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WHAT THE CHAIRMAN HAS TO SAY

WELCOME back to Bower Fold for the start of the 2017 season.

After the euphoria of staying up at the end of last season we have invested in the squad and several quality players have joined (or rejoined !) the club as we bid to finish higher up the table.

We have also secured the services again of Keiran Gill as well as one of his new Castleford team mates, Tuoyo Egado. Both are highly rated by their parent club and we are looking forward to having them with us this year.

Off the field, we have invested in the medical side of the club both in numbers and expertise. This is becoming an increasingly important side of the operation with rehab and prehab being a staple part of the players' training disciplines. This will hopefully prevent some injuries and enable lads who do sustain an injury to get back on the field as quickly as possible.

Year on year we try to learn something and make improvements and although these are by no means the only things we have been doing they are two of the most important.

Sheffield Eagles have had a difficult few months because of financial problems but hopefully they have come out on the other side. My good friend, Chris Noble, has been made chairman and we wish him all the best in his new role. While playing catch-up in some respects, they will be expecting to win today and if we don't turn up with the right attitude we won't get the result we want.

At Whitebank work continues apace on the construction of the artificial pitch and the grass training pitch and it's good to have

plenty of activity on the site although I'm wearing jeans and boots each day because of all the mud !

Work is due to be completed by April 4 and it is interesting to see the site's landscape changing each week.

Finally, on the back of increased season-ticket sales we are hoping to build the crowd base this season. As stated earlier, we have invested in the squad and maybe that's one of the reasons why more people have bought season tickets. We are under no illusions about how tough the division will be again but we are ready for it and looking forward to the challenge.

We will also have the launch of our club song today which will be played just before kick off and after the end of the match. This is a song chosen by the fans for the fans and we want it to be something which everybody gets behind as we look to cement the bond between players and fans.

As always please keep up your support of the team because it really does make a difference.

Enjoy the game,

Christopher Hamilton
Chairman

TOUCHLINE TOPICS

BY SCOTT NAYLOR

HELLO everyone and welcome to our first home game of the season at Bower Fold against Sheffield Eagles.

This season promises to be another roller-coaster ride with plenty of ups and downs so I hope you're ready and looking forward to it.

Pre season training has gone extremely well again at Oasis Academy Oldham. The lads have put in 100 per cent, as usual, in the gym and outside on the pitch and even the weather has been kind to us so we were able to do lots of hard work.

Obviously, we were disappointed with the friendlies against Swinton, Barrow and Rochdale (especially the last one) but the injury list was huge

throughout January and that had a huge effect on the strength of the squad.

It also meant we had to use players out of position; employ trialists making debuts; and ask some players to play WITH injuries, which isn't ideal so early on in the campaign.

Sometimes you have to look at the bigger picture, think about the squad through the season, and try to have strength in depth every week, not just for one game in pre season.

I'm sure the performances will improve and we can look forward to another good season together at Bower Fold.

Many thanks for your support to the team and staff

Scott



CRY FOR HELP

Oldham fan Billy Hague, who lives in Lincolnshire now, is searching for pictures of the St Mary's amateur team of the 1950s which featured his dad

(also called Billy Hague), Derek Foy (father of Martin and Des) and Bill Flanagan (father of Kevin and Terry).

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The new kit, proudly featuring Maggie's on the front of the shirts, will be worn for the first time today when we launch our 20th season since the first team assembled by Oldham RLFC (1997) Ltd took the field at the start of the 1998 season.

Meanwhile, construction work is continuing on the £3M 'Maggie's Oldham, the Norman Stoller Centre' which is planned to open in May at the Royal Oldham Hospital, providing quality cancer support with an anticipated 10,000 visits a year.

Said Oldham RLFC Chairman Chris Hamilton

(pictured with Laura Tomlinson of Maggie's): "We are delighted to announce that Maggie's will be our main sponsors and will be featured on our home and away jerseys as well as our replicas.

"As this will be the 20th anniversary season of Oldham RLFC (1997) Ltd we wanted to do something a little bit differently, and community based, and what better way than to forge a partnership with a charity that will be offering the people of Oldham the best possible cancer support.

"Few people these days have not been touched by cancer and we are looking forward to raising awareness of, and funds for, this fantastic facility.

"Linked with our birthday celebrations, we will be involved over the next year in a series of fund-raising schemes to benefit both Maggie's and the club, as proud partners. These will be announced soon."

Laura Tomlinson, fund-raising manager for the Oldham centre, said the club was keen to raise awareness of a charity that was close to the chairman's heart.

She added: "The approach came at the right time as we hope to open in May and we need as much projection as we can get.

"We are thrilled to partner Oldham RLFC. In terms of reaching out to the community, it seems too good to be true because we need as many people as possible to know all about Maggie's and the support we have to offer.

"We need to raise funds to keep the doors open and we'll be working hard with the Roughyeds on joint initiatives and for mutual benefit."



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ORSA will again play a crucial role behind the scenes this season. Whether sponsoring players, running Squad Strengthener, organising match-day hospitality buffets, staging quiz nights, buying essential equipment for the squad or meeting the players' nutritional needs, officials work relentlessly to give Roughyeds their total support.

Their latest contribution provided gym equipment and materials for use by the medical and strength and conditioning teams.

Said parent-club chairman Chris Hamilton: "ORSA provide important support on a range of fronts to assist the players and their support staff. It has made a significant difference in the preparation of the squad and we are very grateful."

ORSA chairman John McAndrew, who runs Squad Strengthener, is keen to enlist more support for the scheme, which helped to fund Keiran Gill's loan spell last year and which will hopefully assist again this season with the loan spells of Gill and Tuoyo Egodo.



Ledt to right: Scott Turner, Grant Somerville, Sheila Somerville, Paul Hulbert, John McAndrew (chairman), Lynda McAndrew, Kelly Hulbert, Liam Thompson.

He said: "We like to think we work hard and do well, but we could do even better with more hands on board. We need more fans to join us, to become members (only £10 a year) and to support our fund-raising events."

Pre-match buffets will be put on in the Bower Fold hospitality suite at the home games against London Broncos (February 19),

Swinton Lions (April 14), Batley Bulldogs (May 21) and Featherstone Rovers (July 9).

To book, phone Paul Hulbert on 07534329674 or John McAndrew on 07980129541 or for any other aspect of ORSA's work ring either of those numbers or Grant Somerville, the secretary, on 01706 844810.



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Scott Ranson dives in at Old Trafford. **17.05.1992.**



David Bradbury breaks through the Eagles defence at Watersheddings. **25.08.1996.**



Paul O'Connor is congratulated by his team-mates after his try against Sheffield at Sedgely Park. **22.02.2010.**

Through the Years... Oldham v Sheffield



Sammy Gee goes for the line during the Challenge cup-tie at the Keepmoat Stadium.
22.03.2015.

Michael Ward touches down under the posts at Bower Fold last season.
16.04.2016.



Liam Thompson barges over at the Hallam University Stadium.
01.07.2016.

'PROUD AS PUNCH' OWEN HONoured TO BE NAMED NEW CLUB CAPTAIN

'Gaz' looking forward to his big challenge

Roger Halstead talks to the home-town boy made good.

There was no prouder man in Oldham than Gareth Owen when he was invited to become his home-town club's new captain.

Moorside born and bred, and living on Buttercup Drive, off Haven Lane, just up the hill from his parents' place and round the corner from where his grandad lives, Gareth has supported the Roughyeds since he was first taken to Watersheddings as a small boy by his mum and dad, Karen and Geoff.

He is the home-town boy made good -- a former Waterhead ARLFC junior who, in primary school days, used to play half-back at Peach Road in tandem with a boy who hasn't done badly for himself in the other rugby code, England Rugby Union

fly-half George Ford.

Aged 24, and in possession of a CV that includes 36 Super League appearances with Salford, Owen had switched from half-back to hooker before he was scouted by the Red Devils (then the City Reds) when he was 15.

He made his Super League debut as an 18-year-old, but his best season at Salford was in 2012, aged 20, when he played 18 times in the sport's elite competition.

Throughout his seven years with the Reds, though, 'Gaz' and his mum and dad retained their interest in hometown Oldham and in 2014 he jumped at the opportunity to move back 'home' on loan before becoming a contracted Roughyeds player in 2015.

He was a key member of the side that won promotion from League 1 to the

Championship in 2015 and equally influential in the squad that raised lots of eyebrows in rugby league by finishing outside the relegated bottom two in their first taste of the higher level.

Typical of the player described by Roughyeds boss Scott Naylor as "a proud Oldhamer", Owen's first thoughts when interviewed about his appointment were for those who steered him on the path to becoming a hometown rugby hero --- his mum and dad.

Said 'Gaz': "It will mean just as much to them as it does to me. They've followed Oldham all their lives. I grew up with stories of Oldham from years ago. When I was just a kid and the old club was in Super League, they followed them all the way to Paris.

"They're made up for me and I'm chuffed to bits. It was a shock when I was asked to captain the side, but it was something I've fancied doing for a while.

"It's a massive honour to captain the club I've supported all my life. I'm confident I can cope with the extra responsibility. I've always been one of the most vocal members of the team,





so nothing will change there.

"You can't be quiet playing hooker, so having my two-penneth is something that comes naturally. "

Owen believes Oldham will improve on last year's position --third off bottom --- and says the target this time will be a mid-table finish, or better.

He added: "Last year it was all about staying up, but we'll be more positive in 2017, having got a season at this level under our belts, and we're not even thinking

about going down.

"We've all worked hard in pre-season, despite those disappointing performances in the three warm-up games, and the new boys have slotted in brilliantly. You would think Adam Neal and George Tyson had never been away, while Scott Leatherbarrow and David Hewitt are forming a good combination at half-back.

"Nathan Chappell's knee operation was a setback for him, as was Ben Davies's lower-back problem, but young winger Harry

Warburton, who is with us on trial from amateurs Folly Lane, is looking good, "

Owen will have two lieutenants in vice-captains Sammy Gee, who has held that post for the last four years, and new boy Scott Leatherbarrow.

Explaining why the Moorside lad's elevation to the captaincy was an "easy choice", Naylor said: "He's a captain the other lads will look to, listen to and respect. He's been exceptional since he came to the club and we know he'll do a good job."



Class of 2017

The boys who will wear the jersey with pride in our 20th Anniversary season.



1 SCOTT TURNER

(full-back/wing); No 1; DOB 7/5/94; 6ft2", 95kgs; Scott joined us late last season from North Wales Crusaders, initially on loan. He scored two tries in six games and is now a contracted Oldham player. Sponsored by O.R.S.A



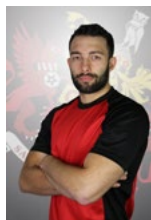
2 ADAM CLAY

(wing); No 2; DOB 7/10/90; 6ft1", 95kgs; Like Scott Turner, Adam also played previously for Crusaders and Barrow and has established himself as a firm favourite with 33 tries in 62 games since arriving in 2014. Sponsored by INTEGRA CONSULTING (ENGINEERS) LIMITED



3 GEORGE TYSON

(centre); No 3; DOB 1/10/93; 6ft1", 93kgs; George scored 17 tries in 39 games for Roughyeds in 2014 and 2015 before leaving for Sheffield on a full-time deal. He is now back with us on contract as a result of Sheffield's recent troubles. Sponsored by MICK HARROP



4 NATHAN CHAPPELL

(centre/second-row); No 4; DOB 4/12/89; 6ft0", 89kgs; Nathan also joined us from Sheffield, having scored six tries in ten games for Eagles in 2016 following a stint in Australia. Can play equally well in forwards and backs. Sponsored by PAM TAYLOR / TTX



5 JAMEL CHISHOLM

(wing); No 5; DOB 7/11/92; 6ft1", 95kgs; A former Leeds Rhinos academy player, Jamel had spells with London Skolars and York before joining us for the 2016 season, in which he was our top try scorer with ten in 26 games. Sponsored by BUYSPOKSKIT.COM





6 **SCOTT LEATHERBARROW**

(half-back); No 6; DOB 3/9/90; 5ft10", 93kgs; Wigan born and bred, Scott played for Keighley and Batley before going full-time with London Broncos in 2016. Will have a key role to play as Lewis Palfrey's successor. Sponsored by GRANT AND SHIELA SOMERVILLE



7 **DAVE HEWITT**

(half-back); No 7; DOB 4/11/95; 5ft7", 76kgs; David scored five tries in six games for us while on loan from St Helens in 2015. He then signed full time at Sheffield for 2016 (one try in 13 games) before coming 'home' on contract. Sponsored by HANLON AND WRIGHT



8 **PHIL JOY**

No 8; DOB 4/9/91; 6ft2", 111kgs; A regular Roughyeds front-rower since 2013, local boy Phil has amassed 102 appearances after coming up through the reserves and making his debut in 2012, a real 'northern powerhouse'. Sponsored by OLDHAM PAST PLAYERS ASSOCIATION



9 **SAM GEE**

(middle unit by preference); No 9; DOB 28/2/87; 5ft10", 102kgs; Vice-captain for past four years, now sharing those duties with Scott Leatherbarrow. Played hooker, loose-forward, centre, full-back in 82 games, 13 tries. Sponsored by JOHN AND LYNDIA McANDREW



10 **ADAM NEAL**

(prop); No 10; DOB 21/5/90; 6ft1", 100kgs; Adam was a key member of our promotion-winning 2015 squad, playing in 24 of the 28 games that season before going to Sheffield full time. Raised at Salford Red Devils. Sponsored by JENNY, MIKE AND VAL TRAVIS



11 **JACK SPENCER**

No 11; DOB 21/12/90; 6ft1", 94kgs; Having started at Salford and then playing in Australia and for Barrow and Halifax, Jack joined Roughyeds for the 2016 season -- our first in the Championship -- and played in 20 games. Sponsored by GRAEME LEE



12 **DANNY LANGTREE**

(second-row); No 12; DOB 18/2/91; 6ft1", 95kgs; Like Phil Joy and Kenny Hughes, 'Langers' came up through our reserves. Previously with St Helens academy. Scored 45 tries in 99 games for Roughyeds. Sponsored by CHARLOTTEV AND NEIL HAIGH



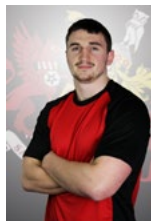
13 **LIAM THOMPSON**

(back-row); No 13; DOB 3/1/92; 5ft10", 98kgs; Another 'long server', Liam is starting his fifth season here, having previously been at Widnes Vikings. A real grafter, noted for his tackling. Total appearances, 85. Sponsored by O.R.S.A



18 **BEN DAVIES**

(prop); No 18; DOB 2/11/89; 6ft2", 100kgs; Formerly with Whitehaven, where he played 27 games last season, Ben is one of several new signings this year. Formerly played with Castleford and Halifax. Sponsored by KAPPA



19 **JOE BURKE**

(prop); No 19; DOB 18/5/90; 6ft2", 105kgs; Welsh international Joe, who has previously played for South Wales Scorpions and North Wales Crusaders, made 22 appearances in our promotion campaign, his first season here. Sponsored by JOHN AND LYNDA McANDREW



20 **GARETH OWEN**

(hooker); No 20; DOB 3/7/92; 5ft9", 82kgs; Our newly-appointed club captain, Gareth is an Oldhamer born and bred. Early days at Salford, a spell at Sheffield on loan and eventually to Oldham. More than 30 Super League games on his CV. Sponsored by BEV,KELLY AND PAUL HULBERT



21 **KENNY HUGHES**

(hooker); No 21; DOB 30/3/90; 5ft9", 80kgs; Another ex-Saint, Kenny rose through the ranks here before making a first team place his own in 2013. Since then, he has been a regular, chalking up 24 tries in 92 games. Sponsored by RITA WALTON



22 **DANNY GRIMSHAW**

(half-back/centre); No 22. DOB 25/2/86; 6ft1", 90kgs; Had to cope with a groin problem in 2016, his first season here, but often defied the pain barrier to score three tries in 20 appearances. Has since had surgery. Sponsored by LES AND EILEEN DAVISON



23 **CRAIG BRISCOE**

(back-row); No 23; DOB 8/12/92; 6ft0"; 96kgs; Unluckiest player at the club. Restricted to seven appearances last year -- his first here --- and will miss much of this season after a full knee reconstruction. Sponsored by NUTRITION X



24 **MICHAEL WARD**

(prop); No 24; DOB 10/2/91; 5ft11", 112kgs; Our longest-serving player. Started, aged 16, in the reserves. Made debut in 2011, aged 20, and scored 31 tries in 125 games in total -- more than anyone else at the club. Sponsored by DAVID AND SYLVIA PATTERSON



25 **KIERAN GILL**

((centre); No 25; DOB 4/12/95; Scored eight tries in 12 appearances for us last season while on loan from Castleford Tigers. An interception specialist. Back with us on loan this year. Highly rated by Cas. Sponsored by DAVID AND VAL WEBSTER



29 **TUOYO EGODO**

(centre/wing); DOB 16/2/97; Our latest recruit, Tuoyo is also on loan from Castleford. Raised in the London Broncos academy, he was transferred to Tigers for a fee last November and gave up a good job to move north and go full-time. Sponsored by GOURMET BURGER KITCHEN 0161 620 9249

OUR VISITORS - SHEFFIELD EAGLES

Sheffield Eagles arrive at Bower Fold today after enduring a difficult 2016. A move to full-time status didn't produce the desired results and, for most of the year, the club found themselves scrapping it out in the lower half of the Championship table.

To their credit, the Eagles mounted a late-season rally and were able to reach the Championship Shield final, going down 27-16 to Bradford Bulls at Odsal.

For 2017 Sheffield have

returned to part-time rugby league and the side will have a much-changed appearance this year. Several of the full-time squad have moved on including Cory Aston heading to Leeds Rhinos and Quentin Laulu-Togagae joining the new transatlantic side Toronto Wolfpack. Four former Eagles have arrived at Oldham with George Tyson, Adam Neal, David Hewitt and Nathan Chappell crossing the Pennines and all will be keen to do well against their former club.

Coach Mark Aston is not disheartened by last year's disappointment and has set to the task of building a side to challenge for one of the cherished top-four Championship places.

The Papua New Guinea trio of Mark Mexico, Garry Lo and Menzie Yere have all been retained and new recruit Jordan Cox is a former Warrington Wolves forward who has committed to the club. Aston sees Cox's size and strength

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ROARY, our popular mascot, will again be at the centre of our continued partnership with Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre.

"We are delighted to renew one of our longest partnerships," said club chairman Chris Hamilton.

"By sponsoring Roary, Spindles continue to support the club in a way that is beneficial to both parties.

"This year we hope to do even more with Spindles, in terms of player appearances, than we

have in the past."

Mike Flanagan, manager of the Shopping Centre, said: *"We've been partners with Oldham RL Club for about ten years and we're happy to continue. We are striving to extend our links with the community we both serve."*

Roary, or 20-year-old Nathan Murgatroyd, is recognised by club officials as a great ambassador for the club and for rugby league.

Said Nathan: *"I'll be proud to wear the Spindles logo*

again -- and I'm hopeful we'll have a good season.

"We have to comply with RFL regulations which are designed to bring both sets of fans together. I work hard on that aspect of the job."

At half-time at Bradford last season, he danced with the Bulls cheer leaders -- and he missed a try at Hull KR, when we caused a massive Challenge Cup shock, because he was entertaining a young, wheelchair-bound Rovers fan, who had lost interest in the game.



as posing a big threat to opposition defences.

A notable late addition to the squad is former Bradford Bulls player Dane Chisholm. An Australian, Chisholm found himself excess to requirements by the new regime at Odsal and Sheffield have jumped at the chance to sign this talented half-back.

The Eagles will be led on the field by new Captain Matt James. He will be supported by Vice-Captains Duane Straugheir and Scott Wheeldon.

Sheffield's 2017 home games will be played at Wakefield Trinity's Belle Vue Stadium after all options in Sheffield and further afield in the South Yorkshire region were explored but ruled out as unavailable. The two clubs played out a pre-season friendly at their joint home seven days ago where the Super League side ran out 50-6 winners.

Oldham and Sheffield will both be hoping to kick-off the season with a victory, each club striving to better last year's league placing. Oldham managed to complete a double over Sheffield in the regular season before losing out at Bower Fold in the Championship Shield

3 TO WATCH



Duane Straugheir

Duane Straugheir is one of the Sheffield Eagles old guard, having been at the club since the conclusion of the 2011 season. He helped them lift the Championship trophy in consecutive years (2012 & 2013). Only 'Straff' as he's known and Menzie Yere remain at Sheffield since those victories. Supporters player of the year in 2016, he adds power and strength to the Eagles second row but can also fill in at centre.



Elliot Minchella

Elliot Minchella joined the Eagles ahead of their move to full-time rugby in 2016 and has decided to stick with them as they return part-time status in 2017. He has experience at loose forward and in the halves and could be one to watch for the future. He scored six tries in 27 appearances for Sheffield last year.



Matty Fozard

Matty Fozard joined the Eagles ahead of the 2016 season and had a great year, scoring 9 tries in 31 appearances along with kicking two goals. He quickly became a fans favourite and was awarded the club's Young Player of the Year Award at the end of the season. The 21 year old has been awarded the Eagles No.9 shirt and could be pivotal for the Eagles in the hooker role.

WE PLEDGE TO HELP OLDHAM CHILDREN

SEVERAL local schools are involved in a 'Passport to Success' pilot scheme and to children who attend those schools we are offering free admission this season in support of the scheme which eventually will include every pupil in the borough and help them to become successful in education, work and life.

"We are proud and privileged to be involved in this bold initiative to benefit Oldham children," said our club chairman Chris Hamilton.

One of 14 pledges made by participating students in the pilot scheme is to attend sporting and creative events -- and that's where the Roughyeds play their part by offering under-16s free admission to Kingstone Press Championship games at Bower Fold,, with accompanying adults charged only £5.

Added Chris: "For now, the offer extends to those schools that are in the pilot scheme, but when it is rolled out across the borough later in the year it will be for

every child in every school in Oldham.

"It's good to be involved in such a major and worthwhile initiative. And we feel sure that students will enjoy watching Roughyeds in action at Bower Fold."

The scheme will apply to any home league game this season, starting with Sheffield Eagles today, although certain games will be targeted by the club as 'Oldham Pledge' days when children and their adults will be actively encouraged to attend.

Anyone interested should approach their pledge coordinator in school.

Lorna Phillip, assistant principal at Hathershaw College and one of the professionals behind the Scheme, said: "Oldham RLFC always do their best to support children in Oldham.

"Their involvement will benefit both young people and the club, in their case by hopefully increasing the fan base."

To support the work of

Oldham Education and Skills Commission, a group of colleagues from a range of different local organisations have been working together to co-ordinate and develop 'The Oldham Offer', which will aim to ensure that Oldham's children and young people are school ready, life ready, work ready.

All Oldham Education establishments will hopefully sign up for 'The Oldham Offer' in September, but Crompton House, Hathershaw College and four primaries, Coppice, Roundthorn, Whitegate End and St Matthew's are already in the pilot scheme, which will evaluate it before the borough-wide launch later in the year.

The Oldham Offer has 14 pledges which, if completed, will ensure that every young person gets the opportunity to develop character traits, a point highlighted by Nicky Morgan (Secretary of state for Education)

A host of local businesses and providers, including Oldham RLFC, have begun to make offers to assist the young people of Oldham in fulfilling these pledges.

A lot of this community development work has



been in schools that are in the Hathershaw Sports Cluster and these schools will be playing curtain-raisers at selected matches throughout the season.

Thanks to the work of our community development department, we are already active in many local schools and are also forming partnerships now with a couple of primaries in Tameside, not far from Bower Fold.



From left: Suzy Ashworth (co-ordinator), Lorna Philip (Hathershaw), Robert Roberts, Andrew Hulmes (Roundthorn), Stephen Nuttall (Coppice). Picture: Oldham Evening Chronicle.

A BIG WELCOME FOR TUOYO

FANS will reserve a huge Roughyeds welcome today for teenage centre or wing Tuoyo Egodo, a full-time pro at Castleford Tigers, who has joined us on loan.

The Londoner (19), who has "huge potential" according to Tigers boss Daryl Powell, was also a target for Hull KR, Bradford and a club in Super League.

"I've been working on this for several months," said our chairman Chris Hamilton. "Tuoyo is still learning, but I'm sure he'll soon become a fans' favourite.

"I thank Cas, particularly Daryl Powell and Steve Gill (chief executive), for all their help. Steve gave his word

that Tuoyo would come to us and he stuck to it."

Reared at London Broncos, he had a spell on dual-reg with Hemel Stags last year before Tigers paid a transfer fee for him and he gave up a bank job in London to move north and join the Super League outfit as a full-time pro.

Said Naylor: *"Tuoyo will give us power and pace out wide. By having him here on long-term loan we can help to develop him and it will be good for us at the same time."*

Added Cas coach Powell: "Tuoyo has shown in his short spell with us (since last November) that he has huge



Picture by CRAIG MILNER PHOTOGRAPHY

potential. He is training full time and getting massive rewards from that, but he needs to play regularly.

"The deal with Oldham will give him the opportunity to play in a tough competition and to enhance his abilities."



Date	Time	Opponents		Venue
FEBRUARY				
Sunday 5	3.00pm	Sheffield Eagles	H	Bower Fold
Sunday 12	3.00pm	Featherstone Rovers	A	The Big Fellas Stadium
Sunday 19	3.00pm	London Broncos	H	Bower Fold
Sunday 26	3.00pm	Hull Kingston Rovers	A	KC Lightstream Stadium

MARCH

Sunday 5	3.00pm	Dewsbury Rams	H	Bower Fold
Sunday 12	3.00pm	Rochdale Hornets	A	Crown Oil Arena
Saturday 18/ Sunday 19	Challenge Cup Round 4			
Sunday 26	3.00pm	Batley Bulldogs	A	Fox's Biscuits Stadium

APRIL

Sunday 2	3.00pm	Bradford Bulls	H	Bower Fold
Saturday 8	3.00pm	Toulouse Olympique	A	Stade Ernest Ageles
Friday 14	3.00pm	Swinton Lions	H	Bower Fold
Monday 17	7.30pm	Halifax RLFC	A	Mbi Shay Stadium
Saturday 22/ Sunday 23	Challenge Cup Round 5			
Sunday 30	3.00pm	Dewsbury Rams	A	Tetley's Stadium

MAY

Sunday 7	3.00pm	London Broncos	A	Trailfinders
Saturday 13/ Sunday 14	Challenge Cup Round 6			
Sunday 21	3.00pm	Batley Bulldogs	H	Bower Fold
Saturday 27	2.30pm	Rochdale Hornets	Neutral	Bloomfield Road

JUNE

Sunday 4	3.00pm	Swinton Lions	A	Heywood Road
Sunday 11	3.00pm	Hull Kingston Rovers	H	Bower Fold
Sunday 18	3.00pm	Halifax RLFC	H	Bower Fold
Sunday 25	3.00pm	Bradford Bulls	A	Provident Stadium

JULY

Sunday 2	3.00pm	Toulouse Olympique	H	Bower Fold
Sunday 9	3.00pm	Featherstone Rovers	H	Bower Fold
Sunday 16	3.00pm	Sheffield Eagles	A	Belle Vue, Wakefield
Sunday 23	3.00pm	Rochdale Hornets	H	Bower Fold

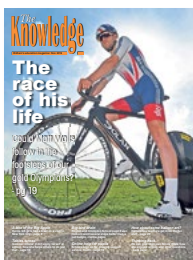
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