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NOBBY'S NOTES
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A warm welcome to everyone for today's game against Oxford at the Whitebank Stadium.

Since we were last here we played in the Challenge Cup against Hunslet & unfortunately came out on the wrong side of a defeat. It was great for our young team to test themselves against Championship opponents. They had a little bit too much experience on the day which told in the second half. There were a lot of positives to come out of the game & the lads will be better for it in the long run.

After that we travelled to Gloucester and probably put our most professional performance of the season together. As expected they threw everything at us but defensively we were very solid & had a brilliant work ethic, resulting in us keeping Gloucester scoreless. The two half backs, Neil Roden & Lewis Palfrey controlled the game with great professionalism and I have to say their all round game was faultless.

The lads seem to be getting more comfortable with how Spanner & I want them to play.

This is very pleasing to see from a coaching point of view.

On a lighter note it was nice to see Liam Thompson make his first team debut after having shoulder surgery in pre-season. I thought from his very first hit out he was impressive & offers us a different dimension in the loose forward role.

It's good to welcome back some familiar faces to the club today against Oxford. I know the lads are looking forward to playing against some of their former teammates, it adds a little bit of spice to the game.

It was fantastic to see the lads efforts rewarded as a few of our players made it into the Championship 1 Team of the Week. Great for them & Oldham RLFC.

Hope you enjoy the game

Scott (Nobby)



Behind Closed Doors with...



Phil Costin



Who are your heroes or people you look up to?

The late Professor Robert Clark, 9th Dan Jiu-Jitsu Grand Master - a great mentor, and a special person.

Do you play any other sports and if so do you excel in them?

Former World Kickboxing Champion & 5th Dan Black Belt in Jiu-Jitsu (I like the 'girlie' sports!).

What is the highlight of your career so far?

Getting my first Black Belt was pretty special & coaching the winning side in Oldham's Standard Cup in 2004.

If you could invite 2 people to dinner dead or alive who would they be?

Bruce Lee & Eva Green (Both with great bodies!).

If your house was to be hit by an earthquake what would be the first thing you'd save?

This is a no brainer - family, of course!

Who's the funniest of your team-mates and why?

Steve Woods, one of our wingers - he's a proper drama queen (an ugly one!).

Which TV programme would you never miss?

Super League backchat.

What was the last book you read?

'An Epic Swindle 44 months & 2 Cowboys' - Hicks' & Gillette's disastrous reign at Liverpool F.C.

What's your favourite type of music?

Pink - She's such a talented song writer, brilliant performer and not too bad to look at!

How do you relax after a match?

Couple of beers if we win and a lot more if we lose!

Finally.....Tell me a secret.

I'm half Polish!

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CHRIS' COMMENTS

WELCOME back to Whitebank for the next installment of the 2013 league campaign.

With today's opponents being Oxford and the many links between the clubs in terms of both coaching and playing personnel it is sure to be an eagerly awaited fixture and one that many of our fans would have been looking forward to when the fixtures came out. The flip side of that of course is that with so many changes at our club the game will be seen by Scott Naylor and the lads as simply another opportunity to hopefully get three points. There will certainly be no lack of respect but we have to focus on what we do best.

Our last game at Gloucester All Golds was as comprehensive as the scoreline suggested and to nil a team - no matter who the opposition are is always rewarding. We are obviously hoping to build on that today. We are currently in a period where we are playing one week then miss a week then play which isn't ideal but is just another factor that the coaching staff have to build into their training schedule to make sure that the intensity remains whilst we have no games.

With this in mind last Saturday we did an opposed session against Salford down at their stadium and it was very beneficial and we looked good and sharp. This is all part of the partnership benefits and I am sure it is something we will repeat during the course of the next few months.



Christopher Hamilton
Chairman

The under 20s are also well under way now and whilst it has been a big step up for some of the lads in terms of the quality of the competition Phil Costin and Mark Davenport are well aware of the fact that that team is primarily about developing players and hopefully getting them to the stage where they are able to move up to the first team.

This is something we have managed to do with a number of players over the years and indeed you only need to look at the players who moved up during the close season in Phil Joy, Danny Langtree, Steven Nield and Kenny Hughes as evidence that the investment into that team is paying off. The development of our own players is an important part of the club and whilst the financial implications will always be hefty we are doing our best to ensure that we can continue down this route.

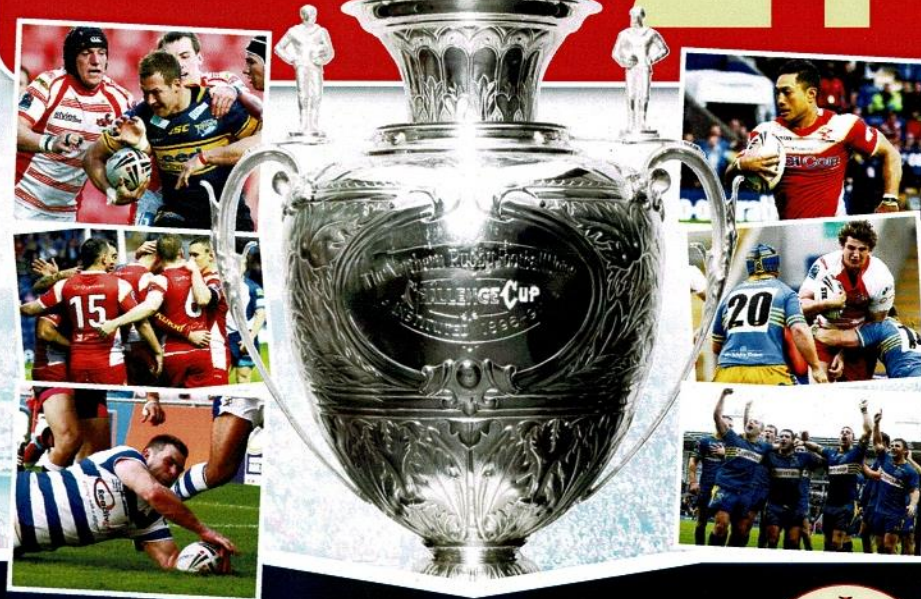
Back to today and once again the support the team has been receiving has been exceptional. This has even now filtered down to the under 20s and at the last match at Keighley, although the team was well beaten on the night, the lads were really well supported and there isn't another team that I know of that can say they get that for the younger players.

Keep it up today as we know you will and hopefully we can get another win under our belts. Enjoy the game.

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Behind Closed Doors with...

Adam Files



Who are your heroes or people you look up to?

The person I look up to rugby-wise is Cameron Smith and sporting-wise Steven Gerrard.

Do you play any other sports and if so do you excel in them?

I play football with my mates but just a kick about.

What is the highlight of your career so far?

Last season finishing 2nd in the league with Salford under 20's or winning players player of the year 2 years ago with Salford.

If you could invite 2 people to dinner dead or alive who would they be?

I would ask Cameron Smith and Steven Gerrard.

If your house was to be hit by an earthquake what would be the first thing you'd save?

My PlayStation or the brown envelope under my bed.

Who's the funniest of your team-mates and why?

Mark Hobson he's quite sharp witted and has funny phases.

Which TV programme would you never miss?

Top Gear or Banged Up Abroad.

What was the last book you read?

Peter Kay's autobiography.

What's your favourite type of music?

Anything on the radio.

How do you relax after a match?

Normally just fall asleep.

Finally.....Tell me a secret.

I can't swim.

No. 14 - ADAM FILES

AUTOGRAPH



KEEN Roughyeds fans Michael Travis and his daughter Jennifer are putting their bodies on the line in a tough and triple sponsorship challenge to raise funds for ORSA's Squad Strengtheners.

Although originally from Oldham, lifelong fan Michael, aged 58, lives in Rochdale now, while Jennifer (24) is a season-ticket holder, like her dad.

She started to watch Roughyeds more recently, following the death of her grandad, who had also supported Oldham RL through thick and thin for most of his life.

Explained Michael: "Jennifer started to come with me initially when grandad died, so that I would have somebody to accompany me, but she quickly became hooked.

"Watching Oldham now is one of the highlights of her week. She loves supporting the team and, in fact, it was Jennifer who came up with the idea of us doing something to try and raise some money for Squad Strengtheners."

The triple challenge they have set themselves will take place at Heywood Sports Village on the morning of Sunday, June 2, ahead of the home game against London Skolars that afternoon.

Before then they will have sponsorship forms available at the Oxford game today and at our next home game against Gateshead Thunder on Sunday, May 26.

They are doing a two-kilometre swim, immediately followed by ten kilometres of rowing, immediately followed again by 20 kilometres of cycling.

Said Michael: "Jennifer will find it a lot easier than me. I will find it difficult, but realistic. The swim will be easy enough, but I'm having to put in a lot of practice on the rowing and the cycling, making up to five trips per week to the gym. At least, we're getting our money's worth."

Please listen out for Nigel Marland's announcements over the PA system today about where you can find Michael and Jennifer if you would like to sponsor them. They would love to get the backing of fellow supporters who would like to help them to help ORSA who in turn will help the club to fund player recruitment.

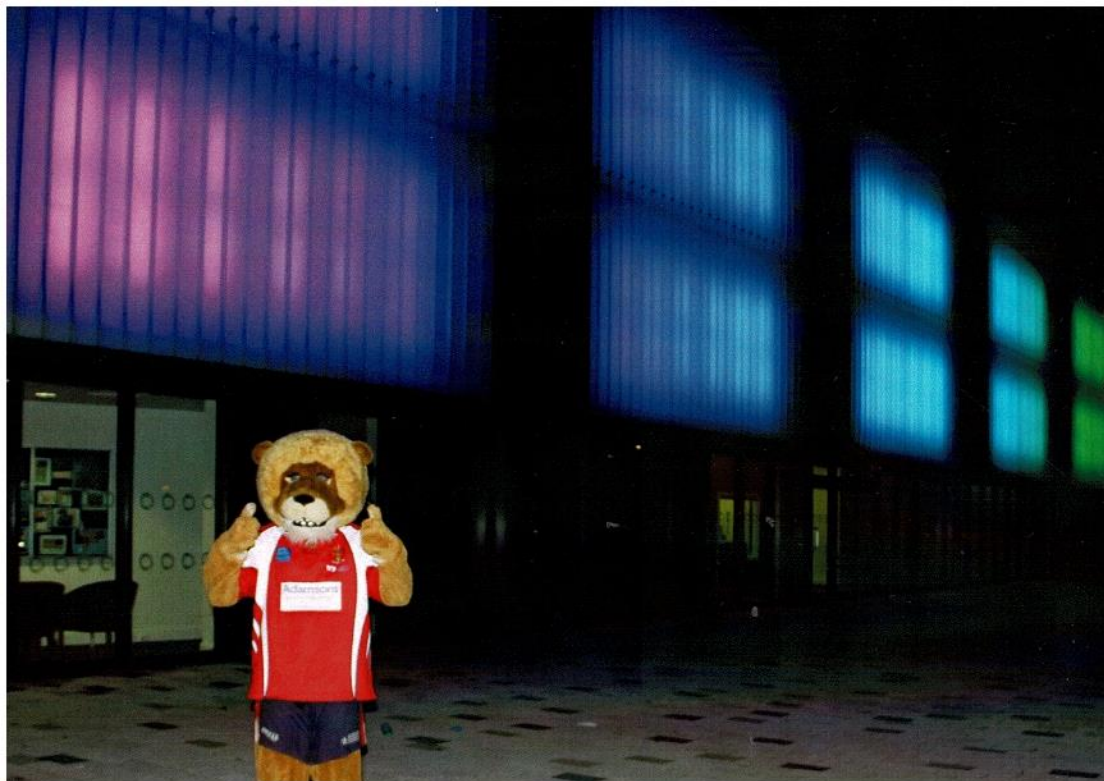
If you don't see them before or during the game they will be in the club afterwards where a draw will take place for all those who have already contributed to Squad Strengtheners.

This year each £5 donated has qualified for entry into today's draw, prizes for which are as follows:

First prize: A season ticket (money refunded if the winner already has one) and a framed, signed shirt of the player of your choice.

Second prize: A £75 voucher to spend on club merchandise or two tickets for the end-of-season Players' Presentations with an opportunity to present the Supporters' Player of the Year Trophy.

Third prize: A £50 voucher to spend on club merchandise.



On-the-ball Academy strikes partnership with Oldham RLFC

Oasis Academy Oldham is looking to drive student fitness and sporting standards after landing a partnership with Oldham Rugby League Club.

The deal will see coaches and players from the Kingstone Press Championship One side rolling out special training and mentoring sessions with students. Plans are also in place to involve club physiotherapists and nutrition experts in lessons.

The Whitebank Stadium side trains at the Academy's top-class

sports facilities during the week in the hope of becoming one of the two clubs who will win promotion this summer. The Roughyeds campaign continues with an important game at Whitebank this coming Sunday, April 28, kicking off at 3pm against Oxford RL, one of three new clubs in Championship One this season. Oasis Academy PE Head Joe Varey said staff and students are enormously excited by the partnership.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to work with some of the leading sports stars in our area," he said. "Oldham Rugby League Club initially registered an interest in the Academy to use our

excellent facilities. The team now regularly train here using the 3G pitches, athletics track and Multi Use Games Area (MUGA).

Our relationship is developing extremely positively. We now plan to roll out a number of joint initiatives. We are keen to use the club's knowledge and expertise in areas like fitness and nutrition by involving them in suitable BTEC lessons. We also plan to provide leadership, responsibility and team working sessions with players providing mentoring advice."

The rugby league side has already started running after-school coaching sessions for Year 7, 8 and 9 students. The partnership could also see Academy students providing half time entertainment on match days and helping with ball boy duties.

Oasis Academy Oldham Principal David Hayes said: "We are delighted to be working alongside this well-respected local rugby league club. This development is a sign of our desire to create meaningful and lasting partnerships with nearby clubs, businesses and organisations. We want our facilities to form a hub for the community to raise the ambitions, aspirations and learning experience for our students."

Chairman of Oldham Rugby League Club Christopher Hamilton said: "We are hugely impressed with the facilities at Oasis

Academy Oldham. They are very close to our club in the heart of the community and are simply the best sporting amenities we have ever used. We hope this will be a long standing relationship helping to promote rugby league at grass roots level. Physical fitness is so important to young people and there are many valuable skills to learn from sport including discipline, commitment, respect and team work. This partnership also crucially gives us the ability to drive up standards within our own club. In addition we are genuinely excited at the opportunities this partnership provides and we are looking forward to developing it further."

Head Coach Scott Naylor said: "The facilities at Oasis Academy Oldham have already proved to be of great benefit with an almost uninterrupted pre season training schedule despite the weather. There is no doubt that the facilities are of the highest standards and this has not only given everybody at the club a huge boost but has enabled us to carry out high level, high intensity training at every session. The assistance the staff have provided has also been excellent and we are very grateful.

Oldham fans asked to name the Kingstone Press Championships Awards

Super League has its Man of Steel – and now Oldham fans have the chance to name the award presented to the players who make the biggest impact on the Kingstone Press Championship and Championship One seasons.

The Man of Steel has been crowned every year since 1977 and from 2013, at the Kingstone Press Championships dinner in September, the sport will celebrate the biggest stars in the semi-professional competitions.

The winners will be determined by the Championship and Championship One coaches, who are canvassed after every round throughout the season, but the name of the actual award will be selected by Rugby League fans, who have until Monday May 6 to submit their suggestion.

“There are some exceptionally talented players within both the Kingstone Press Championship and Championship One and it is only right and proper that we name an award which encapsulates all they stand for,” said RFL Chief Operating Officer Ralph Rimmer.

“We have already received some terrific suggestions from supporters and it would be great to see as many Oldham fans as possible pitch their ideas for the name of these prestigious awards.”

Once all the submissions have been collated, the three most popular alternatives will be identified and put to a public vote: the trophies will then be created ahead of the end-of-season awards dinner, which takes place in Leeds on the evening of Thursday September 26.

The names of all the fans who have submitted a suggestion will go into a draw with the winner receiving two invitations to the black tie dinner.

To submit your entry, all fans have to do is enter their details at
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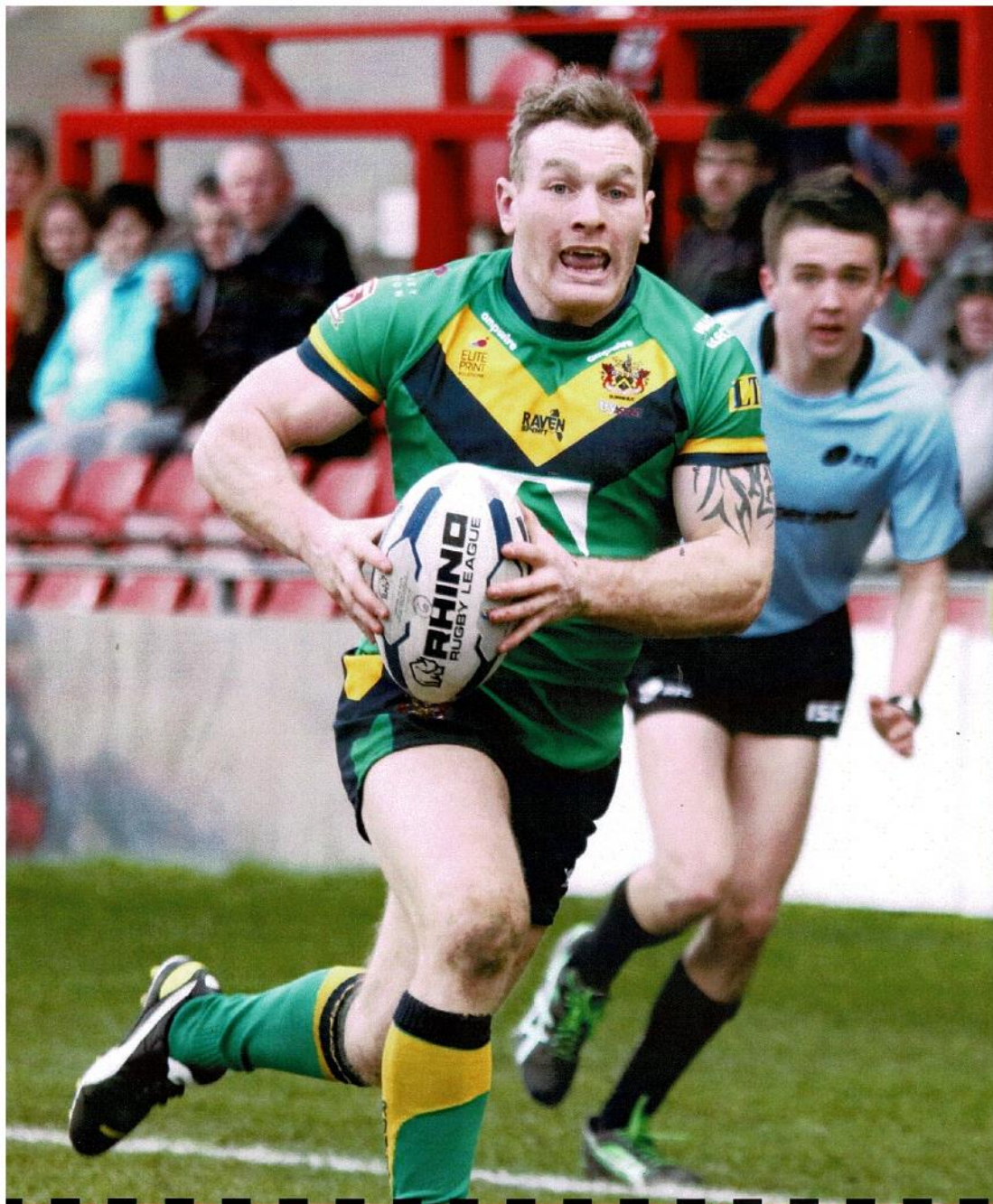
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No. 1 - RICHARD LEPORI

AUTOGRAPH

Behind Closed Doors with...

Richard Lepori



Who are your heroes or people you look up to?

I look up to different people in different ways but I'd probably have to say Winston Bogarde.

Do you play any other sports and if so do you excel in them?

I used to play everything except basketball when I was at high school but I used to like football the most and I was captain of the schools team.

What is the highlight of your career so far?

I had a bit of success when I was younger but this is my first year playing for a first team so hopefully I'll have some highlights by the end of it.

If you could invite 2 people to dinner dead or alive who would they be?

I'd invite both my granddads because they both died when I was young and I never got the opportunity to know them.

If your house was to be hit by an earthquake what would be the first thing you'd save?

Presuming my mum could get out of the house herself then I'd get my dog Cindy.

Who's the funniest of your team-mates and why?

Hard to say... we've got a few funny lads. It wouldn't be fair to say just one because all the lads have some nice input. But if I had to say; maybe Wardy and Phil Joy, they give some real nice energy.

Which TV programme would you never miss?

Don't really have a programme I watch all the time to be honest. I'm too busy doing uni. assignments etc...

What was the last book you read?

Probably a boring book from uni. for my dissertation.

What's your favourite type of music?

I like most genres but I can't stand pop music.

How do you relax after a match?

If I've got some money I like to get a Dominoes pizza and chill out with some friends.

Finally.....Tell me a secret.

I only have 3 toes on my right foot.



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U20	Saturday 9th	Rochdale Hornets	A	L 26 - 12
U20	Saturday 23rd	South Wales	H	Postponed

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U20	Friday 5th	Rochdale Hornets	H	W 46 - 22
U20	Thursday 11th	Keighley	A	L 48 - 18
U20	Friday 26th	Featherstone	H	8:00pm

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U20	Friday 3rd	Halifax	H	7:30pm
U20	Sunday 12th	Hemel	A	12:30pm
U20	Friday 17th	York	H	8:00pm

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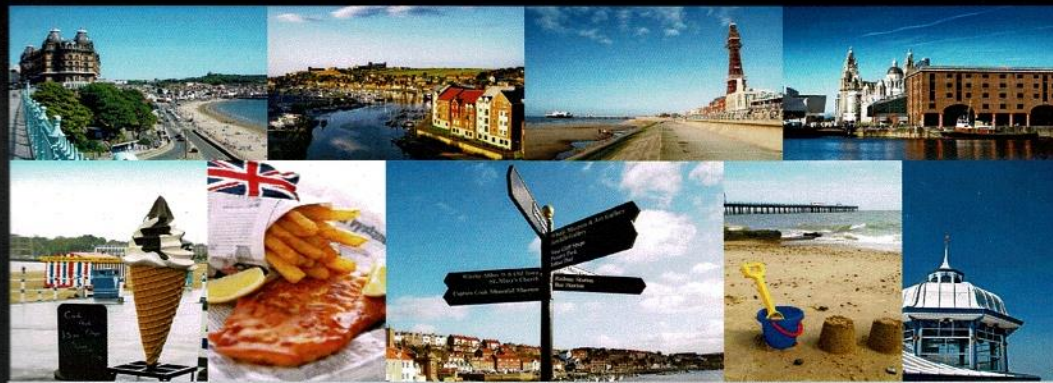
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Southport	Friday 16 th August	£15pp	Departing 9.00am Back approx 6.15pm
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Whitby	Wednesday 21 st August	£16pp	Departing 8.30am Back approx 7.30pm
Bridlington	Monday 26 th August	£16pp	Departing 8.30am Back approx 7.15pm
Stratford	Wednesday 28 th August	£16pp	Departing 8.30am Back approx 7.00pm

PHIL'S NOTES

After the 'highs' of our game against Hornets, they were quickly followed by the 'lows' in our next game away to Keighley. The Rochdale encounter was a well deserved victory undoubtedly helped by the inclusion of our over aged players, whom added direction to both attack and defence. Sam Singleton is fitting in well and getting to know our system and gives us that bit extra in the middle. I must pay credit to Liam and Wardy, who both encouraged the younger players before and throughout the game.

10 minutes into our game at Keighley, Aaron Hall took a bang to the head, which left him unable to return. After his Man of the Match performance against Rochdale, his go forward was sorely missed. A well deserved home side punished us at every opportunity and ran out worthy winners. As I write these notes before our Friday night encounter with Featherstone Rovers, it will be a fixture that will test us both physically and mentally.

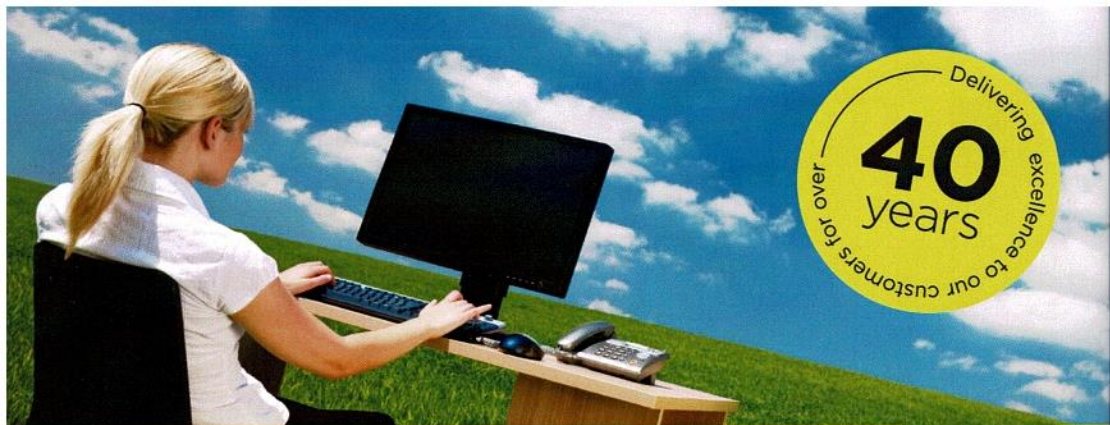
Many thanks to the support at both our last games, it really does make a difference.

Best wishes

Phil

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FEBRUARY

SS	Sunday 10th	SALFORD SELECT	H	W 34 - 22
LC	Sunday 17th	LAW CUP	A	W 20 - 22

MARCH

NRC	Sunday 3rd	NW CRUSADERS	A	L 48 - 12
NRC	Sunday 10th	ROCHDALE	H	W 26 - 10
NRC	Sunday 17th	GATESHEAD	H	W 34 - 16
NRC	Sunday 24th	SOUTH WALES	A	W 12 - 24
C1	Friday 29th	ROCHDALE	H	L 18 - 28

APRIL

CC	Sunday 7th	HUNSLET CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 3	A	L 36 - 10
C1	Sunday 14th	GLOUCESTER	A	W 0 - 36
CC	Sunday 21st	CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 4		
C1	Sunday 28th	OXFORD	H	3:00pm

MAY

C1	Sunday 5th	BYE		
C1	Sunday 12th	HEMEL	A	3:00pm
CC	Sunday 12th	CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 5		
NRC	Sunday 19th	NORTHERN RAIL CUP PLAY OFFS		
C1	Sunday 26th	GATESHEAD	H	3:00pm

JUNE

C1	Sunday 2nd	LONDON	H	3:00pm
C1	Sunday 9th	NW CRUSADERS	A	2:30pm
C1	Sunday 16th	SOUTH WALES	A	3:00pm
NRC	Sunday 19th	NORTHERN RAIL CUP QUARTER FINALS		
C1	Sunday 23rd	HEMEL	H	3:00pm
C1	Sunday 30th	GATESHEAD	A	3:00pm
NRC	Sunday 30th	NORTHERN RAIL CUP SEMI FINALS		

JULY

C1	Sunday 7th	OXFORD	A	3:00pm
CC	Sunday 14th	CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER FINAL		
C1	Sunday 14th	SOUTH WALES	H	3:00pm
NRC	Sunday 28th	NORTHERN RAIL CUP FINAL		
C1	Sunday 28th	NW CRUSADERS	H	3:00pm

AUGUST

C1	Sunday 4th	LONDON	A	3:00pm
CC	Sunday 4th	CHALLENGE CUP SEMI FINALS		
C1	Sunday 11th	GLOUCESTER	H	3:00pm
C1	Thursday 15th	ROCHDALE	A	7:30pm
CC	Saturday 24th	CHALLENGE CUP FINAL		

SEPTEMBER

C1	Sunday 1st	BYE		
C1	TBC	CHAMPIONSHIPS PLAY OFFS (Sunday 8th / 15th / 22nd)		
C1	Sunday 29th	CHAMPIONSHIPS GRAND FINAL		

OCTOBER

SL	Saturday 5th	SUPER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL		
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