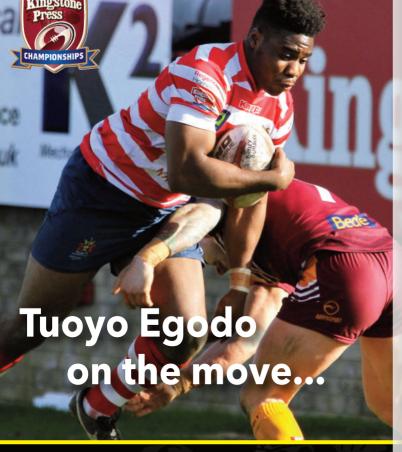


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### A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

WELCOME back to Bower Fold for what will hopefully be a better day weather wise

We have endured another very wet period and the consequences of that were there for all to see at the Haydock game.

Celtic had a period of 60 days earlier this year without a home fixture and then they had two games postponed after our tie against Haydock which resulted in them having to take a fixture to Altrincham last Saturday.

Pitches around the whole of the league have been similarly affected by all the rain we have had and, as a result, some of the matches we have been watching have been like a throwback to the days of winter rugby.

Today we welcome Bradford Bulls, who are attempting to overturn a minus-12 points deduction in order to keep their place in the Kingstone Press Championship.

They have certainly been through the mill, on several occasions, in the last few years. They have enormous potential, however, and even non-rugby league fans have heard of them so we wish them well . . . apart from when they play us, of course.

We need to improve a lot from last week to get a win from this game, but I have every confidence in the coaches and the players to do just that. Despite having won only one match so far, we have had some near misses but I think everybody would take a poor performance and two points right now.

After the Bulls we head off to France for our firstever match abroad and I know how much the fans are looking forward to it. It is something of an adventure for the players too, but we know we have to focus on the match while also accepting our responsibilities as representatives of both the club and the RFL while we are over there.

George. for example has been discussing with me all the architecture and cultural venues we can go to together. Even Roary has got his firstever passport to look at the local wildlife!

It will be great to experience another 'first' for the club. There has been a lot of interest from the fans. Toulouse won't know what's hit it!

Back to today and the Bulls will be cheered on by a big following but, as ever, we know you will more than match them. Please get behind the lads as we try to get another win.

Enjoy the game.,

Christopher Hamilton Chairman

Oldham Rugby League Football Club





# TOUCHLINE TOPICS BY SCOTT NAYLOR

HELLO everyone and welcome to today's game against Bradford Bulls at Bower Fold

The Bulls have been through a tough six months after entering administration, then re-forming, and getting a squad together from scratch.

Obviously, it's been a strange start to the season for them with mixed results as they add players to their squad on a weekly basis

I'm sure, though, that stability is around the corner for them and that they will enjoy continued normality for the rest of the season.

Game by game they look to improve and will consistently climb the table after starting the campaign on minus-12 points, so we need to be at our best today to get the result we want.

As for us, it's been a strange season so far.

The league table, unfortunately, doesn't tell a true story in my opinion.

We've been outstanding in most of our games, but we haven't picked up the points we deserved.

It shows the strength of this Kingstone Press Championship when newly-promoted Toulouse are in second place and the Bulls are bottom along with Dewsbury Rams.

We believe in what we are doing as a team and as a club and I'm sure the little bits of luck and bounce of the ball will change for us if we keep working hard.

Let's hope today is that day and we can get the win.

Many thanks,

Scott





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**OLDHAM Rugby League** Club's Community Trust has received a £500 'Respect Our Community' (ROCA) award, run by First Choice Homes Oldham.

The award will support one of the rugby club's Community Trust schemes which is closely linked to The Oldham Pledge (Passport to Success).

**Our Community Trust** scheme will promote the qualification of ten junior sports leaders from

schools in the Pledge's pilot scheme. These leaders will then assist the club's community arm in the running of a Summer Camp at Hathershaw School

Speaking on behalf of the Trust, Oldham RLFC chairman Chris Hamilton said: "We are grateful to First Choice Homes Oldham and to the selection panel.

"The Trust is firmly committed to Pledge --- and the scheme to provide junior sports leaders is directly associated with that initiative."

Pledge requires children at member schools to undertake 14 pledges which are designed to make them school ready, life ready and work ready.

+ At the Haydock cup-tie many people were photographed with the Ladbrokes Challenge Cup, each donating a minimum of £2 towards the work of the Oldham RLFC Community Trust.







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# STATISTICS

## AFTER 7 GAMES...

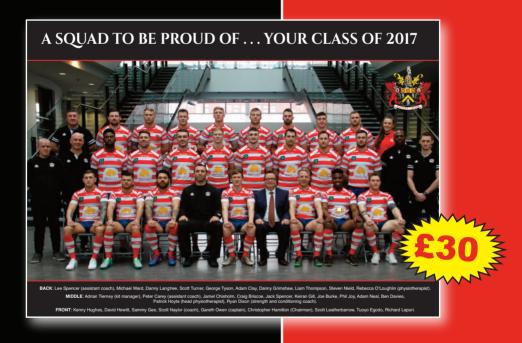
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2	Toulouse Olympique	7	5	2	0	218	133	85	10
3	Featherstone Rovers	7	5	1	0	184	117	67	10
4	London Broncos	7	5	2	0	164	114	50	10
5	Batley Bulldogs	7	4	3	0	184	164	20	8
6	Rochdale Hornets	7	3	3	1	136	125	11	7
7	Halifax RLFC	7	3	4	0	137	124	13	6
8	Sheffield Eagles	7	2	5	0	128	257	-129	4
9	Oldham RLFC	6	1	4	1	86	162	-76	3
10	Swinton Lions	7	1	6	0	142	183	-41	2
11	Dewsbury Rams	6	0	6	0	38	234	-196	0
12	Bradford Bulls	7	4	3	0	214	208	6	-4

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1	Scott Turner	5	0	0	0	0	0
2	Adam Clay	7	0	3	0	0	12
3	George Tyson	3	0	1	0	0	4
4	Nathan Chappell	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Jamel Chisholm	1	0	0	0	0	0
6	Scott Leatherbarrow	7	0	1	19	0	42
7	David Hewitt	7	0	1	2	0	8
8	Phil Joy	3	0	0	0	0	0
9	Sam Gee	0	5	0	0	0	0
10	Adam Neal	7	0	0	0	0	0
11	Jack Spencer	5	1	0	0	0	0
12	Danny Langtree	7	0	2	0	0	8
13	Liam Thompson	3	0	0	0	0	0
18	Ben Davies	3	1	0	0	0	0
19	Joe Burke	1	4	1	0	0	4
20	Gareth Owen	7	0	0	0	0	0
21	Kenny Hughes	0	7	0	0	0	0
22	Danny Grimshaw	5	0	1	0	0	4
23	Craig Briscoe	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Michael Ward	1	6	3	0	0	12
25	Kieran Gill	5	0	1	0	0	4
26	Richard Lepori	3	0	3	0	0	12
29	Tuoyo Egodo	5	0	1	0	0	4
DR	Michael Wood	3	0	0	0	0	0
DR	Tyler Dickinson	0	2	0	0	0	0
DR	Nathan Mason	0	1	0	0	0	0
DR	Sam Wood	2	0	2	0	0	8
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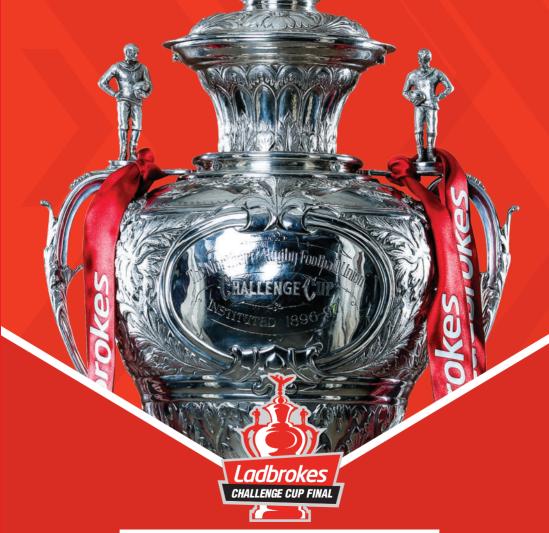
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FEATHERSTONE Rovers have sent us a substantial supply of tickets for our forthcoming cup tie at The Big Fellas Stadium and by getting these early-bird tickets from Roughyeds you can make amazing savings.

The fifth-round Ladbrokes Challenge Cup tie will be played at The Big Fellas Stadium on Sunday, April 23 with a 3pm kick-off.

EARLY-BIRD PURCHASES, SAVING A MASSIVE £6 FOR ADULTS AND £4 CONCESSIONS, WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM ROUGHYEDS UNTIL WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19.

Tickets offer fans the option of standing or sitting for the same price --- and that's another bonus for supporters who like to sit if they take the early-bird option.

Early purchases (up to April 19): adults £12. concessions £8. juniors £5.

After April 19 (and on the day): adults £18. concessions £12. iuniors £5.

Junior season-ticket holders get FREE entry to the tie, but they need to get a ticket from Roughyeds on production of their season's pass.

While we beat amateurs Haydock 40-12 at Bower Fold in the fourth round, Featherstone won 21-13 at Bradford Bulls, watched by 2,458 fans -- the second highest attendance of the round.

When Oldham went to The Big Fellas Stadium on the second weekend of the Championship season, they lost a thriller 8-6 in front of an attendance of 1,783. Both clubs are looking for a gate in excess of 2,000 for the cup tie.

The Early-bird offers are too good to miss and tickets can be purchased before kick-off today at both the entrance to the main reception area

(up to 2.45pm) and from the shop near the social club inside the ground between 2pm and 2.45pm.

They will also be on sale at the Swinton Lions game on Good Friday.

The full fifth-round draw is:

Leigh Centurions v Hull KR
Featherstone Rovers v **OLDHAM**Leeds Rhinos v Doncaster

Salford Red Devils v Toronto Wolfpack Whitehaven v Halifax

Dewsbury Rams v Batley Bulldogs Huddersfield Giants v Swinton Lions York City Knights v Barrow Raiders

More than 23,000 viewers watched our fourth-round tie against Haydock, which was streamed live on the BBC website.

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5th: Family Season Ticket (Value £400)

**Additional prizes:** 

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# GET YOUR SUMMER BASH TICKETS NOW TO CHEER ON OUR BOYS IN THE DERBY CLASH

FOLLOWING the recordbreaking attendance of 15,912 last year, Rugby League's Bank Holiday Festival, Summer Bash, returns to Bloomfield Road, Blackpool on Saturday and Sunday, May 27 and 28.

This year's Summer Bash boasts six exciting fixtures in the Kingstone Press Championship, including a potentially mouthwatering clash of OLDHAM and derby rivals Rochdale Hornets on the Saturday, kicking-off at 2.30pm.

The best talent from League 1 will also be on show in the first fixture of the weekend, the League 1 Cup Final.

With FREE tickets for OLDHAM season-ticket holders and tickets for others priced from £20 (adults) and £10 (concessions), it promises to be a huge value-for-money event for supporters.

#### SATURDAY, May 27:

League 1 Cup Final: noon OLDHAM v Rochdale Hornets: 2.30 Lnd Broncos v Featherstone Rvs: 4.45 Hull KR v Bradford: 7om

#### SUNDAY, May 28:

Sheffield Eagles v Swinton Lions: 12.35 Halifax v Toulouse Olympique: 3pm Batley Bulldogs v D'bury Rams: 5.15pm

Summer Bash tickets are now available from the OLDHAM club, FREE to our season-ticket holders and at the following prices for others:

#### **DAY TICKETS:**

Reserved seats £30, concessions £15; unreserved £20, concessions £10.

#### **WEEKEND TICKETS:**

Reserved seats £50, concessions £25; unreserved £30, concessions £15.

Concessions (stipulated by RFL) cover 65s and over; 16s and under; students and serving Military, both with valid ID (essential because they may have to be produced at turnstiles).

### OLDHAM SEASON-TICKET

Those with Roughyeds SEAT passes will get a FREE reserved seat in West Stand, which will be much nearer the half-way line than last year.

Those with Roughyeds STANDING passes will get a FREE unreserved seat in South Stand.

These FREE Summer Bash tickets can be collected as follows AT BOWER FOLD before home games.:

Seat holders (on production of their pass) from the main reception on game-day between 1.30pm and 2.45pm.

Standing pass holders (on production of pass) from the club



shop next to the Bower Fold social club (inside the ground), again on game day but between 2pm and 2.45pm.

Please note that season passes MUST be produced in all cases.

#### OTHER SUPPORTERS

Fans, other than season-ticket holders, can buy tickets from the club at the above prices, all fixed by the RFL. Just ring the office on 07904 898177 with your requirements and they can then be collected at Bower Fold on game-day (main reception, 1.30pm to 2.45pm) on full payment by cash or cheque.

#### POINTS TO NOTE

- Unreserved tickets for South Stand can NOT be used in North Stand, nor vice-versa.
- Weekend tickets cover both days do NOT destroy after using them Saturday.
- Everyone in the stadium will need a ticket, including babies under two even though they go free.
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The Rev Tony Ford, club chaplain, explained:
"We are getting lots of requests, including many from supporters, to have a minute's silence on match

days in memory of departed loved ones."

"The club wishes to pay its respects to everybody, be they players, supporters or club officials, and we feel the most dignified way is to set aside a match at the end of each season at which we will name the deceased and give thanks for their lives."

Chairman Chris Hamilton: "This will enable club, fans and relatives to pay respects before kick-off at a specific game set aside for that purpose. We can name those who have died in the match programme and announce them in a fitting memorial

"People are asked to contact the club to provide relevant details so everything can be prepared in advance."





### Oldham Rugby League Heritage Trust



Eric Batten (No 2) weighs up the Oldham defence. Other players left to right, Harry Ogden, Norman Pugh, Frank Whitcombe, Ray Smith, Ken Traill, Alex Givvons, Irving Barraclough and Stan Inglesfield. 13.03.1948.



Ray Ashton scores near the posts. 28.08.1983.







### Through the Years... Oldham v Bradford



Terry Flanagan prepares to pass to Glen Liddiard. 16.03.1986.



Joe Faimalo takes on the Bulls defence. 10.05.1996.



Jack Blagbrough powers over at Odsal last season. 17.07.2016.





# OUR VISITORS BRADFORD BULLS

The modern-day Bradford Bulls represent the fourth incarnation of a professional rugby club bearing the Bradford name.

Originally formed as Bradford FC in 1863, the club played in the Rugby Football Union until the great split of 1895 when they become one of the founder members of the Northern Rugby Football Union. They were joined in the new league by crosscity rivals Manningham and, of course, Oldham.

In 1907 Manningham voted to change codes to association football and became Bradford City. Bradford FC considered a similar move but this brought about an internal split at the club. One half was to become Bradford Park Avenue Football Club, the other became Bradford Northern.

Bradford Northern, the second club, had a number of different home venues until 1933 when they signed a lease on a former quarry site at Odsal Top. Northern would continue to use the large natural bowl as a home stadium until, as a club in decline, they went out of business in Dec1963.

In April of 1964 a meeting was held in Bradford to discuss the formation of a new club. This third club went ahead and played it's first fixture in August of 1964, continuing to use the huge Odsal stadium as a base

1996 brought the introduction of Super League and Bradford dropped the Northern name and became Bradford Bulls. The following years were heady times for the Bulls and they were one of the major forces in British Rugby League.

Financial difficulties in 2012 set in train a series of events that led to the Bulls being relegated to the Championship in 2014. They almost returned to Super League in 2015 but were the losing side in the first ever Million Pound Game, failing to overcome Wakefield.

Despite an investment in quality players, the club narrowly failed to make the end-of-season middle eight completion in 2016. Despite winning the Championship Shield completion, financial problems again haunted the club, and it went into liquidation in January 2017.



The Rugby Football League, eager to allow the sport to continue in the city, invited applications from interested parties to form a new Bradford Club. The fourth club would be free to remain in the Championship but would be penalised by the immediate deduction of 12 points therefore starting the 2017 season on -12.

The 2017 Bradford Bulls, began the season again using Odsal as a home ground. So far they have managed to claw back 8 points from 7 games and today sit on - 4 points, some 7 points below Oldham. Early season losses to Hull KR and Rochdale have now been put behind them, leaving teams in the lower half of the table looking over their shoulder.





# THREE TO WATCH - BRADFORD BULLS



#### Omari Caro

Hammersmith born Jamaican international who is in his third season at Bradford. Has Super League experience with London Broncos and won the Super League's fastest man title in 2012.

Usually plies his trade on the wing due to his pace. Caro notched up five tries against the Roughyeds in the 2016 Championship Shield at Odsal.



#### **Leon Pryce**

Came up through the Bradford Academy having signed from amateur club Queensbury. Made his full debut in 1998 and in the next 9 years he made over 200 appearances for the Bulls, scoring 91 tries.

Joined St Helens in 2006 where played until 2011. Pryce then had spells with Catalan Dragons and Hull FC before returning to Bradford for the 2017 season.

Made 24 appearances for England and Great Britain and was named in the Super League XIII Dream Team for 2008.



#### Lee Smith

An experienced utility player, Smith can operate at full-back or in the three-quarters. Started his career with Leeds Rhinos in 2005 and played 141 games for the Loiners in two spells, amassing 599 points.

Subsequently enjoyed spells at Wakefield and Leigh before arriving at Bradford this year.

Represented England 8 times early in his professional career





### **ROB RUNS FOR MAGGIE'S**

OUR partnership with Maggie's has inspired Roughyeds' fan Rob Nixon to raise money for the cancer support charity's soon-to-open Oldham centre by running in today's ASICS Greater Manchester marathon.

Fans are encouraged to sponsor him by visiting his Just Giving donation page, to which you will find a link at the end of his news story on the club's website.

Road runner Rob (61), from Newhey, has followed Roughyeds home and away for 12 years.

He said: "Running and Roughyeds are a large part of my life.

"By inviting sponsorship for Maggie's I'm supporting a cause that is close to the club's heart and one that will provide Oldham and surrounding areas with a wonderful facility for the community.

"My Mum died of cancer and most people have been troubled by it one way or another.

"I'll be proud to run in the Oldham Rugby jersey and in the Maggie's vest and hopefully to raise a significant amount of money for the new centre."

He started running only five years ago, encouraged by his daughter Sophie, now 17 and another huge Roughyeds fan, who was preparing to run in a Race for Life event.



"It quickly became very important to me," added Rob, a member of Royton Road Runners, who completed 25 similar runs over various distances from May to December last year.

"I did the Manchester Marathon in 2015, but I cramped up and it took me five hours, five minutes to get round.

"I'm aiming for four-and-a-half hours this time and then I'm hoping to get a lift to Bower Fold to see the boys in action against the Bulls."

Laura Tomlinson, fund-raising manager for Maggie's Oldham, said: "This is a shining example of how our partnership with Oldham RLFC can raise awareness of Maggie's. "It's all about getting people on board with us, so a massive thankyou to Rob. He has our best wishes for the run, as have Roughyeds for their game against Bradford

"These are exciting times for Maggie's because we're on countdown to our big Oldham opening in June."

You can visit the website at www.roughyeds.co.uk and you will find Rob's story under the 'News' link.

If Rob arrives at Bower Fold before or during half-time, having completed his run this morning, he may be escorted on to the pitch to be acknowledged by his fellow fans.







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Opponents

Date	Time	Opponents		Result	Attn.		
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Sunday 5	3.00pm	Sheffield Eagles	Н	W 26:10	668		
Sunday 12	3.00pm	Featherstone Rovers	Α	L 6:8	1783		
Sunday 19	3.00pm	London Broncos	Н	L 18:20	558		
Sunday 26	3.00pm	Hull Kingston Rovers	Α	L 0:48	7268		
	MARCH						
Sunday 5	3.00pm	Dewsbury Rams	Н	Postponed	tbc		
Sunday 12	3.00pm	Rochdale Hornets	Α	D 26:26	1087		
Saturday 18	1.00pm	Challenge Cup Round 4 Haydock ARLFC	Н	W 40:12	743		
Sunday 26	3.00pm	Batley Bulldogs	Α	L 10:50	781		
		APRIL					
Sunday 2	3.00pm	Bradford Bulls	Н	tbc	tbc		
Saturday 8	6pm CET	Toulouse Olympique	Α	tbc	tbc		
Friday 14	3.00pm	Swinton Lions	Н	tbc	tbc		
Monday 17	7.30pm	Halifax RLFC	Α	tbc	tbc		
Sunday 23	3.00pm	Challenge Cup Round 5 Featherstone Rovers	Α	tbc	tbc		
Sunday 30	3.00pm	Dewsbury Rams	Α	tbc	tbc		
MAY							
Sunday 7	3.00pm	London Broncos	Α	tbc	tbc		
Saturday 13/ Sunday 14	tbc	Challenge Cup Round 6	tbc	tbc	tbc		
Sunday 21	3.00pm	Batley Bulldogs	Н	tbc	tbc		
Saturday 27	2.30pm	Rochdale (Summer Bash)	Blackpool	tbc	tbc		
JUNE							
Sunday 4	3.00pm	Swinton Lions	Α	tbc	tbc		
Sunday 11	3.00pm	Hull Kingston Rovers	Н	tbc	tbc		
Sunday 18	3.00pm	Halifax RLFC	Н	tbc	tbc		
Sunday 25	3.00pm	Bradford Bulls	Α	tbc	tbc		
JULY							
Sunday 2	3.00pm	Toulouse Olympique	Н	tbc	tbc		
Sunday 9	3.00pm	Featherstone Rovers	Н	tbc	tbc		
Sunday 16	3.00pm	Sheffield Eagles	Α	tbc	tbc		
Sunday 23	3.00pm	Rochdale Hornets	H	tbc	the		

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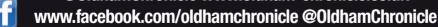
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