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Direct from the Dug-Out with **SCOTT NAYLOR**

Hello everyone and welcome to today's play-off game against Doncaster at the Vestacare Stadium.

Our opponents come to us this afternoon brimming with confidence after comfortably beating Newcastle away from home last weekend.

We've played Doncaster three times already this season and it's never been the same game. Lots of points have been scored and attacking has taken priority over defence to be honest.

They are always entertaining games to watch and I don't see today being any different.

The winner goes straight into the Grand Final in two weeks time for promotion to the Championship so it's hugely important that we extend still further the winning run we've been on recently.

In my opinion we have reached Championship standard over the last seven games or so in focusing on the one-per-cent things that make all the difference.

The biggest improvement since last July, and its great to see, is the way we've been able to see games out in the last ten minutes, and finish the job professionally, by understanding the situation and remaining calm.

You have to be at your best at the end of the league campaign, going into the play-offs, and we seem to be peaking at the right time.

The hours on the training pitch every week are now paying off for us and two more huge performances will see us to promotion and put this club back in the Championship where it belongs. It's up to us and no one else.

Many thanks ,
Scott



Scott Naylor



We're all in this together boys . . . a special moment in our last home game against Doncaster which belongs to nobody but the players concerned and which reflects the togetherness of rugby league players in a tough contact sport.

How the chairman sees it

Welcome back to the Vestacare Stadium for this Qualifying Semi- Final against Doncaster, who had an impressive win up at Newcastle last week.

Our last home game was way back on August 18 when we won 40-14 against... yes, Doncaster !

Not for one minute are we expecting a scoreline like that but we have proved throughout the season that we are, on our day, more than a match for any team in Betfred League 1.

We have already played Donny three times this season, including the 1895 Cup, and they currently lead the series 2-1 so today would be a great time to level that up.

Having won nine of our last ten matches we have certainly found form at the right



Christopher Hamilton

time and by finishing second, which was a big effort in itself, we have put ourselves in the position that the other four teams wanted; namely, to be in with a shout of home advantage all the way through.

It will obviously be our aim to make that count in our favour but, by the same token, we will not be taking anything for granted.

Both the coaches and the players are too grounded for that and in any case nobody has more play-off experience than us, as a club, and therefore we are very familiar with exactly what can happen --- good or bad.

One thing I am hoping for today is to see the attendance go beyond our biggest of the season so far, which was for our first home game of the season against Workington back in February.

With the efforts everybody have put in this year, both on and off the pitch, there is no doubt in my mind that we should beat that figure.

I just hope the fans who don't come regularly make the effort because the team certainly deserves it.

The reward for winning this match is huge - a place in the final in two weeks - and we want you to play your part in getting us there. The atmosphere for the game against Newcastle was superb and if we can repeat that today you will be the extra man.

In the last few days we have seen the resignation of the board at Swinton Lions after the threats that were made following the proposal for them to change their name to Manchester Lions.

The game is in the midst of major upheaval with nobody quite knowing what is likely to happen beyond the end of 2021, when the current broadcasting deal, from which all clubs benefit, comes to an end.

That makes the current work to improve and grow the business of the club so vital - just like it is for all clubs - so please don't underestimate the difference each and every one of you can make.



Points-machine Paul Crook might be in the autumn of his playing career, but he can still rattle up the numbers . . . like his 18 points at Hunslet from four conversions, three penalties and a try: a classic case of 'You never lose it !' for the man who's now on our coaching staff while still holding down a place in the team.

Today is another milestone in that journey as we attempt to beat a formidable opponent and get to the final on October 6.

Be loud and proud, get behind the lads from the start and enjoy the game.

Christopher Hamilton.
Chairman,
Oldham Rugby League Football Club.

STATISTICS

BETFRED LEAGUE 1 FINAL TABLE

	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	PD	PTS
Whitehaven RLFC	20	15	3	2	582	283	299	32
Oldham RLFC	20	15	5	0	655	341	314	30
Newcastle Thunder	20	14	5	1	741	364	377	29
Doncaster RLFC	20	12	8	0	564	309	255	24
Hunslet RLFC	20	12	8	0	596	379	217	24
Workington Town	20	10	9	1	592	478	114	21
North Wales Crusaders	20	9	11	0	489	501	-12	18
London Skolars	20	7	12	1	440	542	-102	15
Coventry Bears	20	4	16	0	365	829	-464	8
* Keighley Cougars	20	8	11	1	447	576	-129	5
West Wales Raiders	20	1	19	0	222	1091	-869	2

*denotes 12-point deduction for transfer of club membership

OLDHAM RLFC PLAYER STATS 2019

Squad No.	Player	Total App.	Sub	Tries	Goals	DGs	Points	Squad No.2	Player	Total App.	Sub	Tries	Goals	DGs	Points
1	Kyran Johnson	13	7	6	0	0	28	18	Ben Davies	13	13	1	0	0	4
2	Aaron Jones-Bishop	6	0	3	0	0	12	19	Jamie Greenwood	11	11	1	0	0	4
3	Zack McComb	22	0	15	0	0	60	20	Matty Wilkinson	18	16	10	0	0	40
4	Jack Holmes	16	0	6	0	0	24	21	Lee Kershaw	7	0	5	0	0	20
5	Richie Hawkyard	20	0	11	0	0	48	22	Danny Grimshaw	2	0	0	0	0	0
6	Paul Crook	11	0	5	59	0	138	23	Luke Nelves	1	1	0	0	0	0
7	Dave Hewitt	21	0	6	51	1	127	24	Liam Bent	22	2	5	0	0	20
8	Phil Joy	19	0	5	0	0	20	25	Danny Bridge	14	0	6	0	0	24
9	Gareth Owen	23	1	5	0	0	20	26	Anthony Bowman	9	0	5	0	0	20
10	Scott Law	24	6	2	0	0	8	27	Harry Maders	10	0	7	0	0	28
11	Ben Calland	9	2	0	0	0	0	29	Titus Gwaze	14	11	1	0	0	4
12	Emmerson Whittel	22	13	3	0	0	12	30	Frazer Morris	2	2	0	0	0	0
13	Jack Spencer	21	9	1	0	0	4	31	Harry Aaronson	9	0	4	0	0	16
14	Ed Smith	3	3	0	0	0	0	32	Nick Gregson	2	1	0	0	0	0
15	Adam Brook	11	0	3	12	0	36	33	Jimmy Beckett	4	4	0	0	0	0
16	Danny Langtree	16	0	17	0	0	68	34	Declan Kay	3	0	1	0	0	4
17	Cameron Leeming	8	0	5	0	0	20	36	Luke Hooley	1	0	0	0	0	0

Your club needs YOU in the Club Cash lottery

To coincide with a significantly increased prize pot we are launching a major initiative to increase membership of the Club Cash lottery.

The end of the season will soon be upon us. Crowds are up slightly on last year, thanks mainly to the club's community initiatives but they are still at a level which demands reliance on funding from other sources, such as Club Cash, to keep the club's head above water. That's a year-round thing, but particularly in the off-season.

These are difficult times and they're going to get harder. You'll have read of the problems at Bolton Wanderers and Bury FC and, in our own sport, the huge worries at Swinton Lions which arise directly from the club's desire to try something different in order to take the club forward.

Here at Roughyeds we now have our management committee which is helping Chris to drive our club forward, but we need more income and that's where you can help if you are not already a member of Club Cash.

Prize money has recently gone up by approx £1,275 per week, taking the amount of money to be won each week to £3,100 or thereabouts.

It is not a definitive figure because the number of £10 consolation prizes can vary but for the past few weeks there have been 65 such prizes each week -- up by about 25 per week since the new prize structure came in.

The guaranteed weekly first prize has gone up from £1,000 to £2,000 -- how's that for an increase --and also to be won are weekly prizes of £250, £100, £50 and two of £25 PLUS the consolations PLUS a jackpot which rises by £500 a week if it isn't won up to a maximum of £10,000, yes, £10,000!

For all that, membership costs £1 a week (you can, of course spend more and have more entries if you wish) and you can't buy a cup of coffee for that.

We can't stress too much how important it is for the future well being of Roughyeds for as many supporters as possible to get behind us on this for just £1 a week.

You can download a standing order form off the club website and instruct your bank to pay £4.35 monthly, £13 quarterly, £26 half-yearly or £52 annually. The form must then be sent to the club's lottery administrator John McAndrew, Oldham RLFC, Vestacare Stadium, Whitebank Road, Oldham OL8 3JH.

We also do a fortnightly collection service, taking £2 at your door, but it's easier and more efficient for all concerned to set up direct debit schemes.

For more details contact John at the club on 07904 898177 on Wednesday afternoons or on Fridays between 10am and 3pm. Alternatively, ring between those times on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and if John isn't available he'll get back to you.

Thanks for your help. Up the Roughyeds!

By George Cowburn... THOSE WERE THE DAYS!

In the eight years between 2007 and 2014 Oldham fans got used to trudging forlornly away from Headingley, the Halliwell Jones Stadium or Leigh Sports Village, having seen their side lose in the six Grand Finals the Roughyeds contested in that period.

The sequence began with a trip to Headingley at the end of the 2007 season.

Oldham battled through three qualifying matches to reach the final with emphatic home wins against Swinton (36-6) and Workington (48-0) plus an excellent 28-6 away win at Barrow.

Try hat tricks by in-form winger Gareth Langley over Workington

and centre Adam Hughes at Barrow featured heavily in the wins.

Injuries were to play a decisive part in the 24-6 loss to Featherstone in the final. Three players suffered game-ending injuries – Byron Ford, Tony Tonks and Geno Costin – and with only one sub available for much of the match defeat was almost inevitable against a team of Rovers' quality.

In the 2008 campaign Oldham lost their first match to Doncaster, 38-20, but a second bite of the cherry got them through to the final at the Halliwell Jones via a 38-14 win over Rochdale Hornets.

The absence of stand-off Neil Roden through injury played a big part in our 18-10 defeat by an Ellery Hanley-coached Doncaster in the final. The ever-willing Phil Joseph was tried at No. 6 but despite the play-anywhere forward's best efforts Roden's experience and distributive skills were sadly missed.

Third time lucky? Sadly no. Back-row forward Chris Baines took over the goal-kicking duties part way through the season and was in great form in the qualifiers with five goals against Swinton in a 31-26 win; a joint club record 34 points (four tries nine goals) in a 54-30 victory over Hunslet plus six goals and a try in a 44-14 win at York.

There were just three goals in the final, however, when a great, late Oldham fightback had Keighley on the ropes before they squeezed through 28-26 at the Halliwell Jones.

The fourth consecutive final in 2010, again at the Halliwell Jones, was the only really disappointing performance by Oldham. Having beaten York 41-32 at home to get to the final (Greg McNally eight goals and a drop goal) hopes were high, but an out-of-sorts Oldham side was beaten by York 25-4.

A defeat by 39-18 to Hornets at Spotland meant no fifth final in a row and the end of a long and distinguished career for centre Marcus St Hilaire, who was with the Roughyeds for four seasons.

The 2012 season was similarly unsuccessful as Oldham were beaten 34-29 at Workington despite a Paul Smith try hat trick, in the qualifiers.

Ever-hopeful Oldham made the 2013 final despite a one-point defeat in the first qualifier at home to Rochdale Hornets. Paul Crook was the "villain" that day with a long-range, match-winning drop goal.

A 64-8 massacre of London Skolars got Oldham to the final. Centre Jon Ford helped himself to a hat-trick of tries and Lewis Palfrey kicked ten goals.

A new venue for the final brought no change of fortunes. It pains me to say this but Hornets deservedly lifted the trophy with a 32-18 win at Leigh Sports Village.

A GREAT TEAM EFFORT CLINCHED PROMOTION IN A MEMORABLE 2015 SEASON

Headingley was the venue for the 2014 final after Oldham qualified with a nail-biting 25-24 win at Hunslet thanks to a rare Josh Crowley drop goal on the half time hooter and a convincing 31-12 win at league leaders York.

A gripping final was tied at 16-16 at the full-time hooter and the game went into golden point extra time. When a Steve Roper drop goal attempt went narrowly wide of the posts a grim sense of déjà vu emerged. Sure enough, a drop goal from former Oldham player Tommy Coyle consigned Oldham to another season in League 1.

Prop forward Jason Boults "celebrated" his 250th career appearance in the final (193 with Oldham 57 with Halifax).

There was an aura of invincibility about Oldham in the later stages of the 2015 campaign. In a change of arrangements, winning the league qualified

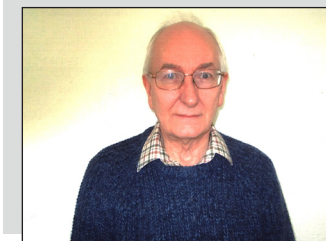
Oldham to play the final at home against Keighley Cougars.

On a club record run of 13 consecutive victories Oldham made it 14 and thus earned promotion to the Championship with a 31-20 triumph before a record home crowd of 1,405.

Despite being in control for most of the match, past disappointments meant that Oldham fans were never comfortable until the final hooter blew and the celebrations could begin.

The team that memorable day was Richard Lepori, Adam Clay, George Tyson, Jon Ford, Jack Holmes, Lewis Palfrey, Steve Roper, Phil Joy, Gareth Owen, Adam Neal, Josh Crowley, Danny Langtree, Will Hope and subs Liam Thompson, Adam Files, Kenny Hughes and Michael Ward.

Tries came from Ford, Neal, Langtree, Tyson and Clay, plus five Palfrey goals and a drop goal. In a great team effort. A jubilant Oldham crowd roared their approval as skipper Lewis Palfrey held the winning trophy aloft to go with the League Leaders shield won previously after an emphatic victory at Oxford.



George Cowburn - lifelong fan with statistics at his fingertips

Pictures courtesy of Oldham RL Heritage Trust



LEFT: Danny Langtree on his way to a try in the 2015 promotion final win over Keighley Cougars.



RIGHT: Lucas Onyango in the thick of the action in the 2010 play-off final against York.



OUR biggest-ever community event -- the Mayoral 999 Day -- was a huge success, adding to the joy surrounding our 40-14 win against Doncaster..

Present were the Worshipful the Mayor and Mayor's Consort of Oldham Metropolitan Borough, Councillor Ginny Alexander and Mr Adrian Alexander, plus the Youth Mayor, Samah Khalil, and Debbie Abrahams MP and her husband John.

Flag bearers were scouts from the 6th/15th Lancashire Otters, based in Middleton, and the 7th Manchester Group, led by Jonathan Collinson-Taylor.

The Otters included several generations from one family, headed by Sue Martin; her daughter Michelle Higgs; her grand-daughter Charlotte Martin (Akela); Michelle's grand-daughter Lilly Bestley, aged eight and Charlotte's daughter Maisie McCormack, aged two, an honorary scout.

The Shaw town crier was there as well as the Emergency Services, Fire, Police, Ambulance and Oldham Mountain Rescue Team.

Fans took pictures with the World Cup, while others threw wet sponges at club chairman Chris Hamilton and centre Jack Holmes, who were in the stocks.



Second-half master-class floors Hunslet



Liam Bent



Paul Crook



Zack McComb

**HUNSLET 20
OLDHAM 34**



Phil Joy



Jack Spencer



Kyran Johnson



Gareth Owen



Dave Hewitt



Danny Langtree



Ben Davies



Danny Bridge



Emmerson Whittel



Fifty Oldham fans left the Vestacare Stadium to watch the 2019 Coral Challenge Cup final and the AB Sundecks 1895 Cup final at Wembley.

Julie Collins led the party while Anne Kearns helped her with the send-off and took pictures.

"A lot of people told me how much they had enjoyed the trip and the two cup finals," said Julie.
"It was a great day, we all had a good time and I would like to thank those who came with us."

Participation in the official Parade around the pitch was one of the highlights especially for those who were visiting Wembley for the first time.

We had Club Wembley seats on the Club Wembley level and that was another bonus.

A few Oldham fans tipped the two winners - Warrington Wolves and Sheffield Eagles — but the prize in our trip competition for guessing the attendance went to our two coach drivers, who were close to the official figure of 62,717.

Two of our party, Jim Royales and his son Kieran, must have had friends in high places because they got into "official" quarters after the first final and had photographs taken with the Challenge Cup, the Lance Todd Trophy and with former Sky rugby league expert Mike ' Stevo' Stephenson.

"We had a thoroughly enjoyable day," said Kieran, who was thrilled to get his hands on the Lance Todd Trophy for man of the match, won by Warrington's Daryl Clark.

Others also said how much they had enjoyed the day.

Robin Highfield of Denton:
"I'd been to Wembley a few times, but this was my first Challenge Cup final. It was a great day. I would definitely do it again."

Aston Howarth of Shaw:
"I've been before under my own steam, but going with the Roughyeds was brilliant. Well organised and so much easier than driving yourself. I would recommend it."

Lynn Pilkington of Oldham: "In future years I'd like to see the 1895 Cup final played before the main event, rather than after it. But a great day nevertheless and good to spend it in the company of fellow Roughyeds fans."

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with MICHAEL TURNER

Play-offs in Rugby League go way back to the Edwardian era and Oldham were first involved in such a knock-out match in 1907 when the top four in a single league played off, 1 v 4 and 2 v 3, to see who would contest the Championship final.

In 1907-08-09-10-11 Roughyeds finished in the top four and each time progressed to the final.

They lost to Halifax, Hunslet and Wigan respectively in 07, 08 & 09 but triumphed in 10 and 11, both times against Wigan.

The Championship final rivalry with the men from Central Park continued in 1922 when Wigan emerged victorious. Oldham also reached the top four in 1924 and 1931 but failed to reach the final,

losing first to Batley and then Swinton with their opponents going on to be crowned champions on both occasions.

That was it until the 1950s when we reached the final in 1955, losing to Warrington at Maine Road, and again in 1957 when we enjoyed success over Hull at Odsal. On both occasions the Roughyeds defeated Leeds in the play-off semi final.

On three occasions Oldham have contested the Second Division Play-off final at Old Trafford with dramatic victories over Featherstone (1988) and Hull K.R. (1990), followed by defeat to Sheffield (1992).

In recent times no club has suffered play-off heartache as much as Oldham.

In 2001 a place in Super League was at stake in the final at Spotland when Widnes proved worthy winners.

And who can forget the final defeats in 2007 (Featherstone) at Headingley, in 2008 (Doncaster), in 2009 (Keighley) and in 2010 (York), all at the Halliwell Jones Stadium in Warrington

So to 2013 when we lost to Rochdale (and Paul Crook !) at Leigh Sports Village at the end of Scott Naylor's first season here and then to 2014 when we went down to Thomas Coyle's golden-point drop goal against Hunslet, again at Headingley.

Eventually we got the win we craved, and with it a move up in the world to the Championship, when we won the Promotion Final of 2015 against Keighley at Whitebank, as it was then called.



TOP: The 1911 Champions after their win in the final against Wigan.

ABOVE: Players celebrate with fans after promotion was achieved with the victory over Keighley on September 20, 2015.

Pictures courtesy of the Oldham RL Heritage Trust.



Michael Turner

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DONCASTER RLFC

We welcome Doncaster to the Vestacare Stadium this afternoon for the third such visit of 2019 and the fourth occasion the sides have met this year.

Back at the beginning of June the Roughyeds and Dons met for a round 2 tie in the inaugural 1895 Cup. Oldham tries from Adam Brook and Harry Maders were not enough to stop the Dons recording a 24-12 victory over a weakened Oldham side missing several regular players.

A chance for immediate revenge presented itself seven days later when the two sides would meet again for a Betfred League 1 encounter in South Yorkshire. Oldham full-back Ritchie Hawkyard, the home side's man-of-the-match in the cup tie, had this to say:

"No disrespect, but our main aim is to finish top of Befred League 1.

"We'd a few changes in the side and we had to swap and change the game plan a few times. There was nothing in it until Donny got a breakaway try midway through the second half and then our heads dropped a bit.

"Next week we'll be hungry to put things right."

Someone must have pinned Ritchie's words to the Doncaster dressing room door at the Keepmoat Stadium. Oldham were to produce their worst performance of the year on a day when nothing went right for Scott Naylor's promotion hopefuls.

Conversely, Doncaster staged one of their best performances of the season and blew Oldham away, winning 31-0.

The game featured a brilliant individual try from Watson Boas, a Featherstone Rovers squad member on loan for 2019. The Papua New Guinean player picked up a loose ball and ran almost the entire length of the huge Keepmoat pitch, pursued by several desperate Oldham defenders. Speedy winger Harry Aaronson collared him just short of the goal line but a wet surface allowed Boas to slide the last few inches to score.

Oldham fans and players had to endure countless video replays on social media in the following weeks and it wasn't good viewing.

That brings us to the season's third meeting of the two sides, just a few weeks ago here at the Vestacare Stadium. Star man Rangī Chase played at half-back for a Dons side missing the influential Matty Beharrell.

Oldham were able to put the 31-0 defeat to rest as they comprehensively overcame their promotion rivals, winning 40-14 with tries from Bent, Hawkyard, Langtree, Crook, Leeming, Wilkinson and Owen.

The Oldham win was crucial to ensure Roughyeds finished in second place at the conclusion of the regular season. By the same token, the defeat seems to have galvanised the Doncaster team who went on to record victories against London Skolars (a), Keighley Cougars (h) and Workington Town (a) to leapfrog Hunslet and finish the season in fourth spot.

The two sides will know each other well. Doncaster will want to avenge the recent heavy defeat to Oldham and qualify for a promotion final in their rival's back yard. Oldham will want to maintain the fortress-like recent record at home and take the shortest route to promotion.

The eyes of the rugby league world will be watching the game, streamed live on OurLeague, just as the 31-0 trouncing was back in June. Here's hoping the two sides put on a great advert for the game.

Writes Dave Naylor.



SQUAD

THREE TO WATCH

Ryan Boyle

Prop-forward who began his professional career at Castleford Tigers, signing in 2006. Left for Salford City Reds in 2010 before returning to Castleford in 2013.

Boyle moved-on to Halifax and a spell in the Championship for the 2016 season, initially on loan but signed full-time for 2017.

Signed for Doncaster at the start of 2018 and has a big role to play in motivating the team.



Levy Nzungou

No stranger to Oldham fans, prop-forward Nzungou wore Oldham colours on occasions during the 2018 season while on dual registration from Salford Red Devils.

A former star player with the St Helens U19 academy side, the Congolese player signed for Hull FC from Salford ahead of the 2019 season. He has also experienced time with Toulouse Olympique, St Helens and Melbourne Storm, but he is now looking to settle down in East Yorkshire.

Appears for Doncaster today on dual registration from his parent club. His physical and imposing presence on the field poses problems for any opposition defence.



Watson Boas

A Papua New Guinean half-back or hooker currently on the books of Championship side Featherstone Rovers but on loan with Doncaster in 2019.

Previously played for the PNG Hunters in the Queensland Cup and gained international honours representing Papua New Guinea, most notably at the 2017 World Cup.

He is the younger brother of fellow PNG representative Ase Boas.

During Oldham's visit to the Keepmoat Stadium earlier this year, scored a stunning individual try which won the League 1 try of the week.



By Ian Wilson... A RUGBY LEAGUE MISCELLANY ON MEN AND MATTERS...

Somewhat with gritted teeth, congratulations to Whitehaven for achieving automatic promotion – even though we believe in our heart of hearts that we are a better side than them.

And at least 'Haven are a 'proper', old-fashioned rugby league club, albeit in a too-often ignored heartland of the game. Let us just hope we are able to demonstrate our superiority over them in Championship contests next season.

One suspects that we will only have to produce two performances over the coming two weeks of the standard that we generated in the second half of the game at Hunslet to make sure we share promotion with Garry Charlton's team.

What a display it was! Each set Hunslet had from the start of the second half onwards seemed to be beginning closer to their own line than the previous one.

We hardly missed a tackle, and we only conceded penalties when the game was effectively done and dusted.

And on top of all that, we showed the ability to move the ball seemingly exactly at the time it was the right thing to do.

The South Leeds Stadium is never an easy place to visit, so that the victory, and one achieved in such convincing style, should give our players a huge confidence boost for the games today and, hopefully, in a fortnight here at the Vestacare Stadium.

Turning to matters in the other two divisions, what a marvellous achievement it has been by York to finish in third place in the Championship, in their first season after promotion. And it has certainly not been anything other than thoroughly deserved; for example, they have had victories over everyone

but Sheffield, Toulouse and Toronto at home, as well as away at Bradford, Halifax, Leigh, Sheffield and Widnes.

The match last Saturday at Toulouse was clearly just one game too far - but that shouldn't detract from their overall 2019 achievements. And they still have a home game to play this weekend to give them a second bite at reaching the Championship Grand Final.

Finally, it would be wrong not to recognise the equally superb efforts of both Salford and London in our game's top tier. Both Ian Watson and Danny Ward have performed miracles this season, even though the Broncos were eventually relegated and whether Salford will win a game in the final stages of Super League's play-off series must be rather doubtful.

Whatever, I would be inclined to award them the coach of the year accolade jointly if it had anything to do with me.

Even if Saints go on to win the Grand Final, I think Justin Holbrook's side's failure at Wembley would be enough to put him just behind Watson and Ward in the rankings. Maybe Steve Price might have a better shout if Warrington were to go on to record the double in the Old Trafford final - but I really can't see that happening, even with Blake Austin back. So it's a Watson/Ward ticket for me.



Ian Wilson - our man with something to say

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Date	Time	Opponents	Venue	Score	Results	Attn.
February						
Sunday 17	3:00pm	Workington Town	Home	28 - 32	Lost	765
Sunday 24	3:00pm	Whitehaven RLFC	Home	36 - 12	Won	546
March						
Sunday 3	2:30pm	North Wales Crusaders	Away	16 - 14	Won	426
Sunday 10	3:00pm	Challenge Cup 3 - Haydock	Home	80 - 10	Won	508
Sunday 24	3:00pm	London Skolars	Home	34 - 4	Won	709
Sunday 31	3:00pm	Challenge Cup 4 - Widnes Vikings	Bower Fold	14 - 54	Lost	1,247
April						
Sunday 7	3:00pm	Newcastle Thunder	Away	22 - 28	Lost	889
Sunday 14	3:00pm	Challenge Cup 5				
Friday 19	3:00pm	Hunslet RLFC	Home	28 - 36	Lost	652
Saturday 27	3:00pm	West Wales Raiders	Away	72 - 8	Won	197
May						
Sunday 5	3:00pm	1895 Cup 1 - Whitehaven	Home	48-12	Won	369
Sunday 12	3:00pm	Challenge Cup 6				
Sunday 19	3:00pm	Coventry Bears	Home	34-18	Won	451
Saturday 25	6:30pm	Keighley Cougars	Away	52-12	Won	836
June						
Sunday 2	3:00pm	1895 Cup 2 - Doncaster	Home	12-24	Lost	283
Sunday 9	5:30pm	Doncaster RLFC	Away	0-31	Lost	678
Sunday 16	3:00pm	Keighley Cougars	Home	28-4	Won	591
Sunday 23	3:00pm	Workington Town	Away	26-16	Won	1,013
Wednesday 26	7:30pm	1895 Cup QF				
Sunday 30	3:00pm	West Wales Raiders	Home	56-6	Won	552
July						
Sunday 7	3:00pm	Whitehaven RLFC	Away	10-16	Lost	1,102
Sunday 14	3:00pm	North Wales Crusaders	Home	46-30	Won	616
Sunday 28	3:00pm	1895 Cup SF				
August						
Saturday 3	3:00pm	London Skolars	Away	15-14	Won	355
Sunday 11	3:00pm	Newcastle Thunder	Home	28-20	Won	702
Sunday 18	3:00pm	Doncaster RLFC	Home	40-14	Won	745
Saturday 24	4:00pm	Challenge Cup/1895 Cup Final				
September						
Sunday 1	3:00pm	Coventry Bears	Away	50-6	Won	280
Sunday 8	3:00pm	Hunslet RLFC	Away	34-20	Won	688
Sunday 15	3:00pm	Play-offs				
Sunday 22	2:00pm	Doncaster RLFC (Play-off)				
Sunday 29	3:00pm	Play-offs				
October						
Sunday 6	3:00pm	Promotional Final				

PROUD TO BE *IN PRIDE*

Members of Roary's Pride held their third meeting at the Vestacare Stadium, highlighted by the visit of the Roughyeds' ground safety officer Phil Black and his daughter Chloe, both of whom are qualified first-aid trainers.

David Murgatroyd, who runs Roary's Pride, is also a qualified first-aider and the three of them demonstrated the basics of first-aid, most notably in how to put a patient in the recovery position and how to go about making emergency calls to the appropriate services.

Parents and children had great fun, but it was also an informative get-together in which the children learned life skills and thoroughly enjoyed their Saturday morning.

Said Murgy: "It was a fantastic get-together, probably the best one we have had so far. The children were captivated by the first-aid event and I thought Phil Black, our ground safety officer, was absolutely fantastic. My personal thanks go to Phil and Chloe for coming all the way from Widnes to make the get-together the huge success it was.

"Phil was brilliant. The children hung on his every word and I'm sure the next time any of them have cause to be taken to A and E they'll show a lot more interest in what's going on.

"To see the children inter-acting like that made me feel so proud. It was exactly what I envisaged when we set up Roary's Pride earlier this year. The children were proud too . . . you could see it in their faces."

Three players, Ritchie Hawkyard, Cameron Leeming and Jamie Greenwood popped in to talk to the children after Saturday morning training and to take part in the 'traditional' Yes,No' game. Thanks also go to Ritchie, Cam and Jamie for giving up their time to entertain the children in this way.

At the next meeting Murgy hopes to arrange for the children to have a guided tour of the Civic Centre and/or the Queen Elizabeth Hall to give them an insight in what the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham means to so many thousands of people.





OLDHAM RLFC

DONCASTER RLFC



Kyran JOHNSON	01	Mick Harrop	02	Richard OWEN
Aaron JONES-BISHOP	02	Les and Eileen Davison	03	Connor BOWER
Zack MCCOMB	03	David and Val Webster	04	Jason TALI
Jack HOLMES	04	David and Val Webster	05	Sam DOHERTY
Richie HAWKYARD	05	Rita Walton	06	Jordan HOWDEN
Paul CROOK	06	Rita Walton	07	Matty BEHARRELL
Dave HEWITT	07	Chris Noble MBE	08	Russ SPIERS
Phil JOY	08	Past Players' Association	09	Kyle KESIK
Gareth OWEN	09	Purpose Business and Marketing Ltd	10	Ryan BOYLE
Scott LAW	10	Les and Eileen Davison	11	Brad ENGLAND
Ben CALLAND	11	Luke, Abbie and Jessica Davies	12	Frankie MARIANO
Emmerson WHITTEL	12	John and Lynda McAndrew	13	Jordan HEDGES
Jack SPENCER	13	Graeme Lee	14	Connor SCOTT
Adam BROOK	15	John Davies	15	Keiron CROSS
Danny LANGTREE	16	Keith and Shirley Mullaney and Grant and Sheila Somerville	16	Brandon WILKINSON
Jimmy BECKETT	17	CDX Security, 01925 737 504	17	Brandon DOUGLAS
Ben DAVIES	18	Neil Gibbison RIP	19	Matty CHRIMES
Jamie GREENWOOD	19	Sandra Bullock	21	Ryan DIXON
Matty WILKINSON	20	John and Lynda McAndrew	22	Brad FOSTER
Lee KERSHAW	21	Rugby Oldham Supporters' Trust	24	Watson BOAS
Danny GRIMSHAW	22	Neil Gibbison RIP	25	Stefanos BASTOS
Liam BENT	24	ORSA	26	Evan HODGSON
Danny BRIDGE	25	Pam Taylor and LTS	33	Rangi CHASE
Anthony BOWMAN	26	Graeme Lee		
Harry MADERS	27	Pam Taylor		
Harry AARONSON	28	Rugby Oldham Supporters' Trust		
Cameron LEEMING	29	Les and Eileen Davison		
Ed SMITH	-	CDX Security, 01925 737 504		
Luke HOOLEY	-	Graeme Lee		
Kiedan HARTLEY	-	Sandra Bullock		
Declan KAY	-	Neil Gibbison RIP		
Scott Naylor Head Coach		Keith and Shirley Mullaney		
Peter Carey Assistant Coach		Keith and Shirley Mullaney		
Adam Neal Conditioner		Purpose Business and Marketing Ltd		

Head Coach | Richard Horne



Referee: L. Moore

Touch Judge 2: B. Pearson

Touch Judge 1: J. Smith

Reserve Referee: M. Smail