

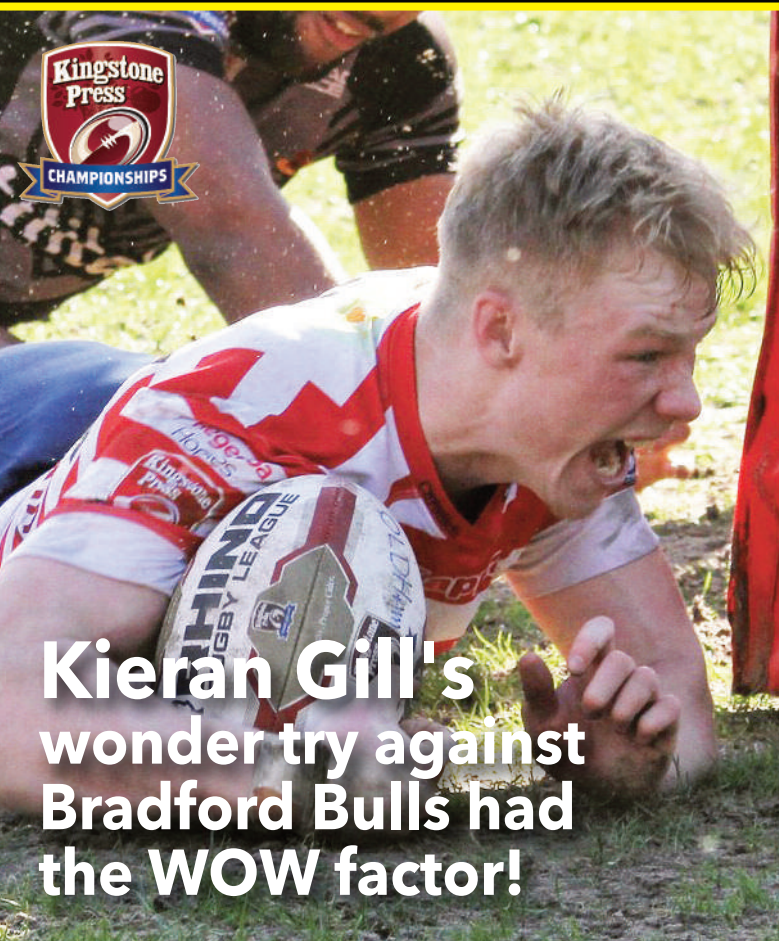
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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

HELLO everyone and welcome back to Bower Fold for yet another important match.

Last weekend saw a Roughyeds invasion of the South of France as we went to play Toulouse Olympique and although it was not a good day on the pitch I think all the fans who made the trip - and there were plenty - really enjoyed themselves, as did the bar owners of the French city.

It was a bit of a surreal environment to see a brasserie inside the ground and facing the pitch. Needless to say, it was well used although

I think the concept has a way to go before it catches on over here !

Thank you to everyone who made the effort - at not inconsiderable cost - to go over and support the lads. I'm just sorry we couldn't get a result to match.

No doubt about it, Toulouse are a good side who throw the ball about like the Harlem Globetrotters at times, so we won't (as is borne out by their home record) be the only team to be put to the sword over there.

Fortunately for us, other results went our way and that brings us to today against local rivals Swinton.

Like us, they are probably disappointed with their results so far but they will also see this game as one they will be looking to win to kick-start their season. That makes them dangerous opponents and we need no reminding of the importance to ourselves of getting the two points on offer, so it should make for another exciting contest.

The Easter programme always presents issues because players are playing twice in the space of four days.

Training programmes and recovery programmes are adjusted accordingly to try and make sure that players are looked after in readiness for the short turn-around.

After the drama of the last home game against Bradford Bulls more of the same would provide great entertainment for all concerned. It was a great effort by the lads and what a try to win the game - very fitting !

I've watched it countless times and if you haven't yet seen it get it on the club website, www.roughyeds.co.uk as soon as you get home.

Finally, as this is a Bank Holiday fixture we hope to see a good-sized crowd to hopefully cheer us on to a victory.

As always thank you for your support. You were loud and proud once again in France last week and that was hugely appreciated by the players, coaches and everyone at the club.

Please get behind the lads again today.

Enjoy the game,

Christopher Hamilton
Chairman

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TOUCHLINE TOPICS

BY SCOTT NAYLOR

HELLO everyone and welcome to today's game against Swinton Lions at Bower Fold.

The challenge we face playing Swinton is always a tough one, home or away, both clubs having been promoted together to the Kingstone Press Championship for the start of last season and then fighting until the last few games of 2016 to stay in the division at the first time of asking.

The derby connection adds to the traditional intensity and passion in this contest --- and the fact that both clubs crave points at this stage of the campaign gives today's clash even more spice and importance than usual.

It's also the start of the Easter programme which provides clubs with two games in four days, so winning this game on home soil would be a bonus and give us some momentum for the game at Halifax on Monday evening, kick-off 7.30pm.

Our home record so far this year has been outstanding. We've beaten some quality teams, like Sheffield Eagles and Bradford Bulls and we lost 20-18 to London Broncos when we were worthy of

victory, went behind for the first time ten minutes from the end and rattled one of the posts with a late penalty attempt which would have given us a point.

Our record at Bower Fold is a good one and we need to keep that winning feeling alive with another Bower Fold win today against the Lions.

Thanks for all your continued support, especially at Toulouse last weekend. It is really appreciated by all concerned and certainly by the players.

We've some tough games coming up on the road. Our next three scheduled league games are away from home -- at Halifax, Dewsbury and London Broncos and we've also got a Ladbrokes Challenge Cup tie at Featherstone on Sun, April 23.

Our next game at Bower Fold in the league isn't until the visit of Batley Bulldogs on May 21 - another reason for Oldham folk to get behind the side today because we won't see the boys in action here at home for quite a few weeks.

Thanks again,

Scott



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Up to last Tuesday morning - our deadline for this issue of the programme - it had been viewed on YouTube an astonishing 6,645 times.

The tweet publicising the video gained 16,314 impressions -- that's the number of different twitter accounts viewing the tweet in their timelines.

It was a classic try by any standards, made even more special because it won the game at the end of a fabulous game.

As a reminder -- not that a reminder is needed --- here is how the try was described in the OLDHAM EVENING CHRONICLE the next day:

'OCCASIONALLY, in any sporting contest, there comes a magic moment which has the WOW factor and transcends all that has gone before it.

A classic example was Kieran Gill's amazing match-winning try near the end of an action-packed thriller which provided Oldham with a thoroughly-deserved 26-22 win. Picture the scene. Urged on by a thousand or so fans and their drums, Bulls had edged ahead at 22-20 with Oldham's faithful few anxiously checking watches.

Firm favourites at that stage, Bulls again charged forward, intending to set up position in Oldham territory with a kick to touch.

Tuoyo Egado got his foot to the ball and then retrieved it before pushing off a defender and launching himself up the touchline.

When Gill received on the inside (it was on the outside-- editor) he looked to have half the Bulls side either in front of him or closing in on him from his right.

What happened next stunned the Bradford hoards, sent Roughyeds fans wild and provided a winning try that will be talked about for the rest of the season.

The loanee centre from Castleford went on a diagonal surge to the posts in which he stepped inside two defenders, pushed off another,



straightened up, survived a fourth challenge and looked to be falling just short in tackle five.

He rode it, had enough strength to twist his body round and joyously planted the ball over the line with his one free hand.

Scott Leatherbarrow goaled and a few moments later Oldham were home and dry.

Still high on emotion, Gill said: "It was like a multi-vehicle car crash you see on TV. I just kept dodging and weaving and looking for a bit of space.

"It was heart and desire. I could have gone down and set us up for another play, but I was determined to get there."

Fashioned by Egado and finished by Gill, it was a classy try with the Cas hallmark, but it was reward for the hard work and commitment displayed by all 17 players in red and white hoops.'

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"Fashioned by Egado and finished by Gill, it was a classy try..."



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2	Toulouse Olympique	9	7	2	0	328	165	163	14
3	Featherstone Rovers	9	7	2	0	260	141	119	14
4	Halifax RLFC	9	5	4	0	209	158	51	10
5	London Broncos	9	5	4	0	202	184	18	10
6	Batley Bulldogs	9	5	4	0	230	250	-12	10
7	Rochdale Hornets	9	3	5	1	186	215	-29	7
8	Sheffield Eagles	9	3	6	0	176	325	-149	6
9	Oldham RLFC	8	2	5	1	130	242	-112	5
10	Swinton Lions	9	1	8	0	188	273	-85	2
11	Dewsbury Rams	8	0	8	0	50	306	-256	0
12	Bradford Bulls	9	5	4	0	284	250	34	-2

		A	I	T	G	D	Pts
1	Scott Turner	5	0	0	0	0	0
2	Adam Clay	9	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	9	0	1	27	0	58
7	David Hewitt	9	0	1	2	0	0
8	Phil Joy	3	0	0	0	0	0
9	Sam Gee	2	5	0	0	0	0
10	Adam Neal	9	0	1	0	0	4
11	Jack Spencer	6	2	0	0	0	0
12	Danny Langtree	9	0	3	0	0	12
13	Liam Thompson	5	0	0	0	0	0
18	Ben Davies	4	1	0	0	0	0
19	Joe Burke	1	4	2	0	0	8
20	Gareth Owen	7	0	0	0	0	0
21	Kenny Hughes	0	9	0	0	0	0
22	Danny Grimshaw	7	0	1	0	0	4
23	Craig Briscoe	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Michael Ward	1	8	3	0	0	12
25	Kieran Gill	7	0	3	0	0	12
26	Richard Lepori	5	0	3	0	0	18
29	Tuoyo Egodo	7	0	2	0	0	8
DR	Michael Wood	4	0	0	0	0	0
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DR	Nathan Mason	1	1	0	0	0	0
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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 2000 for the cup tie.

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South Stand is effectively a sell-out, but at the time of writing we did have a small number of tickets available. Ring as above.

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He made his debut for the All Golds at centre, in a back division which also included former Roughyeds' wing Mo Agoro, when Gloucester were beaten 24-22 by London Skolars at the Prince of Wales Stadium last weekend. "It's a good move for Steve because he needs to be playing

rugby and we can't offer him that at Championship level when he's been out for so long," said coach Scott Naylor.

"Game time at Gloucester will enable him to get match fit and to get used to playing again on a regular basis.

"We'll review it in a month."

The 26-year-old former Saddleworth Rangers and St Helens academy full-back, centre or wing played in the same Roughyeds reserves team as Phil

Joy, Michael Ward, Kenny Hughes and Danny Langtree.

His best season at first-team level was 2014 when he made 19 appearances, but only eight games into the promotion season of 2015 he wrecked a knee in a harmless-looking tackle at Keighley when playing full-back.

He needed major surgery to rebuild the knee and until last weekend his appearances since then were restricted to a couple of pre-season games in January this year.

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Joe Lawton feeds the scrum watched by Arthur Lees (left) and Tom Fletcher at a packed Watersheddings. **12.01.1901.**



Dick Cracknell crashes over the Swinton line... at a packed Station Road. **08.04.1955.**



Lions skipper, Albert Blan is tackled as he breaks from a scrum watched by Swinton's, Ken Gowers and Ken Roberts (left) and Oldham's, Tom Gray and Brian Hatherall (right). **26.12.1960.**

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Through the Years... Oldham v Swinton



Mick Parrish evades the Lions' defence to head for the posts at Station Road. **04.04.1982.**



Simon Svabic touches down at Boundary Park. **06.04.2003.**



Neil plays the ball to Martin. The Rodens in action at Whitebank. **11.07.2010.**



Adam Clay and Liam Thompson put an end to a Swinton attack at Bower Fold last season, with Danny Grimshaw and Lewis Palfrey on hand if required. **10.07.2016.**

OUR VISITORS - SWINTON LIONS



Swinton will be arriving at Bower Fold today in search of only their second Championship win of the season.

Coach John Duffy will be keen for his players to get back to winning ways after seven successive league defeats.

A narrow 23-26 loss to full-timers London Broncos in round one gave the Lions plenty of optimism for the weeks to come. A low-scoring win in a mud-bath at Dewsbury in round two saw them put points on the league table but that result remains their only league victory so far this year.

An examination of Swinton's other results show that the team is not far away from gaining their next two points. They ran Toulouse Olympique to within eight points in France and only lost by single figure margins against Bradford Bulls, Batley Bulldogs and Sheffield Eagles. It will only take a change of luck or small improvement to turn narrow

defeats into victories and Oldham will have to give their local rivals every respect during today's encounter.

Following the game with Oldham, Swinton will host Rochdale Hornets at Heywood Road and then visit the John Smith's Stadium where they will take on Huddersfield Giants in the Ladbrokes Challenge Cup. Games against London Broncos and Toulouse quickly follow, fully demonstrating the tough, competitive nature of this year's Championship competition.

The Lions most recent game saw them play Hull Kingston Rovers at home on the same weekend that Oldham were playing in the south of France. It will take a massive effort for any team to win against the former Super League side determined to regain their lofty status. Rovers overcame Swinton to win 52-18 but the Lions had been holding their own in the first half and dared to imagine a

victory when leading 12-10.

During the close-season, signings came thick and fast for Swinton following the departure of key players such as Macaulay Hallett, Liam Marshall and the retiring Stuart Littler. Full-back Jack Murphy was signed from relegated Workington Town and he joined the likes of Andy Bracek, signed from Halifax, Oliver Davies and Matt Sarsfield, signed from Super League clubs St Helens and Salford respectively.

Both the Lions and Roughyeds find themselves in the lower half of the Championship and each will be determined to win this local derby, a classic four-pointer.

THREE TO WATCH - SWINTON LIONS



Andy Bracek

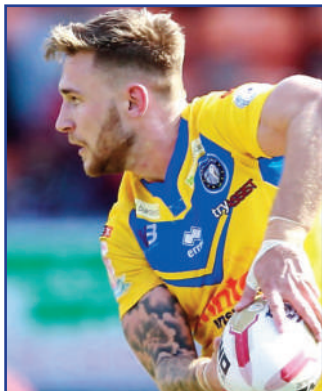
Signed from Halifax in June 2016. A 29 years old front-row or loose-forward, with plenty of experience having spent time with Leigh Miners, St Helens, Warrington, Barrow and Crusaders, before joining Halifax in 2013. Andy was a member of the Championship winning Barrow side in 2009. Won nine caps for Wales and took part in the 2012 World Cup.



Matt Sarsfield

Started his professional career with Dewsbury, but made a significant impact for the Lions when he played during their 2013 campaign at Leigh Sports Village.

Moved on to Leigh and became an integral part of their impressive line-up before an injury problem disrupted his 2015 campaign. In early 2016 he joined Salford, but he also played number of games on loan at Halifax. Considered to be a Super League quality and is likely to become very influential for the Lions.



Ben White

Joined the Lions a couple of years ago from Leeds Rhinos Academy. Previously played junior rugby at Saddleworth Rangers whilst studying at Oldham Sixth Form College. During the 2014 season he spent a period on loan at the University of Gloucestershire All Golds under former Lions' coach Steve McCormack.

Ben was a prolific try scorer from stand-off during the Lions 2015 promotion campaign when he was also runner-up in the League One Player of the Year awards.

IT'S ALL IN THE MELTING POT...



DESPITE the result - and if it's any consolation we won't be the only side to concede 50+ points in the Stade Ernest Argeles this year - the Roughyeds' first trip to the south of France was voted a massive hit by fans who went.

Toulouse, the fourth biggest city in France, is typical of that part of

Europe with its fantastic buildings, squares, bars, restaurants, river and canal.

Hospitality in the city and at the ground was first-class, as all those decked out in red and white and who set up base camp in Place Victor Hugo will testify.

For two nights The Melting Pot and Pub O'Clock, on the other side of the street, became Roughyeds'

watering holes and after a weekend in the sun some faces were nearly as red as the wine that was being consumed.

This is just a taste of things to come. In the next match-day programme we will give full editorial and pictorial coverage of the fabulous trip. If you went, there's every chance you'll be on a pic - and it will be a great souvenir.

- Toronto next year ?

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Date	Time	Opponents		Result	Attn.
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FEBRUARY

Sunday 5	3.00pm	Sheffield Eagles	H	W 26:10	668
Sunday 12	3.00pm	Featherstone Rovers	A	L 6:8	1783
Sunday 19	3.00pm	London Broncos	H	L 18:20	558
Sunday 26	3.00pm	Hull Kingston Rovers	A	L 0:48	7268

MARCH

Sunday 5	3.00pm	Dewsbury Rams	H	Postponed	tbc
Sunday 12	3.00pm	Rochdale Hornets	A	D 26:26	1087
Saturday 18	1.00pm	Challenge Cup Round 4 Haydock ARLFC	H	W 40:12	743
Sunday 26	3.00pm	Batley Bulldogs	A	L 10:50	781

APRIL

Sunday 2	3.00pm	Bradford Bulls	H	W 26:22	1,691
Saturday 8	6pm CET	Toulouse Olympique	A	L 18:58	1,752
Friday 14	3.00pm	Swinton Lions	H		
Monday 17	7.30pm	Halifax RLFC	A		
Sunday 23	3.00pm	Challenge Cup Round 5 Featherstone Rovers	A		
Sunday 30	3.00pm	Dewsbury Rams	A		

MAY

Sunday 7	3.00pm	London Broncos	A		
Saturday 13/ Sunday 14	tbc	Challenge Cup Round 6	tbc		
Sunday 21	3.00pm	Batley Bulldogs	H		
Saturday 27	2.30pm	Rochdale (Summer Bash)	Blackpool		

JUNE

Sunday 4	3.00pm	Swinton Lions	A		
Sunday 11	3.00pm	Hull Kingston Rovers	H		
Sunday 18	3.00pm	Halifax RLFC	H		
Sunday 25	3.00pm	Bradford Bulls	A		

JULY

Sunday 2	3.00pm	Toulouse Olympique	H		
Sunday 9	3.00pm	Featherstone Rovers	H		
Sunday 16	3.00pm	Sheffield Eagles	A		
Sunday 23	3.00pm	Rochdale Hornets	H		

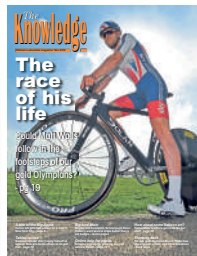
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10. Adam Neal

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10. Jordan Hand

11. Jack Spencer

Graeme Lee

11. Connor Dwyer

12. Danny Langtree

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12. Matt Sarsfield

13. Liam Thompson

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14. Ben White

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