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NOBBY'S NOTES
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HELLO everyone and welcome to today's game at the Whitebank Stadium against the South Wales Scorpions.

Our last encounter against the Welsh team was an experience I hope I never have to go through again.

I've been involved in rugby for about 32 years but I've never seen anything like the weather in Wales at the start of the season, which was nothing short of biblical.

The game eventually was abandoned because four or five players had hypothermia and the pitch was unplayable from one end to the other.

In those circumstances it was impossible to take anything from the game or learn anything about each other.

What I do know is that Wales have improved as the season has gone on and they come to us as a totally different prospect today, so we have to be ready for a tough battle.

This season so far has been an up and down one for all teams, as far as results go, with each round of games producing unexpected results on a weekly basis.

No one team is running

away with the league and there is no such thing as certainty this year, which makes every Sundays very exciting.

As a team we need to make sure we are focused in exactly the same way when we play the top or the bottom teams, otherwise our season will just become another statistic that will mean nothing in September.

Rugby league is the hardest team sport in the world, no matter what level you play at, and if you aren't mentally ready to do the hard work and give everything you have for your team then you're in the wrong place.

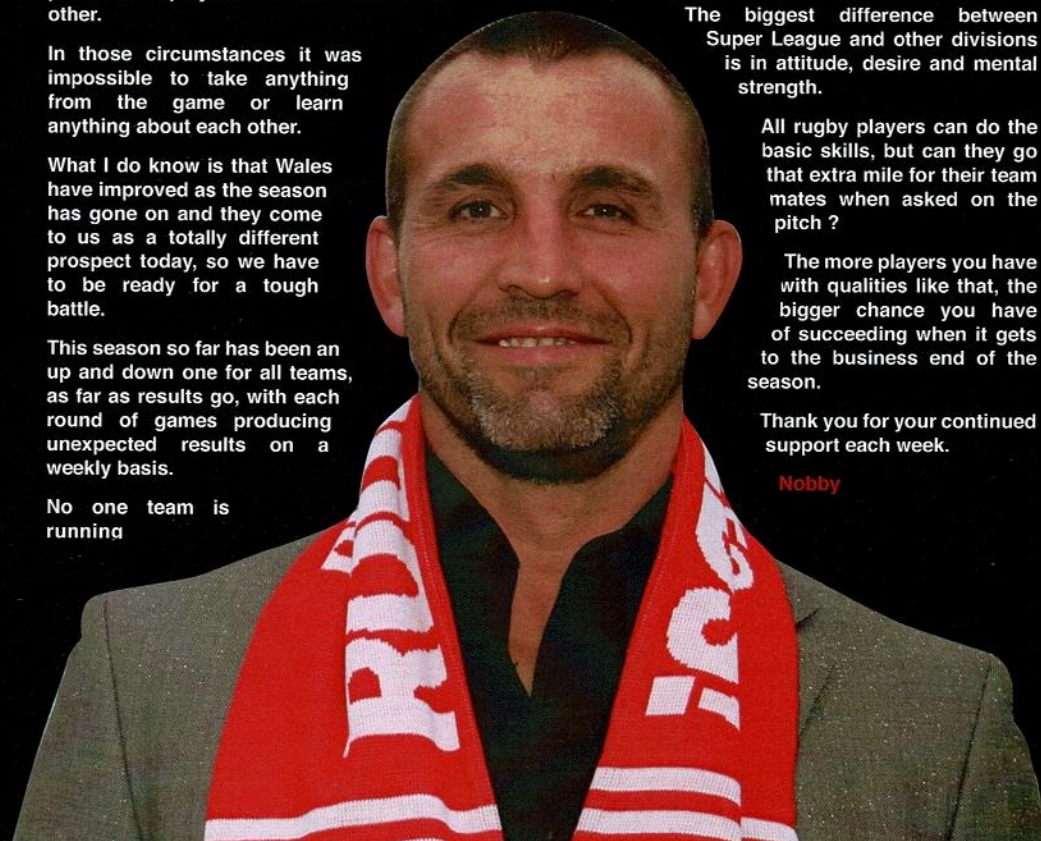
The biggest difference between Super League and other divisions is in attitude, desire and mental strength.

All rugby players can do the basic skills, but can they go that extra mile for their team mates when asked on the pitch?

The more players you have with qualities like that, the bigger chance you have of succeeding when it gets to the business end of the season.

Thank you for your continued support each week.

Nobby



STEVE, NATHAN HERE TO STAY

STEVE Roper (Picture left) and Nathan Mason (Bottom) are staying at Whitebank for the foreseeable future even though their original one-month loan deals have now expired.

The month was up after the last home game against London Skolars, but we had already completed new arrangements with Rochdale Hornets (for Steve) and with Huddersfield Giants (for Nathan) which extended the loans to the end of the season.

In each case, however, there is a standard recall clause which will allow the parent club to take their player back whenever they wish.

During his initial month's loan, local lad Mason (20), a prop, helped us to win four games against Oxford, York, Gloucester and London Skolars.

Half-back Roper (27) made his debut at Gloucester and kept his place in the subsequent games against London and Hemel.

Scott Naylor was keen to keep both players at Whitebank.

Said chairman Chris Hamilton: "They've both made an impact here and we are delighted to have secured their services more permanently on loan extensions.

"Nathan had a loan spell with us last year so we always knew he would make a big contribution.

"Steve had to wait patiently for his chance when we first signed him a month ago, but since then he has done everything we expected of him in slotting into a new team in a key pivotal role and taking to it like a duck to water.

"Both players have said how much they enjoy being at the club and it goes without saying that we are more than happy to have them."

'Langers' sits this one out

DANNY Langtree isn't playing today because he entered an early guilty plea when charged with punching in the Skolars game.

It will be only the second game he has missed since Scott took charge a season and a half ago.

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CHRIS' COMMENTS

GOOD afternoon and welcome back to Whitebank Stadium.

Once again we find ourselves in need of a kick up the backside after a very disappointing defensive display down at Hemel.

To score 32 points away from home and not win the game says it all really. At times it was like basketball with teams taking turns to score.

We have to get a degree of consistency into our defensive play sooner rather than later if we are to maintain a challenge for honours this season.

Scott will certainly have left the team in no doubt whatsoever as to what is required and it is up to the players now to put it into action.

While naturally disappointed we always keep things in perspective and a look at the table after last week's matches doesn't make particularly bad reading with only one point separating the top

three at the half way point in the season.

The results in the division, especially over the last few weeks, have again underlined that there is competition right from the top to the bottom of the league and this was never better demonstrated than by our opponents today, South Wales, who recorded their first win of the season in real style by winning 46-18 at London Skolars last week.

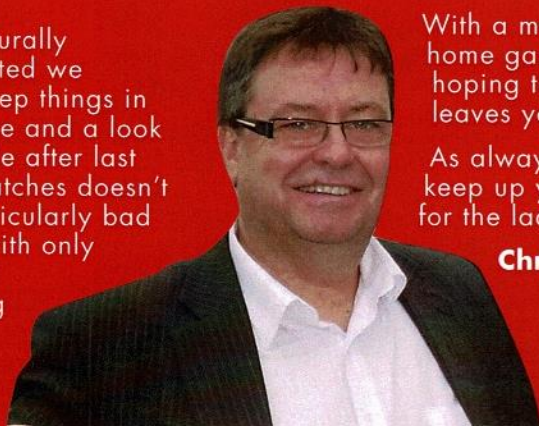
Our match on the first day of the season against them will long live in the memory because of the weather that day, but hopefully there will be no repeat today!

Thank you to all who made the long trip to Hemel last week and to those of you who turned out to watch the under 20s get a hard fought win the day before against the RAF in what was, at times, appalling weather.

With a month before the next home game we will certainly be hoping to put on a display that leaves you going home happy.

As always, enjoy the game and keep up your fantastic support for the lads.

Christopher Hamilton
Chairman



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There is no upper age limit, so as long as you're 14 or over, male or female, come and enjoy this fun way for people of all ages and abilities to get in shape, socialise and play a modified version of the sport in which you've always dreamed of being another Kevin Sinfield or another Ellery Hanley.

The club already has close associations with Oasis Academy Oldham where our players train twice a week and benefit hugely from Oasis's state-of-the-art facilities.

The 'Touch Rugby' programme at Oasis was due to start last Wednesday evening and it will

continue every Wednesday.

Anyone aged 14 or over is invited to play and bookings will be taken from both individuals and teams. The cost is £20 per team per week or £3 per individual per week.

Teams are made up from between six and ten players. Five or six players are allowed on the field at any one time and unlimited numbers of substitutions are allowed.

If you already have a team we can allocate you a slot in advance so that you will know what time you will be playing.

People joining as individuals will form new teams.

As numbers grow, the plan is to form leagues, with prizes, incentives and give-aways.

To book, go online to www.playtouchrugbyleague.co.uk and follow the links by clicking on 'Where to Play', then on 'North-West', then 'Oldham Rugby League', then 'Book Now'.

For any further information contact the club by phone on 0161 624 9630, ext 70552, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.



WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

THE aim of the game is to score a try by grounding the ball over the opposition's try line. The basics are similar to the traditional game in that you pass the ball backwards and have six opportunities to score.

To stop your opponents from scoring you must touch the player who has the ball. A legal touch is on any part of the body, clothing or ball and that constitutes a tackle.

After six touches the ball is handed over from the attacking team to the defending team.

The game consists of two 20-minute halves, with a break for half-time. Five or six players per team are allowed on the field at any one time with unlimited numbers of substitutions.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- **WATER BOTTLE** - it is recommended to keep yourself hydrated.
- **APPROPRIATE CLOTHING** - for instance, shorts and tee-shirt in good weather; tracksuit or tracksuit pants and jacket if you want to wrap up warm.
- **APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR** - Trainers are recommended for indoor use; football boots, including studs or moulded studs, for outside activity.

Behind Closed Doors with...

JON FORD

Who are your heroes or people you look up to?

All my family

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

I play golf, but I don't excel at it

What is the highlight of your career so far?

Touring Australia with England Academy

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

Russell Crowe and Beyoncé

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

The fridge full of food, or my bed

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

Everyone has his fair share of jokes!

Which TV programme would you never miss?

'How I met your mother'

What was the last book you read?

Andrew John's autobiography

What's your favourite type of music?

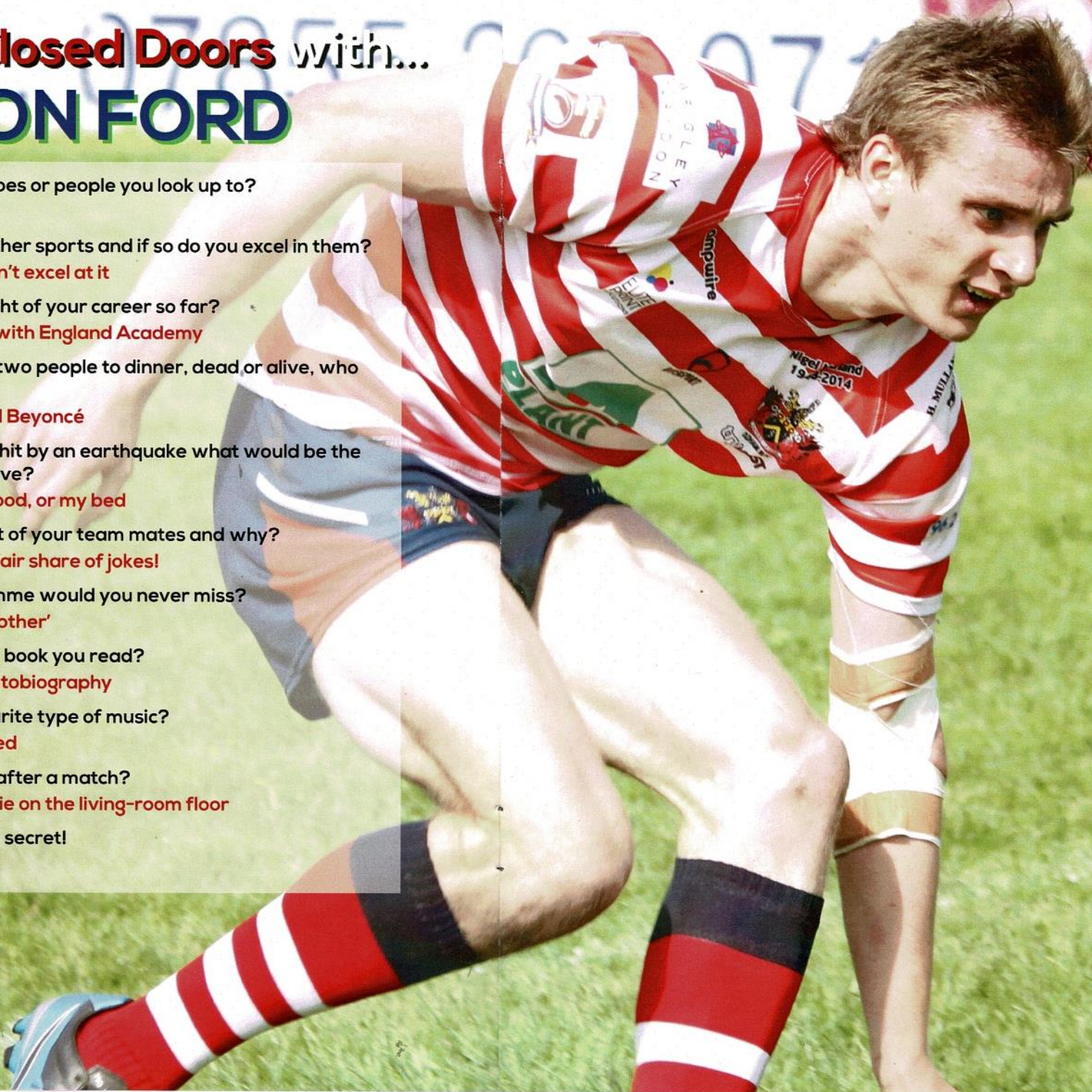
I'm not too bothered

How do you relax after a match?

I like to eat or just lie on the living-room floor

Finally tell me a secret!

I don't have any



Four tries - and our boys are flying high!

TRIES by Phil Bickerstaff, Tom Flanagan, Ben Wood and Sam Singleton put the RAF rugby league team to flight at Whitebank,

Oldham under-20s won 24-12 despite having Richard Joy sin-binned for dissent midway through the first half before either side had scored.

Full-back Tom Dempsey (17), latest addition to the club's pro ranks, sent winger Bickerstaff in for the opening try with a superb, cut-out pass and gave an outstanding all-round performance in

Roughyeds back in front at 18-12, after which it required a superb, try-saving cover tackle by Connor Partington on RAF right winger Simon Wray to maintain the home lead.

Dempsey was narrowly wide with a long-range drop goal attempt before Neil Roden's men sealed their win when Singleton nipped in for a fourth Oldham try which Dempsey again goaled.

RAF team manager Ozzy Hicks, a flight sergeant stationed at Brize Norton and a



Club chairman Chris Hamilton with two officials from the local RAFA branch - Derek Simpson and Ron Williams



History in the making . . . the RAF became the first Armed Forces team to play at Whitebank.

which he landed four angled conversions from four attempts, the first of them off the touchline.

Behind a hard-working front five, which included senior squad members Ben Wood and Paddy Mooney, loose-forward Singleton and halves Tom Flanagan and Jake Hughes also showed up well.

It was a tough, hard-fought battle on a wet pitch in which the RAF boys hit back from 12-0 down to go level at 12-12 with tries either side of half-time.

Wood's try, goaled by Dempsey, put

member of Tony Benson's backroom team at Oxford RL Club, said the tough work-out was exactly what his squad had been looking for.

He added: "It couldn't have been better. For a lot of the game it was a trench-battle in the wet conditions and that's when you find out what you need to know about your squad."

Oldham team: Dempsey; Kavanagh, Buckley-Mayall, Partington, Bickerstaff; Flanagan, Hughes; Mooney, Ball, R Joy, A Joy, Wood, Singleton. Subs: Sargeant, Hall, Wareing, Gilkes.

THE Royal Air Force rugby league team had at least two supporters rooting for them.

Ron Williams, chairman of the Oldham branch of the Royal Air Force Association (RAFA), and Derek Simpson (secretary) were introduced to officials of the RAF party and to Oldham RLFC chairman Chris Hamilton.

Aged 80, Ron served in the RAF in Northern Ireland for three years in the 1950s.

He said: "When we heard the RAF rugby league team was going to be playing on our doorstep we had to come and support them.

"The last time I watched rugby league, more than 50 years ago, the great Bernard Ganley was playing for Oldham at Watersheddings, but I wasn't going to miss this one because the RAF means a lot to me."

Lions kick off with a roar!

MORE than 100 people were present at Whitebank when junior club Limehurst Lions, who are based here, had their first-ever game against Fitton Hill Bulldogs.

Upwards of 50 children, most of whom have never played rugby league before, are now in weekly training at Whitebank.

The first game was of mixed ages spread across under-9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, and everyone present agreed how great it was to see so many youngsters actively involved in and obviously enjoying playing rugby league.

"To have come so far in such a relatively short time is a fantastic achievement for everyone involved with the Lions," said Oldham RLFC chairman Chris Hamilton.

The plan is to enter Lions into a junior league as soon as it is practicable to do so, perhaps next year.



Murgy missing? He's in the Thames!



SOME of you will have already noticed today that our club's official photographer Dave 'Murgy' Murgatroyd is conspicuous by his absence.

For the first time since we started playing at Whitebank in 2010, Murgy is missing on game day and a lot of fans will be wondering why.

The short answer is, he's in the Thames... and we have it on good authority that he's left his camera on the bank.

At the age of 44 --- a little bit too young for a mid-life crisis --- Murgy has been working hard to lose weight and in the last 18 months he's shed more than six stone to become a

lean man of the lens if ever you saw one. He's also gone all sporty. We can reveal that he asked for a trial here as a slim-line centre and it was only when SN broke his heart by telling him to try his luck elsewhere that he signed up to compete in the Windsor triathlon relay and take a dip in the River Thames.

Murgy always could tell a good tale, so he takes up the story himself.

"I was asked last year by a colleague from work if I would be interested in forming a triathlon relay team to compete at Windsor. My first reaction was crack off laughing, but the more I thought about it the more I realised it would help my overall fitness.

"So last December I joined Oldham Community Leisure and started training at Saddleworth Pool and Gym under the watchful eye of Roughyeds fan Tony Gothard, whose daughter Charlotte sponsors Danny Langtree.

"As an OCL swimming instructor, Tony has taught me how to swim correctly, even though our main topic of conversation whenever I'm not taking in bucketfuls of water is our beloved Roughyeds.

"By the time you read this, it will be all over."

For a progress report make sure you get a copy of the programme at the next home game.

ORSA

The Oldham Roughyeds Supporters Association (ORSA) is pleased to report that following their recent fund-raising activities they have been able to support the Oldham players and backroom staff with some of their requirements.

Firstly, an essential piece of equipment, the portable massage couch, was in urgent need of replacement, so a new one has now been purchased out of the funds. The news of this has delighted the club physiotherapist, Lyndsey Watkins and her colleagues.

Secondly, the under-20s squad are now sporting new polo shirts, paid for out of ORSA funds, and are looking very much a 'team' on and off the pitch.

This should be a boost for the morale of

Neil and his squad at a crucial time in the season, when they are perhaps feeling that all their commitment and hard work has not reaped the rewards they deserve.

ORSA is keen to point out that these purchases have been made possible due to the great support of the fans who contribute in some way on match days and at events. This is tangible proof that fans can make a valuable contribution to the development of the squad and a show of appreciation for the hard work that is put in by the playing and backroom staff.

ORSA's next event is a World Cup Football and Games Night on Thursday, June 19 (please see the programme notice). Match day 'football' cards and raffles will continue throughout the season.

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JOHN & PHIL THE DREAM TEAM!

JOHN McAndrew (pictured left) and Phil Ward are ORSA's new Dream Team, having taken up new roles within the Association's organisation as chairman and vice-chairman respectively.

John, who is 71 and a lifelong Oldham fan, steps up from vice-chairman in sad circumstances because he succeeds the late Nigel Marland, who died in January and whose enthusiasm and energy was instrumental in forging a path forward in ORSA's early days.

"I hope to maintain that momentum as ORSA continues to support the club, the players and the backroom staff in any way we can," said John, who will need no introduction to Roughyeds' supporters.

For the record, he lives in Royton; has followed Oldham RLFC through thick and thin since he was a small boy of seven or eight years old; and when he was 17 or 18 and playing rugby union for Ashton-under-Lyne he had two 'A' team trial games at Watersheddings.

"I was a prop at Ashton, but up at 'Sheddings they insisted I looked like a scrum-half and that's where they played me," he recalled.

More recently, John is well known around the club for his role as Club Cash Lottery Co-ordinator and a regular volunteer worker whenever help is required at any time of day or night.

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He added: "We only have a few members in ORSA, and it would be nice to think we could attract more. It's good fun and we enjoy doing our bit to help.

"Members are very enthusiastic and hard-working as they strive to raise funds throughout the year. We will extend a huge welcome to anyone who would like to join us."

Phil has been one of those hard workers for a long time now and, like John and the other members, would never reject a request to roll up his sleeves on behalf of the Association.

As many of you will know, he is Michael Ward's dad and he is just as committed to the Roughyeds' cause off the field as Michael is on it. Like father, like son!



SPOTLIGHT ON OLDHAM RLFC CLASS OF 2014



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: 10/5/89

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 Storage 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).



Jon FORD
D.O.B: 1/11/93

25

Centre. Currently on dual registration from Salford Red Devils. Jon was with us for most of the 2013 season on long-term loan. He played in 15 of our 24 matches that season, scoring 21 tries to become one of the leading try-scorers in Kingstone Press Championship One. Spent the early part of this season with Sheffield Eagles on loan from Salford, but returned to Whitebank in mid-May. Sponsored by Danielle Burns.

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Steve **ROPER**
D.O.B: 10/11/86

26

Half-back. A relative newcomer to Whitebank, Steve arrived in early May this year on loan from Rochdale Hornets. Made his Roughyeds debut in the 30-22 win at Gloucester. Can play in either half-back spot or hooker. Goalkicker as well. Vastly experienced player, having spent six seasons at Rochdale. Sponsorship available, ring Janet at the club on 0161 624 9630, ext 70552



Nathan **MASON**
D.O.B: 8/9/93

28

Prop-forward. Oldham born, first club Waterhead. Signed for Huddersfield Giants and came through their development system. Had a spell on loan with us in the 2013 season, playing four games before the Giants recalled him. Came back to Whitebank in early May this year and quickly made an impact. Sponsorship available, ring Janet at the club on 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	W	40 - 26
Saturday 31st	Sheffield Eagles	H	L	42-31

JUNE

Saturday 7th	Royal Air Force	H	W	24 - 12
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

IT was a tough win for the boys against the RAF last time out, in poor conditions.

Our defence was outstanding against a big physical team, comprising of 20 players. All the forwards put in a big effort and Sam Singleton was outstanding at loose forward.

It's been a tough few weeks because of injuries and a lot of the lads have been playing out of position, while producing outstanding effort and commitment.

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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	W 31 - 30
KPC1	Sunday 25th	GLOUCESTER	A	W 30 - 22
June				
KPC1	Sunday 1st	LONDON	H	W 46 - 16
KPC1	Sunday 8th	HEMEL	A	L 44 - 32
	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
CHAMPIONSHIPS PLAY OFF GAMES SUNDAY 14th SUNDAY 21st & SUNDAY 28th				
October				
	Sunday 5th	CHAMPIONSHIPS GRAND FINALS		
	Saturday 11th	SUPER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL		