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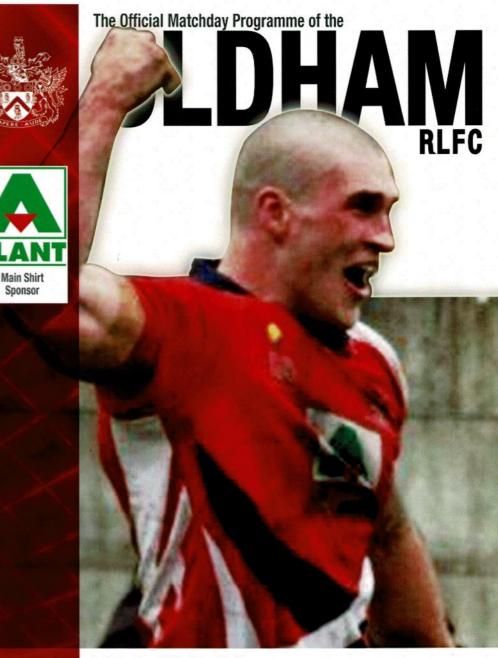
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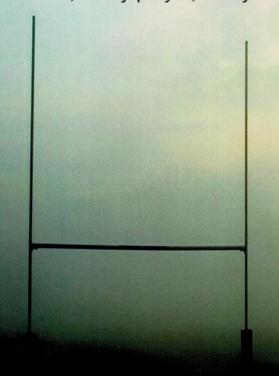
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#### BOARDROOM with Chris Hamilton

Writing these notes is not getting any easier with the current run of results. Nobody needs to tell me how disappointing it has been in what, as far as most clubs in this division are concerned, is an important one.

The run of injuries has certainly not helped but the message I am getting across in no uncertain terms to the coaches and players is that if we start to feel sorry for ourselves we have no chance.

Since 1997 this club has had more than its fair share of problems and has always come out the other side. The current situation playing wise is no different and we have to roll up our sleeves and get stuck in.

That applies not only on match day but in every training session we do, whether that be as a squad or individually. When things are against you - which they are at present - there are two ways to respond. The only way I will entertain is the way whereby we show a collective determination to work through whatever is thrown at us, and don't feel sorry for ourselves, and simply become more determined to be successful. Easier said than done, granted, but if anybody is at the club who doesn't have the same motivation and determination they are at the wrong club.

The players have been in for extra training this week and that is one of the ways they can work together to eradicate errors and become more focused as a group.

We are working hard to bring in more players to ease the situation until we get some of our injured players back but today is the start of the rest of the season and we have to see a difference. As ever it will not be easy against a South Wales side who had a great win last week and who caused us problems in Neath when we played them in the

Their links with Wigan this season mean they have more players at their disposal and I'm sure they will come here today in a confident mood.

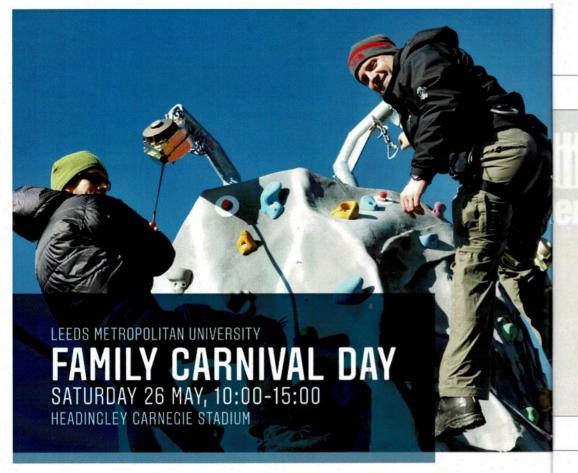
It is up to us to ensure we end that confidence and start to build our own! Thank you for your support as ever and please keep it up. It is in times like this where we need you more than ever. Let's be louder and prouder today!

Enjoy the game!

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Chris Hamilton Chairman



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#### **BUCKET COLLECTION For Cobra Kan Karate Team**

A BUCKET collection at last Sunday's game against Whitehaven raised £123 for the Cobra Kan Karate Do Tournament team, who gave an exhibition of their skills during the half-time interval, The club is run by Helen O'Donnell and Gill Leicester at three venues --- Yew Tree School, Chadderton: St James Church Hall, Shaw; and Holy Family Primary School, Limeside.

Three members of the team, Tanya, Jessica and Kirsty fought off 12 other world-class teams at the WKC World Championships in Cadiz last year to become Team Kata Champions. They hope to defend their title this year in Montreal in October as England's representatives. Said Helen: "We are a small,

but very successful team, competing at local, national and international events. We have seven students in total who have qualified for this year's World Championships, but in order for them to travel to Montreal and compete we need to raise £8,400.

"We had a great afternoon with the Roughyeds at Whitebank. A big thankyou to the club and thanks also to everyone who contributed to our collection."





#### **SQUAD Strengthener**

John Davies was one of almost 40,000 running in the Bupa Manchester 10 K last Sunday morning. This year he decided to run for the ORSA Squad Strengthener Fund. John's target this year was to break the hour barrier, but this was put into serious doubt when he picked up a leg injury in a charity rugby match two weeks ago. Not only did he manage to complete the course with the injury but did it in 55 minutes. He was a little leg weary and stiff when he came to the Whitehaven game in

the afternoon, but pleased he had completed the task and hopefully raised some valuable funds for the Club he has supported since he was a lad.

At the time of writing I am pleased to say that it looks like John will have raised around £450 for the fund. So can I thank John for his great efforts and also the Roughyed fans who generously sponsored him at the North Wales and Whitehaven games.



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#### TALK from the dug out

I understand that things have been tough for everybody lately around the Roughyeds, but what doesn't break you makes you stronger. And if this is true we are due to come out the other end very, very strong.

The players are determined and are working extremely hard to be the best they can be as individuals, and as a team we are working extensively on our cohesion and structures, particularly with the introduction of the various new players.

We've introduced extra sessions this week to ensure we have prepared as well as we possibly can for today's game against an unpredictable South Wales Scorpions. On top of that we are spending every available minute on the phone investigating any opportunities to strengthen the squad with either loan or dual registration players.

To our loyal supporters I hope you really get behind the boys today because if ever a team and club needed your support it's this one, right now. We are a proud traditional club and as we always do we will push on.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all Directors, Players and Supporters who have travelled up from South Wales and if you are carrying on to take in the Magic Weekend at the Etihad Stadium I hope you enjoy your weekend after today's game.



Enjoy the day!

Tony Benson Head Coach

	Team	P	W	D	L	F		PD	В	Pts
1	Barrow	8	7	0	1	265	142	123	1	22
2	Doncaster	9	7	0	2	344	186	158	0	21
3	Workington	8	6	0	2	284	110	174	2	20
4	Whitehaven	8	6	0	2	201	160	41	0	18
5	Oldham	8	3	1	4	192	194	-2	3	14
6	Rochdale	9	4	0	5	244	250	-6	1	13
7	N. Wales Crusaders	7	2	0	5	138	275	-137	2	8
8	London Skolars	7	1	1	5	166	235	-69	2	7
9	South Wales	7	2	0	5	132	256	-124	1	7
10	Gateshead	7	0	0	7	128	286	-158	2	2

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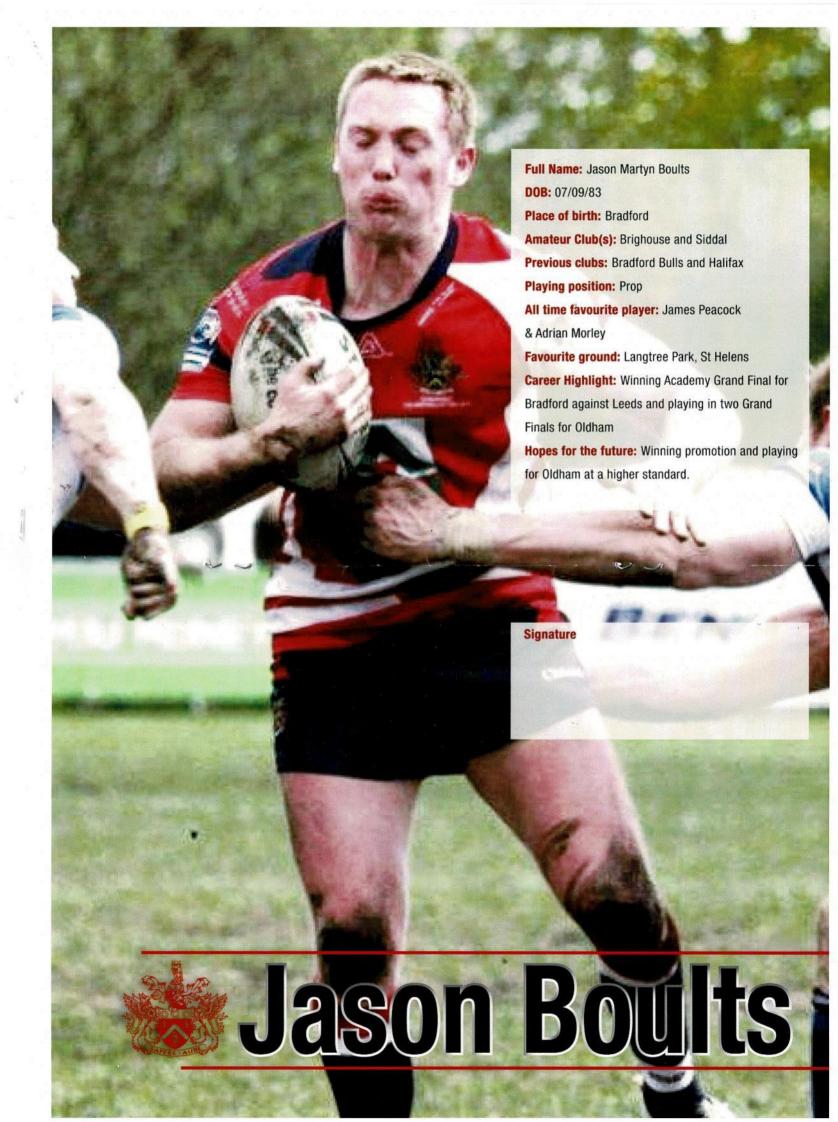


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#### DAVID TOOTILL On Loan at Whitebank

DAVID Tootill, our loan-signing prop from Hunslet, hopes that his tenure at Whitebank for the next month might lead to a more permanent stay with his hometown club at some point in the future.

He lives in Oldham, works in Dukinfield and has been a Roughyeds fan since he was knee high to a grasshopper.

The 25-year-old former Leeds Rhinos, Harlequins and Batley Bulldogs prop, now on a one-year contract at the South Leeds Stadium, made his debut against Whitehaven at Whitebank last Sunday along with his fellow loanee, Lewis Reed of Keighley Cougars.

Both trained with the squad for the first time on the previous Thursday night.

It was a case of turning back the clock for Tootill, who had two games for Roughyeds on loan from Leeds in 2005.

Before that, as a boy, he regularly used to watch Oldham train, so keen was his support of the club as he was growing up in Oldham.

So how did he come to arrive once more on the Roughyeds doorstep after seven years away, including two as a full-time pro in the capital city, followed by three at Batley Bulldogs?

He said: "I missed the last couple of games at Hunslet so I asked to go out on loan and where better for me than to go to Oldham?

"I'm a proud Oldhamer -- always have been --- and I will be very proud to play for Oldham again.

"As a boy I was always a massive fan. Life took me elsewhere, but I vividly recall playing against Castleford and Hull KR while on loan from Leeds in 2005. I was 17 or 18 at the time, but I'm a bit older and wiser now."

While at Harlequins -- the club now renamed London Broncos --- Tootill suffered a serious knee-cap injury. He ultimately moved north to Mount Pleasant where he had two impressive seasons in 2009 and 2010, only to miss much of the 2011 season after damaging his sternum.

Up to then his full-time living was from rugby, but he recognised that the time had arrived for him to find a job outside of the game and he was successful in acquiring the position of internal exclusions manager at Astley Sports Centre in Dukinfield, formerly Dukinfield High School.

He added: "I'm very excited about joining Oldham.

"There was a terrific atmosphere at training and it was great to see a lot of Oldham lads at the club, many of whom I grew up with in schoolboy and junior rugby in the town."





#### **GRASSROOTS**

WHITEBANK scored another 'first' on Thursday afternoon when the Oldham Schools' Year 11 rugby league cup final between Bluecoat and Saddleworth was staged at the ground for the first time.

It was held at Hollinwood last year and at Manor Park, home of Oldham RU Club, in 2009 and 2010.

All inter-school rugby league in Oldham and Tameside falls under the auspices of that region's Service Area which felt it was appropriate that cup finals should be staged at the home of the town's professional rugby league club.

Service Area official Steven Nield, the Roughyeds' reserves team full-back or winger, said there were plans to stage four more age-group finals at Whitebank over the course of the next few weeks.

The Service Area was back at Whitebank

on Friday night for town team under-18s training ahead of their game against Manchester and Salford at Salford City Reds' new stadium on Tuesday, May 29 (6pm).

The game will be a curtain-raiser to a match between Adrian Morley's all-star team and the Manchester and Salford open-age squad for the Don Preston Memorial Trophy, which kicks off at 7.30pm. Our reserves were due to play at Featherstone on Friday night, while our Extended Scholarship under-18s, coached by Phil Costin, were due to have their second game against Hunslet Hawks at the South Leeds Stadium this (Saturday) afternoon, 2.30pm kick off.



#### **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	L 14 - 22
	Thursday 10th	Keighley Cougars	D	28 - 28
	Friday 25th	Featherstone Rovers	н	8.00pm
June	Saturday 9th	Halifax	Α	2.30pm
	Thursday 14th	York City Knights	Α	8.00pm
	Thursday 21st	Keighley Cougars	Α	7:45pm
	Thursday 28th	York	н	7.45pm



#### LEWIS REED On Loan at Whitebank

LEWIS Reed, the young forward who has joined us from Keighley Cougars on a month's loan, jumped at the chance of first-team rugby when opportunity knocked in the shape of Tony Benson.

The 21-year-old Bradford-based prop or second-row man caught Tony's eye with a stirring performance in the Cougars reserve team against Oldham at Whitebank a fortnight ago. Inquiries at the Keighley end revealed that he would be available on loan and as soon as the player knew that Rougheyds wanted him to bolster our injury-hit pack he was here like a shot.

He said: "This is my first season at Keighley where I am in the first-team squad.

"I made my first-team debut against Dewsbury, but then I was back in the reserves for the game at Oldham and events seemed to move on after that. "I couldn't turn down a chance to play first-team rugby and I'm glad I came because the Oldham lads are a great bunch and I thoroughly enjoyed my first taste of the action against Whitehaven even though we lost.

"People are always asking me which position I prefer, second-row or prop, but to be honest I don't have a preference. I like them both. I just want to be in the team. As long as I'm playing that's all that matters to me."

He played for amateurs Dudley Hill as a boy before signing for Bradford Bulls at the age of 16. He spent four years learning his trade at Odsal and then joined Keighley at the start of this season.

Added Reed: "I'm well aware of the situation here (lots of injuries and a poor run of results) but hopefully we can start to turn results round. I just hope I can make a contribution towards that objective."





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#### POIGNANT Occasion

The ashes of lifelong Oldham RL fan Frank Coverley were spread on Whitebank to start a new chapter in the ever-developing story of the club's new home and its links with the community.

Frank, of Broadway Street, Oldham, was a keen supporter of the club, home and away, until shortly before he died, aged 83.

His brother Joe said: "He hardly ever missed a game, and he was just as keen on getting to Whitebank as he used to be when going to Watersheddings.

"We knew he wanted his ashes to be spread on the ground, that's why we approached the club." Alison Bentley, his niece, added: "He never married, so Oldham Rugby was everything to him.

"In his latter years he got a bigscreen television so he could watch rugby league from all around the world in style, but he always insisted that nothing could compare with watching Oldham at Whitebank."

The small service, led by club chaplain, the Rev Tony Ford, was the first of its kind since the club moved into its new home on the edge of Limehurst Village two vears ago.

Club chairman Chris Hamilton, who was also present, said: "The club was privileged to be involved with such a poignant occasion.

"It was a reminder of what it means to a club and its supporters to have its own ground."



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MARCH	NRC CC1 CC1 CC1 CCC RND 4 CC1	Sunday 4th Sunday 11th Sunday 18th Friday 23rd Sunday 1st Friday 6th	Keighley Workington Gateshead Egremont Barrow Rochdale	A H A H A	L 26 - 12 W 14 - 24 W 40 - 14 W 14 - 22 W 32 - 26 L18 - 10		
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		Friday 27th	CCC Rnd 5 St Helens	Α	L 76 - 0		
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JUNE	CC1	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Euro Weekend NW Crusaders Northern Rail Cup Quarter Fina		2:30pm		
	CC1	Sunday 24th	Rochdale	Н	3:00pm		
JULY	CC1	Sunday 1st Sunday 8th	Whitehaven Northern Rail Cup Semi-Final	Α	3:00pm		
	CC1	Sunday 15th	London	H	3:00pm		
	CC1	Sunday 29th	South Wales Northern Rail Cup Final	A	3:00pm		
August	CC1 CC1 CC1	Sunday 12th Sunday 19th Sunday 26th	Barrow Doncaster Workington Carnegie Challenge Cup Final	A H H	3:00pm 3:00pm 3:00pm		
SEPTEMBER	CC1	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gateshead	Α	3:00pm		
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		Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Co-Operative Championships Play Off Games				
		Sunday 30th	Co-operative Championships Grand Final				
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