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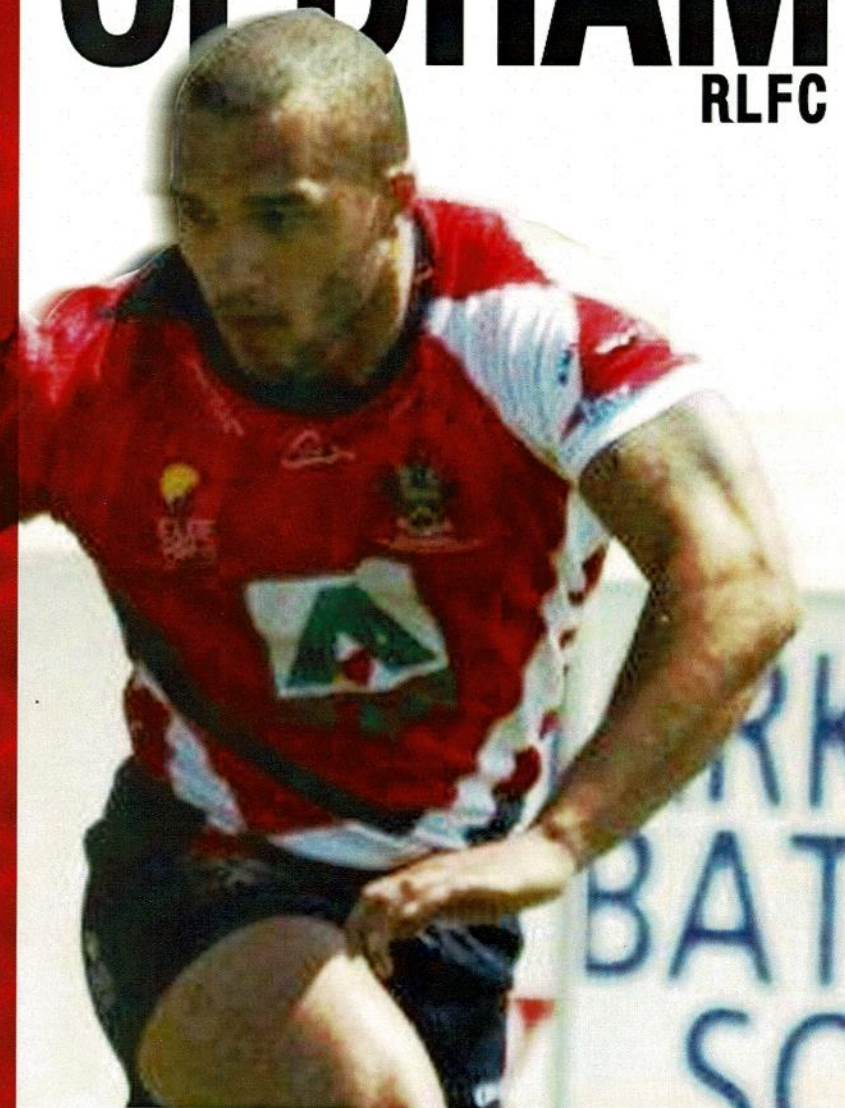
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BOARDROOM with Chris Hamilton

After another enforced break from action we resume today with what a lot of people see as the biggest game of the season as we welcome our near neighbours Rochdale to Whitebank.

It is to be hoped that our luck is turning with regards to injuries and that this time we have managed to get some of those players unable to play for a while back out on the park. There is no doubt that the current run of form we are in is a major disappointment and regardless of the players who turn out we have to lift the level of performance to ensure we get the right results starting today.

The last two weeks have again seen a lot of work go on in training to correct what we are not getting right on the field in matches and let's hope that, sooner rather than later, our luck turns just a little! Most of you will also be aware of the recent attacks on property down at the ground which is yet another setback as we are working extremely hard to improve our surroundings. Regardless of what is or isn't stolen there

can be no doubt whatsoever that the mindless damage is costing the club thousands of pounds to merely maintain our current position and it is all money that firstly is very hard to find but secondly could be used much more productively in other areas.

What's more it also has a negative effect on those who work so hard to keep the club going in what are difficult times to start with.

We must not, however, allow it to deter us from what we are trying to achieve for the long term future of the club and although it is difficult to always maintain a positive outlook we have to keep going and stay focused.

Once again at North Wales the support was loud and proud and I hope we hear more of the same today. Rest assured we are working hard to deliver some success for you.

Enjoy the game!



**Chris
Hamilton**
Chairman

PURSUING A SPORTING DREAM

Wheelchair racer Louis Speight is used to overcoming obstacles to achieve his goals and the 21 year old student is aiming to compete at the Paralympic Games in London this summer as well as graduating from Leeds Metropolitan University. Louis made the draw for the fifth round of this year's Carnegie Challenge Cup and we caught up with him to find out how he combines his studies with his sporting ambitions.

Louis, originally from Doncaster, is currently the Men's European record holder at 100m-800m in his T33 class as well as the world U23 record holder at 100m-400m and is ranked in the top 2 in the world at senior level at 100m-800m. Louis explains his aims for the coming season. He said: "My ambition is to try and make London 2012 where I'll have to compete in the T34 class. I've based all of my training at Leeds Met and love the challenge that wheelchair racing presents."

Louis is currently in the final year of his BSc (Hons) Sport degree at Leeds Metropolitan University and is looking forward to graduating as he strives for selection for this year's Paralympic Games in London. He says: "I've really enjoyed my time studying at University and the opportunities that gaining a qualification have afforded me. It's been a real challenge to combine my course with my training schedule; however, I'm a firm believer that hard work pays off. I've received



great support from staff and coaches at the University which have made my studies possible and my sporting success is only possible due to the excellent support mechanisms which are in place."

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Talking about his sporting inspiration Louis identifies Mohammed Ali as his sporting hero. He said: "During the time he competed Ali faced a lot of prejudice and obstacles which he had to overcome, yet still

went on to be recognised as one of the greatest sportsmen of all time. In my own life, I've had to overcome a lot of barriers and love the tenacity and single-mindedness Ali showed in pursuing his goal."

Louis is based at the university's Headingley Campus at what was once Carnegie College, a predecessor institution of Leeds Metropolitan. It was established after a gift from Andrew Carnegie, the Scottish philanthropist, who believed education was the key to a better society and gave millions to establish educational opportunities around the world. www.leedsmet.ac.uk

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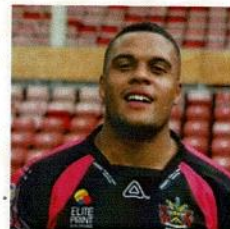
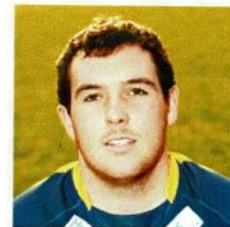


NEW BOYS

OUR close ties with Super League's Leeds Rhinos have provided us with another quality youngster.

Said to be one of the most gifted prospects at Headingley, 19-year-old prop **Daniel Smith** has joined us on dual registration to pair up at Whitebank with his fellow Leeds youngster **Colton Roche**.

Smith, whose initial agreement runs to the end of July, has taken an established route from Headingley to Whitebank. Roche used it a fortnight ago; Matty Syron was here for a few weeks earlier in the season; and Callum Casey and Danny Bravo played much of last year at Whitebank while on loan from the Yorkshire giants. Barrie McDermott, head of youth development at Rhinos and needing no introduction here, is the man behind the Rhinos-Roughyeds link. "It's down to Barrie Mac. He is responsible for the development of the young kids at Leeds," explained Tony Benson. "He is very impressed with Smith and particularly with his hand-eye co-ordination. In some aspects he reminds Barrie



of the Sculthorpes.

"He thinks Smith has a big future ahead of him and he believes the time he will spend at Oldham will form an important part of his development.

"Barrie is happy with the progress his young players make while at Oldham and he has again shown that he is comfortable with the arrangement by giving us the thumbs-up to sign Roche a couple of weeks ago and now Smith."

Full time, and a member of the first-team squad at Leeds, Smith stands 6ft 3in and weighs 17st 8 lbs.

Pontefract-born, he learned his early rugby with Castleford amateurs Lock Lane before joining the Leeds academy as a 15-year-old.

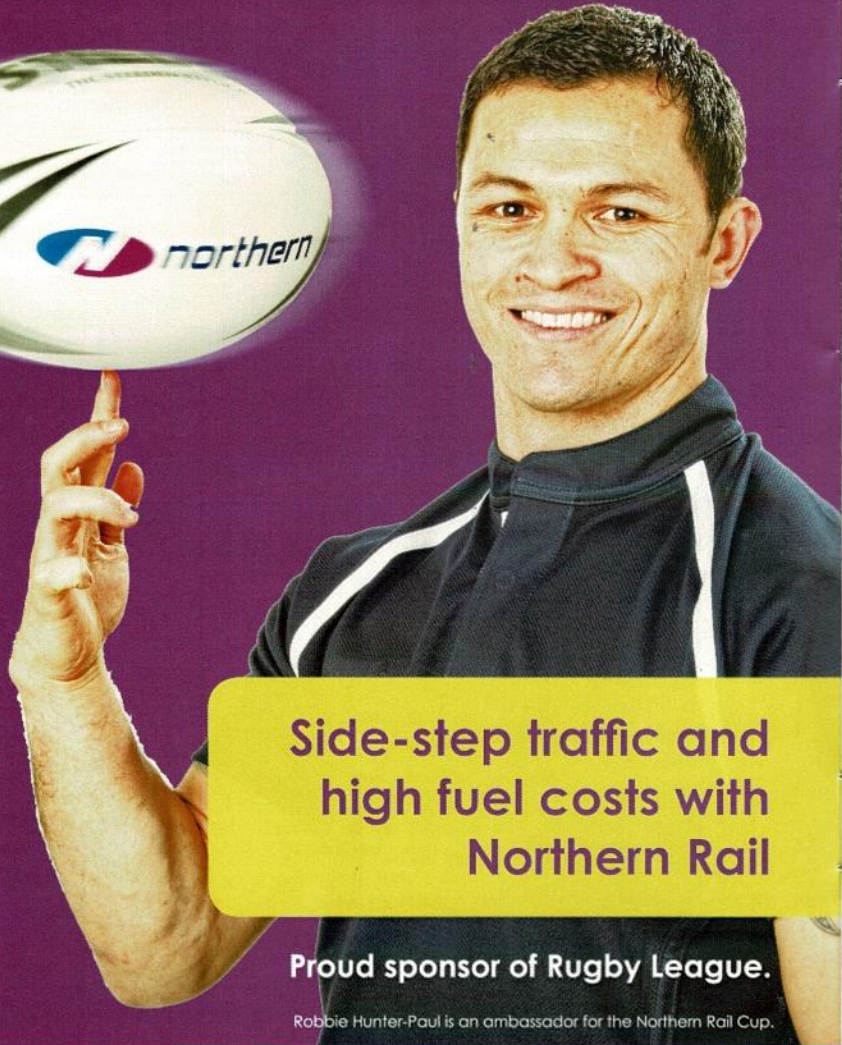
He represented Wakefield service area between 2005 and 2008 and won both the Yorkshire Cup and the National Cup with that organisation during that time.

A nephew of former Wakefield and Wigan star Tony Smith, Daniel starred for England Academy against France in 2011.

Our chairman Chris Hamilton said: "Colton Roche showed in his first game for us against North Wales at Wrexham that he has a lot to offer, and we expect nothing less from Daniel Smith because all the Leeds boys come to us with great attitudes and first-class credentials."

We now have our four temporary signings from other clubs, having acquired Roche and Smith on dual registration and winger Chris Holroyde and back-row man Lewis Reed on loan from Halifax and Keighley respectively.

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TALK from the dug out

My word the highs and lows of our great game are extreme.

As a group we have experienced the highs of convincingly beating the top teams of our division. It's the greatest feeling when all the hard work of the pre-season is paying off and you are feeling invincible as a group, you look forward to improving further at the next training and excited about performing well in the next game. Through years of coaching I've learnt to enjoy these moments as they are the fuel you need to get you through the inevitable tough times, while keeping an eye out and reacting to anything that could trip you up in the future. Unfortunately sometimes major challenges jump up and hit a group hard and suddenly. As much as you want to solve these problems immediately experience tells you they won't be fixed overnight. Losing over 10 of the players from our successful starting 17 within 2 weeks to long term injuries is the worst experience, in this respect, I have ever had to face. An absolute nightmare and living hell for a small club like ours with limited finances. Over the last few seasons I have promoted the top performers from our reserves to the first team squad from the previous season and we then develop as many as we can during the season for the year after. It's great in theory but when you hit an injury crisis like ours, early in the season, the players left in reserves are not ready for the big step up. The only alternative is to find players not required at other clubs, not currently needed at Hunslet, and of course Graham Holroyd after a stint in the other game. Training is difficult with so many players having to sit training out to give them a chance of playing, we usually only got a full team together on the Saturday before a game. The psychological effect of all this is immense as confidence drops and pressure builds.

On the positive side there was not one game where we gave up or didn't give our all, losing only by an average of 5 points in our last 3 games. Although I understand the need to be winning every week, in reality we have who we have, as a club, and a coaching team. With my hand on my heart I can say we did everything we possibly could during this difficult period. I asked the lads for an improvement game by game and they delivered that. The great news is that we have reached the light at the end of the tunnel. We are almost back to full strength, and have had a couple of fantastic weeks of training in preparation for our neighbours from Rochdale. The spring is back in our step, our confidence is back, and there are some fantastic battles in place for a position in the team to face Rochdale today. We are extremely focussed on reaching our goal of promotion but will still take one week at a time starting here today. Thank you for your continued support

Enjoy the day!

**Tony
Benson**
Head Coach

Oldham Rugby League
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Full Name: Neil Anthony Roden

DOB: 09-04-80

Place of birth: Wigan

Amateur Club(s): Ince St Williams, Wigan St Pat's

Previous clubs: Wigan, Batley, Leigh

Playing position: Stand-off

All time favourite player: Ellery Hanley/Shawn Edwards

Favourite ground: Central Park

Career Highlight: The entire 2001 season, culminating in the Grand Final against Widnes.

Hopes for the future: To win promotion, to stay injury free and to play as long as I can

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ROUGHYEDS Scholarship

Oldham Under 18 Scholarship side have had a couple of matches following their opening defeat away to York They won 22-8 at Hunslet Hawks in the second of their six games over the course of the 2012 season. They trailed 8-4 at half-time, but dominated the second half to finish worthy winners with a man-of-the-match performance from second-row forward Nick Ryan, who also plays for Oldham St Anne's. The Roughyeds youngsters scored five tries by centre Richard Ward, hooker Liam Sargent, prop and captain Jordan Morris, utility back Josh Hulme and full-back Ben Kenwright, while Craig Lawton kicked one goal.

Said coach Phil Costin: "We were nervy early on, but once we settled down we played with a lot of structure, did the basics really well, and bossed the collision. By the time we got to the last 20 minutes it was one-way traffic."

A fortnight later on June 9th, despite a brace

of tries by lively hooker Andrew Ball, they were beaten 36-30 by Halifax at Whitebank.

Other Oldham try-scorers were prop Jordan Morris, sub forward Josh Hulme and centre Jack Ashworth, while scrum-half Craig Lawton kicked five goals. In an evenly-contested game, the lead changed hands three times, but Halifax scored six tries to Oldham's five.

Sais coach Phil Costin: "We failed to master the wet conditions in the first half when we made a lot of handling mistakes and conceded too many penalties. "We were better in the second half, but they then hit us with a couple of interception tries." Roughyeds, who played again yesterday against Keighley, were well led by captain Morris. Team: Kenwright; Woods, Ashworth, Ward, Fitsimmons; Flanagan, Lawton; Morris, Ball, Brehoney, Hughes, Ryan, Ashbrook. Subs: Sherratt, Sargent, Hulme, Boardman.



RESERVES' CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

March	Thursday 8th	Sheffield Eagles	H	L 14 - 38
	Thursday 15th	Keighley Cougars	A	W 38 - 10
	Friday 30th	Featherstone Rovers	A	L 40 - 16
April	Thursday 5th	York City Knights	H	W 30 - 16
	Thursday 19th	Sheffield Eagles	H	W 32 - 6
May	Thursday 3rd	Halifax	H	L 14 - 22
	Thursday 10th	Keighley Cougars	D	28 - 28
	Friday 25th	Featherstone Rovers	A	L 84 - 16
June	Saturday 9th	Halifax	H	W 16 - 10
	Thursday 14th	York City Knights	A	W 36 - 16
	Thursday 21st	Keighley Cougars	A	7:45pm
	Thursday 28th	York	H	7.45pm



WITH The Reserves

AFTER suffering a heavy trouncing with a weakened team at Featherstone on Friday, May 25, Paul Ashton's Roughyeds' Reserves squad hit back with a couple of tasty victories against Halifax at Whitebank (16-10) and against York City Knights at the Huntington Stadium (36-16). They went to Keighley last Thursday night, bidding for a third win in a row, but print deadlines demanded that the programme had to go to press in advance of that game.

Prior to that latest game, our reserves had once again showed that they could more than live with the under-23s of Championship outfits, claiming a record of five wins, one draw and only four defeats out of their ten games played. Well done to Ashy and the boys!

It should be noted that we are the only Championship One club to have a side in the Reserves under-23s Championship and to be holding our head high in that division, after winning it last year, is something of which the club can be very proud.

Sons of two former Watersheddings stars figured on both sides of the scoresheet as our reserves returned to winning ways with a 16-10 triumph over Halifax at Whitebank.

Roughyeds winger Greg Worrall, whose father Mick played for Oldham and Great Britain, celebrated his 21st birthday the previous day by scoring the first of the home side's three tries when touching down a teasing kick by half-back Tommy Connick.

Loose-forward Callum Casey, son of Leo, the ex-Oldham and Ireland international, replied with Halifax's first try early in the second half.

Full-back Benji Lloyd, who gave an eye-catching performance at full-back, scored Oldham's second try, a cracker, after an exciting break through the middle by centre Ben Hinsley. Halifax trailed 12-0 at half-time, but Casey's try, followed by another from prop Connor Wood, goaled by Gareth Hynes, pulled them back to 12-10.

Roughyeds clinched their win near the end when Lloyd joined into the attack and provided winger Kyle Fisher with the scoring pass.

Oldham's Hinsley and his opposite number Ben Benn were both sin-binned near the end for fighting.

Forwards Jamie Acton, Danny Moran and Bruce Johnson showed up well for the home side.

Coach Paul Ashton, delighted to see his side respond positively to their heavy defeat at Featherstone, said: "We were much stronger in the forwards and that made all the difference --- a massive difference."

Ashy's boys then followed up five days later by travelling to York and again conquering a Championship club, scoring six tries in a 36-16 victory. Jamie Acton, at prop, led the forwards magnificently, receiving stout support from the rest of the pack, particularly from his fellow front-rower Danny Langtree and from loose-forward Danny Moran.

"All the forwards were outstanding," said Ashy, who praised his side's commitment and desire and referred to exciting performances in the backs by full-back Benji Lloyd and centre Matthew Fogarty.



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"The match-day office was a charred mess," said club chairman Chris Hamilton. "Until we start the clear-up operation we won't know whether we can save it."

He said the number of similar attacks on the stadium since the club moved in two years ago was "well into double figures."

Vandals broke into the ground between the Saturday tea time and the Monday morning, forcing their way into both the match-day office and the match-day control room.

That incident was reported to police before Mr Hamilton and staff left the ground at 3.30pm on the Monday.

He added: "At 7pm that evening I got another call at home from the police to say both they and the Fire Brigade were at the ground

where the match-day office was well alight.

"We had secured the two buildings after the first attack, but they went back, broke into the match-day office a second time and set it alight." Police and forensic experts were investigating. The club has also reported extensive damage to the perimeter fence at the bottom end of the ground, where the raiders are believed to have broken in.

Added Chris: "We have repaired that section of fencing several times, but all they do is smash it down again.

"Without a raft of money to fully secure the whole site it is difficult to know what we can do next. It's just a battle of wits. It's one step forward and two back all the time.

"If fans or local businesses can help us, either with ideas of how to combat these these attacks, or with the possible provision of materials to help us with repairs, we would be delighted to hear from them and extremely grateful for their assistance."



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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
APRIL	CC1	Friday 23rd	Egremont	A	W 14 - 22
	CCC RND 4	Sunday 1st	Barrow	H	W 32 - 26
	CC1	Friday 6th	Rochdale	A	L 18 - 10
	CC1	Sunday 15th	Barrow	H	W 26 - 14
	CC1	Sunday 22nd	London	A	D 20 - 20
MAY		Friday 27th	CCC Rnd 5 St Helens	A	L 76 - 0
	CC1	Sunday 6th	NW Crusaders	H	L 32 - 36
	CC1	Sunday 13th	Doncaster	A	L 40 - 18
	CC1	Sunday 20th	Whitehaven	H	L 16 - 26
	CC1	Saturday 26th	South Wales	H	L 30 - 35
JUNE		Sunday 3rd	Euro Weekend		
	CC1	Sunday 10th	NW Crusaders	A	L 30 - 28
		Sunday 17th	Northern Rail Cup Quarter Final		
JULY	CC1	Sunday 24th	Rochdale	H	3:00pm
	CC1	Sunday 1st	Whitehaven	A	3:00pm
		Sunday 8th	Northern Rail Cup Semi-Final		
	CC1	Sunday 15th	London	H	3:00pm
	CC1	Sunday 22nd	South Wales	A	3:00pm
AUGUST		Sunday 29th	Northern Rail Cup Final		
	CC1	Sunday 5th	Barrow	A	3:00pm
	CC1	Sunday 12th	Doncaster	H	3:00pm
	CC1	Sunday 19th	Workington	H	3:00pm
SEPTEMBER		Saturday 26th	Carnegie Challenge Cup Final		
	CC1	Sunday 2nd	Gateshead	A	3:00pm
		Sunday 9th	Co-Operative Championships Play Off Games		Co-Operative
OCTOBER		Sunday 16th	Co-Operative Championships Play Off Games		Co-Operative
		Sunday 23rd	Co-Operative Championships Play Off Games		
		Sunday 30th	Co-operative Championships Grand Final		
	Saturday 6th	Super League Grand Final			

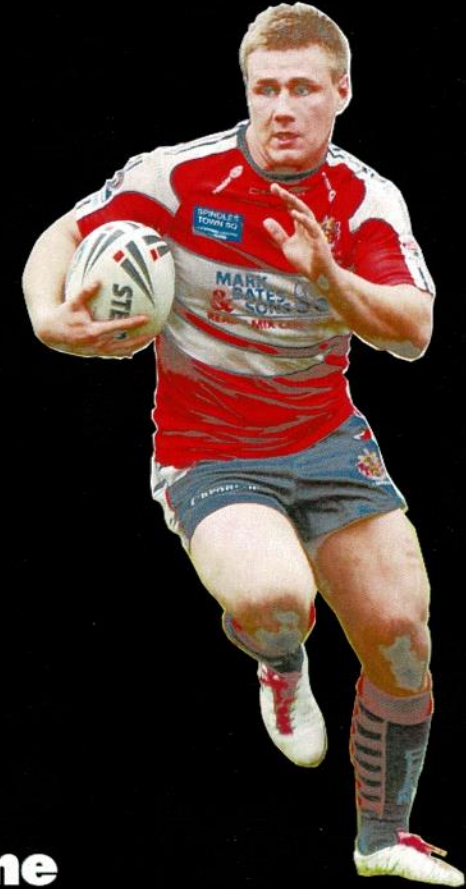


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