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BOARDROOM with Chris Hamilton

It's only the third game of the season today and yet already this is a crucial fixture.

That says a lot about the competitiveness of the division and I find it amazing that even after two games only ourselves and our opponents today, Barrow Raiders, are unbeaten - fantastic if you are a neutral but actually I'm not!

Barrow have had their fair share of problems off the pitch in the last few months and having got a new board in at the club will have, no doubt, identified this season as a spring board. They have a lot of players who were at the club previously, together with several key additions and will provide a very tough challenge this afternoon.

For our part we are looking forward to the match and the players have worked hard this week to hopefully get into a position where we can win the game.

With a quick turnaround after today for the Good Friday match at Rochdale the players are again showing a lot of commitment to the cause for which we are grateful. Several of them had to book time off work to make the trip to Cumbria on a Friday last week but they are determined to do well this season and have already made sacrifices on a regular basis to help the club and themselves achieve their goals this season.

We progressed through to the fourth round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup with a not too comfortable win against Egremont in our last fixture. We started poorly and that put us under a bit of pressure with nerves also playing their part in our performance on the night. We did get the win however, which was the main thing, and by today we will know who our opponents are in the next round.

Today also sees the club launch a brand new initiative with Action for Children which is a national children's charity who from today will run 10 of the 16 children's centres in the borough. Today is the first official part of a process which has been ongoing over the last few months and we are delighted to be playing our part in what is a very important service throughout the town.

The community side of the club has grown massively since the deal to secure Whitebank was finalised and today's launch is the latest of many different initiatives with which we are proud to be playing our part in the local community. Over the course of the next few weeks there will be other stories coming out, all of which are very positive, and aimed at making the club a vital part of Oldham life on and off the field.

As ever the support the team has had so far this season has been fantastic and today gives you the opportunity to again be the 18th man by raising the roof (if only we had one!) and getting behind the lads in what will be a big challenge. Please keep up the support and you can be assured we will be doing our best to give you something to shout about.

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Chris Hamilton
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COUNTY CAR AND VAN RENTAL IN ROUGHYEDS DEAL



COUNTY Car and Van Rental are revving up to fuel table-topping Oldham Rugby League Club's drive for promotion in a challenging 2012 season.

With a depot at the corner of Cross Street, County have joined the portfolio of Roughyeds' shirt sponsors in a new partnership with the club which offers supporters exclusive rental discounts.

Tony Beñson's men have accelerated away making a superb start, winning their first two games in Co-operative Championship One to take pole position from second-placed Barrow Raiders, who come to Whitebank today in what promises to be a mouth-watering clash of the unbeaten top two.

County's General Manager Rob Hardman said: "We are delighted to be associated with such a forward-thinking and competitive club as Oldham RLFC.

"With a fantastic selection of cars, vans, trucks and mini-buses we are pleased to offer exclusive discounts to Oldham RLFC supporters.

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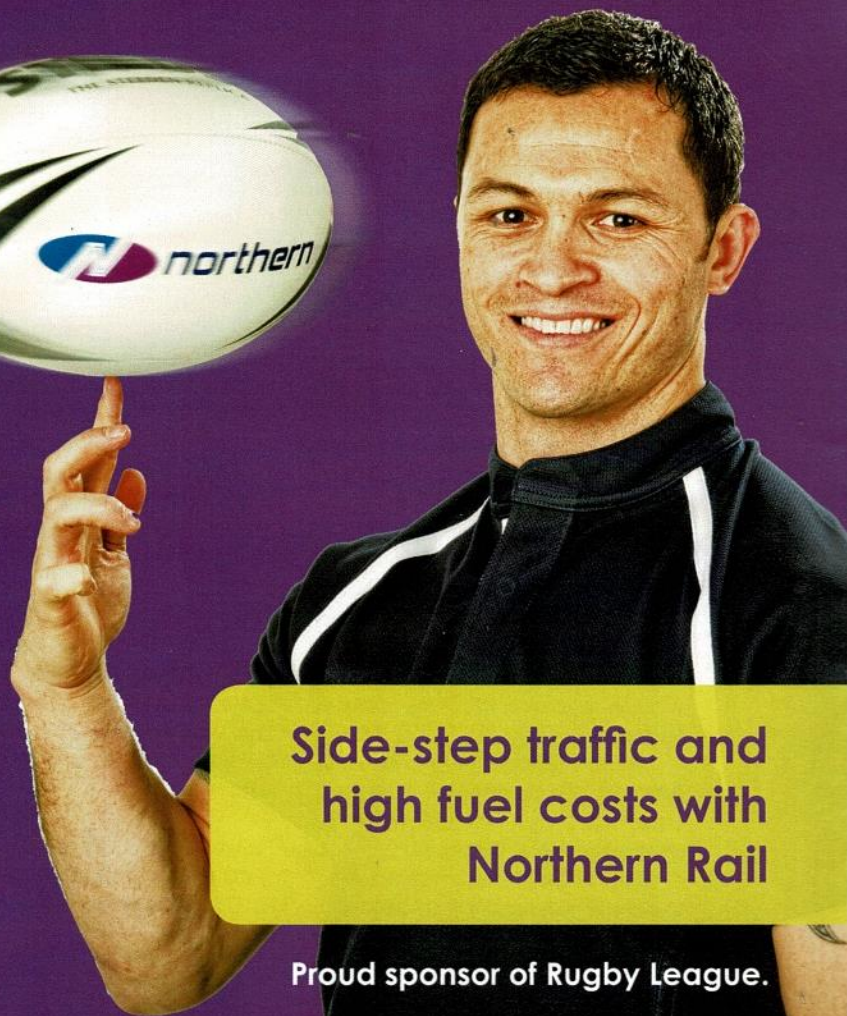
"We believe this partnership represents a winning combination for our customers and the club's fans alike - many of whom of course, are one and the same!"

Oldham RLFC chairman Chris Hamilton said: "We are very grateful indeed to get the support of County Car and Van Rental, particularly in the current economic climate.

"Things are tough in the commercial world right now, but County have come on board with us and we hope to reward them with a successful 2012 season in our quest to build long-term relationships."

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TALK from the dug out

I think the Challenge Cup is a wonderful competition, but to be honest I never enjoy the early rounds against the very difficult amateur opposition. I feel we are on a hiding to nothing in these games, where we have everything to lose and it's the reverse for the amateurs who have everything to gain and nothing to lose. Whether that's true or not they certainly play like it! Apart from the fact that the game is like a Grand Final to an amateur team it's really difficult for us because we don't have access to DVD's on their previous games, or any of the information on the individual players that we normally would have on a pro. team. We have to pretty much go in blind which provides a very uncomfortable situation for me and the players, as none of us want to bow out in the first round and lose the club any chance of a return from a Super League encounter.

Full credit to Egremont on Friday night, they certainly didn't disappoint and really took it to us in both attack and defence for the full 80 minutes. I have to admit part of me always knew we would come through it, but there is always that nagging thought that when a team

is playing with that much authority and enthusiasm it could all go horribly wrong. I must also credit our boys for sticking to the task and grinding out a win in very tough conditions. And so today we are back onto our Championship 1 mission. Barrow brings a different challenge in a mouth watering top of the table clash. They have looked good in their recent wins which means we need to turn up with our 'A' game in what is proving to be a very tight competition. We have had a good week's preparation and are looking forward to getting this game underway.

Enjoy the Day!



Tony Benson
Head Coach

Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	Diff	Bns	Pts
Oldham	2	2	0	0	64	28	36	0	6
Barrow	2	2	0	0	51	32	19	0	6
Workington	2	1	0	1	54	34	20	1	4
London Skolars	2	1	0	1	70	52	18	0	3
Doncaster	2	1	0	1	56	41	15	0	3
Rochdale	2	1	0	1	46	34	12	0	3
Whitehaven	2	1	0	1	46	58	-12	0	3
South Wales	2	1	0	1	42	70	-28	0	3
Gateshead	2	0	0	2	44	72	-28	1	1
North Wales Crusaders	2	0	0	2	40	92	-52	1	1

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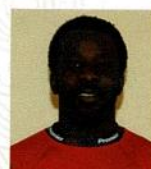
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Full Name: Mark Brocklehurst

DOB: 27-9-86

Place of birth: Oldham

Amateur Club(s): Waterhead

Previous clubs: Wigan, Swinton, Rochdale Hornets

Playing position: Anybody's guess

All time favourite player: Brad Fittler

Favourite ground: DW Stadium

Career Highlight: Winning the Granf Final with Wigan under 18's six years ago

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SENIOR LEADERS NAMED!

TONY Benson has named a panel of senior players to spearhead our promotion challenge.

They will form the team's brains trust --- a leadership group of five headed by captain Neil Roden and also including his cousin Martin Roden, who doubles up as player and assistant coach.

The other team leaders have played more than 200 Super League games between them. They are:

Paul Noone, 126 games for Warrington Wolves in the elite competition.

Paul Smith, 69 appearances at the highest level for Huddersfield Giants.

John Clough, 17 outings for Salford City Reds. Hooker Clough is youngest of the group at 27, while second-row forward Smith is the eldest at 34.

"They won't always be all in the team together," said Benson, "but together they will form the squad's voice on and off the field.

"They will be the leadership group in the dressing room --- senior men with authority on the field and special responsibilities off it.

"They will lead from the front during games, Noone on the right, Smith on the left, Clough and the Rodens up the middle.

"Off the field they will be expected to help and guide the younger boys.

"I encourage all my senior players to look after the younger, newer blokes but by specifically naming a leadership group it gives the whole thing a bit more recognition. "We have lots of young lads coming through and in these difficult days economically that's a path the club will continue to tread.

"We can't afford to go out and buy. We have

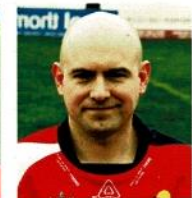
to invest in the Extended Scholarship scheme and an under-23s side in order to bring our own boys through.

"With so many youngsters around the place it's important we have a leadership group of senior players and I am sure it will work well during a very important season."

The first-team squad includes 14 players who are aged 23 or under --- Jamie Dallimore, Danny Langtree, Dave Cookson, Shaun Robinson, Alex Thompson, Matthew Fogarty, Danny Whitmore, Liam Gilchrist, Chris Clarke, Michael Ward, Chris Murphy, Jack Reid, Tom Rigby and new-boy Matty Syron.



Martin Roden



Neil Roden



Paul Noone



Paul Smith



John Clough



WITH THE RESERVES by Paul Ashton

JAMIE Knight has taken over as my assistant coach and right-hand man and I am delighted to welcome him on board and to wish him every success as he sets out on a new pathway in the sport he loves.

Phil Costin, coach of our Extended Scholarship squad, was going to combine that job by helping me with the Reserves, but he discovered that to do both and to run his own electrical company as well was too time consuming and just not practical.

I wish Phil every success with his Scholarship lads, whose season starts soon. We had a very satisfying 38-10 win at Keighley which was a big improvement

on the Sheffield game. We had clearly benefited from having got a game under our belts and that made all the difference. It certainly helped the new players in the forwards to set a platform from which the half-backs asked all the right questions of an overworked Keighley defence.

We faced a tough test at Featherstone last Friday night and our next game here at Whitebank is against York City Knights next Thursday, April 5 (8pm kick off). If you need transport from the Derker /Waterhead/ Moorside end of town The Junction will be putting on a free bus, but let them know in good time if you intend to use it.



RESERVES' CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

March	Thursday 8th	Sheffield Eagles	H	L 38-14
	Saturday 17th	Keighley Cougars	A	W 10- 38
	Saturday 30th	Featherstone Rovers	A	8pm
April	Thursday 5th	York City Knights	H	8pm
	Thursday 19th	Sheffield Eagles	H	8pm
May	Thursday 3rd	Halifax	A	7:45pm
	Thursday 10th	Keighley	H	7:45pm
	Thursday 17th	York City Knights	A	8.00pm
	Friday 25th	Featherstone Rovers	A	2.30pm
June	Saturday 9th	Halifax	H	7.45pm
	Thursday 14th	York City Knights	A	8.00pm
	Saturday 21st	Keighley Cougars	A	2.30pm



ACTION for children

THE Oldham club is delighted to announce a new partnership with Action for Children, a national charity which, following a successful tender process, now runs ten children's centres in the borough for the local authority.

A party of more than 100 children, parents, carers and staff will be here today to watch the Barrow game at which our new link-up with Action for Children will be officially launched.

Mark Connolly, Action for Children Group Manager, said: "Our group will hopefully cheer the Roughyeds to victory. And looking to the future, I know I speak for the whole Action for Children

team in Oldham when I say we're looking forward to working together on some innovative schemes for promoting healthy lifestyles."

Our club chairman Chis Hamilton said: "This is an extension of the progress we have been able to make since getting our own ground.

"Our relationship with Action for Children has developed over a number of months and we are looking forward to working with the centres in Oldham to encourage as many Dads and male carers as possible to become more involved with the centres and with ourselves as a club."



DUKE OF EDINBURGH scheme

THE club is backing a new Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme which has been launched in Limehurst Village by the area's police community support officer Sam Kent-Brown.

As part of our work in the community, we will give Sam as much help as we can as she strives to recruit young people in Hollinwood, Failsforth and Limehurst Village.

When the scheme was officially launched at Farm Road Youth Club, Roughyeds chairman Chris Hamilton was there to represent the club and to offer its support.

Said Sam: "It's great to have Oldham RL Club on board because they will help in various ways. They will assist on fund-raising; on the physical fitness of our participants; and by allowing us to use Whitebank's facilities if we need to stage an event there."

Mr Hamilton said: "We are delighted to support her as part of our plan to be usefully involved in many of the community events in Limehurst Village and the surrounding areas."

Anyone seeking more information can speak to Sam at Failsforth Police Station on 856 8914.



SPORT RELIEF Sponsored Walk

CHILDREN from Broadfield Primary School, Hathershaw raised £100 for Sport Relief on a sponsored walk from school to Whitebank where they were welcomed by our chairman Chris Hamilton before watching Roughyeds beat Gateshead Thunder 40-14. It was the first time most of them had watched rugby league. Said Elaine Jolley, a learning mentor: "The children loved it. They

were vocal in support of the team and they went on a lap of honour at half-time. I've told them we'll try to arrange another visit later in the season."





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DIVINE intervention

WHITEBANK hosted a meeting of rugby league chaplains, headed by Richard Gamble, chief executive of Sports Chaplaincy UK and chaplain of Leicester City FC.

Thirteen chaplains, including our own Rev. Tony Ford, met at the invitation of our chairman Chris Hamilton, who talked about the club, the ground and its "trials and tribulations."

Also present was Manchester United chaplain John Boyers, who set up the national sports chaplaincy 20 years ago, then known as Score. Said Chris: "We were delighted to invite the chaplains to Whitebank . . . Tony wanted his Super League colleagues to see how the other

half lived!

"It also gave me an opportunity to talk about the club and to underline the importance of the role Tony plays here as part of his chaplaincy."

A lifelong Oldham fan, Tony was at Christ Church, Chadderton before moving to St Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale a year ago.

He said: "It was an excellent meeting and I was able to tell my colleagues from other clubs how much I am made to feel part of the backroom team at Whitebank."

"For that I have to thank Chris, head coach Tony Benson and the other coaches, who go out of their way to welcome me as one of the lads."

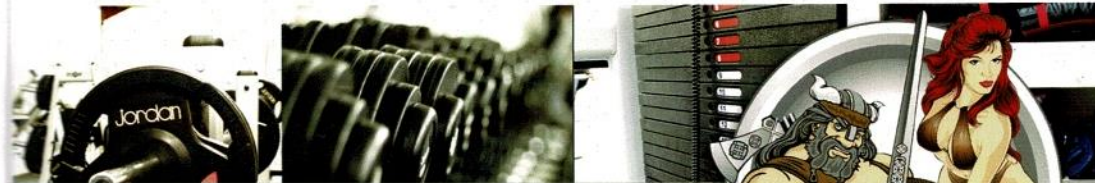


BARROW AGAIN in two weeks!

BARROW Raiders, today's visitors, will be at Whitebank again in a fortnight when they again travel down the M6 for the fourth round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup. Full cup-tie details will be published on our website and in the local press, but at this early stage ---- only an hour or two after the draw was made in Wigan on Monday night --- it's

probably reasonable to assume that it will be held two weeks today (Sunday), April 15 with a 3pm kick off.

Said Roughyeds chairman Chris Hamilton: "We'll certainly know a lot more about each other after today's top-of-the-table league game. The cup draw has certainly added a bit more spice to today's encounter."



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	NRC	Sunday 19th	South Wales	A	D 36-36
	NRC	Sunday 26th	Dewsbury	H	L 28 - 30
MARCH	NRC	Sunday 4th	Keighley	A	L 26 - 12
	CC1	Sunday 11th	Workington	A	W 14 - 24
	CC1	Sunday 18th	Gateshead	H	W 40 - 14
	CC1	Friday 23rd	Egremont	A	W 14 - 22
APRIL	CC1	Sunday 1st	Barrow	H	3:00pm
	CC1	Friday 6th	Rochdale	A	TBC
	CC1	Sunday 15th	Barrow	H	
	CC1	Sunday 22nd	London	A	3:00pm
		Sunday 29th	<i>Carnegie Challenge Cup Round 5</i>		
MAY	CC1	Sunday 6th	NW Crusaders	H	3:00pm
	CC1	Sunday 13th	Doncaster	A	3:00pm
		Sunday 20th	Whitehaven	H	3:00pm
		Sunday 27th	South Wales	A	3:00pm
JUNE		Sunday 3rd	<i>Euro Weekend</i>		
	CC1	Sunday 10th	NW Crusaders	A	2:30pm
		Sunday 17th	<i>Northern Rail Cup Quarter Final</i>		
	CC1	Sunday 24th	Rochdale	H	3:00pm
JULY	CC1	Sunday 1st	Whitehaven	A	3:00pm
		Sunday 8th	<i>Northern Rail Cup Semi-Final</i>		
	CC1	Sunday 15th	London	H	3:00pm
	CC1	Sunday 22nd	South Wales	H	3:00pm
		Sunday 29th	<i>Northern Rail Cup Final</i>		
AUGUST	CC1	Sunday 5th	Barrow	A	3:00pm
	CC1	Sunday 12th	Doncaster	H	3:00pm
	CC1	Sunday 19th	Workington	H	3:00pm
		Saturday 26th	<i>Carnegie Challenge Cup Final</i>		
SEPTEMBER	CC1	Sunday 2nd	Gateshead	A	3:00pm
		Sunday 9th	<i>Co-Operative Championships Play Off Games</i>		
		Sunday 16th	<i>Co-Operative Championships Play Off Games</i>		
		Sunday 23rd	<i>Co-Operative Championships Play Off Games</i>		
		Sunday 30th	<i>Co-operative Championships Grand Final</i>		
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