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NOBBY'S NOTES
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HELLO everyone and welcome to today's game against York City Knights at the Whitebank Stadium.

Our opponents today are a very good team and are one of the favourites to get promotion, so we will have to be at our best for the full 80 minutes if we are to get anything from the game.

York have had a good start to their season and they will come here with confidence as joint leaders of Kingstone Press Championship One with Hunslet Hawks.

Both are on 19 points from seven games, while we are in third place with 14 points from six games, so from our point of view nothing short of 100 per cent will be good enough today if we are to get the win we want so badly.

In our last game
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Oxford we probably played the best offensive rugby we have played all season which was nice to see.

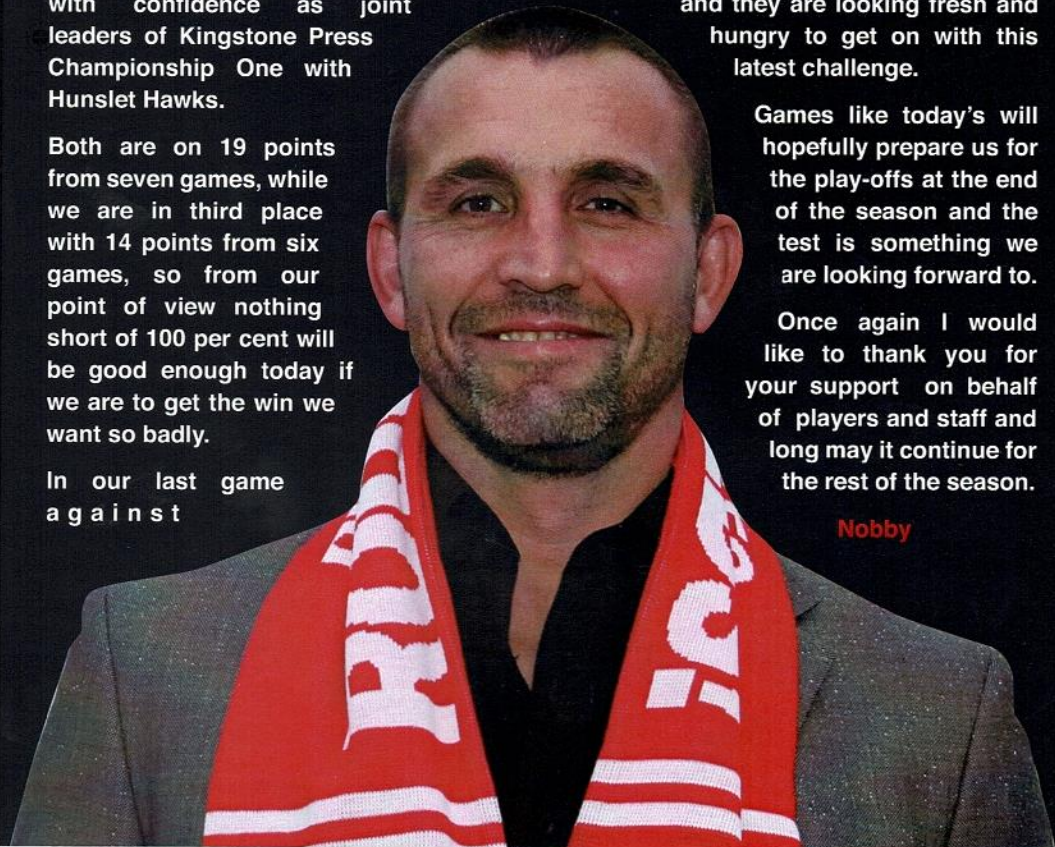
A lot of what we produced were things we had been working on in training since the Hunslet defeat and I'm sure we will see something similar today.

Since the Oxford game the lads have trained extremely hard to fill the gap caused by having no game last week and they are looking fresh and hungry to get on with this latest challenge.

Games like today's will hopefully prepare us for the play-offs at the end of the season and the test is something we are looking forward to.

Once again I would like to thank you for your support on behalf of players and staff and long may it continue for the rest of the season.

Nobby



'LANGERS' WINS TOP BILLING

HEARTIEST congratulations go to Danny Langtree, who has been named Kingstone Press Championship One player of the month.

Our young forward, aged 23, is in his second full season of first-team rugby at Whitebank where he forms a hard-working and stunningly consistent second-row with Josh Crowley.

When told of Langtree's recognition, Roughyeds' coach Scott Naylor said he wasn't surprised because it was no more than 'Langers' deserved.

He added: "I'm pleased for him. He's a quality player and a quality person. He's a dream to coach. He was unlucky not to get our club player-of-the-year award in 2013, and this year he's playing even better.

"Over the course of the season so far Danny and Josh have probably been our two best

and most consistent players."

Of all the players at Championship One clubs, only Hunslet's David March has played in more consecutive appearances in all competitions than Crowley. March is on 33, Crowley on 32, going back to the start of last season when he arrived from Widnes Vikings.

Dale Bloomfield is right up there too on 31 ---- and talking of 'Bloomers' it is interesting to note that he and Langtree are our leading try scorers so far, each on five.

The full list (all competitions) is: **Bloomfield 5, Langtree 5, Kenny Hughes 4, Mo Agoro 3, Crowley 3, Steven Nield 3, Michael Ward 3, Jason Boults 2, Adam Files 2, Danny Whitmore 2, David Cookson 1, Alex Davidson 1, Sam Gee 1, Edwin Okanga-Ajwang 1, Brett Robinson 1, George Tyson 1, Ben Wood 1.**



Danny Langtree

Championship One player of the month.



Dale Bloomfield

our joint top try scorer with Langtree.

TOP TRIES

(League Only)

Jason Payne (Gateshead)	9
Chris Heil (Gateshead)	6
James Houston (Hunslet)	6
Sean Morris (Oxford)	6
Jonny Presley (York)	6
Danny Thomas (Gloucester)	6
Jamaine Akaidere (Hunslet)	5
Dale Bloomfield (OLDHAM)	5
Michael Crabtree (Oxford)	5
Lee Mapals (Hunslet)	5
Aaron Small (Hemel)	5
Martyn Smith (London)	5

GOALS GALORE

(League Only)

Benn Hardcastle (York)	27
Lewis Palfrey (OLDHAM)	20
Jimmy Rowland (Oxford)	20
Matt Bradley (London)	19
BJ Swindells (Hemel)	19
Danny Ansell (Hunslet)	18
Andy Ballard (Hunslet)	14
Carl Puckering (Gateshead)	13
Aidan Jenkins (Gloucester)	12

POINTS

(League Only)

Benn Hardcastle (York)	62
BJ Swindells (Hemel)	54
Andy Ballard (Hunslet)	48
Jimmy Rowland (Oxford)	45
Danny Ansell (Hunslet)	40
M Beharrell (Gateshead)	40
Lewis Palfrey (OLDHAM)	40

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CHRIS' COMMENTS

WELCOME back to the Whitebank Stadium for what promises to be one of the highlights of the season, both on and off the pitch.

York are going well after their relegation last season and they will be very determined to ensure they get back up to the Championship at the first attempt. Their start to the season underlines their intention to do just that.

Although they lost at home to Oxford they had previously won away at Hunslet to prove their worth as a team.

For our part, we had a convincing win in our last game against Oxford and while there are still things to work on we certainly took a big step in the right direction in terms of the kind of performance we are looking for. We looked very good on attack.

With 100 points scored in our last two home games, more of the same today would be very welcome.

We know we will be tested, however, and we need to move up another notch in our intensity to make sure we get the result we want. Recent matches against the City Knights have been like that and today's will be no different.

This afternoon also sees another step forward for the club as it will be the first time our new, upgraded showers will be in operation in both dressing rooms, home and away.

The system we inherited when we came to



Whitebank was upgraded not long after we moved in, but since then - as players from both sides will vouch - we have had various problems concerning supply of water and its temperature.

As usual, it has been difficult to get a specific solution to the problems and it seemed everybody was giving us different advice. Anyway, we have got there eventually.

We have had help from the RFL Facilities Trust, for which we are extremely grateful, but the club has still invested several thousand pounds to upgrade the whole system. If the showers don't work properly today I intend to lock myself away for eternity!

Since our last first-team game, Neil Roden and the under 20s have had a good win and more power to their elbow for showing such determination and desire in keeping going until they got it.

Neil is proving to be adept in his new role as coach. He is enjoying himself although he will be the first to admit that moving from being a player, and having only yourself to think about, to becoming a coach and having to think for 20-odd other people as well, can be a bit of a job.

We have signed Richard Joy on professional forms and he is very similar in his outlook and attitude to his elder brother Phil. He has all the attributes to make the move up to first team and we wish him well.

Finally and, as ever, please keep up your fantastic support. It has been superb all season and it really does make a difference.

Enjoy the game.

Christopher Hamilton
Chairman

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JOHN CLEGG R.I.P

THE club has lost one its longest-serving and most dedicated supporters with the passing, aged 92, of John Clegg of Watersheddings, who died in the Royal Oldham Hospital at the end of March.

A lifelong supporter, John broke a hip in a fall at home and was in hospital for about a week and a half before he died, having lived within a good goalkick's distance of the old Watersheddings ground for more than 60 years.

It is with deep sadness that we record his passing and convey to all members of the family the sincere condolences of everyone at the club.

John served with the RAF in India in the 1940s and it was on his return to the UK, and his native Oldham, in 1949 that he bought a house in Adlington Street, close to the top of Sharples Hall Street and almost in the shadow of his beloved Watersheddings.

His son Alan recalled: "He began to get passionate about Oldham Rugby when he was a 15-year-old schoolboy and he never lost his love of the club until the day he died.

"He was a keen fan for more than 75 years. My earliest memories are of the team that played in the early 60s and had that fantastic Challenge Cup semi-final series with Hull KR in 1964, but my Dad never stopped talking of the great team of the 50s.

"As the years passed by my heroes were players like Martin Murphy, Mike Elliott and Phil Larder, but Dad used to regale me with stories of Alan Davies, Derek Turner, Bernard Ganley and all the others from that era.

"Like all Oldham fans he dreamed of watching the team at Wembley, but it was never to happen although we went close in a few semi-finals.

"When my own son, also called John, was old enough to go, the three of us would always stand on the Herbert Street side towards the Hutchins end. The same people would always congregate in the same place and you would get to know them very well."

By the time Watersheddings was sold off for housing development, John was well into his 70s. He didn't drive and his son and family were by then living in Chorley.

Grandson John takes up the story. "Dad and I got over to Oldham as much as we could to take him to the rugby, and he never lost his interest.

"We took him to Whitebank a few times and he enjoyed every minute of it."

Alan and John jnr. planned to be here at the York game today in order to pay their last respects at a match they chose specifically because the City Knights, like Oldham, are a traditional rugby league club with a great history and heritage.

ORSA (Oldham Roughyeds Supporters Association)

ORSA is the official supporters' club of Oldham RLFC but is independently run by a group of fans who ensure that it is fully accountable to all its members.

The aim of ORSA is to assist the players and coaching staff in their bid for success, by supporting them with various forms of sponsorship or by the provision of equipment that is generally outside the club's remit.

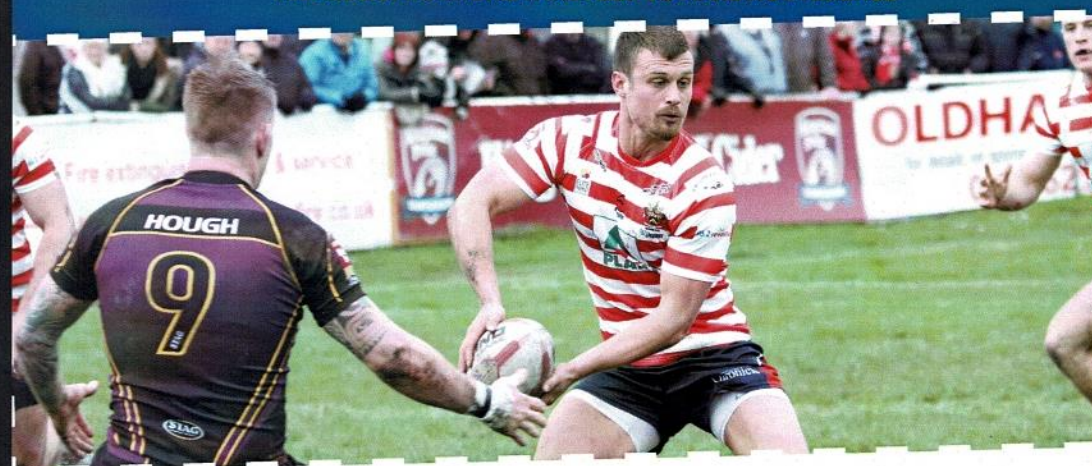
All fans can help ORSA in one way or another and the organisers are indebted to all the fans who already give their support and thank them for their ongoing generosity.

Support of ORSA may be given either by joining the association, supporting match day and event fund-raising or by providing items suitable for raffles or for auction.

ORSA annual membership is £10 (adult); £7.50 (over 60); £5 (under 16).

If you wish to join ORSA, or can help in any other way, please contact the ORSA secretary, Grant Somerville on any match day, or on 01706 844810

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LEWIS NAMED PLAYER OF THE WEEK

LEWIS Palfrey, who kicked eight goals from nine attempts in an influential display in our 48-28 win against Oxford, last time out, was later named Kingstone Press Championship One player of the week after leading Roughyeds - according to the citation - with "skill and maturity".

Coach Scott Naylor said: "Lewis had a complete game. Defensively he was good, he organised well, kicked well, and when we got good ball he was very clinical with his passing. It was the best game he's had this season, without doubt.

"We've been working hard in training and it seems to have helped him, because he looked very relaxed and more like his old self.

"We've not put a complete game together so far this year, but we went close against Oxford. It was a big game and it had that feel about it, but our performance was a big step in the right direction."

We had three players in that week's divisional top team ---- Palfrey at stand-off, Michael Ward at prop and Danny Langtree in the second row.

Top team: Cameron (Hemel Stags); Mulkeen (Oxford), Saltonstall (York City Knights), Ward (Gloucester), Caro (Gateshead Thunder); Palfrey (OLDHAM), Beharrell (Gateshead Thunder); Vitalini (South Wales Scorpions), Lee (York City Knights), Ward (OLDHAM), Payne (Gateshead Thunder), Langtree (OLDHAM), Williams (London Skolars).

Behind Closed Doors with...

ALEX DAVIDSON

Who are your heroes or people you look up to?

My family, Dwayne Johnson, Sonny Bill Williams, Sam Burgess

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

Not currently, but I have played cricket, football and rugby union and also been active in water polo, athletics and swimming.

What is the highlight of your career so far?

My Super League debut in 2011 v Hull KR (and Willie Mason) and two Super League appearances in 2013 v Huddersfield and Leeds.

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

Dwayne Johnson and Jennifer Lawrence.

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

My laptop - all my university work is on it and I couldn't lose that.

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

Sam Gee -- he's always full of energy and helps to keep a happy mood in camp.

Which TV programme would you never miss?

I don't watch much TV but, if any, it would be The Big Bang Theory

What was the last book you read?

Essentials of Strength and Conditioning

What's your favourite type of music?

Rock, but I'm also into Dance, Rap and R'n'B

How do you relax after a match?

With lots of chocolate!

Finally tell me a secret!

I want to own a pet dragon (they do exist, check my Facebook) and a lion.



OLDHAM RLFC

SEASON 2014



Mark Hobson



George Tyson



Back row (left to right): **Lyndsey Watkins** (head physiotherapist), **Craig Thomas** (strength and conditioning coach), **Lee Spencer** (assistant coach), **Edwin Okanga-Ajwang**, **Danny Langtree**, **Josh Crowley**, **Phil Joy**, **Ben Wood**, **Paddy Mooney**, **Jason Boults**, **David Cookson**, **Alex Davidson**, **Michael Ward**, **Patrick Hoyte** (physiotherapist), **Ben Riley** (physiotherapist), **Beth Pankiw** (masseur).

Front: **Liam Thompson**, **Steven Nield**, **Danny Whitmore**, **Brett Robinson**, **Dale Bloomfield**, **Christopher Hamilton** (club chairman), **Lewis Palfrey** (captain), **Scott Naylor** (head coach), **Sam Gee** (vice-captain), **Kenny Hughes**, **Tom Whitehead**, **Mo Agoro**, **Adam Files**, **Adrian Tierney** (kit manager).



Behind Closed Doors
with...

BETHANY PANKIW

(Club Masseur)

Who are your heroes or people you look up to?

Davina McCall after watching her on Sport Relief

If you could invite two people for dinner, dead or alive, who would they be?

Alan Carr and **Miranda Hart**

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

My Kurt Geiger shoes

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

When Whitty sprayed Deep Heat into Palf's boxers, but he never put them on... a HUGE FAIL!

Which TV programme would you never miss?

Gogglebox is my current favourite

What was the last book you read?

Mary Berry's Cookbook (for away trips)

What's your favourite type of music?

Anything I can sing and dance to in the car

Who's the biggest pain on training nights?

Nieldy... he kills my thumbs at training because he always needs attention

... And finally, tell us a secret

That would be telling, surely!

EXPENSIVE FACELIFT FOR WHITEBANK SHOWERS

WORK costing "several thousand pounds" to overhaul and upgrade the hot water and shower facilities in both home and away dressing rooms has been completed at the Whitebank Stadium.

It will be paid for by the club, assisted by a grant from the Rugby Football League's Facilities Trust.

The project was due to be completed and the new system fully operational in time for today's home game against second-in-the-table York City Knights.

It will be four years and nine days exactly since the City Knights spoiled Oldham's 'house warming' by winning 34-28 in the Roughyeds' first-ever game at Whitebank, watched by a crowd of 1,110.

From that first game on May 9, 2010 visiting teams have been accommodated in a cabin, complete with its own shower facilities, situated close to the main dressing room area but separate from it.

The Oldham team and the match officials have been housed in the main building, but with separate facilities.

Said club chairman Chris Hamilton: "We have had ongoing problems for some time with regard to water pressure and the facility to store sufficient water.

"Over a good period of time we have been in discussions with various companies, experts and the RFL with the intention of coming up with a solution.

"We have been given differing opinions and possible solutions, which have merely added to our concerns, but a few weeks ago we got in a mechanical engineer who gave us a definitive outline of what needed to be done.

"Preliminary work started the week before last and the remainder will be completed in time for the new system to be up and running for this Sunday's game against York.

"We are very grateful for the assistance and patience of the RFL Facilities Trust, without whose help we would not have been able to carry out these improvements.

"I've told the players that, by Sunday, the problems of the past will be exactly that."

Philip Jones, chairman of the Facilities Trust, said he was "delighted" that the Trust was able to come to the Oldham club's assistance.

He added: "The Facilities Trust is all about helping to improve facilities at the grounds of our community clubs and our Championships clubs. It's what we are there for.

"We wish Oldham well with this important project."

FANS GUARANTEED A DAY TO REMEMBER

The 2014 Kingstone Press Championships Finals Day will be staged at Headingley Carnegie Stadium, Leeds, on Sunday, October 5.

Rugby League fans are guaranteed a day to remember with three title deciding matches, the Kingstone Press Championship Grand Final, the Kingstone Press Championship One Grand Final, the winners of which will be promoted to the Championship, and the National Conference Challenge Trophy Final.

It will be the second time the Championships Finals Day has been held at the historic venue -- the last was in 2007 when Oldham lost to Featherstone in the Co-operative National League Two Grand Final --- and it is sure to be an exciting day for all Rugby League fans.

After staging last year's Finals Day at Leigh Sports Village, the Championships clubs recently expressed their preference for a neutral venue in 2014.

RFL Chief Operating Officer Ralph Rimmer said: "The Kingstone

Press Championships Finals Day always provides a spectacular and memorable end to the season and this year we believe it will be the most exciting ever.

"Headingley Carnegie Stadium has a rich history of hosting high quality sporting events and will be the perfect venue to showcase some extraordinary action to a bumper crowd in what is now set to be a pivotal year for the sport."

Gordon Johncox, managing director of Championship title sponsors Kingstone Press, said: "At Kingstone Press we are really looking forward to Championships Finals Day and will be planning some exciting activity around our new Proper Cider campaign leading up to and around the day.

"We are committed to helping recruit more players and supporters to rugby league and of course create more awareness of our cider. Our activities will be designed to appeal to clubs, players and fans to help make the day more electrifying than ever."

Tickets for the 2014 Kingstone Press Championships Finals Day are on sale now, priced from £17 for adults and £10 for concessions. Book your tickets by visiting www.rugbyleaguetickets.co.uk or call 0844 856 1113.



OH brother! Phil Joy (left) congratulates brother Richard on the night he became an Oldham RLFC professional.

MORE JOY FOR OLDHAM!

WE are delighted to confirm the signing on professional forms of Richard Joy from our under-20s squad.

Richard, who is 20, will be following a well-trodden path, taken previously by half a dozen of the club's current first-team professionals, including his elder brother Phil (22).

Phil spent most of the 2012 season in the second team before turning pro in 2013 and winning the club's player-of-the-year award in his first season of senior rugby.

Danny Langtree, Michael Ward, who has been at the club since he was 16, David Cookson, Kenny Hughes and Steven Nield also worked their way up to first-team level via the under-20s.

Richard Joy and his twin, Andrew, joined big brother Phil at Whitebank with three or four under-20s games still left at the end of last season.

It took only four more games this season for

university student Richard to convince his immediate boss Neil Roden and our head coach Scott Naylor that he was first-team material.

All three Joy brothers grew up in the Waterhead club's junior section, but by the time Richard and Andrew were ready to join their home-town professional club they were playing for Saddleworth under-18s.

Said Richard: "I was genuinely taken aback when I was asked to sign. It was something I had been aiming for, but I didn't expect it to come so soon.

"I guess it's up to me now. I'm looking forward to the challenge. It will certainly give me something to aim for.

"My favourite position, like Phil, is prop. 'Rats' (Roden) has been playing me at loose-forward. I'm happy to play anywhere, so long as I get a game.

"All I can do is aim to reach my best and see where it takes me."



SPOTLIGHT ON OLDHAM RLFC CLASS OF 2014



Tom WHITEHEAD
D.O.B: 13/9/91

1

Full-back, but versatile player who can also operate at half-back or on the wing. Unattached when he signed for Roughyeds midway through last season. Oldham-born, he signed for Salford from Waterhead and was coached through the Super League club's development system by Lee Spencer, now the assistant boss at Whitebank. Sponsorship available (0161 624 9630, ex 70552)



Mo AGORO
D.O.B: 29/1/93

2

Winger, formerly with Leeds Rhinos. In his second year at Whitebank, having played in 22 of our 24 games last season, scoring nine tries. Played for Drighlington and Hunslet Warriors before joining Leeds. A student, currently studying in Huddersfield. Sponsored by Wilscaff 07855 265 071.



Ben WOOD
D.O.B: 10/6/89

3

Centre or second-row. Another product of the Salford 'system', originally from Saddleworth Rangers. In his second spell at Oldham, having spent last year in Australia where he won State rep honours for Western Australia and went on tour to Samoa. At 6ft 4in and 17st 1lb, he is one of the biggest players in the squad. Sponsorship available (0161 624 9630, ex 70552)



Steven NIELD
D.O.B: 20/11/90

4

Full-back or wing. Oldham-born, signed for St Helens aged 15 from Saddleworth and had four years at Knowsley Road. Earned senior contract here after two big seasons in the reserves in which he played in every game and was top try and points scorer in 2012. Now in his second year as a 'senior'. Sponsored by Oldham Self Stodge 0161 665 2723.



Dale BLOOMFIELD
D.O.B: 24/10/87

5

Winger. Widnes Vikings, St Helens, then three years at Rochdale where he scored a total of 30 tries in 2011 and 2012. In the mythical Championship One team of the year in 2011. In his second year at Whitebank, having scored 11 tries in 23 games last season, missing only one. Sponsored by Mick Harrop.



Lewis PALFREY
D.O.B: 25/2/90

6

Stand-off and club captain. Eccles, Wigan St Pat's, then five years at Salford, two as a full-time pro. Captained them at academy and reserve-team levels and came under the influence there of 'Spanner' (Lee Spencer) and our head coach Scott Naylor. Played for Whitehaven and Batley Bulldogs before joining Roughyeds at the start of the 2013 season. Sponsored by Fireplace Superstore 0161 488 4991.



Brett ROBINSON
D.O.B: 11/9/89

7

Half-back. Newly signed by Roughyeds this year, having been a key member of Tony Benson's Oxford squad in that club's first season in Kingstone Press Championship One. Played for us at reserves level three years ago when John Hough was in charge, having been reared on the youth circuit in his native Wigan. Also played overseas. Sponsored by ORSA.



Phil JOY
D.O.B: 4/9/91

8

Prop-forward. Local lad, ex-Waterhead. A product of our development system. Gained two reserve team player awards in 2012, won his first senior contract for 2013 and carried off the coach's player-of-the-year award in his first season at that level. Got a BSc joint honours degree in maths and economics at Leeds and now studying for a masters. Sponsored by Pam Taylor and TTX.



Sam GEE
D.O.B: 28/2/87

9

Vice-captain and extremely versatile player who contributes much all over the park, notably from hooker, loose-forward or even centre where he has played on numerous occasions. Previously with Warrington, Wigan, London Skolars and Whitehaven. In his second season here, having played in 21 of our 24 games last year. Sponsored by John and Lynda McAndrew.



Jason BOULTS
D.O.B: 7/9/83

10

Prop-forward. 'Mr Consistency' if ever there was one. Now in his eighth season at Oldham. He began this 2014 campaign with 173 appearances on his impressive Roughyeds CV. Started at Bradford Bulls, then Halifax before coming to Oldham for the start of the 2007 season. The squad's senior citizen at the age of 30, but going as strongly as ever. Sponsored by ORSA.



Josh CROWLEY
D.O.B: 24/9/91

11

Second-row forward. Formerly with hometown Warrington, then three years at Widnes before becoming Scott Naylor's first signing for Oldham ahead of the 2013 season. Strong-running forward who was an ever-present in his first season with a maximum 24 appearances. Has won more man-of-the-match awards than any other Oldham player. Sponsored by John and Lynda McAndrew.



Danny LANGTREE
D.O.B: 18/2/91

12

Second-row forward. Ex-St Helens academy. Two seasons in our reserve team and grabbed first-team chance with both hands at back end of 2012 season. Mainstay of reserves' pack that reached two successive grand finals in 2011 and 2012. Scored ten tries in 23 first-team games in 2013. Sponsored by Charlotte Gothard and Neil Haigh



Mark HOBSON
D.O.B: 14/1/87

13

Back-row forward. Signed for Salford at 16, then briefly at Workington Town before spending four seasons at Rochdale where hard work and consistency were his trademarks. In his second season at Oldham, having played in every game bar one last year. Sponsored by Colin Appleyard Ltd 0161 330 5148.



Adam Files
D.O.B: 7/1/93

14

Hooker. Made a big impact here last year when he was on season-long loan from Salford. Scored 15 tries in a maximum 24 appearances. Especially lively from dummy half. Reared at Woolston and signed for Salford aged 15. Now in his first season as a fully-fledged Oldham player. D-O-B 7/1/93. Sponsored by Rita Walton.



Paddy MOONEY
D.O.B: 28/3/94

15

Prop-forward. Londoner. Reared in the much under-rated London amateur game, then joined Broncos where he captained the under-19s side in 2013. Moved north to study at Manchester University and joined Oldham as a young front-rower with loads of potential. Sponsored by Graeme Lee.



Kenny HUGHES
D.O.B: 30/3/90

16

Hooker/half-back. Born in St Helens, won BARLA GB honours at under-19s. Signed for Saints, then came to Oldham to play in the reserves before winning first-team contract at the start of the 2013 campaign. Scored seven tries in 19 appearances last year, proving his value to the squad by appearing at both hooker and half-back. Sponsored by Rita Walton.



Danny WHITMORE
D.O.B: 22/12/88

17

Hooker/half-back. In his second spell here. Oldham-born, he played at Waterhead before joining Salford's youth development system. Brought up there under Lee Spencer's wing and signed for Roughyeds for the first time in 2010, serving three years here before going to Batley Bulldogs last term. Had a couple of games here on loan last season and now a fully-fledged Roughyed - again. Sponsored by Frankie and Benny's.



Alex DAVIDSON
D.O.B: 1/11/92

18

Bolton-born, raised in Westhoughton. Early rugby for Westhoughton Lions, Wigan St Pat's and Blackbrook Royals (St Helens). He then signed for Salford from which club he is now at Oldham on season-long loan. Well known to our coaches Scott Naylor and Lee Spencer from his time with the Red Devils. Sponsorship available (0161 624 9630, ext 70552).



Michael WARD
D.O.B: 10/2/91

19

Prop-forward. Local lad who came up through our reserves. First played on the wing as a 16-year-old. Starred in 2011 reserve team that won a grand final against Widnes and graduated to first team in 2012. Played early rugby at centre or second-row but now regarded chiefly as a front-rower. At 17st4lbs second heaviest member of the pack after Phil Joy. Sponsored by Sylvia, David and Margaret.



George TYSON
D.O.B: 1/10/93

20

Back-row forward. Another youngster from Salford Red Devils who is here on a season-long loan. Early rugby at Leigh Miners, then signed for Salford aged 16. Tall and rangy, he is a very mobile forward, who impressed in the under-20s in his first few games here, both on attack and in defence. Sponsored by Amari Plastics PLC. 0161 785 3560



David COOKSON
D.O.B: 1/10/88

21

Centre. Joined Roughyeds' reserves from Oldham St Anne's in 2011, made senior spot his own in 2012. Capped at amateur level by England Students and BARLA GB under-23s. Five tries in 18 appearances last season, but missed several early games in 2014 due to injury. Sponsored by ORLFC Players' Association.



Liam THOMPSON
D.O.B: 3/1/92

22

Loose-forward. Signed for Wigan aged 16. England schoolboy honours. Moved from Wigan to Widnes before joining Roughyeds as one of Scott Naylor's new boys in 2013. Shoulder operation delayed his debut, but he made a big impact later in the season as we progressed to the Grand Final. Started well again this year, but then suffered a serious facial injury which again set him back. Sponsored by Spencer Hayes Insurance 01204 505 586.



Edwin OKANGA-AJWANG
D.O.B: 29/11/94

24

Centre. Highly-rated youngster from Salford Red Devils, here on season-long dual registration. Born in Poland of a Polish mum and a Kenyan dad. Family moved to Halifax when he was ten. His primary school introduced him to rugby league and he joined amateurs Siddall, from which club he signed for Salford when he was 16. Already had a couple of Super League games. Sponsorship available (0161 624 9630, ext 70552)

OLDHAM RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB U20s FIXTURES & RESULTS

MARCH

Saturday 8th	Leigh Centurions	H	L 42 - 10
Saturday 22nd	Sheffield Eagles	A	L 38 - 18
Saturday 29th	Featherstone Rovers	H	L 36 - 20

APRIL

Saturday 5th	York City Knights (friendly)	H	L 44 - 28
Saturday 12th	Halifax	H	L 27-24
Saturday 26th	Sheffield Eagles	A	L 18-12

MAY

Saturday 3rd	N E Academy	H	W 48 - 6
Saturday 10th	Midlands Academy	A	L 32 - 30
Saturday 24th	Cumbria Academy	A	2:30pm
Saturday 31st	Sheffield Eagles	H	2:30pm

JUNE

Thursday 12th	Keighley	A	7:30pm
Saturday 21st	Featherstone Rovers	A	2:30pm

JULY

Saturday 5th	Halifax	H	2:30pm
Saturday 12th	Gloucester	H	2:30pm
Wednesday 30th	Leigh Centurions	A	7:30pm

AUGUST

Saturday 9th	Keighley	H	2:30pm
Thursday 14th	Halifax	A	7:30pm

NEIL'S NOTES

In our last home game we took a big step forward by picking up our first win against North-East Academy with a really good professional performance.

We scored some nice tries and also defended well to record a 48-6 win which should have set us up nicely to go to Nottingham for the game against Midlands Academy a week later.

We scored nine tries in the win against the North-East, these coming from Connor Partington, Sam Singleton (2), Andy Ball, Rhys Wareing, Tom Flanagan, Richard Joy, Jake Hughes and Kyle Buckley-Mayall. Tom Dempsey landed six goals.

We played some good rugby, especially in the second half, and we felt we could kick on from this our first win and produce another good performance down in the Midlands.

Unfortunately we took a big step backwards down there, losing 32-30 with a performance that simply wasn't good enough on the day.

The lads know they let themselves down mentally by not preparing for the game as they should have done.

It was a tough defeat to take but I'm 100 per cent sure the lads will learn a lot from it and work hard to improve both individually and collectively, which is what we all try to do.

Our try scorers in Nottingham were Andy Ball (2), Sam Wilson (2), Rhys Wareing and Kyle Buckley-Mayall, while Tom Dempsey landed three goals.

We have no game this weekend, but we go to Whitehaven to take on the Cumbrian Academy next Saturday, May 24, and our next game here at Whitebank is against Sheffield Eagles on Saturday, May 31 (2.30pm kick off).

Congratulations to Tom Dempsey on his selection for the North-West and Cumbrian Students squad and to Richard Joy on his step-up the ladder in being offered a professional contract.

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March

KPC1	Sunday 2nd	SOUTH WALES	A	W 18 - 4
KPC1	Sunday 9th	HEMEL	H	D 20 - 20
	Sunday 16th	EGREMONT (Tetleys Challenge Cup)	A	W 42 - 24
KPC1	Sunday 23rd	LONDON	A	W 18 - 16

April

	Sunday 6th	BRADFORD (Tetleys Challenge Cup)	A	L 60 - 6
KPC1	Sunday 13th	GATESHEAD	H	W 52 - 16
KPC1	Friday 18th	HUNSLET	A	L 38 - 12
	Sunday 27th	TETLEY'S CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 5		

May

KPC1	Sunday 4th	OXFORD	H	W 48 - 28
KPC1	Sunday 18th	YORK	H	3:00pm
KPC1	Sunday 25th	GLOUCESTER	A	3:00pm

June

KPC1	Sunday 1st	LONDON	H	3:00pm
KPC1	Sunday 8th	HEMEL	A	2:30pm
	Sunday 8th	TETLEY'S CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER FINAL		
KPC1	Sunday 15th	SOUTH WALES	H	3:00pm
KPC1	Sunday 22nd	GATESHEAD	A	3:00pm
KPC1	Sunday 29th	OXFORD	A	3:00pm

July

KPC1	Sunday 13th	GLOUCESTER	H	3:00pm
KPC1	Sunday 20th	YORK	A	3:00pm
KPC1	Sunday 27th	HUNSLET	H	3:00pm

August

KPC1	Sunday 3rd	LONDON	A	3:00pm
	Sunday 10th	TETLEY'S CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINAL		
KPC1	Sunday 17th	HEMEL	H	3:00pm
	Saturday 23rd	TETLEY'S CHALLENGE CUP FINAL		
KPC1	Sunday 31st	GATESHEAD	A	3:00pm

September

KPC1	Sunday 7th	GLOUCESTER	H	3:00pm
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CHAMPIONSHIPS PLAY OFF GAMES SUNDAY 14th SUNDAY 21st & SUNDAY 28th

October

Sunday 5th CHAMPIONSHIPS GRAND FINALS
Saturday 11th SUPER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL