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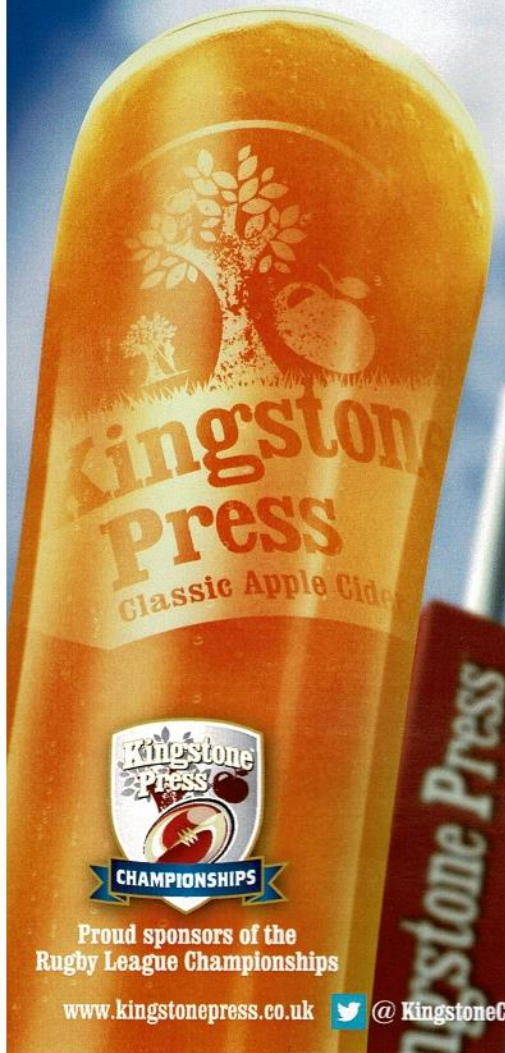
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NOBBY'S NOTES
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Welcome to today's game against Gateshead Thunder at the Whitebank Stadium. Once again it's been almost a month since we played at home which unfortunately was against Oxford and, as you all know the result went against us that day. There was a lot riding on that game for obvious reasons; one being the ex players that had been at Oldham previously and I think that in the end had a significant effect on the result of the game. After reviewing the game at the length we actually didn't play that poorly, we just looked like we lacked a bit of confidence near Oxford's try line and in the end that cost us the victory. Since that game we have been working extremely hard on offensive plays & offensive structure and I think we saw the result of our hard work in our last game against Hemel Hempstead.

The game at Hemel was a game we needed to win because of our loss at home against Oxford. There was a lot of pressure on the players and staff to go to Hemel and get the result. I can't give the players enough credit for the way they handled themselves in training throughout the week & on game day including the journey down. We played with more freedom in offense and with a smile on our face, even when things did

not go according to plan. I'm sure this change in attitude and mind set will take us a long way this season in our remaining games, home & away.

As you are aware Danny Whitmore has joined us on loan from Batley. At present he is on a month's loan but hopefully John Kear & Batley will allow us to increase that loan spell so that Danny can become a major part of our squad for the rest of the season.

I personally worked with Danny at Salford for 3 or 4 seasons, so know exactly what he can bring to the team and the club and am in no doubt he can improve us as a squad going forward. I also need to mention John Ford. He was on dual registration from Salford 2 weeks ago against Hemel & played an integral part in the victory. Hopefully the dual registration players that come into the club for future games can do as good a job as John did & the fans get behind them just like they did at Hemel.

On a lighter note I would like to congratulate Lewis Palfrey on getting Player of the Week. Four other players also made it into the Team of the Week, with the club; Oldham RLFC awarded Sports Performance of the Week, a great team effort.

Enjoy the game

Scott (Nobby)



Behind Closed Doors with...



Mark Davenport



U20's Assistant Coach

Who are your heroes or people you look up to?

Eric Cantona and Steven Hawkins.

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

Charles Darwin and Kelly Brooke.

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

My phone, I'm lost without it!

What's your funniest moment at the club so far?

Prop Jack Skerret being put on his bum by half back Paddy Fitzsimmons at training.

Which TV programme would you never miss?

Big Brother

What was the last book you read?

K-pax on a Beam of Light.

What's your favourite type of music?

I have a broad taste but AC/DC are my favourite band.

Who's the biggest pain in training?

Ste Woods U20's player coach!

Finally.....Tell me a secret.

If I did I would have to Kill you! Haha.

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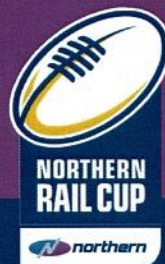
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CHRIS' COMMENTS

Welcome back to Whitebank after yet another month between home games.

The recent spell of play a week, miss a week has provided challenges of different kinds - to the club the cash flow remains more like a trickle!! as it the case with most clubs and the coaching staff have the task of trying to maintain match fitness and intensity when not playing every week.

I think the work that all the coaching and support staff, as well as the players have put in recently was there for all to see down at Hemel Stags. Both the first team and the under 20's came away with very good wins after a long journey and the 20's showed their professionalism with a 48 - 0 win after having to leave Oldham at 7am. Well done and a big thank you to Phil Costin and everybody else.

First team wise it was, like at Gloucester, a very comprehensive performance against a team, who prior to that game, had won three and lost their other match by only one point. After setting the platform in the first half the lads were able to dominate most of the second 40 and underline their superiority with more points.



Christopher Hamilton
Chairman

Our travelling supporters never ceases to amaze me with their enthusiasm and fantastic vocal support and on Sunday they travelled in numbers again and even set off early or stayed overnight to make sure they could watch the 20's - brilliant: but I'm not convinced that some of the guys who removed their shirts in the second half as the strong wind and driving rain took hold would have done that had they been sober!!!

Today's match has been brought forward to the earlier time to avoid clashing with today's matches at the Etihad Stadium as part of Magic Weekend. We have tried to make sure that fans get the best of both worlds and I hope that the attendance will reflect that.

We are at home again next week and these two matches present an opportunity to hopefully make further progress up the league table, although we know from good experience that to underestimate a Gateshead team will result in trouble.

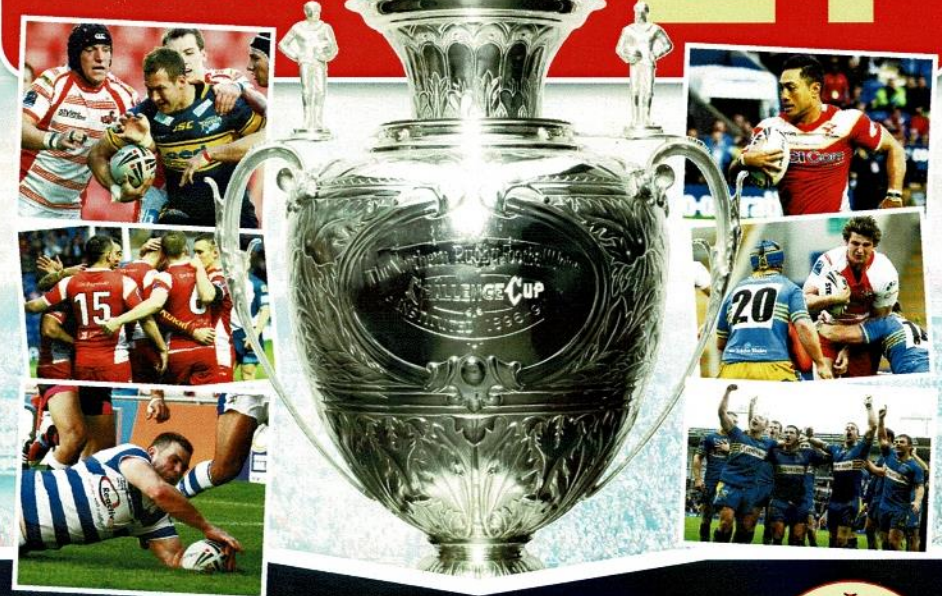
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Enjoy the game

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No. 22 - LIAM THOMPSON

AUTOGRAPH

Behind Closed Doors with...

Liam Thompson



Who are your heroes or people you look up to?

Being a Wigan lad Andy Farrell was my hero growing up.

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

I play golf when I get the chance but I'll be lucky to keep the same ball all the way round the course!

What is the highlight of your career so far?

Beating France away in France for England Schoolboys.

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

Will Ferrell and Cheryl Cole.

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

I'm a student so there isn't really anything valuable in my house! But I'd probably save my DVD collection.

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

Kenny Hughes because he's as thick as a brick and always laughing!

Which TV programme would you never miss?

How I Met Your Mother.

What was the last book you read?

I've never read a book in my life!

What's your favourite type of music?

I like pretty much all kinds of music but Indie is probably my favourite.

How do you relax after a match?

I usually lie on the couch watching films and eating pizza!

Finally.....Tell me a secret.

I love Mama Mia!

TAKE A BOW, LEWIS PALFREY!

Our young half-back and club captain was named **Premier Sports player of the week** for our division following our impressive performance in winning 30-12 at Hemel Stags.

Each week coaches of the nine clubs in Kingstone Press Championship One are consulted on performances for the Premier Sports individual, team and 'top try' ratings.

Roughyeds figured prominently in the latest ratings, not only with the accolade for Lewis, but by winning the mythical team-of-the-week gong and by having no fewer than five of our players in the **all-star Championship One team of the week**, based on individual performances across the division.

Taking control early in the second half, 23-year-old Palfrey fashioned decisive tries for each of his wingers, first with a cross-kick to the right for Mo Agoro to score and then with a cut-out pass to the left which allowed the dual reg centre Jon Ford to send in Dale Bloomfield for the second of his three.

Congrats also to Dale on his first hat-trick in Oldham colours. May it be the first of many.

The **five** in the **all-star** line up were full-back **Richard Lepori**, Jon Ford, Dale Bloomfield, Lewis Palfrey and back-row man **Danny Langtree**.



Palfrey's performance earned him a maximum five points towards **Championship One's player-of-the-year award** at the end of the season.

Our coach **Scott Naylor** said:

"It's great for Oldham to be recognised like this, but it's no more than the players deserve after the way they responded to the disappointing home defeat by Oxford."

"Lewis (Palfrey) looked very relaxed at Hemel. He played with a lot of freedom -- and with a smile on his face."

"When he plays with confidence his natural ability, which he has in bucket loads, comes out. He's an excellent player and he still has a lot more to give."

"Giving him the captaincy put pressure on him, but he's handling it, getting used to it and performing really well."

"At Hemel we managed to score some points. Before that, the ability to run in points was sometimes missing.."

"It's not easy to go to Hemel. I was delighted to get a decent win there because they have big men in the middle of the park and they've got a lot going for them."



Team of the week: Lepori (OLDHAM); Langley (Rochdale), Davies (Rochdale), Ford (OLDHAM), Bloomfield (OLDHAM), Palfrey (OLDHAM), Skee (London Skolars), MacDonald (North Wales Crusaders), Hough (Rochdale), Greenwood (South Wales Scorpions), Swindells (Hemel Stags), Langtree (OLDHAM), M Roden (Oxford).

Early leaders in the player-of-the-year competition are Hemel's Mike Bishay (8 points), Oxford's Sean Morris (7), Crusaders' Andy Mouldsdale (6), Crusaders' Jono Smith (5) and Oldham's Lewis Palfrey (5).

Dale Bloomfield (3) and Danny Langtree (2) are also on the ladder and hoping to climb it as the season goes on.



BOULTS' LONG RUN

THE remarkable resilience of prop Jason Boults is underlined again in statistics released by the RFL.

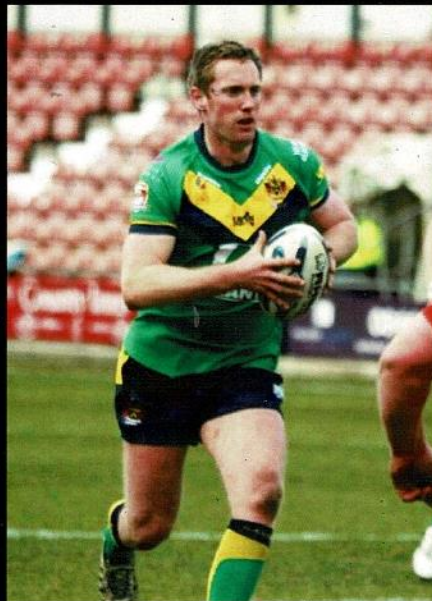
They show the ever-reliable Boults as having the longest run of consecutive appearances among all players in Kingstone Press Championship One.

Having missed only four games in the last three years, the 29-year-old unsung hero of the Roughyeds' front-row has played in each of Oldham's last 46 cup and league games.

He last missed a game on May 27, 2011 when Oldham were beaten 18-16 by Swinton Lions at The Willows.

Dave Ellison, now at Oxford, and Liam Gilchrist were starting props on that occasion with Luke Stenclion and Luke Sutton backing up from the bench.

It was a rare rest for the former Bradford Bulls academy and Halifax forward, who is in his seventh season at Oldham with a total of 164 Roughyeds appearances on his CV.



Since the new Oldham club was formed in 1997 only two players have played in more games than that ---- Neil Roden, approaching 300, and John Hough on 228.

No one has appreciated Boults's contribution to the Roughyeds' cause over the years more than club chairman Chris Hamilton.

He said: "Jason is your archetypal players' player. And his record of consistency is all the more remarkable because he plays as a prop where the physical side of the sport is at its fiercest."

Hot on Boults's heels is Stephen Welton of Gateshead Thunder (45 games), who will no doubt be on view at Whitebank today in the Thunder side.

WE are averaging marginally more than four tries per match across the nine competitive games we have played so far in the Northern Rail Cup (4), the Tetley's Challenge Cup (1) and the Kingstone Press Championship One (4).

We have amassed 37 tries in total --- 20 by the backs and 17 by the forwards.

In joint first place with six apiece, however, are two young forwards in 20-year-old Adam Files and 22-year-old second-row man Danny Langtree.

Adam, who is on season-long loan from our link club Salford City Reds, has the distinction of having scored a try in each of our last five games against Rochdale, Gloucester, Oxford and Hemel in the league and at Hunslet Hawks in the Tetley's Challenge Cup.

In the lead for the backs with five, and placed third overall, is winger Dale Bloomfield, whose hat-trick at Hemel was his first for the Roughyeds and followed Josh Crowley's similar feat early in the season.

Roughyeds' top tries: Files (6), Langtree (6), Bloomfield (5), Dallimore (4), Lepori (4), Agoro (3), Crowley (3), Palfrey (2), Roden (2), Gee (1), Hughes (1).

Please note that Jamie Dallimore has now left the club at his own request and has signed for North Wales Crusaders, whom we play at Wrexham on Sunday, June 9 (kick off 2.30pm).





Line-up at the launch of our new partnership with Oasis Academy Oldham. Representing the club are chairman Chris Hamilton and player Steven Nield.

Back row (left to right): Ben Whitehead, Joe Varey (head of PE), the Principal, David Hayes, James Young, Chris Hamilton, Eileen Davison and Steven Nield. Picture courtesy of LEAGUE EXPRESS.

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No. 5 - DALE BLOOMFIELD

AUTOGRAPH

Behind Closed Doors with...

Dale Bloomfield



Who are your heroes or people you look up to?

My hero growing up was my granddad who played rugby for Widnes.

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

I used to play cricket 'til about 2 years ago. I represented my county, Cheshire, as a youth.

What is the highlight of your career so far?

Playing in 2 reserve grand finals with St Helens.

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

Mohammed Ali and Frankie from the Saturdays.

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

My mirror.

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

Richard Lepori is by far the funniest looking (Rocky Dennis).

Which TV programme would you never miss?

X Factor.

What was the last book you read?

I have never read a book.

What's your favourite type of music?

Love songs.

How do you relax after a match?

With a couple of beers or glasses of wine.

Finally... Tell me a secret.

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

APRIL

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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 | L 6 - 52 |

MAY

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| U20 | Friday 3rd | Halifax | H | W 35 - 18 |
| U20 | Sunday 12th | Hemel | A | W 0 - 48 |
| U20 | Friday 17th | York | H | L 24 - 36 |

JUNE

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| U20 | Thursday 6th | Rochdale | A | 7:45pm |
| U20 | Saturday 22nd | Hemel | H | 2:30pm |

JULY

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| U20 | Friday 12th | Salford | H | 7:30pm |
| U20 | Thursday 25th | York | A | 8:00pm |

AUGUST

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| U20 | Friday 16th | York | H | 8:00pm |
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PHIL'S NOTES

Since my last programme notes, we have played 4 games - lost 2 won 2. First one up was Featherstone at home, who had been dispatching teams at want beforehand. We competed for large parts of the game, but any errors were pounced upon and punished by a well drilled side.

Halifax was a complete change of fortunes and in a end to end game we played some really good rugby with our 2 pivots, Sam Singleton and Paddy Fitzsimmons being dominant throughout.

The long trip to Hemel was testing from start to finish. Journey apart, after a whirlwind start - 3 tries in the first 3 sets, we came away from the game plan and made hard work of what was in the end a comfortable victory.

Last Friday's game against York was one I was looking forward to in order to ascertain our progress since the pre-season friendly in which York dominated the game, and our players did not disappoint. In a very fast and competitive game, we pushed the ball in the wrong areas and eventually this just cost us the win. A really sterling effort from everyone involved.

A big thank you to everyone in our squad for their efforts, our first team players for their professionalism and finally our supporters for their enthusiasm both home and away.

See you at the next game,

Phil

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OLDHAM RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB FIXTURES & RESULTS

| Code | Date | Opposition | Home/Away | Score |
|------------------|---------------|--|-----------|-----------|
| 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 | L 16 - 18 |
| MAY | | | | |
| C1 | Sunday 5th | BYE | | |
| C1 | Sunday 12th | HEMEL | A | W 12 - 30 |
| 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 | | |