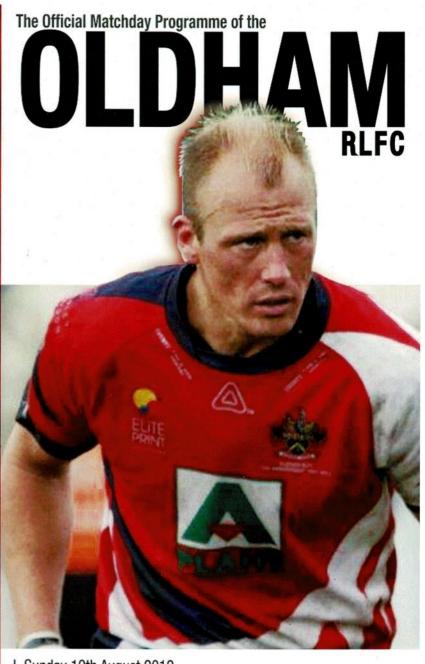


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BOARDROOM with Chris Hamilton

Welcome back to Whitebank for what will be our last home game of the season. We lost to Doncaster last week after making a very poor start to the game and giving our opponents a leg up to take a lead which enabled them to build on it and take control of the match without having to work too hard to do it. With today's match again a tough proposition we simply cannot afford to make those same kind of errors if we are to give ourselves a chance of winning the game. Workington have had a very good season and are also one of the teams who have already secured promotion and are in with a big chance of becoming Champions after beating Barrow last week. How things have turned around for the two clubs since we went up there in March and came away with the three points. The contrast in fortunes could not be more marked. With the way the season has panned out it is very difficult to take many positives from this season and it has been a hard one for me to swallow as well as you the supporters.

Despite what some people think I am working long and hard to improve the clubs lot which isn't easy. We will, as previously come through this, stronger and better as a club though. In terms of positives this season the Reserves have again won through to their Grand Final after beating Halifax last week and by the time you are reading this they will have played the match the night before at Featherstone. It will have been a big ask as

we are currently the only team to take a single point off them during the season but nevertheless a big achievement to have got there in the first place. This programme is also the time when it is my chance to publicly thank everybody connected with the club for all their help and assistance during this season.

Far too many to mention but obviously to the players of all three teams, the coaches, the assistants, the physios. the masseurs, the kit men, the stats men, everybody who volunteers on a match day, the office staff, all our matchday staff and you the fans who have stuck with us this season and remained behind the team.

Although it is sometimes easy to get bogged down with the negatives there is plenty we can take out of this season including the community work we do on a weekly basis and the ever increasing amount of junior development work we are getting involved with in the town - lots of clubs are envious of that for sure.

There are, however, still two games to go at least this season and we are looking for two wins.

Please keep up your support of the team and the club.

Enjoy the game



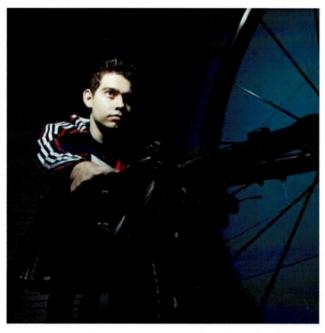
Christopher Hamilton Chairman

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 singlemindedness 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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MAYALL IS 'JOINING JACK' WIll You?

HAVE you heard of the 'Joining Jack' charity? It is a charity that is being embraced by Rugby League clubs and Rugby League people across the country and we hope our spectators will support it by sponsoring Phil Mayall, who will be running in the Liverpool Marathon on October 14, covering a course from Birkenhead and through the tunnels under the Mersey to end up at the Albert Docks.

So what is 'Joining Jack' and who is Phil Mayall?

'Joining Jack' (in the fight to find a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy) is a charity established by former Wigan player Andy Johnson and his wife Alex who, in October, 2011, were told that their four-year-old son Jack had this incurable muscle wasting disease.

Many famous people have got behind fundraising which will go towards research into finding a cure for DMD. You may have seen Super League players, for example, joining their fingers together over their heads when they have scored a try --- a sign that they are involved in 'Joining Jack'.

Phil Mayall is working hard to support the charity as a former amateur rugby league player himself with Waterhead and Saddleworth Rangers and now, as a resident of Wigan, a Warriors supporter.

He will be running in the Liverpool marathon on October 14, with all his sponsorship going to 'Joining Jack', but in the meantime donations can be made on-line at www. justgiving.com/Phil-Mayall

You can also get all the information you need about the charity by going on-line to

www.JoiningJack.org

Says Phil: "I've got to admit to being a Wigan fan these days, but I was born and bred in Oldham and I supported my hometown club all my young life up to the time when I got married and moved to Wigan.

"My daughter is involved in 'Joining Jack' through school and I felt that, as the charity is being embraced by the wider rugby league family and community, it would be nice to go back to my roots and involve my home-town club.

"I'm looking forward to the marathon. I've done the London marathon twice, but I'm

not as well prepared for this one, although I've still got a few weeks to get myself up to scratch."

But there's more than that to Phil's involvement with the Roughyeds.

Let our club chairman Chris Hamilton take up the story.

Said Chris: "For some time now Phil, a chartered surveyor, has been a key member of the team we have put together to assist the club on ground development at Whitebank. "He puts in a lot of time and expertise on this project, for which I am very grateful.

"Without his invaluable assistance we would not be making the progress we are. albeit that from a fan's perspective there is frustration because there is nothing sufficiently tangible to see just yet.

"This will be changing soon and when it does it will reflect the enormous amount of work which has been undertaken to date.

"We are working hard towards being in a position in which we can then update supporters in relation to ground development

"The 'Joining Jack' charity has become synonymous with Rugby League in the past few weeks and we hope people will donate generously to assist Phil in raising as much money as possible for the charity."

So how did Phil become part of the grounddevelopment team?

He explained: "I'm a chartered surveyor for a property development company based in Salford Quays.

"I've still got a big soft spot for Oldham Rugby, and I always will, and when I heard of Chris's trials and tribulations about the ground I wondered if I could help in any way, so I gave him a call.

"If nothing else it made me feel less guilty about being an Oldhamer born and bred and now watching Wigan.

"Happily, it soon became clear when we talked that I probably would be able to help so that's how I come to be involved.

"I've been able to help Chris on various aspects of the project and I will be delighted to carry on doing so. It's my way of putting a little bit back into the club I always supported as a boy and the club I still watch out for if only from a distance."



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* TALK with head coach Martin

I would like to start by welcoming all the players, staff and fans of Workington and congratulate them on doing what we have failed to achieve, gain promotion into the Championship. It was a bitterly disappointing start to my time as Head Coach last week against Doncaster. I was quietly confident going into the game after the week's training and how the boys had reacted to me taking over. Everyone trained really well; we had done a video analysis of their strengths and weaknesses and identified the game plan to get the better of them. What became a very early lesson was that no matter how well you prepare if you gift teams possession and territory they will make you pay! I often talk to the boys about how a game ebbs and flows and last week we gave all of the ascendency to Doncaster early on, which ultimately set the dynamic for the game. The great thing about rugby league is that this week we get

to try and put things right. This week there has been a big focus on individual improvements identified jointly by myself and the players themselves. Whether it be practising dummy half passing or tackle technique everyone has individually worked on their shortcomings to try and help the collective effort. We beat Workington at their place at the end of last season and the start of this. so we will be working from that blue print to gain victory again today. Our last home game of what has been a season littered with disappointments, I have told the boys to go out there today and give everything they have to try and repay the loyal support so many of you have shown us. Enjoy the game.



Martin Roden

Head Coach



STAND IN BOSS Remains Upbeat!

STAND-IN boss Martin Roden remains upbeat about our chances of finishing in the play-off top six despite the 46-22 defeat by Doncaster at Whitebank in his first game in charge.

Four clubs are chasing two play-off spots still up for grabs so it's likely to go down to the last league games on Sunday, September 2 when Roughyeds go to Gateshead. who haven't won a game all season.

Said Roden: "Despite last Sunday's setback I'm relishing this job, I didn't have much time to put my stamp on it in the build-up to the Doncaster game, but I'm in my second week now and then we've got a weekend without a game between the Workington and Gateshead matches.

"I could do no more than tweak one or two things last week, but I'm now able to do more and we'll be concentrating heavily on sorting out our defence.

"By dropping a ball or giving away a penalty it doesn't necessarily mean that we have to concede a try and that's something I need to ram home.

"It was a huge plus to score 22 points against a team like Doncaster with the relatively small amount of possession we had, but we do need to square up the defence if we are to give ourselves a chance of making the play-offs.

"Whatever happens I'll be happy with myself if we improve both individually and as a group over the next two games."



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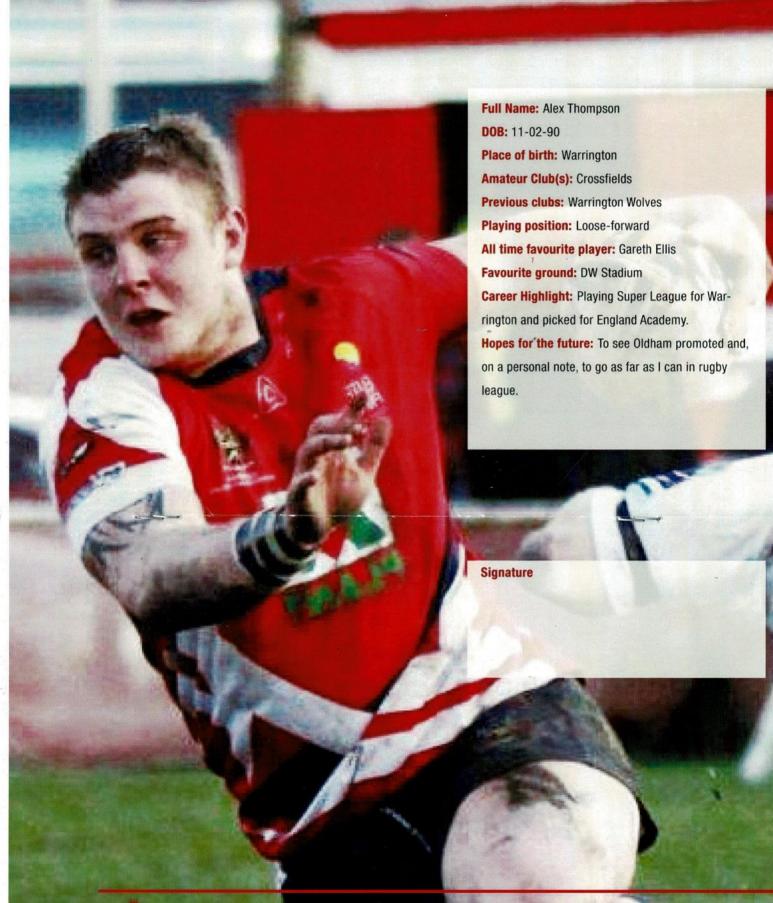
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OUR three separate end-of-season presentation evenings for under-18s, reserves (under-23s) and first team are each being sponsored by Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre.

Topping the bill at the first-team's big night in the Whitebank social club on Friday, September 14 (7pm for 7.30pm) will be the Jerzey Street Band, a seven-piece group well known on the Manchester musical scene and soon to have an album released in the States.

Said club chairman Chris Hamilton: "We are grateful to Spindles for their continued support.

"Mike Flanagan (Spindles manager) was keen to do what he could to support the club this year and we can now look forward to three good nights to be enjoyed by players, supporters and everyone associated with each of our three teams." The celebrations began last Friday, August 17 when player-of-the-year and other awards were made to the under-

Next up is the function for the reserves.

also at Whitebank on Friday, September 7 (7.30), tickets at £5 including supper of hot-roast sandwiches and potato

The senior side's big night out will be one week later, admission £20 a head. including three-course dinner and entertainment by the Jerzey Street musicians. All tickets can only be bought at Lansdowne Road (0161 628 3677), which is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, but tickets for the reserve team's event may be available to buy today over the bar in the social club.

Said Spindles manager Mike Flanagan: "We've backed Roughyeds for the last few years. I was keen for our links to continue because it's good for both of us. "By sponsoring each of the three presentation nights we are spreading our support across all levels of the club.

"We've done that deliberately because we feel Roughyeds, by fielding three teams, are providing opportunities for young people to be involved in sport."



THE RESERVE TEAM

WINGER John Gillam crowned a workmanlike all-round display with two second-half tries as our under-23s won 18-12 at Halifax in a hard-fought play-off game to qualify for last night's Grand Final at Featherstone. Listen out for PA announcements today about how we got on. Steve Nield, playing inside Gillam at left-centre, opened the scoring with a lovely try just before half time and then added a goal off the touchline to give Roughyeds a 6-0 lead at the

turn-around. It was only a week earlier that Halifax beat us easily in the last league game of the season, but we turned it round magnificently thanks to a great effort from all the boys and coach Paul Ashton's attention to detail.

Said a delighted Ashy: "We spent four or five

backs. We played some good stuff, and although there were times when we didn't execute well, there were massive positives when comparing this with how we played a week ago.

"We have now reached the reserve division Grand Final two years on the run, and no one deserves it more. These boys have been working desperately hard since we started preseason training many months ago.

"A word also for Mark Brocklehust. His experirence is invaluable and he has been helping me a lot off the field in match preparation, partcularly in working with individuals on a man-toman basis."

The teams took turns to score in a tough, yet exciting, second half. Fax levelled at 6-6,



Mark Brocklehurst and John Gillam

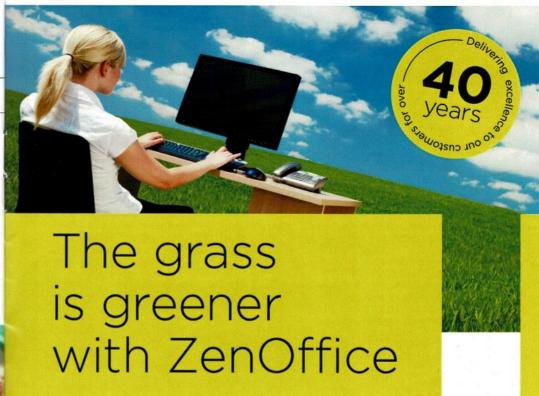
hours looking at where we went wrong last time and considering how we could put things right. We didn't have to make major changes, just tweak one or two things.

"The forwards were absolutely brilliant. They set the platform and made it easy for the

but a long-range penalty goal by Nield again gave Roughyeds the edge at 8-6 before Gillam struck for the first time.

A high kick by Tommy Connick caused consternation at the Halifax end of the field before Gillam crossed in the corner for a try

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THE RESERVE TEAM Cont...

which Nield goaled absolutely superbly off the left=side touchline.

At 14-6, we looked to be coasting home, but the home side again put us on tenterhooks with a try by Ross White, converted by Stead. to put them only 14-12 down.

We desperately needed another try to put daylight between them and us and when it came what an absolute cracker it was

Ryan Hilliard, Benji Lloyd and Nield all shipped the ball swiftly left with great hands and Gillam finished off in the corner.

Brocklehurst and Nield, in their contrasting styles, had impressive games in the centre positions: Connick and Hilliard worked extremely hard at half-back; and the pack was in excellent form as Phil Joy, Sam Dalby, Danny Langtree, Liam Gilchrist and Co made it a night to remember for our travelling fans. Joy had to leave the field in a concussed condition after half an hour in which, as he has done

all season, he gave everything. Kenny Hughes and Liam Gilchrist, coming off the bench, had terrific second-half performances, as did Langtree when the three St Helens boys came together in the later stages of the game.

Scorers: goals, Nield (3); tries, Nield, Gillam (2): Halifax: Stead (2), tries, Holroyde, White, Oldham: Lloyd; Worrall, Brocklehurst, Nield, Gillam; Connick, Hilliard; Joy, Moran, Dalby, Hinsley, Langtree, Dean.Subs: Highes, Gilchirst, Cunningham, Nooon,

Don't forget that the reserve team's prsentation night, sponsored by Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre, is at Whitebank on Friday. September 7 (7.30). Tickets at £5 include supper of hot-roast sandwich and potato wedges. Tickets are available from our Lansdowne Road office (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. tel: 628 3677) or you can make inquiries today either at the refreshment trailer or in the club over the bar.

HALF-PRICE SALE!!

THERE will be a half-price sale of all Oldham Rugby League Club merchandise -- subject to availability --- at Whitebank today before the Workington game (1.30pm to 3pm) and again next Wednesday, August 22, at the club office in Lansdowne Road, Chadderton between 9am and 5pm.

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