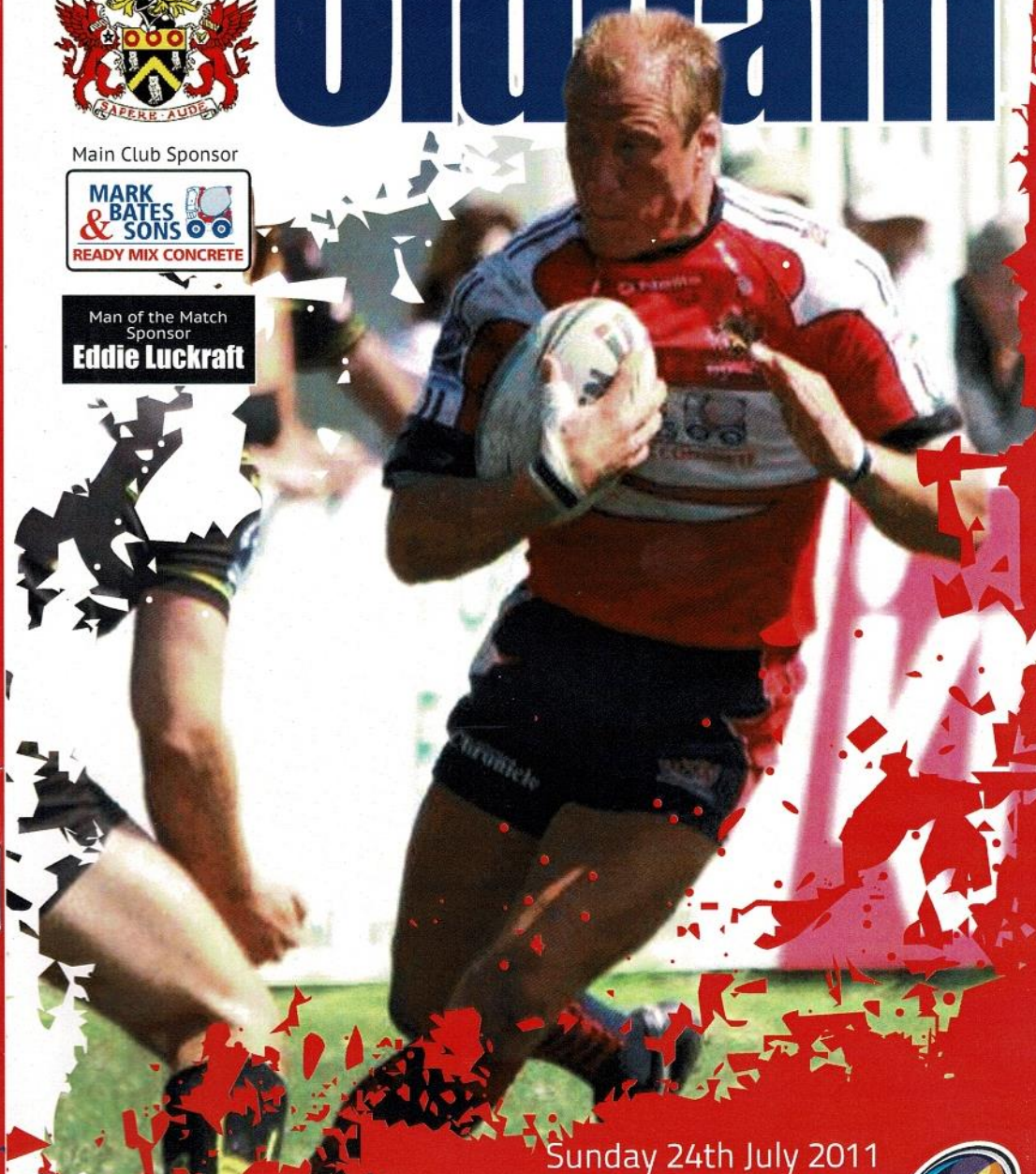
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FROM THE **Boardroom**

with Chris Hamilton



Good afternoon and welcome to the Whitebank Stadium.

Today's visitors Keighley have so far proved to be one of the more consistent sides in the division and as they are currently sitting second in the table will no doubt be fancying their chances of another three points this afternoon.

When we played them early in the season it is fair to say we were very short on numbers and they took advantage of the opportunity that presented. Although even now we have several key players missing we have more players at our disposal and we obviously hope to do our best to grab the three points on offer.

Having extended the loan spells of Carl Forber, Danny Bravo and Callum Casey until the end of the season we can hopefully start to build the consistency that has been lacking so far this season. It is fair to say that 2011 has been frustrating for all concerned so far and the number and type of injuries that we have suffered have been a factor every week.

Every team in the game goes through a spell of picking up injuries and we have been relatively lucky over the previous two seasons with them but this time around anything that could go wrong in that respect has done and there is no doubt whatsoever that this in turn has disrupted not only the team we have been able to put out but also the training that we have been able to do. Let's hope that as we approach the back end of the season and the Play Offs ensue that



we can stay clear of more problems and get some of the long term injured back on the field.

With two very important home games coming up in succession we also have an opportunity to improve our present position. We showed in the last home game against Whitehaven that, despite adversity, we have enough determination and character within the team to do well in this league.

Congratulations are due to Liam Gilchrist who more than played his part in helping Great Britain Students to a series win against the Australians on their own territory over the last three weeks. Any win against the Aussies is relished and I am sure Liam will be delighted to have been part of what will be seen as a historic tour. These are the type of things a player dreams of in his career and we look forward to him coming back to be a part of the business end of the season.

Finally Dave Ellison thought it would be funny to send me his shirt through the post. I was nearly in as much pain as he was watching the doctors cut it from him after he dislocated his elbow last time out. They cut it right through the middle which meant it was irreparable.

Anyway suffice to say he thought it would be funny to send it back to me which wouldn't have been so bad if the lazy so and so had been bothered to wash it! It may turn out to be a novelty raffle prize or even get on ebay and if so the last laugh will then be on him!

Keep it going and enjoy the game.

Christopher Hamilton
Chairman

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TONY'S TALK



With a weekend off playing and five competition games to go it's probably a good time to look back over the season so far.

To me 'The Season of Injury' just about sums it all up. Injuries have certainly played their part more than I've ever experienced in over seventeen seasons of coaching. For us, as a club, I think there's a good and bad side to this.

We started well with a strong preseason, a couple of solid trophy victories over Rochdale and Whitehaven and one in our first NR game against Hunslet. My biggest dilemma was selecting a team from so many form players. How quickly situations change.

A few early season departures can turn your squad plans on their head as they did when Johnny Walker, Tom Woodcock, Matt Ashe and then later Mick Diveney left us for various reasons. When you add to that the long term injuries to important players like Marcus St Hilaire, Lucus Onyango, John Gillam, Neil Roden, Chris Clarke, Tom Wood Hulme and more recently Bruce Johnson, Mick Fogerty and Dave Ellison believe me you're on the back foot. I can't help thinking how we'd be looking with all those players on the pitch at the same time. I know injuries are part of our game but this has been ridiculous.

On the positive side this situation has allowed us to bring in four fantastic



prospects in Luke Stenchion, Carl Forber, and the recent additions of Callum Casey and Danny Bravo who have all fitted in brilliantly and contributed massive amounts from day one.

To me the most important positive is the development of our own young fellas who've had to step up. Although Ben Heaton was already there he was forced to fullback and has relished the opportunity, excelling week in

week out. Then there's Shaun Robinson and young Matt Fogarty who have turned it on consistently every game they have played. In addition to this there were the fantastic debuts and progress made by Jamie Dallimore and Michael Ward. They've all come on in leaps and bounds and are fast becoming the exciting future of our club.

The great situation we are in now is that we are fast approaching the playoffs with the new boys well settled, the young fellas having gained valuable experience are now on top of their game, and some of the more experienced long term injured nearing a return to the first team. Who knows what we're capable of from here?

May I welcome all the supporters, Directors and players from Keighley who bring us a huge challenge nicely tucked up in second spot after a recent victory over the runaway leaders in Swinton. I think today you're in for a treat as Keighley fight to protect 2nd spot, and we, desperate to progress up the table, give everything.

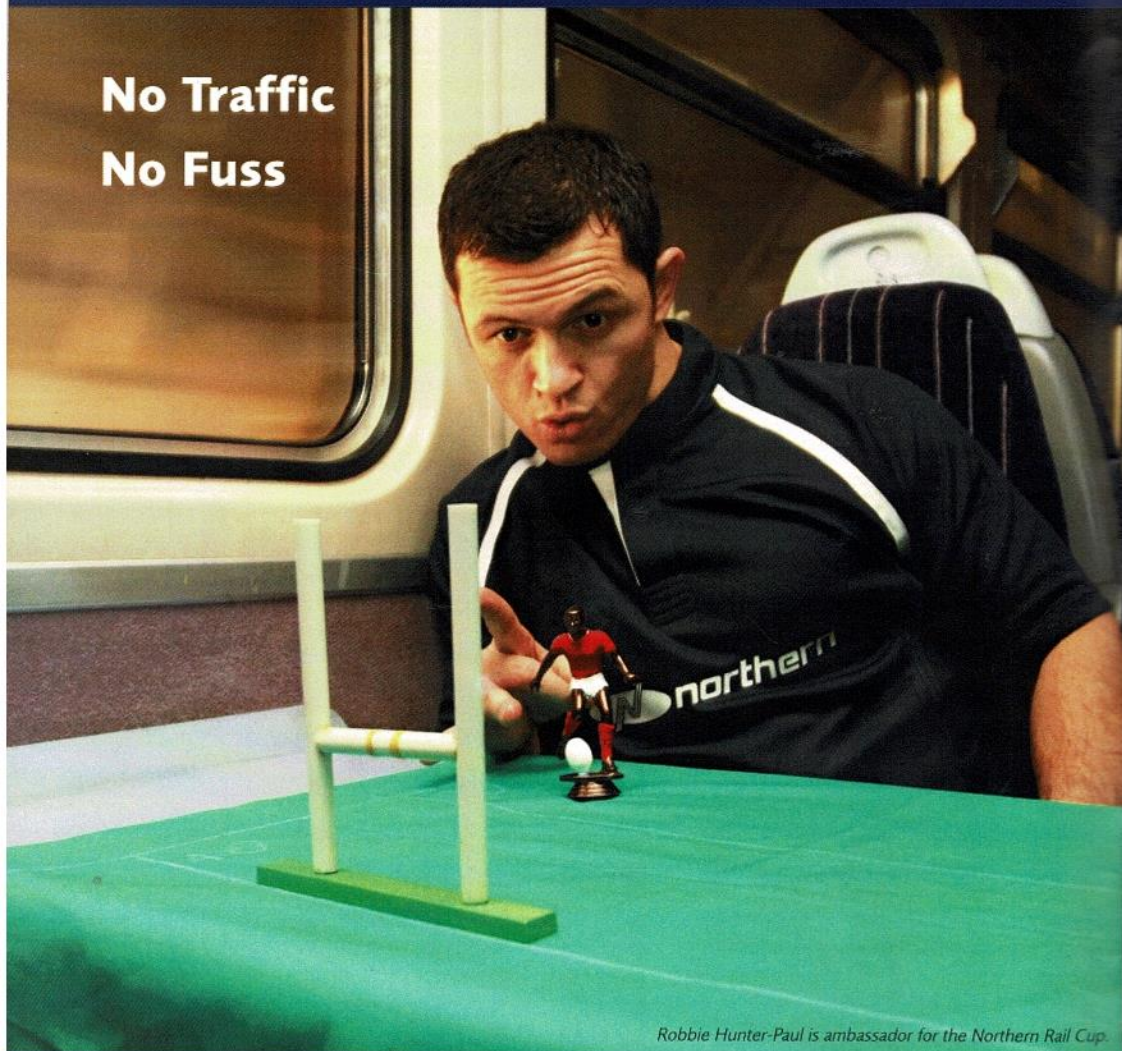
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Reserves



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Keighley.

Since the last time I wrote this article we have played against Widnes away and Featherstone at home and I am pleased to say we remain unbeaten! The game against Widnes was the first victory against them since we formed the Reserves in 2008. The victory was the perfect example of playing for the full 80 mins and the team showed great passion and enthusiasm and were rewarded with victory! After this game we had a short turn around and backed up against Featherstone on the Thursday night at home. Although we didn't win I was pleased with the point, the fact that we didn't play particularly well but managed to get

something out of the game, is testament to the belief and confidence we have created in the team.

With a free weekend last week, the lads are focusing now onto where we want to be at the end of the season, in preparation for the play-offs. This started yesterday with the visit to Whitebank by Whitehaven, they are just behind us in the league and will be doing everything they can to chase us down. However, we know that we can beat any team if we apply the correct fundamentals and play the way we know we can. I can't speak highly enough of the lads commitment and endeavor this season, however this will count for nothing if we don't focus on the next few games and achieve the goals we set at the beginning of the season!

A quick note of the scholarship team whom have won one and drawn one, which is a fantastic achievement for Phil and his boys! There are definitely some exciting prospects in the team and we will start to see them progressing through the pathway which is now in place.

All the best

Houghy.

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Thurs 10th	DEWSBURY RAMS (F) H W 36-12
Weds 23rd	HALIFAX (F) H W 28-10
2011 MARCH	
Thurs 3rd	KEIGHLEY COUG (F) A L 28-22
Sat 19th	WIDNES VIKINGS H L 40-50
Sat 26th	KEIGHLEY COUGARS H W 26-18
2011 APRIL	
Friday 1st	DEWSBURY RAMS A L 50-16
Thurs 7th	HALIFAX H W 30-26
Sat 16th	YORK CITY KNIGHTS H W 52-16
Sat 30th	FEATHERSTONE ROV. A W 32-28
2011 MAY	
Sun 22nd	LEIGH CENTURIONS A L 26-30
2011 JUNE	
Sat 4th	KEIGHLEY COUGARS A W 35-24
Fri 10th	HALIFAX A W 20-19
Sat 18th	SHEFFIELD EAGLES H W 62-20
Thurs 23rd	YORK CITY KNIGHTS A W 39-22
2011 JULY	
Sat 2nd	WIDNES VIKINGS A W 28-22
Thurs 7th	FEATHERSTONE ROV. H D 28-28
Sat 23rd	WHITEHAVEN H 2:30pm
Sat 30th	LEIGH CENTURIONS H 2:30pm
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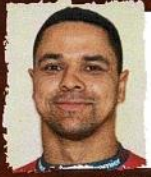
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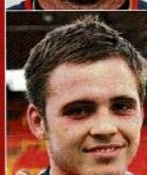
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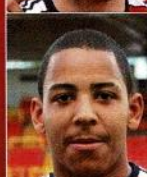
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FULL NAME: Valu Jack Bentley

D-O-B: 09/10/82

BIRTHPLACE: Auckland, NZ

AMATEUR CLUB(S): La-Reole, France

PREVIOUS PRO CLUBS: Villeneuve, France

PLAYING POSITION: Loose-forward

ALL-TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER: Andy Bentley (Dad), then ex-Kiwi Test star Tawere Nikau

FAVOURITE GROUND: Whitebank Stadium

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Aged 16, playing alongside my Dad at La-Reole and later playing in the same team as my brothers Andrew and Kane at Marseille

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE: To win promotion with Roughyeds

SIGNATURE

VALU BENTLEY





SPIE-CATCHER



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Roughyeds World

Calling all fans....anyone who wishes to have their photos included on the website under this new heading can email me, David Murgatroyd, and send me your holiday photos proudly showing off your Oldham shirts.

The Gallery can be found along with the match photos and general photos under the "CLUB" tab, on the main menu bar on the Roughyeds web site.

There are two roughyeds on there at the moment, some Geezer @ Giza, and 85 YO Former Oldham Player Arthur Tomlinson of Auckland in NZ

The rules are simple

You must be on holiday or a day trip out of Oldham and not on a match day and you must be wearing Roughyeds Leisure wear or a replica shirt

Either on a beach in Spain or climbing Mount Everest all are welcome, the more the merrier, and the more unusual place, better still.

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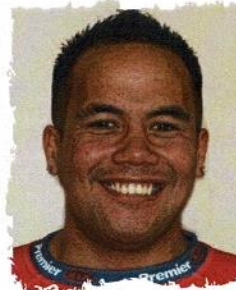
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Happy Snapping

Dave Murgy

Valu Bentley



AS a popular market trader, Valu Bentley is a familiar face not only here at the Whitebank Stadium -- his favourite rugby league ground --- but on markets

around the region and especially just down the road at Royton.

Lots of Roughyeds fans are among his Thursday customers at Royton while many other visitors to his 'home textiles' stall - that's bedding, towels, linen etc to you and me - are fully aware of his prowess on the rugby field even though they haven't seen him play.

"It's surprising," he once remarked, "how many people who come to the stall want to talk to me about playing for Roughyeds. I always tell them it's a great club and we've got the best fans in the business. I love playing for Oldham and one of the reasons is that the supporters are brilliant. In all my years playing rugby league I have never known such passionate fans as the Oldham fans. I love 'em!"

Now in his second season at the club, this 28-year-old fans' favourite, a native of Auckland, New Zealand, claimed to be the happiest man in town last autumn when he sealed a deal to extend his stay for another year.

He declared at the time: "It's all sorted . . . and I'm as happy as Larry. I'm chuffed to get it out of the way. I always wanted to re-sign -- it was just a matter of waiting to see who else was going to commit as well."

Due to a mid-season spell when he was out injured, he played in only 16 of the club's 28 cup and league games last season, but of those 16 games he finished a winner 13 times.

This year he has been a regular member of the 17 and he still harbours an ambition to see Roughyeds winning promotion to the Co-operative Championship under the guidance of his fellow Kiwi and head coach Tony Benson.

Said Valu: "I learned a lot from Tony in year one, but I still have a lot more to learn. By the end of last season he had got me playing the best

rugby I've ever played. Our rapport with the fans is special and it has gone better and better since we moved to Whitebank. When I was asked to name my favourite ground for purposes of this profile I had no hesitation in saying 'Whitebank.' Though born in New Zealand, Valu moved to France with his family at the age of ten and lived there until a couple of years ago when he settled near Leigh.

Not many people know this, but his father Andy had Oldham connections a long time ago when he came to this area on a European adventure and actually played amateur rugby for Fitton Hill. Together with some pals he moved on to France, had a successful trial with the La-Reole club and ended up settling in France. "Mum and Dad still live over there, and they love it," explained Valu, whose brothers Andrew (a loose-forward) and Kane (a hooker) both play Test and international rugby league for France, their adopted country. Another brother, 14-year-old Hamish, is a stand-off in French schoolboy rugby, while sister Jayne-Marie played loose-forward for the French national women's team against Great Britain only three weeks ago. The French, it seems, owe a lot to the Bentley family.

Back in Leigh, Valu and his wife Katie --- a student of midwifery at Salford --- have two sons, eight-year-old Tane who is following the family tradition by playing for Culcheth Eagles, and five-year-old Junior, who is into karate.

As a retailer, Valu knows all about giving value for money and that extends to the rugby field where he never gives less than 100 per cent effort and total commitment, which is why he is widely respected and admired by the Roughyeds faithful.

Tony B, the boss, has never doubted his qualities. Says Tony: "He has raw physical ability as well as skill, and his attitude is always first-class.

"He has a good understanding of the game and its finer points. And his ability to switch from front-row, taking us forward, to the back three, where he is called upon to be a ball player, makes him an extremely valuable member of the side.

"He's also a high-volume defender with a good engine which allows him to keep going for long periods.

"He is positive, upbeat and a good club man. He loves the fans at Oldham, and the support they give to the whole team, and he has bought into the Oldham club and what it is trying to achieve."

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Scholarship



A last-minute penalty goal by Craig Lawton earned our Extended Scholarship side a creditable 18-18 draw at Hunslet.

Loose-forward Lawton, a Widnes boy, took over the goalkicking duties when regular marksman Tom Shaw went off injured and his three goals from three attempts, including a fabulous conversion from the right-hand touchline, were key elements of Oldham's performance.

Prop Jordan Morris, replacement scrum-half Brett Greenwood and Lawton all caught the eye for Oldham, who were also well served by full-back Danny Peet.

Peet covered superbly to pull off two try-saving tackles on pacy wingers in the second half before being despatched to the sin-bin for holding down with six minutes left on the clock.

While he was off the field, Hunslet scored their third converted try to go 18-16 in front with only five minutes left, but never-say-die Oldham rallied superbly and levelled things up with ice-cool Lawton's last-gasp penalty from long range.

Roughyeds were penalised 14 times to Hunslet's five ---- a statistic which gave the Hawks a big advantage in terms of possession and field position -- but Costin's cubs scored tries by centres Nick Ryan and Chris Jarvis, while adding a third in the second half by winger Conal Bevan. On the end of a sweeping, crossfield move, Bevan looked certain to be pushed into

the corner flag, but he kept his balance and somehow touched down before he was bundled over the touchline.

COACH Phil Costin praised the pluck and mental toughness of his Roughyeds' under-18s side Having beaten Workington 40-0 in their first-ever game at Whitebank, Costin's cubs take an unbeaten record into their next challenge at Keighley Cougars on Monday, August 1 (8pm kick off).

"In some ways it was a frustrating evening for us, and I've certainly got a few more grey hairs," said Phil, "but we were down to one substitute in the last 25 minutes and I can't speak too highly about how the boys battled on.

"When we went 16-12 up midway through the second half we should have closed the game down, but it was a learning curve for us and it's as well to remember that this was only our second game together."

Roughyeds were severely disadvantaged by the loss of Shaw, a key pivotal player, who pulled a muscle in his side during the pre-match warm-up. He began the game, but had to leave the field midway through the first half, reappearing only briefly in a hard-fought second half. **Oldham scorers -- goals, Lawton (3); tries, Ryan, Jarvis, C Bevan. Team: Peet; C Bevan, Jarvis, Ryan, Eastup; Shaw, N Bevan; B Breheny, A Morris, J Morris, J Breheny, T Breheny, Lawton. subs (all used): White, Greenwood, Ball, Hulme.**



Back row (left to right): Gary Walkden (assistant), Jordan Morris, Grant Hudson, Adam White, Jack Breheny, Chris Jarvis, Craig Lawton, Ben Marchington, Tom Shaw, Conal Bevan, Ben Breheny, Tom Breheny, Ryan Scholes.
Front (left to right): Phil Costin (coach), Mark Eastup, Andrew Ball, Josh Hulme, Nick Ryan, Matt Speight, Aaron Morris, Danny Peet, Jake Evans, Nathan Bevan, Curtis Strong, Dave Whitehead (assistant). Absent: Brett Greenwood.

About Oldham

Callum Casey & Danny Bravo



ROUGHYEDS have given their Co-operative Championship One play-off ambitions a double tonic by extending the loan deal of Leeds Rhinos duo Callum Casey and Danny Bravo to the end of the season.

They came in June, initially for one month, and they have each figured in the Roughyeds' last three games - a 52-16 win at Gateshead, a 40-20 victory against Whitehaven at Whitebank and a 36-34

defeat by London Skolars at The Stoop.

Despite the setback in the capital, Roughyeds have scored 25 tries to their opponents' 13 in those three games, two of them away from home, and have picked up seven league points out of a maximum nine.

The original loan agreement for the two 21-year-olds would have run its course by the time Tony Benson's men take to the field against title-chasing Keighley Cougars at Whitebank today, but Oldham moved quickly last week to open talks with the Super League club about an extension.

"We are very grateful to Leeds for their assistance in this matter," said Oldham chairman Chris Hamilton. "We were keen to keep hold of Callum and Danny and they were more than happy to stay with us until the end of our season."

The extended deal includes a 48-hour recall clause but Roughyeds believe that any such move, while providing Leeds with a safety net, would be unlikely to happen unless the Rhinos ran into an injury crisis of critical proportions.

Added Chris: "The lads are keen to stay with us, and Leeds want them to carry on here as well so we feel there would have to be a real emergency at Headingley before they would look at the recall clause."

"We are naturally delighted to have acquired their services for the rest of the season because both of them have done very well so far."

"They still have plenty to learn, but they have shown that they are very capable of playing at Championship One level and are capable of contributing much to the team."

Callum, son of our former prop Leo and a product of Oldham St Anne's, has played off the bench in each of his three Roughyeds games so far, but he hadn't been on the pitch very long at The Stoop when he picked up a dead leg which forced his withdrawal.

Danny, who signed for Rhinos from Huddersfield amateur club, St Joseph's, has played second-row in each game, operating on the left.

Liam Gilchrist

PROP Liam Gilchrist was back in the Roughyeds camp this week after playing a key role for Great Britain Students in their record-breaking and undefeated three-match series against Australia in Queensland.

The 22-year-old former St Helens front-rower returned to training last Tuesday night to strengthen an engine room that has lost the services of Dave Ellison, Chris Clarke and Bruce Johnson through injury.

Liam's last game for Oldham was in the 18-16 defeat at Swinton seven weeks-ago, one of our best displays of the season. He hurt an ankle at The Willows and shortly afterwards, by prior arrangement with the club, he left for Australia with GB Students.

"I had the time of my life on tour," he said, "but I've come back fitter than when I went - no ankle problems now - and I can't wait to get to work for Oldham again at a time when the club is battling to get into the play-offs and then do well in them."

A fully-fit Gilchrist will provide coach Tony Benson with five props - the experienced trio of Jason Boults, Luke Sutton and Luke Stencheon plus back-up from two comparative rookies in Tom Wood-Hulme and the man who played in two of the three Students' Test matches against the Aussies.

The British boys won the series, dubbed the 'Academic Ashes', by drawing the first game 20-20, winning the second game 10-4, both in Brisbane, and then storming to a stunning 24-10 triumph in the third game in Cairns.

It was the first time GB Students had ever won an international in Australia, let alone return undefeated from a three-match series, and it was the first time they had lifted the trophy since they were successful in England 11 years ago.

Gilchrist, representing the University of Central Lancashire at Preston, where he studies fine art, was a starting prop in the first and third Tests, playing alongside two Oldham-born colleagues in stand-off and goalkicker Nigel Scott and hooker Jonny Horton, both of Leeds Met.

"We had 25 players in the party," he said, "and only one forward played in all three Tests. I thought I did pretty well to start in two of them. We felt we had the beating of the Aussies after the first game because our defence was fantastic thanks to the great job done by our defence coach, Clive Griffiths."

"We also had an advantage at half-back, where Nigel Scott's kicking game was crucial, and at hooker where Jonny Horton was awesome."

"I'll never forget the celebrations at the end of the third Test. We were shattered and for a few seconds there was an



eerie silence. Then all hell broke loose. Our coaches, backroom staff and non-playing squad members raced on to the pitch to congratulate us.

"There were hugs, back-slaps and handshakes and somebody went round emptying the ice buckets over the coaches. It was a fantastic feeling. Celebrations went on long into the night."

Richard Lewis, chairman of the RFL, offered congratulations on behalf of the sport's governing body in this country.

"Winning any Test series is a great achievement," he said, "but to beat the Aussies in Australia and to come home undefeated is terrific. I would like to congratulate all the players and management for providing such tremendous performances over the last few weeks."

ORSA

THE Oldham Roughyeds Supporters' Association (ORSA) celebrated its first birthday last Thursday night with an Anniversary Quiz Night in the club. Yes, its over a year now since Paul Whalley set out his plans to launch a supporters' organisation and while it is probably fair to say that progress has not exactly been meteoric, it has certainly been steady and consistent and sufficiently progressive to convince Paul that it will go from strength to strength.

There is certainly no more dedicated or enthusiastic fan than Paul and if anyone deserves to be backed and supported through an organisation of this kind it is he, so here is an appeal on his behalf for as many fans as possible to consider joining ORSA or, at the very least, to make contact with Paul to find out the nitty gritty or how YOU can help. You can ring him on 07796631192 or email him to: PW4856@aol.com

Alternatively, you will no doubt have the opportunity to speak to him either before or after today's game because, true to form and always keen to be proactive, ORSA is today holding a Giant Tombola in the club with the object of raising funds which will, in turn and subject to what the members decide, go towards

supporting the parent club --- the association's main objective.

Another major fund-raiser coming up soon will be the Sponsored Walk from Whitebank to Spotland ahead of the derby clash at Rochdale on Sunday, August 14. It starts at 10am from Whitebank with the objective of raising funds for both ORSA and Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

Application forms and sponsorship forms are now available so if you would like to take part, either as a walker or a volunteer support worker on the day, please contact Paul by either of the methods given above.

You might also be aware that ORSA is forging links with other organisations such as Higginshaw Community Club, Oldham Community Radio and, more recently, the Junction Inn at the bottom of Ripponden Road. Mark Corbett and Mike Nuttall at the Junction have joined ORSA and as many of you will already know they are keen to support Roughyeds in any way they can. They have started to lay on free transport to Whitebank from that side of town on match days (first team, reserves and scholarship) and in conjunction with ORSA they also plan to provide transport to away games, this at a competitive price. To find out more you can contact the Junction on 0161 633 2759, on 07814617541 or by email to: junctioninn@hotmail.co.uk

At a recent members' meeting ORSA agreed to support the following events: (1) a table top sale before a reserve game; (2) regular quiz nights; (3) today's Giant Tombola. It was also agreed to back the following through sponsorship: (1) First team supporters' player of the year; (2) Scholarship player of the year; (3) to purchase two Club Cash lottery memberships.

Members have agreed to switch the night for regular monthly meetings from Friday to Thursday so dates for the rest of the year (all meetings on Thursday nights at Whitebank starting at 8pm) are August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1.

Tony Fretwell

RL fanatic Tony Fretwell is currently on a sponsored walk from Hull to Widnes, calling in at all the rugby league grounds en route. He is due to drop in at Whitebank on Wednesday afternoon or early evening. He is raising money for four charities -- the RFL Benevolent Fund, the Mental Health Foundation, the National Autistic Society, and a high school in Sierra Leone to raise funds for a new toilet block. Go to: <http://www.charitygiving.co.uk/hulltowidneswalk>

2011 Fixtures



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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

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

March

CCC3	Sun 6th	HUNSLET WARR.	H W 28-16
CC1	Sun 13th	GATESHEAD	H W 66-12
CC1	Sun 20th	WORKINGTON	A L 31-12
CC1	Sun 27th	SWINTON	H L 24-68

April

CC1	Sun 3rd	KEIGHLEY	A L 40-14
CC1	Sun 17th	LONDON SKOLARS	H W 52-26
CC1	Fri 22nd	ROCHDALE	H W 38-6
CC1	Mon 25th	WHITEHAVEN	A L 40-24

May

CC1	Sun 1st	DONCASTER	H W 46-24
CCC4	Sun 8th	HULL FC	A L 82-0
CC1	Sun 15th	SOUTH WALES	A L 40-20
CC1	Fri 27th	SWINTON	A L 18-16

June

CC1	Sun 5th	DONCASTER	A L 30-0
CC1	Sun 12th	SOUTH WALES	H W 35-18
CC1	Sun 26th	GATESHEAD	A W 52-16

July

CC1	Sun 3rd	WHITEHAVEN	H W 40-20
CC1	Sat 9th	LONDON	A L 36-34
CC1	Sun 24th	KEIGHLEY	H 3:00pm
CC1	Sun 31st	WORKINGTON	H 3:00pm

August

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

September

CC1	Sun 4th	WORKINGTON	A 3:00pm
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October

Sun 2nd CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS DAY





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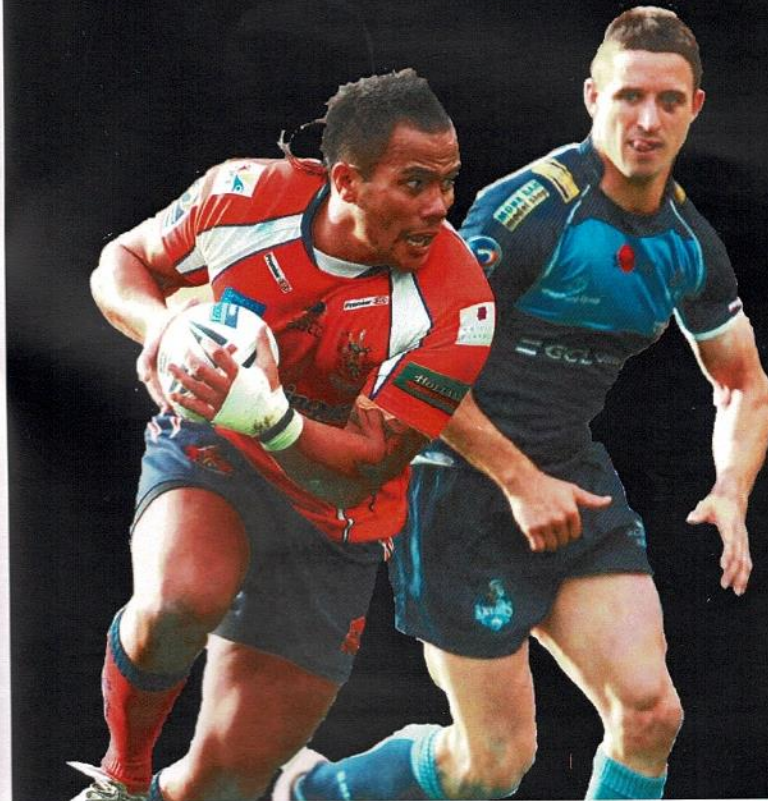
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