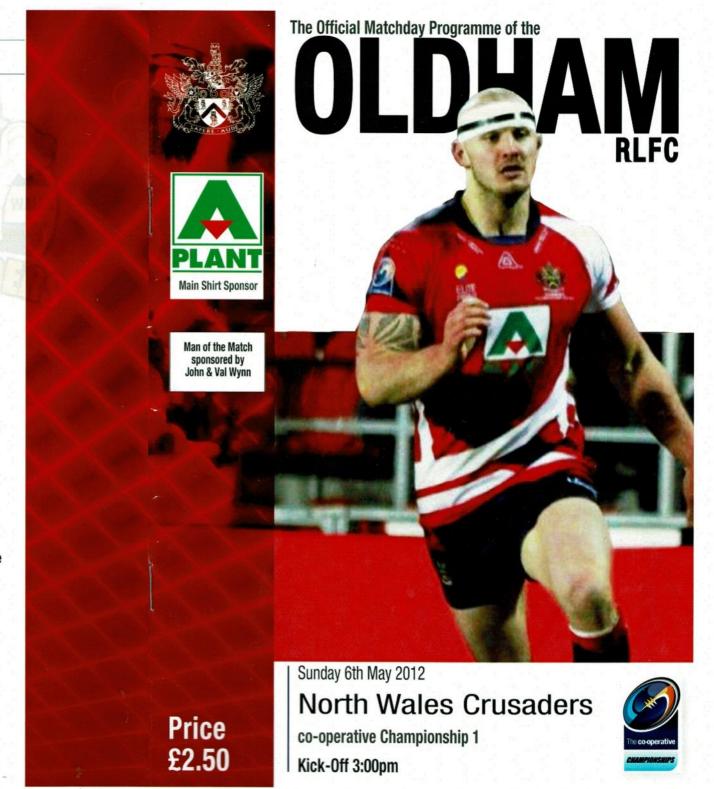


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BOARDROOM with Chris Hamilton

Welcome back to Whitebank after what was a thoroughly enjoyable experience at Langtree Park last week. That may sound like a daft remark when your side has had a raft of points scored against them but in reality it was always a very difficult task against one of the top teams in the country and anybody who witnessed it will know that the team showed a great deal of desire and effort and kept going right to the very end which I know impressed a lot of people at St Helens. I was speaking to Jon Wilkin before the match and we have known each other since he first started out at Hull KR and he was only too aware of the challenges that face the game outside of Super League and appreciated how lucky he was to be in a situation where he is a full time player with all that brings. Although he missed out, as he was injured, he knew our lads would have a great night. If you ask any of the lads who played last week they will all tell you they really enjoyed the opportunity to pit their skills against some of the biggest names in the sport and we must make sure that we harness the positives from that experience as we now concentrate on the league. Today's challenge in that respect is a new team, North Wales Crusaders, and we welcome them for the first time. They have had mixed fortunes since the new club was formed and we have firsthand experience of how hard it is to establish yourself as we obviously did it 15 years ago. They have had a limited period of time in which to get themselves up and running and

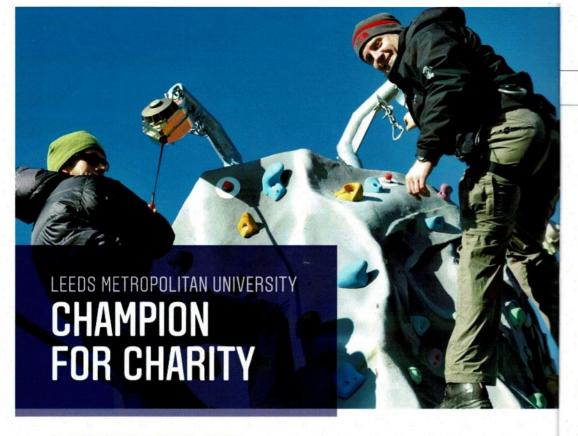
I feel sure that every week will be a learning curve for them as they experience different things each day. It is slightly bizarre that, this season, after Rochdale, North Wales is the next nearest team to us! That in itself shows one of the challenges facing the team this year with all the travelling. We need to get back into winning mode as soon as we can but we are far too long in the tooth to ever take anything for granted and we know for sure that if we are not switched on today we will not win the match.

Going back to the Saints match we had fantastic support and there were definitely people there who had not been to watch the team for a long time. The noise you made was excellent as ever and everybody at the club thanks you for that. We are hoping to continue that positive feeling today and hope to see many more people back watching Oldham on a regular basis.

Please keep up that noise today as we try to get another vital three points and enjoy the game.



Chris Hamilton Chairman



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OLDHAM COMMUNITY LEISURE Has 2 New Members!

CHRIS Hamilton, our club chairman, and Tariq Rafiq, director of Oldham Race Equality Partnership, have accepted invitations to join the board of Oldham Community Leisure.

"These are exciting times for OCL and we have been strengthened by the addition of two quality new board members," said Stuart Lockwood, chief executive of OCL.

He added: "Oldham Council have shown their commitment to leisure by investing in two brand-new facilities which will improve participation levels in sport and exercise and so improve the health of the community.

"I asked Chris if he would be interested in joining us because OCL have had associations with Oldham RLFC in the past and we are both in the business of dealing with sport for the people of Oldham." Anyone with an OCL card is now entitled to 50 per cent off the cost of admission to the Roughyeds' home games at Whitebank on production of their card at the ticket kiosk situated near the turnstiles on match day.

It means OCL members can gain admission for £6 (adults), £5 (concessions) and £2 (under-16s). Chris added, "Since the club was established in its own home at Whitebank we have massively expanded our work in the community and we see this as another major step in that direction.

"I am proud of the town and its people and from a personal point of view I see this an an opportunity for me to put some of that passion for the borough into a very worthwhile operation.

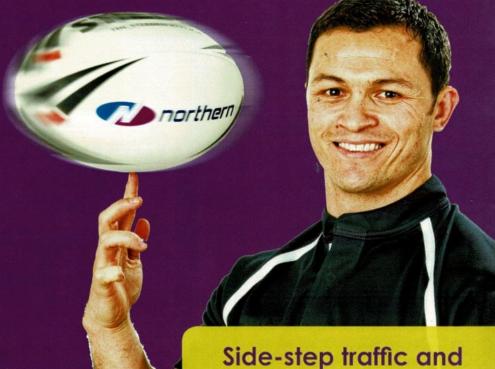
"It was a source of pride to be asked to join the OCL board and I will give it 100 per cent because I don't know any other way.

"It is a particularly exciting and challenging time for OCL because the contract for running and maintaining leisure services in the borough will be up for renewal later in the year."



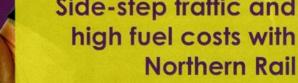


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What a fantastic event the game against Saints was on Friday night. I understand and fully support the decision to give up home advantage and play at Langtree Park and the decision was proven right not only from a financial view, but also because it provided a fantastic experience for the players and fans, giving us a true taste of being a super league club for a night. I was so proud of us on Friday night. Not just the fantastic effort put in by the 17 players on the pitch, but the club as a whole. Everything was so well organised and supported, the East Lancs was thick with Oldham support. Six coach loads and plenty of independents who got right behind us vocally all night, with a sell-out in the corporate area. I hope most of you who went to Langtree are reading this in the programme today and will be impressed enough to continue to support us through these very important times. When you delve further into the game itself it gave all Oldhamers 17 reasons to be brimming with pride. I-felt my players gave their all for 80 minutes and produced some good stuff. There were periods where our kids

actually dominated a team full of internationals for consecutive sets with a control well above their years which was backed by a superior kick chase. It was very difficult to maintain this against such a high quality opposition but I'm really encouraged by the long periods we successfully achieved this. We mustn't forget that 8 of the 17 players who were on the pitch have come through our reserve grade... something must be going right at the club. Hats off Mr Hamilton, you've never taken the easy road. When other clubs ditched their reserves to buy a first team you had the foresight to not only keep our reserves going but you also controversially introduced our Scholarship Team for the 18's competition.



Enjoy the day!

Tony Benson Head Coach

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PD	В	Pts
1	Doncaster	6	5	0	1	238	97	141	0	15
2	Workington	5	4	0	1	169	66	103	1	13
3	Barrow	5	4	0	1	161	94	67	1	13
4	Oldham	5	3	1	1	126	92	34	1	12
5	Whitehaven	5	3	0	2	122	106	16	0	9
6	Rochdale	6	3	0	3	142	144	-2	0	9
7	London Skolars	5	1	1	3	126	157	-31	1	6
8	South Wales	5	1	0	4	76	184	-108	1	4
9	N. Wales Crusaders	5	1	0	4	92	226	-134	1	4
10	Gateshead	5	0	0	5	96	182	-86	2	2

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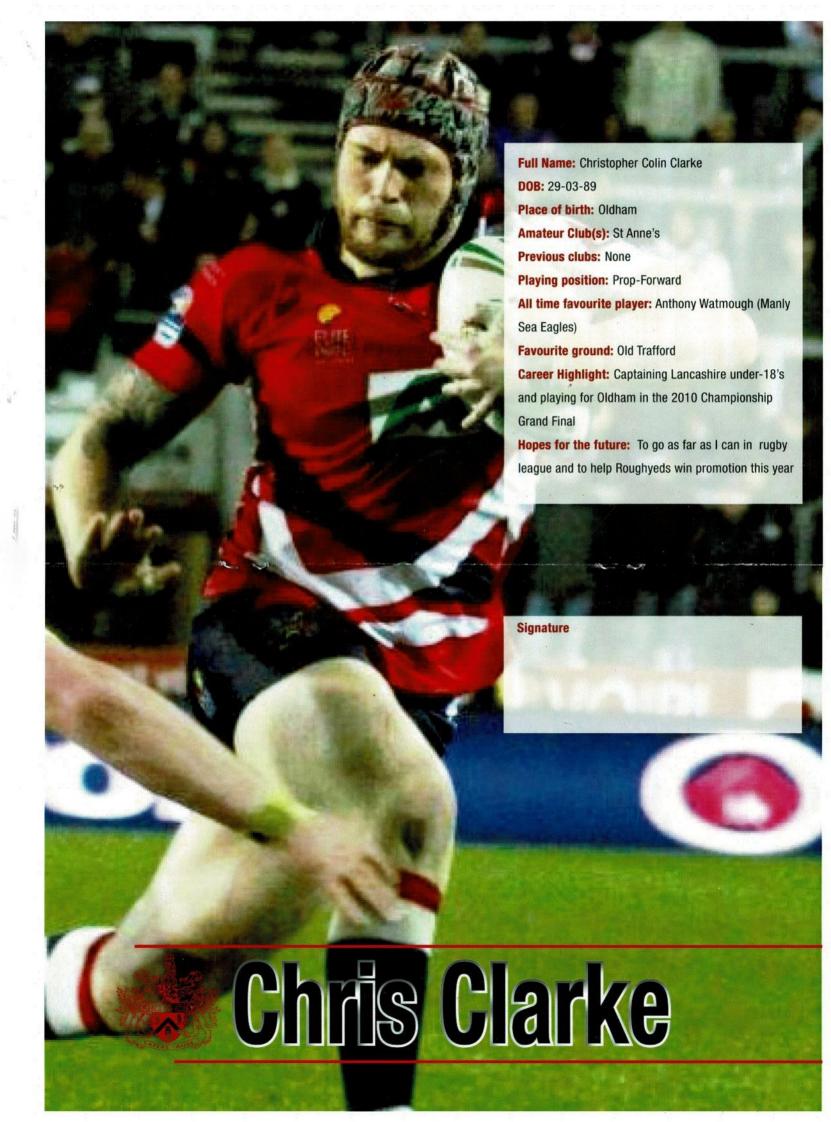


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STAR ATTRACTION At Rugby Festival

OLDHAM Rugby League players John Clough and Lucas Onyango were the star attraction at a Rugby Festival for the disabled in Eccles.

Organised by Val Wakefield, her 17-year-old son Josh, who plays for Roughyeds' under-18s, and PE teacher Graham Lunt, the festival involved 130 young people, aged from seven to 20.

Said Val, a teaching assistant who has worked with special needs children for 12 years: "Many people think rugby is just for big men with big muscles, but the festival promotes it for what it is --- an inclusive sport for everyone.

"Chris Hamilton (chairman) and the Roughyeds were extremely supportive and the two players who came along, John and Lucas, were brilliant. They fully engaged the students they were working with and they were a credit to the Oldham club.

"They spent a few hours with us and they've certainly made some new friends, and new

fans

"Many of those who attended were special needs children with a wide range of disabilities and they loved the way in which John and Lucas talked to them about rugby and involved them in little skill drills."

A wheelchair rugby team from Bury, coaches from the Bradford Bulls wheelchair rugby team, members of the Salford City Reds development department and players and officials from the Folly Lane amateur rugby league club were also at the festival, held at Wentworth High School, Eccles.





SPONSOR JOHN FOR BUPA 10K RUN!

The Bupa Manchester 10k is on Sunday 20th May 2012. John Davies a season ticket holder from Audenshaw has decided to run for the ORSA Squad Strengthener Fund

"I live live in Audenshaw", said John. "But I'm an Oldham lad. I have run the Manchester 10k every year since it commenced apart from last year when I was recovering from an knee injury.

"I normally run for a national charity but this year I really wanted to run for the ORSA Squad Strengthener Fund. I have been supporting the club since 1982 and my passion for the club has never waned. After the St Helens game I really wanted to put something back into the club and due to work commitments I finds it difficult to make it to the supporters association events.

"The club are doing brilliantly this season but we've already seen the effect injuries can have with Neil Roden and Paul Noone out for quite some time. So I saw this as a way of helping the club to further strengthen the squad when they feel it is necessary." ORSA Chairman Nigel Marland said, "This is a magnificent gesture from John and hopefully Roughyed fans will support him by sponsoring him, thus helping us at ORSA to further support the club financially."

We hope to have sponsorship forms on the refreshment kiosk and the bars for the North Wales game. Fans with online banking facilities can also help by sending a bankers order to:-

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SOUTH WALES COME TO WHITEBANK On Super League Magic Weekend

OLDHAM have rescheduled their two games against South Wales Scorpions so that they have a match at Whitebank on the Saturday of Super League's Magic Weekend.

They were due to travel to The Gnoll in Neath on Sunday, May 27, but Scorpions will now come to Oldham the day before (1pm kick off) and Roughyeds will go to South Wales on Sunday, July 22 (3pm).

Magic Weekend will be staged at the Etihad Stadium, Manchester over two days with three Super League games on Saturday, May 26 and four more on the following day.

Saturday will feature Castleford Tigers v Wakefield Wildcats (1pm), Warrington Wolves v Widnes Vikings (4pm) and Hull FC v Hull KR (7pm).

On the Sunday fans can watch Catalan Dragons v London Broncos (noon), Huddersfield Giants v Salford City Reds (2pm), Bradford Bulls v Leeds Rhinos (4pm) and St Helens v Wigan Warriors (6pm)

"To be away in South Wales when all that rugby league was taking place on our doorstep would have been an opportunity missed," said Oldham chairman Chris Hamilton.

"We are grateful to Scorpions for their co-operation.

"It means followers of the sport in Oldham --our own fans and others --- can watch us at
Whitebank and still get down the road to the
Etihad to watch two of the three games there
on the Saturday.

"We hope to generate a decent crowd and with that in mind we will soon be launching match day initia tives aimed at, among others, the many Super League followers who will be in the area that weekend." Scorpions are selling a rugby day out to the sport's northern heartland, taking in their game at Whitebank and then moving on to the Etihad Stadium to watch Warrington v Widnes and the Hull derby.



RESERVES' Win Big In Sheffield

ROUGHYEDS reserves made it three wins from five outings in the under-23s Reserve Championship with a 32-6 win over Sheffield Eagles at Whitebank. In so doing, Paul Ashton's boys avenged a 38-14 loss against the Eagles, also at Whitebank, in the first league game of the season. This time Roughyeds stormed into a 26-0 half-time lead despite playing up the hill in the first 40 and despite limitations on open rugby imposed by the wet weather and heavy oitch.

The second half was more evenly balanced as conditions worsened, but Roughyeds went 32-0 up before Eagles scored their only try on the last play of the game. Ashy's gang had set out their stall to 'nil' the opposition and they came within seconds of achieving that objective.

Steven Nield, on the right wing, scored a hat-

trick of tries while others were scored by Mark Brocklehurst, Chris Dean and Ben Hinsley thanks to excellent attacking play by half-backs Tommy Connick and Craig Noon. Jack Reid (3) and Mark Smith landed the conversions. Coach Paul Ashton said, "We won because we executed our game plan almost to perfection. The platform for victory was established by hard-working forwards, who included two new boys in second rowers Jamie Acton and Sam Cunningham.

"Londoner, Acton, did well considering it was his first game for several weeks and he was playing in a new side, and Cunningham, in only his second game, already looks a good prospect for the first team."

Props Liam Gilchrist, Phil Joy and Bruce Johnson also caught the eye.



RESERVES' CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

March	Thursday 8th	Sheffield Eagles	н	L 14 - 38
	Thursday 15th	Keighley Cougars	Α	W 38 - 10
	Friday 30th	Featherstone Rovers	Α	L 40 - 16
April	Thursday 5th	York City Knights	н	W 30 - 16
	Thursday 19th	Sheffield Eagles	Н	W 32 - 6
May	Thursday 3rd	Halifax	н	7:45pm
	Thursday 10th	Keighley	н	7:45pm



NEW SIGNINGS MEET Acton & Holroyd!

WE made a double swoop recently to sign former Super League star Graham Holroyd and up-andcoming young forward Jamie Acton.

Stand-off Holroyd (36) comes on a short-term deal to replace injured skipper Neil Roden, who will be out "for several weeks" with a severe dead leg.

Said club chairman Chris Hamilton: "We have done a deal with Graham Holroyd to see us through while Neil is out and then we will re-assess it."

Holroyd, a goalkicker, chalked up 650 points in 151 Super League games with Leeds, Halifax, Salford and Huddersfield between 1996 and 2003.

He has also played for Swinton and Doncaster, but he has been out of rugby league since the end of the 2010 season when he helped Halifax, in his second spell there, to overcome Featherstone 23-22 in the Championship Grand Final. He has recently been playing rugby union for Preston Grasshoppers. Holroyd believes he and our squad's other "golden oldies" can steer Roughyeds to promotion in this most demanding of seasons.

The 36-year-old stand-off becomes the squad's new senior citizen ahead of 34-year-old Paul Smith, his former Halifax team mate.

Mark McCully and the Roden cousins, Neil and Martin, are 32; Lucas Onyango is 31; David Ellison is 30. Paul Noone celebrated his 31st birthday on the day he damaged an ankle at London Skolars in our 20-20.draw at the New River Stadium.

Said Holroyd: "There are some great kids at the club and a lot of very experienced players. It's a nice mix. "As far as the more senior players are concerned we've all been round the block and are perhaps coming towards the end of our careers.

"It would be fantastic for all of us, but especially so for the guys who have been at the club a while, if we could celebrate a promotion at the end of this season.

"There are a lot of good players here and they deserve to do something special and take Roughyeds up to the Championship.

"I wouldn't have signed if I didn't think I could do a job, which I hope will involve a little bit more than playing.

"I'm looking to go into coaching and I would like to help the young half-backs and look at their attacking structures.

"The club has had to do it tough in the 16 years since Watersheddings went, but Chris (Hamilton) has done a great job and Tony Benson has stuck with his team through thick and thin over the last few years.

"They are very ambitious and they, like the supporters, deserve some reward.

"Things are looking up. I was in the clubhouse after the cup win over Barrow and it was like a madhouse, that's how much it meant to fans.

"Even with four going up it will be tough to get there, but the club definitely has the players and the set-up to go all the way."

Acton (19), a Londoner released by Wigan Warriors, made his Roughyeds debut in the reserves against Sheffield Eagles at Whitebank last week after signing a contract to November 30. He was then pushed up to the first team for the cup-tie at St Helens, making his senior debut for the club off the bench. Acton, a relative newcomer to the sport, made an immediate impact at Hemel Stags and was soon selected for the Great Britain under-18s side to play the Australian schoolboys.

He turned in a man-of-the-match performance which aroused Wigan's attention. He signed, moved up here with his girl friend and baby daughter, and played for much of last season and part of this in the Warriors' under-20s Valvoline Cup side.

He also trains for mixed martial arts and cage fighting.

"I'm buzzing about starting this new chapter in my rugby career," he said. "I was looking for a parttime contract and I had heard lots of good things about Oldham, so here I am."







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The attendance of 5,746 at the St Helens cup tie, which included a sizeable following from Oldham, was the biggest of the round --- remarkable considering there were two all-Super League ties in Salford City Reds v Leeds Rhinos (4,500) and the televised Warrington Wolves v Bradford Bulls clash (5,505).

Crowd figures at the other five ties were Batley Bulldogs v London Broncos (1,025), Catalan Dragons v Sheffield Eagles (3,102), Featherstone Rovers v Wigan Warriors (4,082), Huddersfield Giants v Swinton Lions (2,617) and Leigh Centurions v Halifax (2,182).

The turn-out at Langtree Park fully justified

Oldham's decision to play there.

Said chairman Chris Hamilton: "We were pleased on the night to see how many people turned up, but when you look at other attendances it becomes even more pleasing.

"Everyone connected with the Oldham club enjoyed the occasion, including the players.

"Tony Benson (coach) has said the players got lots of positives out of the tie and he hopes to take these and use them in the league campaign.

"I would like to endorse his big thank-you to our supporters, whom we hope to see in numbers again at Whitebank today."



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