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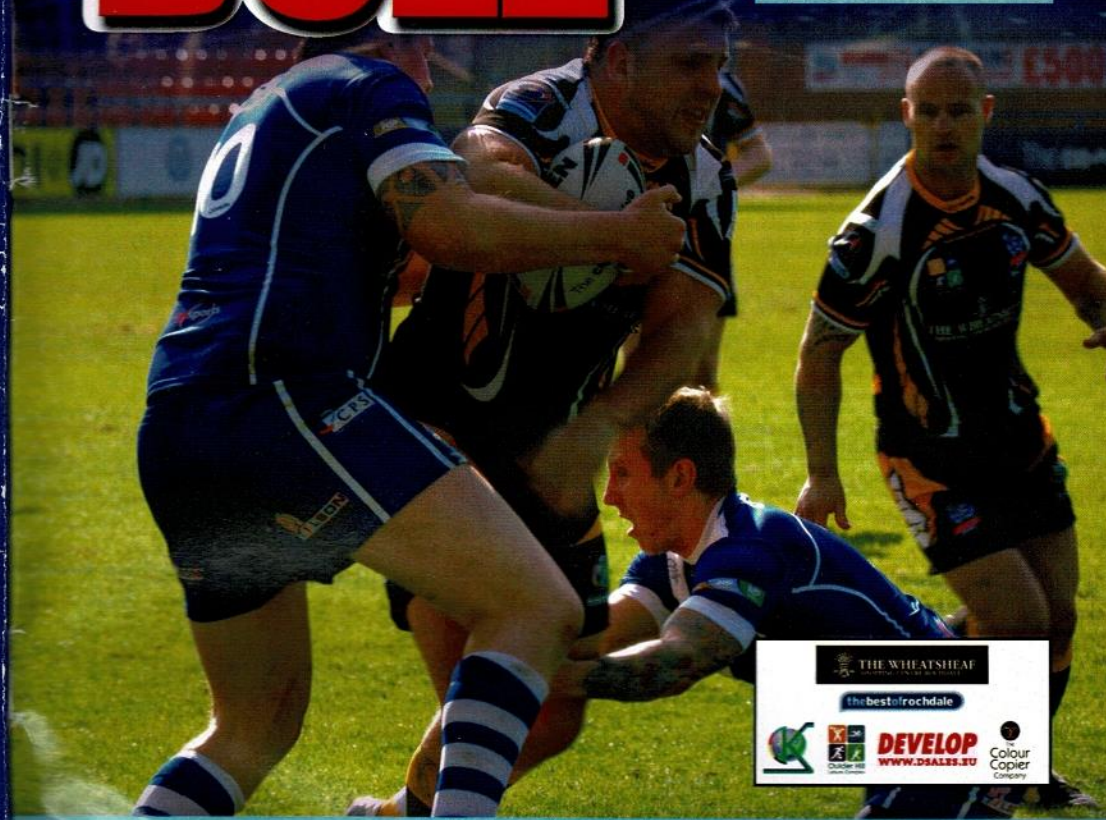
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STANKY SPEAKS



Those that made the journey to North Wales this past weekend would have witnessed some great attacking flair, and some excellent tries, but the performance wasn't only about attack. I felt, certainly during the first half, that our defence was excellent overall and gave us the confidence to really take the game to the Crusaders on their own turf.

Its worth remembering that only a week before hosting ourselves, Crusaders knocked Toulouse out of the Challenge Cup and despite a slip up away in the capital, they had been in pole position to beat Barrow, before narrowly losing by two points. Fair to say then, that the Welsh lads are no mugs, and we prepared extensively to handle the threats of Jono Smith, Danny Hulme, and Leon Brennan.

The preparation certainly paid dividends, and I felt for the majority of the game we were well on top, despite a slow start and a lethargic finish.

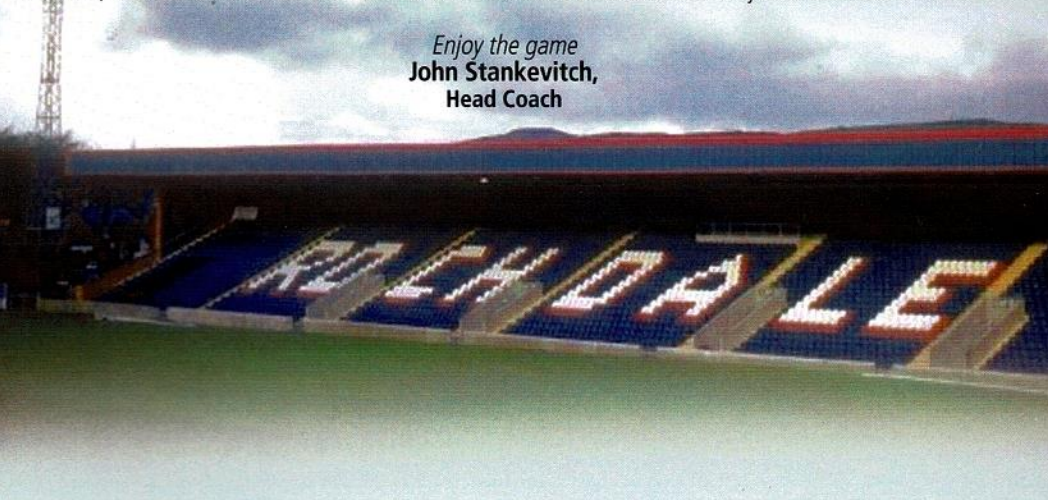
That preparation has certainly been cranked up a notch as we look to play against Oldham in our home derby fixture for 2012, in what will likely be a very competitive encounter. Oldham will come to Spotland full of confidence and will certainly fancy their chances after beating Barrow last weekend, but we have different ideas and will be looking to play to a very physical game plan in the forwards to allow our backs to take advantage of their skill and pace.

We know all about their threats, having viewed numerous videos over the past few weeks, and we are fully aware that in order to win the game, we must nullify the half back threat from Roden, Dallimore and Mansfield. A back strain meant that Neil Roden missed last weeks game against Barrow so I'm sure he will be looking to get back into the mix today and lead his troupes around the field.

We have to make sure that doesn't happen if we are to win the game, and we have planned accordingly to make sure that Oldham's half backs are 'busy'.

In good news, I expect to pick from the 17 that played in Wales last weekend, with Danny Davies, Tony Stewart, Ste Lucas, Dean Gorton and Paul Crook all there or thereabouts when it comes to my final team selection.

Enjoy the game
John Stankevitch,
Head Coach



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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS



Welcome to today's opponents, local rivals Oldham. Local derbies between ourselves and Oldham are always exciting affairs, and we hope today's match provides more of the same action. Oldham find themselves top of Championship One with 3 wins out of 3, and we are hoping to upset the appiecart this afternoon.

Our adventure in the Carnegie Challenge Cup continues with a trip to Leigh next weekend, details of the date and time will be released as soon as we have them. Even though we will be facing Championship opposition, we look forward to what should be a close fought encounter.

Off the field, we are pleased to be hosting the World Cup fixture Fiji v Ireland in October/November 2013. A team from Rochdale Hornets, Link4Life and Rochdale Council worked extremely hard to bring a game to Spotland Stadium, so we are all pleased our hard work has paid off, although some might say the work starts here!

We are looking for supporters to help promote the World Cup in Rochdale, by joining the Fans Local Advisory Group (FLAG). FLAG will meet regularly with tournament organisers to share and discuss their views. If you are interested in shaping the 2013 Rugby League World Cup then email media@rochdale.gov.uk in no more than 200 words what the Rugby League World Cup means to you and why you would like to be involved.

Back to today, we all know how important a top 4 finish is this season, so get behind the boys this afternoon to help us make our way up the table.

Enjoy the game.
Mark Wynn



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Chief Executive Louise Spencer said, "We are delighted that the Wheatsheaf Centre is sponsoring us again this season especially joining today as match sponsors. In return we are supporting a number of their own internal initiatives such as the Easter egg hunt on Easter Saturday and the fashion show on Saturday 14th April."

Today's game will be an enjoyable occasion and Hornets will not be taking their opponents lightly, so to all guests of Martin and the Wheatsheaf Centre, sit back and enjoy the day!



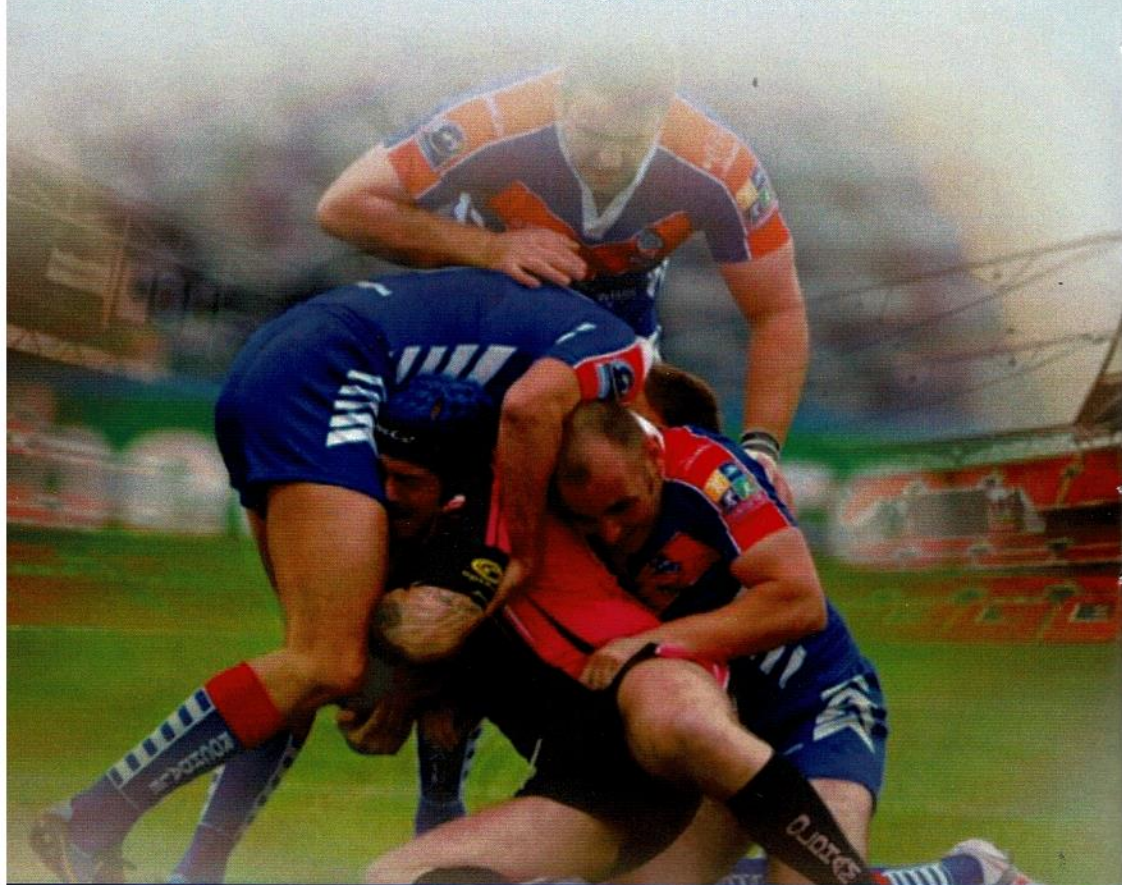
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Chief Executive Louise Spencer said "We are delighted to welcome John Geldard and his guests to Spotland Stadium again. Last season Jon was a sponsor at one of the games and we are very pleased that he has chosen to join us again for the Oldham Game."



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Extra draw	£1000	4:21:39:46	Bernard Fish

Week 36 winners were:-

Monday-	£100	J4338	J. Adamson
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Wednesday-	£100	M0350	Susan Pickles
Thursday-	£100	L9863	B. Fisher
Friday-	£100	N8298	Mike Floyd
Extra draw	£200	20:36:42:44	No winner this week, £400 next week!

Venues for the forthcoming weeks are:

Friday 13th April – Mark Twain, Whitworth Road, Rochdale

Friday 20th April – Tile Giant, Oldham Road, Rochdale



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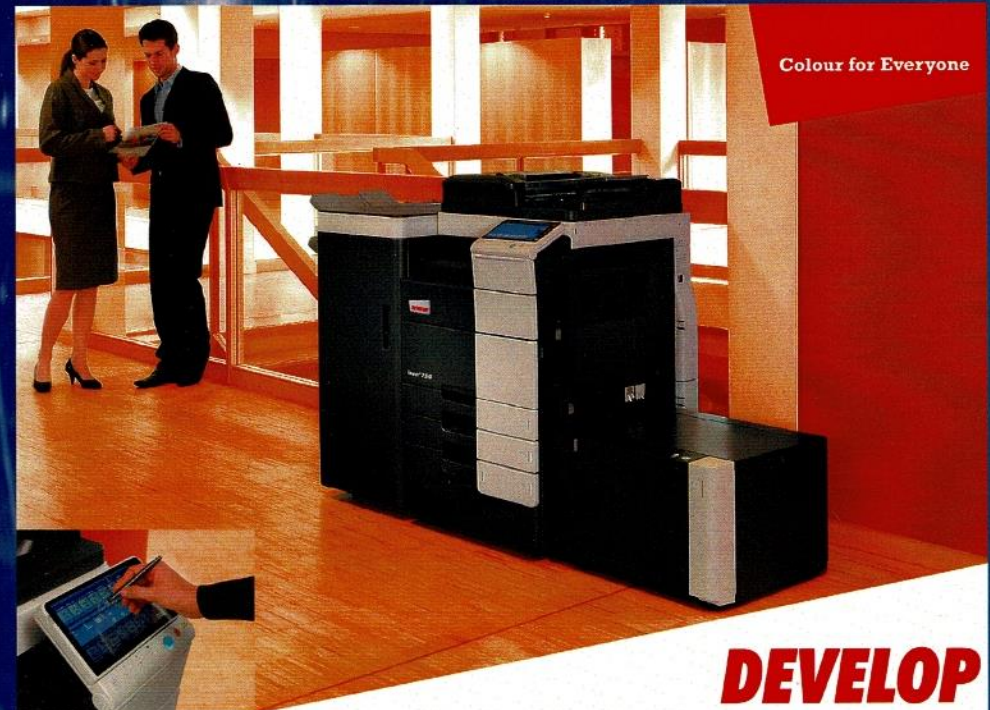


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Jonathan said, "I remember watching Hornets at the old Athletic Grounds and am proud to embark on a first venture into Rugby League sponsorship in this partnership with Rochdale Hornets, I wish the team and the club all the best for the coming season".



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RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP FIXTURES

The Rugby League World Cup 2013 today announced the group games and quarter final matches for the tournament. The tournament will kick off at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff with a double header as Wales play Italy in the curtain raiser for England v Australia. But all eyes in the first round of games will be on Rochdale as Hornets will host Fiji v Ireland. Indeed, it's already capturing the media's attention.



Today's Guardian Sport said of the game at Spotland: "That may sound an unlikely and uninspiring location but it actually makes a fair bit of sense, as Rochdale has had a thriving Fijian community since a number of trailblazers came to play for the town's rugby league club in the early 1960s."

FijiBati.com, official website of the Fiji National Rugby League says: "There has been a long history of Fijian players making their mark in rugby league, most notably back in the 1960s when great players such as Joe Levula and Laitia Ravouvou joined Rochdale Hornets and became household names in the English competition."

Certainly, Rochdale will feel like Suva for a day as the town's RL fans become temporary Fijians and celebrate the massive contribution that Fiji has made to the town's sporting culture.

The first round in full is: Group A (three to qualify)

England v Australia – Millennium Stadium, Cardiff*;

Fiji v Ireland – Spotland Stadium, Rochdale;

England v Ireland – the Galpharm Stadium, Huddersfield;

Australia v Fiji – Langtree Park, St Helens;

England v Fiji – KC Stadium, Hull;

Australia v Ireland – Thomond Park Stadium, Limerick.

With special thanks to Jim Stringer and his Blog 'These Lads Can Run For 80 Mins'
Website: www.theseladscanrunfor80mins.blogspot.co.uk



2012 FIXTURES

LEAGUE TABLE

2012 FIXTURES				
Date	Competition	Opponent	Home/Away	Kick Off/Result (Home team first)
February				
19 th	Northern Rail Cup	Halifax	Away	38 - 6
26 th	NORTHERN RAIL CUP	KEIGHLEY COUGARS	HOME	16 - 40
March				
4 th	Northern Rail Cup	Dewsbury Rams	Away	32 - 10
11 th	CHAMPIONSHIP ONE	LONDON SKOLARS	HOME	36 - 4
18 th	Championship One	Whitehaven	Away	30 - 10
25 th	CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP	EAST HULL ARLFC	HOME	48-20
April				
1 st	Championship One	North Wales Crusaders	Away	18-54
6 th	CHAMPIONSHIP ONE	OLDHAM	HOME	1PM
22 nd	Championship One	Barrow	Away	3pm
May				
6 th	Championship One	Doncaster	Away	3pm
13 th	CHAMPIONSHIP ONE	GATESHEAD THUNDER	HOME	3PM
20 th	Championship One	South Wales	Away	3pm
June				
3 rd	CHAMPIONSHIP ONE	WORKINGTON	HOME	3PM
24 th	Championship One	Oldham	Away	3pm
July				
1 st	Championship One	Gateshead Thunder	Away	3pm
22 nd	CHAMPIONSHIP ONE	NORTH WALES CRUSADERS	HOME	3PM
29 th	CHAMPIONSHIP ONE	WHITEHAVEN	HOME	TBC
August				
5 th	Championship One	London Skolars	Away	3pm
12 th	CHAMPIONSHIP ONE	SOUTH WALES SCORPIONS	HOME	3PM
19 th	CHAMPIONSHIP ONE	BARROW	HOME	3PM
26 th	CHAMPIONSHIP ONE	DONCASTER	HOME	TBC
September				
2 nd	Championship One	Workington	Away	3pm
TBC	NORTHERN RAIL CUP	SOUTH WALES SCORPIONS	HOME	TBC

These fixtures are subject to change.

This weekend's fixtures:

Friday 6th April 2012

Barrow Raiders v Gateshead Thunder 3pm; Doncaster RLFC v London Skolars 3pm; Whitehaven RLFC v Workington Town 3pm

Monday 9th April 2012

North Wales Crusaders v South Wales Scorpions 5pm (live on Premier Sports)

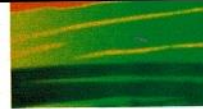
Co-Operative Championship One Table (correct as of 02/04/2012)

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1	Oldham	3	3	0	0	96	54	42	9
2	Workington Town	3	2	0	1	81	54	27	7
3	Barrow	3	2	0	1	77	64	13	7
4	Doncaster	3	2	0	1	102	53	49	6
5	ROCHDALE HORNETS	3	2	0	1	100	52	48	6
6	Whitehaven	3	2	0	1	76	76	0	6
7	London Skolars	3	1	0	2	90	79	11	4
8	South Wales Scorpions	3	1	0	2	54	116	-62	3
9	Gateshead Thunder	3	0	0	3	62	102	-40	2
10	North Wales Crusaders	3	0	0	3	58	146	-88	1





YEARSLEY GROUP



The Rochdale Hornets Community Team this week teamed up with volunteers from the Yearsley Group, to coach a group of young people aged between the ages of 14 and 19.

7 boys from across Rochdale attended coaching workshops held throughout the week. Here the boys, many of whom had little previous experience of rugby league, were introduced to the skills and laws of the game. The week's syllabus included passing, handling, tackling, decision making, and kicking before they moved onto more advanced skills such as hit and spin and support play.



Each participant was provided with numerous opportunities to then pass on the knowledge they had gained to the Yearsley Group staff as well as coach each other in their endeavour to achieve their Rugby League Leaders Award.

Every attendee will be invited onto the pitch at half time to receive their certificate.

Today we will also have three teams competing for the Spotland Curtain Raiser Cup prior to the game.

Ashton Bears, Milnrow Cobras and Mayfield Mustangs under 9s will be taking part in a round robin festival. All the children are really excited to be a part of today's events and are looking forward to performing in front of the Hornets' crowd.

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