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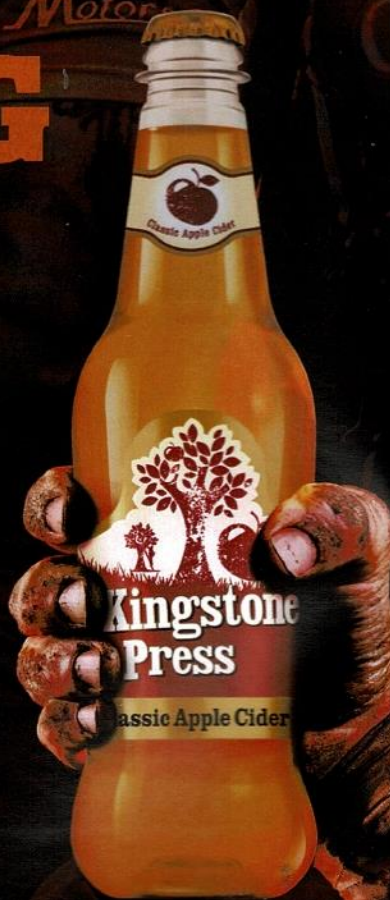
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HELLO everyone and welcome to today's game against the University of

Gloucestershire All Golds at the Whitebank Stadium.

Our last encounter with the All Golds was a very tough one and it showed the huge improvements they have made under the guidance of their new coach Steve McCormack.

We had to show real quality in our offence and tough uncompromising defence on our try line so we expect nothing less today from start to finish.

Steve is a great coach and he has been in the game a long time so it won't be a surprise

to anyone if the All Golds make the play-offs at the end of the season, which in itself will be a marvellous achievement considering the length

of time they have been playing at this level.

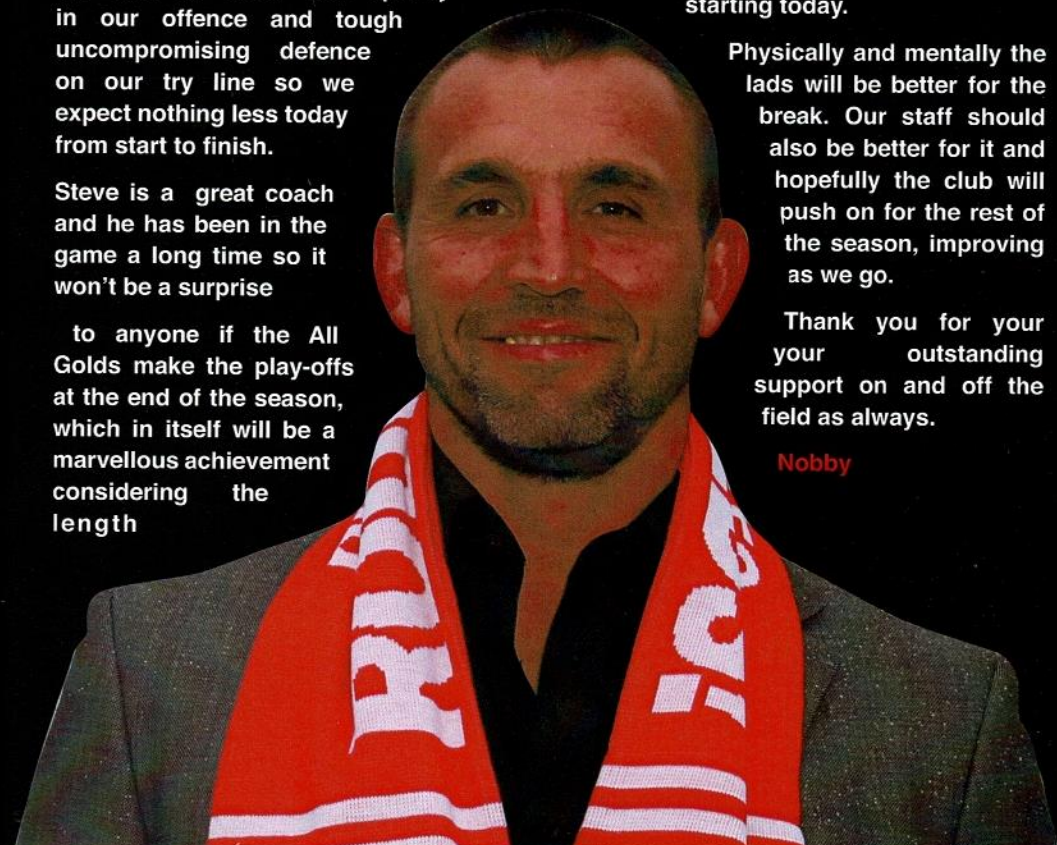
Once again a complete performance will be needed from our lads and nothing less will be good enough.

After our last run of games, in which we won six out of seven, it was good to have a break. It allowed the lads and staff some well deserved time off to recharge and hopefully come back refreshed and ready for our next block of four games starting today.

Physically and mentally the lads will be better for the break. Our staff should also be better for it and hopefully the club will push on for the rest of the season, improving as we go.

Thank you for your outstanding support on and off the field as always.

Nobby



IN TUNE WITH 96.2 ^{the}revolution

OLDHAM RLFC is delighted to announce its new partnership with 96.2 The Revolution, the popular local radio station serving Oldham, Rochdale and Tameside.

Over the course of the last couple of weeks Revolution listeners will have heard a fabulous advert for the Oldham club with the backing of inspirational music in a piece created and produced for the station by Dave Gilbank, an Australian and, coincidentally, a rugby league fan.

"It's a fantastic presentation," said club chairman Chris Hamilton. "And it will run for a number of months on a schedule that will get the Oldham RLFC message across to listeners throughout the day every day."

Bosses at 96.2 The Revolution are also "made up" by Gilbank's creation.

Speaking from the station's Sarah Moor Studios on Oldham Edge, managing director Matt Ramsbottom said: "It blew me away when I first heard it. The fans will love it, I'm sure."

"It's so good we'll probably enter it into a national competition."

Another key element of the partnership between club and station sees 96.2 The Revolution joining the club's portfolio of shirt sponsors.

And Oldham RLFC will be to the forefront of the station's avowed intent to provide more sporting coverage in the weeks and months ahead.

Added Matt, who took over the station six months ago: "We've still a lot of work to do and an integral part of that is to see sport become a priority on 96.2 The Revolution."

"We have a responsibility to reflect what happens in Oldham and the surrounding areas and Oldham RLFC is very much a part of the local scene."

"Be it business or sport, we are very much into partnerships. They are important to us and we take them seriously."

"We are really looking forward to working with Oldham RLFC for the mutual benefit of club and station, and I'm sure that will prove to be the case."

On behalf of the club, Chris Hamilton said: "We had a link-up with Revolution a while ago and we are delighted to renew our partnership with Matt now in charge."

"96.2 The Revolution is a local station for local people and a medium that will enable us to get our message across to local people and hopefully help us to attract new people to Whitebank and to increase our attendances."

"We are delighted to welcome 96.2 The Revolution as new partners and we are looking forward immensely to working with the station."



Left to right: Matt Ramsbottom, Chris Hamilton, Elliott Eastwick (Station Presenter)

LATE FLASH - as the programme went to press the club announced the signing of former Barrow and North Wales Crusaders winger Adam Clay (23), initially on a short-term deal to the end of the season.

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CHRIS' COMMENTS

WELCOME back to the Whitebank Stadium after what seems like an age away.

This is the first of what potentially could be three season-defining matches for us and after the free weekend we have to make sure we are firmly back in the routine before this big month.

Having recently won at the All Golds we know what a different proposition they are likely to be although, having said that, they drew with us at the end of last season up here so we already know we need to be on our mettle.

With Championship One providing a "strange" result in what seems like each round of competition we need to make sure we are not on the end of one today.

As I previously mentioned, you only have to look at our July fixtures, with matches away at York and then at home to Hunslet, to know that the importance of them cannot be overestimated. That said, it will mean nothing if we get good results in those matches but not in others which we are maybe expected to win.



We are aware from harsh lessons (Hemel away, for instance) that you have to turn up each week and be focused on the job in hand.

Having let our standards slip in that match we can hopefully continue our more recent run of form that has seen us start to build the kind of momentum we had last season as we reached the final part of the regular season. Certainly, the signs are encouraging again.

Well done to Neil and the under-20s last Saturday for picking up another win, against Halifax this time, and well done to the "barmy army" for the magnificent support they once again gave to the team.

No other club gets that level of support below first-team level. It lifts the players and is much appreciated by everybody at the club.

Back to today, and Scott has got the right kind of headaches for a coach because he has to decide who to leave out.

Get behind the lads and hopefully cheer them on to victory as we look to overcome the first of the July hurdles..

Enjoy the match,

Christopher Hamilton
Chairman

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AFTER five consecutive Wednesday evenings of Touch Rugby League at Oasis Academy Oldham, we can report that numbers are growing as more and more people latch on to what's on offer and how much enjoyment they can derive from playing this modified form of our sport.

Said club chairman Chris Hamilton: "The sessions are going really well. We've had a lot of great feedback as the word spreads about Touch Rugby League.

"People who have given it a try are loving it. The message is that if you are over the age of 14 and are looking for somewhere to enjoy

sport, keep fit, socialise and enjoy yourself then get down to Oasis Academy Oldham on Hollins Road and give it a whirl."

Sessions are every Wednesday between 7pm and 9pm and the cost is £3 per person per week or £20 per team per week.

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'.

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DOES OLDHAM RLFC HAVE THE UK'S BIGGEST RUGBY LEAGUE FAN?

One devoted fan will be crowned 'Proper Fan of the Season' and win a trip to the Four Nations in Australia

Oldham RLFC has teamed up with Rugby League sponsor, Kingstone Press to find the country's biggest Rugby League fan.

The search to find one dedicated supporter to be crowned as Proper Fan of the Season has started, so Kingstone Press and Oldham RLFC are calling for nominations from local fans to tell them why they love the sport and deserve to not only be crowned as Proper Fan of the Season, but to also fly off to Australia to watch the England team compete in the Four Nations.

Do you loyally stand by Oldham RLFC; never miss a game, volunteer at matches, would do anything for the team or are you simply just a die-hard Rugby League fan? Then we want to hear from you! To be in with a chance of winning this honoured title and amazing prize, simply nominate yourself via

the entry forms at the club or online at www.kingstonepress.co.uk or www.facebook.com/kingstonepresscider. And if you are feeling generous you can also nominate a mate who you think deserves the title!

The deadline for nominations is midnight on 29th August. After which a judging panel, made up of representatives from the RFL, Kingstone Press and industry officials, will select ten finalists who will be given VIP tickets to Championships Finals Day. During Finals Day the ten candidates will have the opportunity to tell the judges why they think they are the country's biggest Rugby League supporter. One devoted individual will then be revealed as Kingstone Press's Proper Fan of the Season, and will win the chance of a lifetime to see England play Australia during the Four Nations, in Melbourne.

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Behind Closed Doors with...

STEVEN NIELD

Who are your heroes or people you look up to?

My parents, who provided everything I needed to get to where I am.

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

I coach sport in schools so I have to be better than the children at all sports.

What is the highlight of your career so far?

Touring Australia with St Helens and winning Reserves Grand Final with Oldham.

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

Dan Bilzerian and Charlie Sheen.

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

Family.

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

'Smithy Manor Shaw Bus' Bloomers, Josh, Langers, Kenny and Ropes - constant banter.

Which TV programme would you never miss?

NRL Footy Show.

What was the last book you read?

Not a massive fan of reading. I get bored.

What's your favourite type of music?

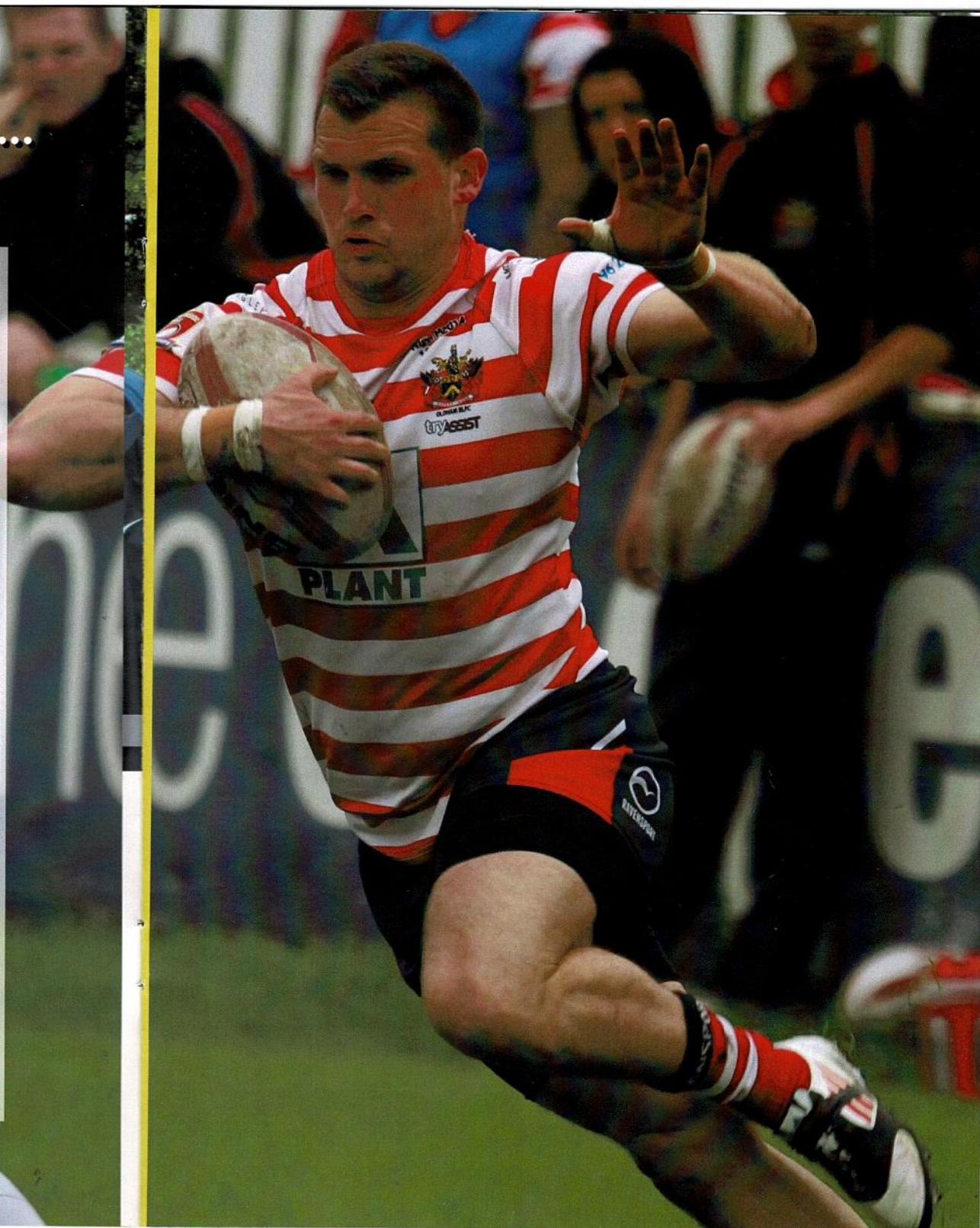
Commercial, and House on game day.

How do you relax after a match?

Eat, sleep and laugh with the lads.

Finally tell me a secret!

I am super competitive in everything I do.





Behind Closed Doors
with...

PATRICK HOYTE

(Physiotherapist)

Who are your heroes or people you look up to?

Dad and mum

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

That's a tough one, still thinking about it.

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

My daughter

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

The lads are funny most of the time. They have good banter going on.

Which TV programme would you never miss?

I've a two-year-old child. Enough said.

What was the last book you read?

See previous question.

What's your favourite type of music?

Rock.

Who's the biggest pain on training nights?

The lads are all right - no 'pains'.

... And finally, tell us a secret

No secrets, boring I know.

Six of the best for anchor man 'Ropes'

AFTER half a dozen games for Oldham, on-loan half-back Steve Roper says he has seen enough to believe that this could be the year of the Roughyed.

At 27, the little midfield general is one of the most experienced players at Whitebank, where he shoulders a lot of responsibility for directing operations and implementing Scott Naylor's game plan.

He and captain Lewis Palfrey, three years his junior, are Naylor's current linchpins - Palfrey on the right, Roper on the left.

The man from derby rivals Rochdale - he was in the Hornets side that broke Oldham hearts in last year's play-off final - came initially on loan for a month, but then had it extended to the end of the season.

After spending the best part of six seasons at Spotland, 'Ropes', as he is nicknamed, could have been excused for thinking he was being dropped behind enemy lines.

"In actual fact, I was made very welcome at Oldham from day one. I settled in fine. I'm really enjoying my rugby with a great set of lads," said Roper.

"It suited me fine when the loan was extended because I want to stay at Oldham to be honest, I'm enjoying it so much here.

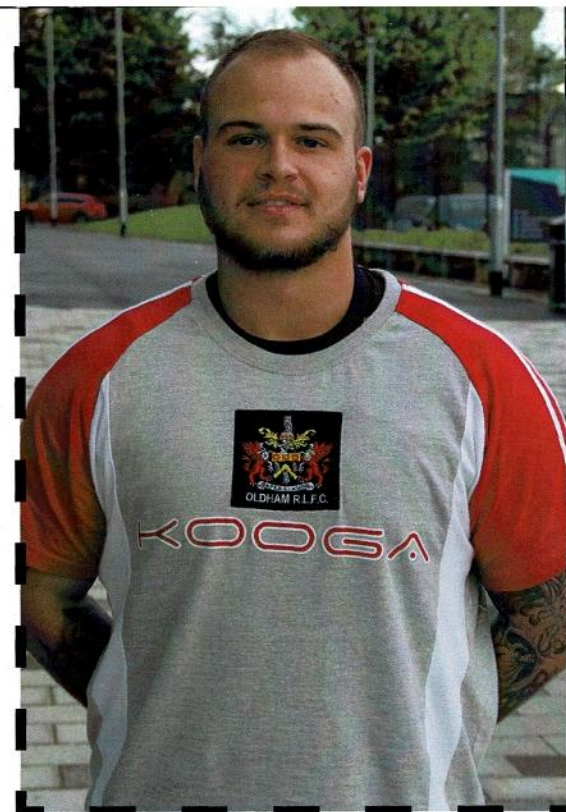
"More than anything, I want to do my bit in seeing us win promotion and I see absolutely no reason at all why we can't achieve that.

"If we hadn't had that off-day at Hemel we would have been sitting pretty.

"As it is, we have fewer defeats than any other side in the division and we are the only team still unbeaten at home."

Roper believes Oldham have the players and the coaching staff to go all the way.

He added: "Training is a lot more intense than what I'd been used to, and I also like the type of rugby we are playing.



"It's expansive, and it allows me to get my hands on the ball a lot and to get heavily involved in what we are trying to achieve.

"That's my job. As a half-back, it's what I'm there for; to make decisions and, with Lewis (Palfrey), to guide the side around the field.

"I suppose I do feel I have some responsibility for the team, but that's the nature of the position I play; it's nothing to do with me being older and perhaps a bit more experienced than some of the others.

"We've got some very good young players, a few of them still only 20, and that's reflected in our results.

"In one of my early games, Jason Boults didn't play and I realised I was the oldest player in the team. You don't expect that at my age, but it gives an indication of how much youth there is in the side.

"We've got some tough games coming up this month, and later on there will be the play-offs, and perhaps in tight games like that my experience will come in handy."

How an Irish philosopher helped Murgy to beat self-doubt and win through in the end.

In our last programme we reported that club photographer David Murgatroyd (Murgy) was in a triathlon relay team that was to compete at Windsor and swim in the River Thames... a daunting challenge if ever there was one. Here is HIS story of what happened on the big day.

ANYONE who has done open-water swimming will know how much it differs to swimming in a pool; it's black, very cold and full of fish, water fowl and microbes.

I had trained for this; what I didn't expect was the extreme strength of the water flow in the River Thames. You are advised to swim breaststroke at first until you get used to the cold. No way. The river was soon pushing me back and I quickly had to switch to front crawl.

It was so tough that three guys gave up straight away and I was left in the dangerous zone of self-doubt. My head was all over the place. Why am I here? I'm no athlete. I'm 44, a fool. I'm going to let down my team mates.

Then, just ahead, I saw a chap taking a rest by hanging on to a buoy. My swim cap was orange. His was yellow, which meant he was from a group that set off four minutes ahead of me.

It drove me on to know that if I could pass him I wouldn't be last and I completed my swim in 35mins.2secs. I was hoping for between 25 and 30 mins. but I was happy with my time nevertheless, given the strength of the currents I had to battle with.

Once out of the water I then had to run for 200 metres, barefoot on tarmac (ouch!).

I wrote on Facebook: "That was the hardest thing I've ever done in my life."

It's true, and once again I want to thank Tony Gothard, whose help, encouragement, training and advice got me through.

Well, it was mainly that, but I also relied on a quotation from Irish orator, philosopher and politician Edmond Burke, which I have tattooed on my arm:

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

That quote has helped me a few times. It applies to anything that somebody might perceive to be an evil (excess weight, smoking, drink etc) but it can also be applied to a challenge (be it from a tough swim or from an opposing team).

If you do nothing, the others will triumph.

UP THE YEDS!

Murgy.



David Murgatroyd... In the swim

NEIL'S TESTIMONIAL DINNER

NEIL Roden, who has given outstanding service to our club over the past 12 years, will be staging a testimonial dinner here at Whitebank on Saturday, August 9 (7pm for 7.30pm).

It will be a mixed dinner for both men and women and tickets are on sale at £25 per head, which will include a three-course meal.

Andy Gregory, the former Wigan and Great Britain scrum-half star, will be guest speaker and the MC will be Ian Smith, the Oldhamer who rose through the sport's refereeing ranks to become a Super League official and who is now full-time coach to match officials as well as being one of the best known of the video referees.

There will also be a raffle and an auction of rugby league memorabilia.

Tickets can be purchased at the ground today and also, BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT ONLY, from the Oldham RLFC office situated at Oasis Academy Oldham, Hollins Road, Oldham OL8 4JZ between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Ring the office first on 0161 624 9630 Ext 70552 to make the arrangement.

There is no first-team game on the weekend of the dinner, but prior to the dinner on Saturday, August 9 the under-20s are at home to Keighley Cougars with a 2.30pm kick-off.



Left to right: Andrew Hagan (Transport), Lesley-Anne Dawson (Director), Mark Dawson (Managing Director), Chris Hamilton (Oldham RLFC chairman), Peter Hagan (Director), Liam Smith (Production Director).

BUILDING LINKS WITH LEMUR GRAPHICS

LEMUR Graphics of Chadderton (see advert on facing page) and Oldham RLFC are keen to build on a relationship that is already three years old.

Having shaken hands on this latest shirt sponsorship deal, both Mark Dawson (Lemur managing director) and Chris Hamilton (Oldham RLFC chairman) said they were keen to develop and strengthen the links between the club and the local printing firm, based in Stock Lane Business Park, Chadderton.

Said Mark, who was once a winger with amateur rugby league club Hollinwood: "This is our third year with Oldham RLFC and I've seen enough to know that I would like Lemur to get even more involved with the club in some way."

Said Chris: "Our partnership goes from strength to strength and it is one we are keen to develop, as is Lemur Graphics."

Like all Oldham RLFC match-day programmes, the one you're reading now, which we believe to be slick, colourful, attractive and a good read, is designed and printed by Lemur Graphics, who have a website at www.lemurgraphics.co.uk

The family business is named after the nocturnal animal, similar to a monkey, which

has a foxy face and a large tail and mainly inhabits Madagascar.

The team behind Lemur comprises of Mark (managing director), his wife Lesley-Anne (director), Peter Hagan (sales and marketing), Liam Smith (production manager) and Andrew Hagan (transport).

Mark has been in the printing trade for 25 years, having started off at Hirst, Kidd and Rennie Ltd, proprietors of the Oldham Evening Chronicle.

He launched his own company in 2011, initially as a print brokers' firm, but soon to acquire its own production unit.

Growing ever since, it was recently restructured again to encompass graphic design, including the design of websites etc.

On behalf of the Roughyeds, Chris added: "Mark and Lemur are currently doing work for Regenda, another of our major partners, in a prime example of how sponsorship with the club can bring businesses together for their mutual benefit.

"Mark and his staff are always very accommodating and supportive of what we are trying to do at the club, and we hope our partnership will continue for a long time to come."



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

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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 Wilscoff 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. 20/1/90

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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

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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

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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

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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 19 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. 29/1/94

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. 10/1/86

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. Goalkeeper 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	Postponed
Saturday 21st	Featherstone Rovers	A	Postponed

JULY

Saturday 5th	Halifax	H	W 23 - 22
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

WE have passed through a frustrating few weeks, caused by game postponements and a huge injury list.

Fortunately, the guys are getting back on the pitch and, hopefully, a few new faces will be joining us to follow Chris Dootson and Robbie Valentine, who made their Oldham debuts in last week's 23-22 win against Halifax here at Whitebank.

It was a hard-fought win. After a slow start we performed well in the first half to go in at half-time with a 22-10 lead.

In the second half we never really got going. We made too many errors and gave away too many penalties, but on the positive side we dug in and got the result.

We scored four tries by Phil Bickerstaff, Luke Kavanagh, Sam Singleton and George Tyson, while Tom Dempsey landed three conversions and dropped a goal which was ultimately to prove the difference between the sides.

The team last week was: Dempsey; Dootson, Valentine, Bickerstaff, Kavanagh; Flanagan, J Hughes; B Roden, Ball, R Joy, Tyson, Thompson, Singleton. Subs: Wareing, Hall, Mooney, Gilks.

It was Liam Thompson's first game back after 17 weeks out with a serious cheekbone injury. It was great to see him back in action and coming through so well.

We were due to play Gloucester here yesterday and our next scheduled appearance at Whitebank is on Saturday, August 9 against Keighley Cougars (2.30).

As ever, thanks for your continued support, which is much appreciated.

Proud of our wing commanders!

There's a belief in rugby league that wingers don't score tries any more... well, they do at Oldham, thanks to our Mo and 'Bloomers' double act.

We don't have one winger in the Championship One top-five try scorers, we have TWO, and guess what; the other three play at full-back (Sean Morris), second-row (Jason Payne) and hooker (Jack Lee).

So next time that oft-heard shout of, 'Get it wide, Oldham' rings in your ears, draw their attention to this list of the famous five as it stood before today's games:

Mo has had a fantastic run of consistency, scoring in each of our last NINE games -- a record that puts him ahead of any other

player in the entire game.

At club level, and counting tries in all competitions, our wing commanders are neck and neck in the race to finish first.

Top five: Agoro 14, Bloomfield 14, Josh Crowley 9, Jon Ford 7, Danny Langtree 7.

TOP TRIES

(League Only)

Dale Bloomfield (OLDHAM)	14
Jack Lee (York)	14
Sean Morris (Oxford)	14
Jason Payne (Gateshead)	14
Mo Agoro (OLDHAM)	13

LEWIS PALFREY goes into today's game as Championship One's leading goalkicker, with 43, and top points scorer, with 94.

JOSH CROWLEY hasn't missed a single game since he joined Oldham at the start of last season -- 39 in total.

DANNY WHITMORE misses today's game because of a one-match RFL ban for throwing a punch at Gateshead.

DIARY DATE... Hunslet Hawks here on Sunday, July 27 (3pm). Don't miss that one!

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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	W 58 - 2
KPC1	Sunday 22nd	GATESHEAD	A	W 32 - 14
KPC1	Sunday 29th	OXFORD	A	W 38 - 22

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