

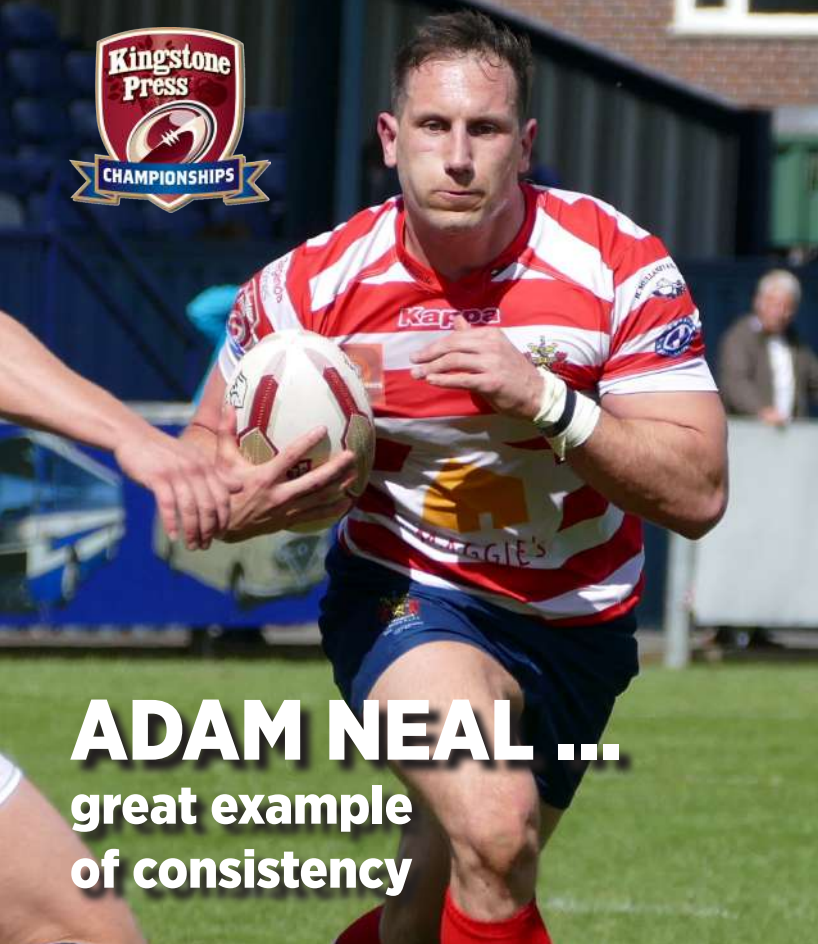
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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

GOOD afternoon and welcome back to Bower Fold after what seems like an eternity.

The last few weeks have been difficult to say the least and prior to the Batley fixture we were looking ahead to the next three games and thinking we were in a reasonably good position and hoping to get some points from the games against Batley, Rochdale and then Swinton.

However, as sport so often can, the rug has been well and truly pulled from under our feet and we are now in a position in which we need to

take advantage of the home fixtures we have prior to the end of the normal league campaign.

Once again the Kingstone Press Championship has demonstrated that it is a merciless arena if you drop below a certain level of performance.

We have also had some off-field issues to deal with as 'Spanner' has moved on and Scott is today serving the second of his two-match touchline ban.

That is not an ideal situation and Scott is aware of that. The two of us have had lengthy discussions about how we avoid any repetition and, if anything, I think our relationship has grown stronger as a result of recent events. Nobody should doubt his total commitment to making this club better and stronger.

One thing I have learned over the last 20 years is that things NEVER run smoothly and the last three weeks have been a reminder of that. There have been some challenges during the last few weeks but if the players have the heart and fight that I have, then I know for certain we will come out of it the other side all the better for it.

Today we entertain a Hull Kingston Rovers team that have, so far, had a really good season. Neil Hudgell,

the chairman, has steadied the ship following their relegation last season and, as an outsider looking in, they look to have really used the experience to galvanise themselves.

As a full-time team riding high at the top of the division they will provide a real test for us today but we need to front up to that challenge and, at the very least, make sure that KR know they have been in a real contest at the end of the game.

The support the team has had over the last few games has been as strong as ever and although potentially outnumbered today we know you will be loud and proud and it is always appreciated.

While it is human nature to bemoan our perceived hardship and misfortune it would be remiss of me not to make mention of those who suffered loss of life or injury in the Manchester and London terrorist attacks. Our thoughts are with them and their families and our thanks go to the emergency services who continue to show amazing courage when faced with imminent danger.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads as always.

**Christopher Hamilton
Chairman**

Oldham Rugby League
Football Club

TOUCHLINE TOPICS

by Scott Naylor

HELLO everyone and welcome to today's game against Hull Kingston Rovers at Bower Fold.

Finally, we are back at Stalybridge playing a home game which, unbelievably, is only our fifth of the season on our 'home' ground.

We have had a tough batch of games over the past two months and points on the league table have been sparse and hard to collect.

All clubs in the bottom half of the division experience periods in the season when winning seems to become harder and harder.

Having faith in what you believe in and what has taken this club from the middle of League 1 to the Championship is important and it will turn our season around, probably when we least expect it to.

As a team we work hard and fight for everything we get but sometimes you don't get the luck or the bounce of the ball

whatever you do.

At times like that your character and your qualities start to be questioned and that's when you have to stand up, face the doubters and doom-and-gloom merchants head on -- and prove them wrong.

We now have a good run of home games --- more than away games --- and we have shown previously that we are a different animal here at Bower Fold.

Maybe, the bounce of the ball will swing back to us today and our season will kick-start again with eight games to go (six of them at Bower Fold) up to the end of the regular season.

We then move into the Shield games in August and September when the table will show if we have had a better campaign than last year.

Belief is needed - and support is vital.

Many thanks,
Scott



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ALL PULLING TOGETHER ...

As most of you will know Pete Carey and Alan Hunte were in charge of the team at Swinton last week and that arrangement will continue against Hull KR at Bower Fold today, after which our head coach, Scott Naylor, will have completed the touchline ban imposed by the Rugby Football League.

It's actually a touchline ban in name only; in real terms it restricts Scott to a spectator's role, given that he must not go into the dressing room before or after the match.

The ban kicked in



Alan Hunte

during the week that Lee Spencer (Spanner) announced he was leaving the club after working alongside Scott for four and a half seasons. He had agonised over this decision for some weeks.

On behalf of chairman Chris Hamilton, Scott, Pete, backroom staff, players and supporters we thank 'Spanner' for his efforts over the last five years (nearly) and wish him well for the future.

In view of his departure and the RFL ban on Scott we brought in Alan Hunte to give Pete Carey a lift at Swinton and against Rovers today. Alan, who knows Scott, Pete and a lot of our players from their days at Salford together, has also been helping out in training this week.

After the Swinton game, Pete said it was essential that the group of players continued to stick together as one, as we know they will.

Scott was free to head-up training this last week,



Pete Carey

alongside Alan and Pete, and once today's game is out of the way the situation will return to normal as we face a few weeks of frenzied Bower Fold activity with six home games out of the last eight in the regular season before we start the Shield matches.

You can see what Scott has to say about recent results in his programme notes on page 4 and what Chris, the club chairman, has to say about Scott in the chairman's message on page 3.

Both make interesting reading.



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STATISTICS

AFTER 17 GAMES...

Kingstone Press Championship Table (After 16 Rounds)

	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	PD	PTS
1 Hull Kingston Rovers	16	14	1	1	596	241	355	29
2 Toulouse Olympique	16	12	4	0	543	294	206	24
3 London Broncos	16	12	4	0	518	278	240	24
4 Featherstone Rovers	16	11	4	1	477	283	194	23
5 Halifax RLFC	16	10	6	0	379	292	87	20
6 Sheffield Eagles	16	8	8	0	420	479	-59	16
7 Batley Bulldogs	16	6	10	0	352	489	-137	12
9 Rochdale Hornets	16	4	11	1	304	436	-132	9
8 Oldham RLFC	15	4	10	1	266	486	-220	9
10 Swinton Lions	16	4	12	0	352	451	-99	8
11 Dewsbury Rams	15	3	12	0	185	498	-313	6
12 Bradford Bulls	16	5	11	0	377	542	-165	-2

Oldham RLFC Player Statistics 2017 (after 17 games)

	A	I	T	G	D	Pts		A	I	T	G	D	Pts
1 Scott Turner	11	0	3	0	0	12	20 Gareth Owen	11	4	0	0	0	0
2 Adam Clay	16	0	6	0	0	24	21 Kenny Hughes	7	10	0	0	0	0
3 George Tyson	10	0	4	0	0	16	22 Danny Grimshaw	12	0	2	0	0	8
4 Nathan Chappell	0	0	0	0	0	0	23 Craig Briscoe	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Jamel Chisholm	3	0	1	0	0	4	24 Michael Ward	1	16	5	0	0	20
6 Scott Leatherbarrow	17	0	0	49	0	98	25 Kieran Gill	9	0	5	0	0	20
7 David Hewitt	14	0	1	2	0	8	26 Richard Lepori	12	0	8	0	0	32
8 Phil Joy	4	0	0	0	0	0	29 Tuoyo Egodo	10	0	3	0	0	12
9 Sam Gee	2	12	1	0	0	4	DR Michael Wood	8	0	0	0	0	0
10 Adam Neal	17	0	3	0	0	12	DR Tyler Dickinson	0	2	0	0	0	0
11 Jack Spencer	11	1	0	0	0	0	DR Nathan Mason	3	1	0	0	0	0
12 Danny Langtree	16	1	3	0	0	12	DR Sam Wood	3	0	2	0	0	8
13 Liam Thompson	9	2	1	0	0	4	LO Jordan Walne	1	0	1	0	0	4
14 Luke Adamson	2	0	0	0	0	0	LO Liam Bent	3	6	0	0	0	0
18 Ben Davies	4	4	0	0	0	0	LO Brad Hill	0	1	0	0	0	0
19 Joe Burke	5	8	3	0	0	12							

* DR (Dual Registered Player) LO (Player on Loan)

ROARY, MURGY AND OUR FRIENDS FROM FRANCE

AMONG fans cheering for Oldham at the Summer Bash game against Rochdale Hornets were converts-for-the-day Sebastien Greninger and his eight-year-old son Antwan from Toulouse in the south of France.

Fans of Toulouse Olympique, they were in this country to watch all six KP Championship games over the two days of Summer Bash.

They got on well with Roughyeds fans when Scott Naylor's men played at Toulouse in April so they contacted the club and asked if anyone would be happy to pick them up in Worsley, where they would be based, and take them to Blackpool.

Said Sebastien: "If anyone can oblige we'll share the cost and become Oldham supporters for the day."

His plea was picked up



by our club mascot Roary and his father David Murgatroyd, our official photographer.

Said David: "Roary and I picked them up in Worsley. I didn't charge him as he kept his promise to give our lads a cheer.

"It's hard enough to explain what a Roughyed is to anybody let alone to

a Frenchman in broken French."

Antwan was presented with a club shirt by Roary from all the staff and fans at Oldham RLFC.

They all enjoyed their special day - apart from the second half of the Oldham-Rochdale game.



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SPONSORS, fans, invited guests and friends of the club got together with Maggie's Oldham at Gourmet Burger Kitchen, Parliament Square to launch a unique fund-raiser. 'Superdraw 2017' will support Oldham RLFC Community Trust and Maggie's cancer support centre, to open on June 9 at the Royal Oldham Hospital.

To recognise our 20th anniversary, the club has donated its 2017 main kit sponsorship to Maggie's to raise awareness.

Draw tickets are £100 each, but the first prize --- 2018 Oldham RLFC kit sponsorship --- is alone worth £10,000.

Other prizes include a 2018 kit

sponsorship worth £5,000; match sponsorship for ten (£600); similar for six (£400); a family season ticket, £400; signed Oldham shirt; signed Oldham ball; and others.

Among guests at the launch were Mike Flanagan, manager of Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre; Ian Milligan, chief executive of Stalybridge Celtic; Roughyeds fan Rob Nixon (61), who ran the Manchester Marathon for Maggie's and hopes to do the London marathon next year.

Our chairman Chris Hamilton said: "We are proud to strike a partnership with Maggie's. Few people are not affected by cancer and the centre will provide

marvellous support for the community." Laura Tomlinson of Maggie's added: "We'll do a few events for the community during the week beginning June 12."

The Stoller Charitable Trust has fully funded the building of the centre, but the running of it relies solely on voluntary donations and fundraising.

For 'Superdraw 2017' tickets contact the club on 07904 898177 or email to: enquiries@roughyeds.co.uk

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LUKE TURNS BACK THE CLOCK TO YESTERYEAR

LUKE Adamson, our new forward from Dewsbury Rams, made his debut in the second-row at Summer Bash; kept his place against Swinton Lions; and is likely to make his first Bower Fold appearance today against league leaders Hull KR.

We have signed the 29-year-old former Salford and Halifax back-row man on a short-term deal to the end of the season.

He is one of the most experienced players in the Kingstone Press Championship.

Born in Lowton, near Leigh, Adamson played 112 Super League games for Salford and then had a brief spell with Bath RU Club before returning to League with Halifax, for whom he played 47 games in seasons 2013 and 2014.

He was in his third season at Dewsbury where he clocked up about 60 appearances before asking to be released

from his contract last month after a 52-10 loss at Featherstone.

“Things weren’t working out for me and I just felt it would be right for me and the club if I moved on after two and a half years there,” said Adamson.

“Dewsbury’s a great club and I enjoyed my time there. I was also grateful that they didn’t want to stand in my way.

“After that things moved pretty quickly and I was really pleased to sign for Oldham where I know a lot of the lads, and the coaches, from my eight years at Salford, who signed me initially from Leigh East.

“I’ve worked previously for Scott (Naylor) and I played alongside George Tyson, Jack Spencer, Adam Neal, Adam Clay and Gareth ‘Gaz’ Owen when we were all at Salford as kids.

“I’ve played in the Championship a long time. It’s a tough division and Oldham are doing well for a club that’s only



Luke Adamson

in its second season at that level.”

Naylor said: “Luke and I go back a long way. He has loads of experience, something we’ve perhaps been missing a little bit in our middle unit.

“He’s a good pro who’s played the game at a high level, and that’s just what we’ve been looking for.

“He can play anywhere in the pack and he knows most members of the team, which will help him to settle in quickly.”

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON ...

OLDHAM have added to their squad by signing Batley Bulldogs' young prop Brad Hill, initially on a month's loan.

The son of former Bradford, Leeds and Halifax front-row man Brendan Hill, the 21-year-old Brad is joining Roughyeds to widen his experience of playing with and against men at Championship level.

Karl Harrison, his agent, was a key figure in brokering the deal which gives Scott Naylor another prop to compensate for the loss of the injured Phil Joy, who is waiting for an operation on the shoulder that he has twice dislocated this season.

Hill played for Bradford amateurs West Bowling as a boy and then passed through the Bradford Bulls academy ranks before moving on to the Bulldogs, where he is in his first season.

He trained for the first time at Oldham last week and made his debut at Swinton Lions on Sunday, although he didn't get much game time because hadn't played for about a month.

Said Brad: "It's always exciting to move to a new club and I'm looking forward to getting some game time.

"Everybody has made me feel very welcome."

Added Naylor: "Brad's a good, young prospect



Brad Hill

who's been in Batley's 18-man squad a few times. We needed more numbers and this gives me another front-row man with prospects.

"We've got eight very important games to the end of the regular season and then another seven in the Shield so to all intents and purposes we're only half way through the season.

"We're going to need more numbers and the capture of Luke Adamson and, more recently, Brad Hill will be a big lift in that respect."



Oldham Rugby League Heritage Trust



Under the watchful eye of referee, Mr. R. Jones of Widnes, rival captains Laurie Osborne and Herman Hilton conduct the coin toss before the Challenge Cup Final at Headingley. **25.04.1925.**



Sid Little, Ken Jackson and Jack Keith hold up Ken Grice near the posts at Watersheddings. Challenge Cup 1st Rnd. **08.02.1958.**



More Challenge Cup action. Two tries from the semi-final 1st replay at Swinton **15.04.1964.**

Above: Terry Major touches down for Rovers in Frank Dyson's tackle.

Right: Geoff Sims scrambles over in the dying minutes of normal time. Dyson converted and then slotted a last minute penalty to level the scores.



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Through the Years... *Oldham v Hull K.R.*



Left: Charlie McAllister makes a tackle at Old Trafford
13.05.1990.

Below: Simon Svabic receives the ball at Boundary Park.
17.08.2003.



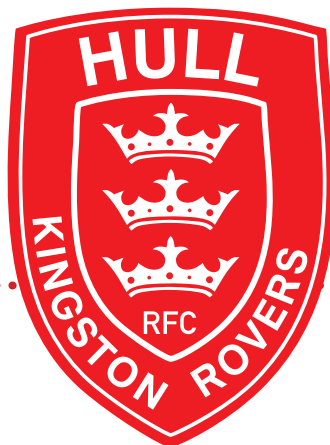
Left: Tere Glassie on the charge at Craven Park.
24.04.2005.

Below: Adam Clay dives for the line in last season's cup-tie.
16.04.2016.



Our Visitors

Hull Kingston Rovers



Championship leaders Rovers make their first visit to Bower Fold today and are sure to have a healthy support shouting them on.

One of the two famous Hull clubs, Rovers were relegated from Super League in the final game of the 2016 season. The winner takes all shoot-out known as the Million Pound Game saw Salford grab survival in the dying seconds of the match and consign the Robins to rugby league's second tier.

Tim Sheens, the wily Australian coach, prepared his side well for the 2017 season and they have wasted no time in cementing themselves at the top of the division. Only one defeat in 16 outings points to an almost certain place in the middle-eights and the club will have both eyes focussed on a swift return to the elite top division.

Last season saw Oldham travel to the KC Lightstream Stadium in the Challenge Cup where they were able to pull off one of the competition's all-time shock wins.

Inevitably, there was a small score to settle when Roughyeds made a 2017 league visit to the other end of the M62.

Rovers weren't going to be turned over twice on their own patch and readily dispatched Oldham 48-0.

In last week's game, round 16, Rovers visited the LD Nutrition Stadium to take on an in-form Featherstone Rovers. In front of a crowd of 4,072, Fev's highest of the season, the two teams battled out a humdinger of a game and the Flat Cappers led their illustrious visitors by 16-0 at half time.

The second half saw Rovers claw their way back to lead 18-20 after 71 minutes but a Kyle Briggs penalty levelled for Featherstone. A failed KR drop-goal attempt from Jamie Ellis in the final seconds meant the honours were shared at 20-20.

Hull KR will want to return to winning ways on their Super League return mission. They won't take Oldham for granted that's for sure and on the new Bower Fold surface we should be in for a cracking afternoon's rugby league.

Three to watch

Hull Kingston Rovers



Shaun Lunt

30yr old hooker from Cockermouth in Cumbria. Started his professional career at Castleford Tigers before moving on to Workington Town.

Lunt transferred to Huddersfield Giants in 2009 where he scored 71 tries in 123 appearances.

Loan spells with Leeds Rhinos and then Hull KR saw him make a permanent move to East Hull where he is currently enjoying his third season.



Ben Cockayne

Long serving member of the Hull KR squad, Pontefract born Cockayne was part of the team that gained promotion to Super League ten years ago.

Can operate anywhere in the Rovers' three-quarters or full-back positions and is a definite fans' favourite.

The player is in his second spell with KR having returned from Wakefield Trinity for the 2014 season.



Danny Addy

Another Pontefract born player, Addy signed from Bradford Bulls where he started his professional career.

An accomplished goalkicker who can play in the key roles of hooker, loose-forward or half-back.

A Scotland international who featured for his country in last year's Four Nations tournament against England, Australia and New Zealand.

Unlucky 'Gilly' out for rest of season

THE best wishes of everybody at Oldham, from Chris, Scott, staff, players and supporters go out to Kieran Gill, who was injured in Castleford's win against St Helens last Sunday and will be out or the rest of the campaign.

The young centre, who was due to return to the Roughyeds next week on loan from the Tigers, suffered a serious knee injury on his Super League debut on the right wing.

Gill (21) scored five tries in nine appearances for Roughyeds this season, including his sensational last-gasp winner against Bradford Bulls in April.

The Betfred Super League leaders gave him his big chance in a side that beat Saints 16-12 without the services of key men like Luke Gale, Adam Milner,

Matt Cook, Michael Shenton, Zak Hardaker and Grant Millington.

He celebrated by scoring Castleford's first try in the corner after 34 minutes, but his Super League dream turned into a nightmare early in the second half when he went off with a badly-damaged knee.

He will have an operation in about three week's time to repair ruptured anterior and posterior cruciate ligaments.

Said Roughyeds chairman Chris Hamilton: "I've spoken to Kieran and, as you would expect, he's down in the dumps after being so upbeat to be given his debut at that level.

"He was due to come back to us next week but instead he has had to accept that his season is over.

He will be having surgery when the swelling goes down.

"He says that, as soon as he is able, he will be coming over to get behind the boys and give them his moral support."

Said Kieran: "It was an amazing experience to make my Super League debut, but I was very nervous before the start. Once the game started I was okay, but I felt my knee after my first real run after about five minutes.

"I scored in the corner - fantastic feeling - but I was choked when I had to go off early in the second half.

"As soon as I'm fit enough I'll be over to Bower Fold to give the boys some support. They're a great bunch."

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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	W 22:18	804
Monday 17	7.30pm	Halifax RLFC	A	L 14:16	1,364
Sunday 23	3.00pm	Challenge Cup Round 5 Featherstone Rovers	A	L 4:30	1,408
Sunday 30	3.00pm	Dewsbury Rams	A	W 28:24	691
MAY					
Sunday 7	3.00pm	London Broncos	A	L 12:74	500
Sunday 21	3.00pm	Batley Bulldogs	H	L 28:48	578
Saturday 27	2.30pm	Rochdale (Summer Bash)	Blackpool	L 28:38	----
JUNE					
Sunday 4	3.00pm	Swinton Lions	A	L 4:26	628
Sunday 11	3.00pm	Hull Kingston Rovers	H		
Sunday 18	3.00pm	Halifax RLFC	H		
Wed 21	8.00pm	Dewsbury Rams	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		

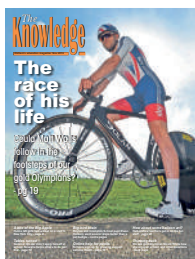
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1. Scott Turner

2. Adam Clay

3. George Tyson

4. Nathan Chappell

5. Jamel Chisholm

6. Scott Leatherbarrow

7. David Hewitt

8. Phil Joy

9. Sam Gee

10. Adam Neal

11. Jack Spencer

12. Danny Langtree

13. Liam Thompson

14. Luke Adamson

18. Ben Davies

19. Joe Burke

20. Gareth Owen

21. Kenny Hughes

22. Danny Grimshaw

23. Craig Briscoe

24. Michael Ward

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4. Liam Salter

5. Ryan Shaw

7. Jamie Ellis

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9. Shaun Lunt

10. Chris Clarkson

11. Maurice Blair

12. James Greenwood

13. Danny Addy

14. Graeme Home

15. James Donaldson

16. Jordan Abdull

17. Mitch Clark

18. Zack Dockar-Clay

19. George Lawler

20. Matty Marsh

21. Robbie Mulhern

22. Andrew Heffernan

23. George Milton

24. Joe Wardill

25. Will Jubb

26. Kieran Moran

27. Will Oakes

28. Liam Harris

29. Jake Butler-Fleming

30. Joe Cator

31. David Hodgson

32. Kieran Moss

33. Ben Kavanagh

34. Brad Clavering

35. Josh Johnson

36. Justin Carney

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TJ: Michael Small

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Time-keeper: M Heptinstall

HULL KINGSTON ROVERS

Head Coach: Tim Sheens

Asst Coach: David Hodgson

Asst Coach: James Webster