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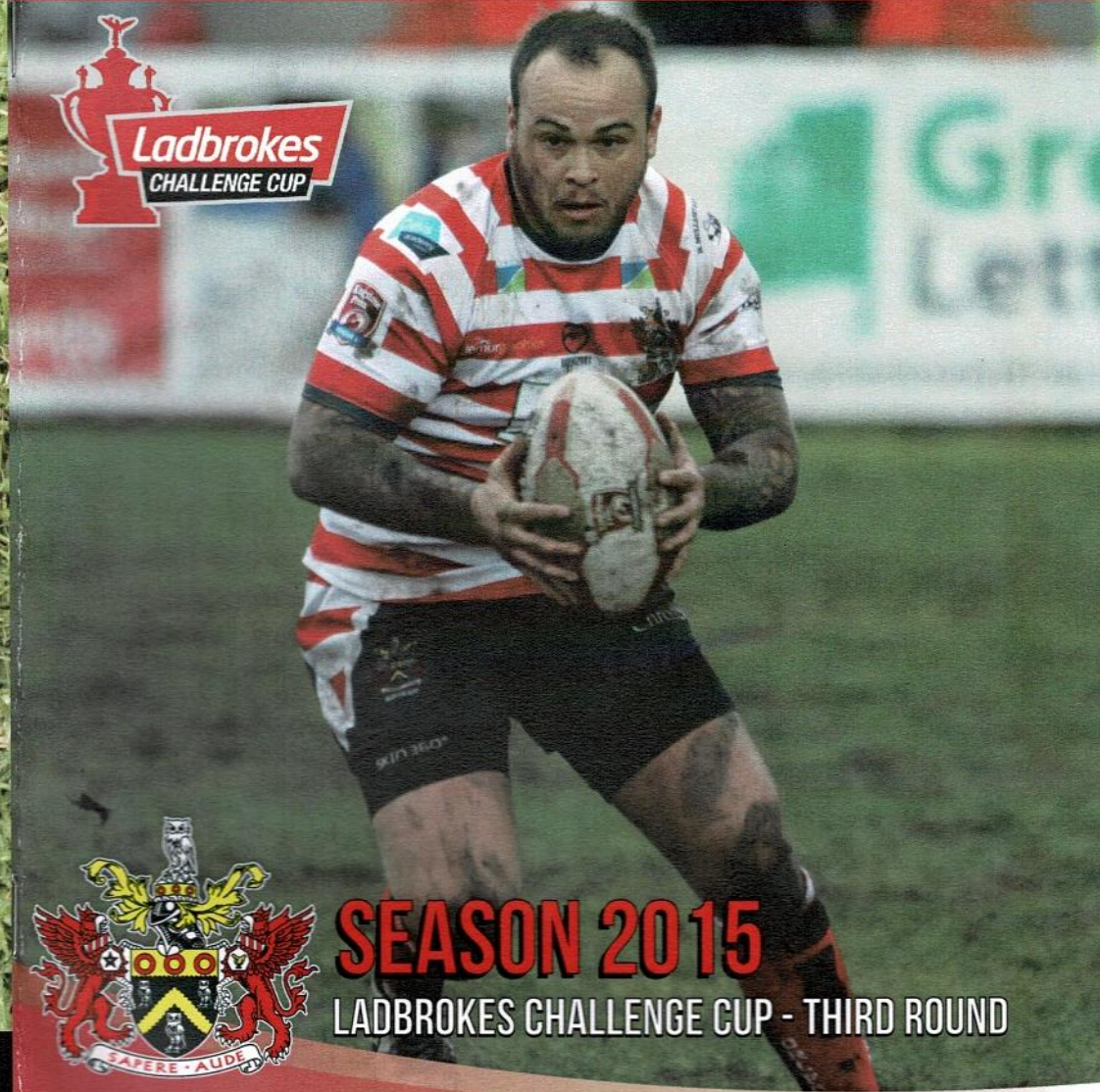
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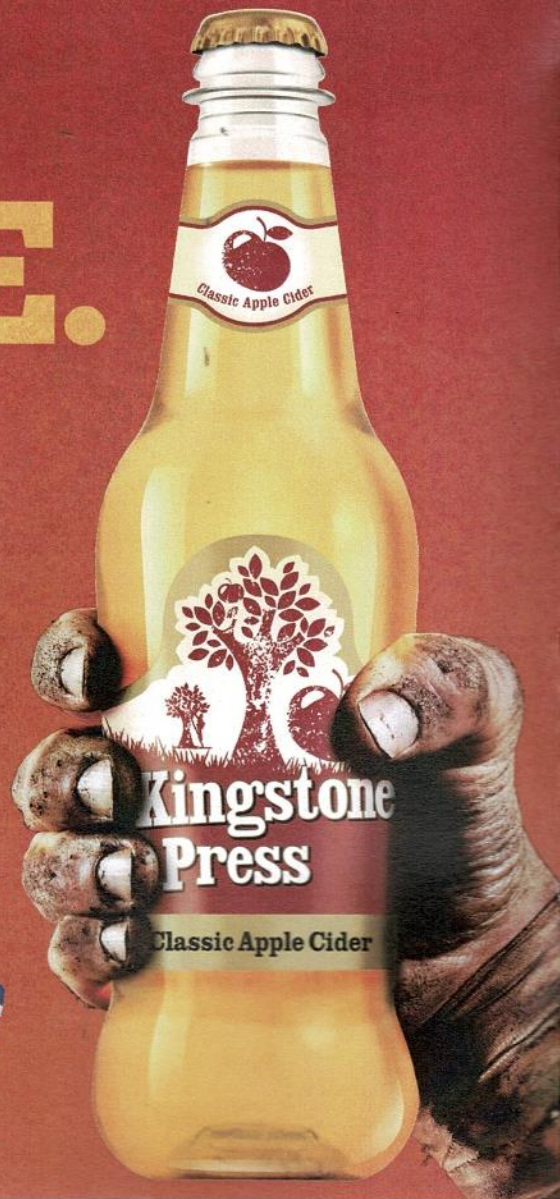
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HELLO everyone, and welcome to today's Ladbrokes Challenge Cup third-round tie against Coventry Bears.

It's very strange to be playing the same team at Whitebank only seven days after previously playing them. Let's just hope the weather is different.

Last week's game turned out to be what we expected. Coventry came here and gave 100 per cent from start to finish and made us earn every point we scored.

It was a tough game, not helped by the conditions, but I thought we were very professional in the way we played.

Sometimes you can't play the way you want to because of circumstances beyond your control

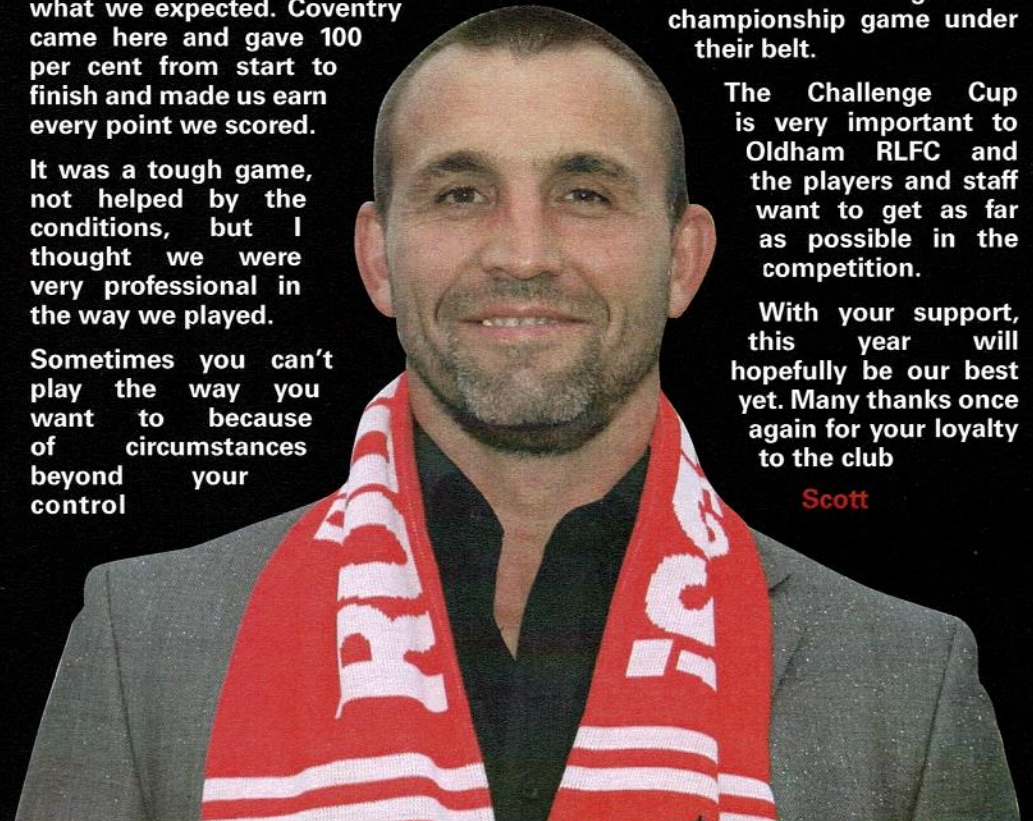
and I thought we adapted our game very well and got the win we wanted to kick start our season on a positive.

The task this week is to be just as professional in everything we do and to approach the game as a new challenge and make sure we are better than last week, because I'm sure Coventry will be much improved and more comfortable playing at this level after now having had a championship game under their belt.

The Challenge Cup is very important to Oldham RLFC and the players and staff want to get as far as possible in the competition.

With your support, this year will hopefully be our best yet. Many thanks once again for your loyalty to the club

Scott



'Every minute of every match will matter'

A NEW name, a new structure, a new knock-out tournament and the same trailblazing reputation for expanded horizons will be common themes for Kingstone Press League 1 when Rugby League's most geographically diverse competition kicks off on the first weekend in April.

Our opening fixture is the derby at Rochdale on April 3, Good Friday, followed by our first home game on Sunday, April 12 against, you've guessed it in one, Coventry Bears.

It will be the Bears' third visit to Whitebank in six weeks, yet by a strange twist of fate we will not be playing a league game this season at their place.

The 14 League 1 clubs will battle it out for two promotion places as well as competing in the new iPro Sport Cup, in which we beat Coventry 42-6 last Sunday to earn a second-round tie at Barrow Raiders next Sunday, March 15, kick-off 2pm.

If you plan to go to Barrow to support Scott and the boys don't forget the earlier kick-off time. Admission prices will be £15 (adults), £10 (concessions) and £5 (juniors).

Commenting on the forthcoming League season, RFL Chief Operating Officer Ralph Rimmer said: "League 1 has firmly established itself as an exciting competition that pushes the sport's boundaries, and that will continue in 2015 when all 14 clubs have a key role to play in the new league structure.

"With two promotion places up for grabs and the chance to make history by becoming the first winners of the new League 1 Cup, every minute of every match will matter."

The League 1 Cup and the Ladbrokes Challenge Cup will take centre stage in March before League 1 kicks off over the weekend of April 3-6, when Coventry Bears will start their own exciting new era as a semi-professional club with a home fixture against Oxford.

Having narrowly missed out on promotion last year, going down in the Grand Final to an extra-time golden point against Hunslet Hawks, we couldn't have had a more intriguing start than a Good Friday derby at Spotland.

The 14 clubs will each play 22 league games – home and away fixtures against nine clubs on a geographical basis and the remaining four clubs either home or away.

Our "once only" quartet are Coventry and York City Knights, who we play at home, and South Wales Scorpions and Hemel Stags, who we play away. (for full fixture list see page 20).

The iPro Sport League 1 Cup climaxes with the final at Bloomfield Road, Blackpool on Saturday, May 23 as part of the Summer Bash, a weekend in which

each Championship club will play a fixture at the same ground.

At the end of the regular season, the top two teams will play each other for a place in the Championship with the winners being promoted as champions.

The losing side will then enter the play-offs against teams in third, fourth and fifth places as follows – promotion play-off losers v fifth-placed team, third-placed team v fourth-placed team.

For the second promotion spot, the two play-off winners will advance to the League 1 Play-Off Final as part of the Kingstone Press Finals Day, which will also feature the Conference Challenge Trophy Final and Championship Shield Final.

KEY DATES

March

Weekend of 7-8 – Ladbrokes Challenge Cup
3rd round (League 1 clubs enter)

Weekend of 14-15 – iPro Sport League 1
Cup 2nd round

Weekend of 21-22 – Ladbrokes Challenge
Cup 4th round (Championship clubs enter)

April

Weekend of 3-6 – Kingstone Press League 1
Round One

Weekend of 11-12 – Ladbrokes Challenge
Cup 5th round

May

Weekend of 16-17 – Ladbrokes Challenge
Cup 6th round

Weekend of 23-24 – iPro Sport League 1 Cup
Final (Summer Bash, Blackpool)

June

Weekend of 27-28 – Ladbrokes Challenge
Cup quarter-finals

August

Weekend of 1-2 – Ladbrokes Challenge Cup
semi-finals

Saturday 29 – Ladbrokes Challenge Cup final
at Wembley

September

Weekend of 19-20 – Kingstone Press League
1 1st v 2nd Play-Off

Weekend of 26-27 – Kingstone Press
League 1 semi-finals

October

Weekend of 3-4 – Kingstone Press League 1
Play-Off Final

WINGERS OFF TO A FLYER



Adam Clay



Jarrod Ward

FANS love to see wingers scoring tries, so what better way to set the standard for the season than to see Adam Clay and Jarrod Ward each picking up a brace in the first game.

Adam, on the right flank, twice followed excellent kicks by Steve Roper and Lewis Palfrey to open his account with a touchdown-double.

New-signing Jarrod, out on the left, ran in a couple of crackers at the corner flag in the second half, both needing a lot of scoring with little room in which to move.

To score 42 points on day one and in awful weather conditions, notwithstanding Coventry's determined and aggressive defence, was an indication of the quality of our rugby, especially some of the right-to-left passing in the second half which provided the opportunities for Jarrod to finish off so stylishly in the corner.

He and Adam will be out to emulate the try-scoring feats last season of Dale Bloomfield and Mo Agoro, who scored 21 and 18 tries respectively – a statistic that kills the myth that, on a relatively narrow Whitebank pitch, we rely on Route One through the forwards to pick up our wins.

Last season's top try scorers were as follows:

Name	Tries
Dale Bloomfield	21
Mo Agoro	18
Danny Langtree	14
Josh Crowley	13
Jon Ford	13

A CHAT WITH CHRIS



WELCOME back to Whitebank for what, after the last two weeks, will hopefully be conditions more suited to rugby league than to training Siberian survival experts.

So much for summer rugby!

We got the season off to a good start with a performance in which we played the conditions perfectly.

It was probably something of an eye opener, in several respects, for Coventry and we have no doubt whatsoever that they will come today more prepared for what to expect and more determined to get a positive result.

It's a strange scenario for us to be playing the same team again, only one week later, but this time in the Ladbrokes Challenge Cup.

The road to Wembley starts here and while clubs at our level know it would require an extraordinary set of circumstances for us to reach the final there is still the excitement from knowing that you can progress and

perhaps meet one of the so-called big clubs further down the line.

Let's hope the lads can maintain the standards they set last week as we strive to get some momentum in the early stages of the season.

There has been a change behind the scenes at the club with Janet Yewdale leaving for pastures new.

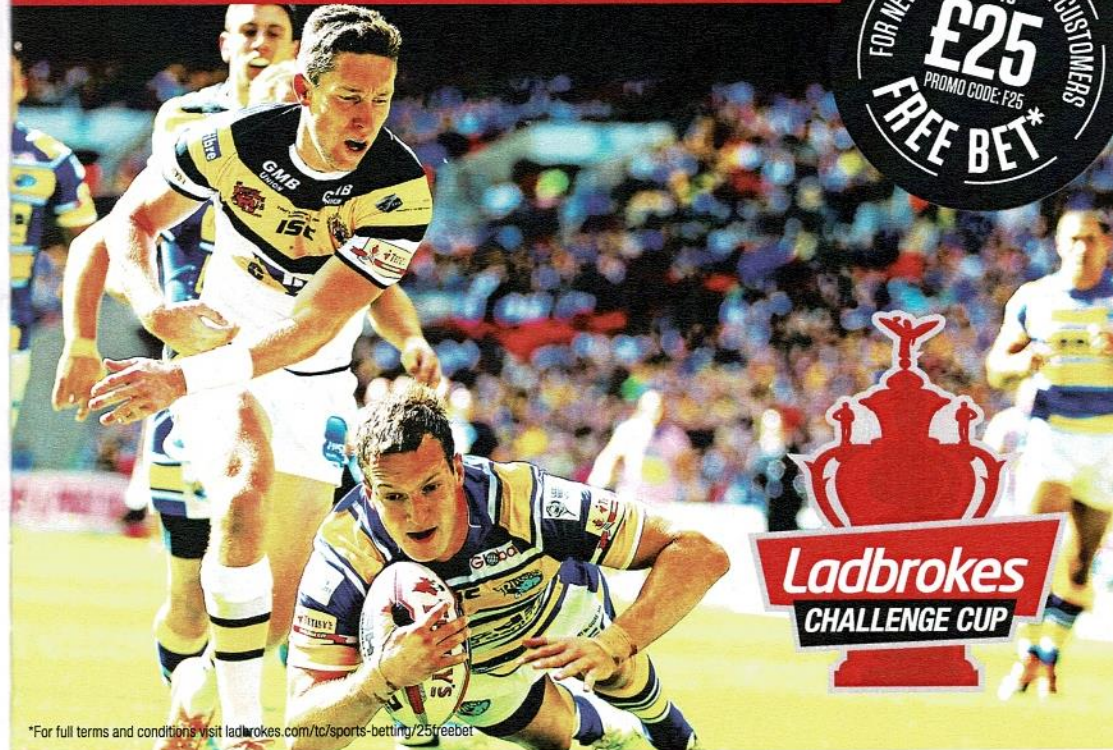
Janet has been a mainstay of the club over the past few years and a massive help to myself. She will have been known to most, if not all of you, at some point and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her every success in her new job.

Finally, thanks for your ongoing support. Make plenty of noise today to back the lads and, hopefully, to help us through into round four.

Enjoy the game,

Chris

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How we rescued 'devastated' Josh's RL career

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For fans who didn't go to the Grand Final at Headingley last October, or who did but didn't buy a £5 souvenir programme, here's a second chance to read ROGER HALSTEAD'S big-match interview with JOSH CROWLEY.

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JOSH Crowley hopes to crown a successful two seasons at Oldham by helping Roughyeds finally realise their promotion dream.

They've tasted Grand Final failure five times in the last seven years, including last season's defeat by derby rivals Rochdale Hornets at Leigh Sports Village.

The 23-year-old back-row forward doesn't want to experience such dejection ever again and, if anybody deserves to bask in the glory of a rare Oldham triumph on Kingstone Press Championships Finals Day it's this young man from Warrington.

He hasn't missed a game for the Whitebank club since joining them in the autumn of 2012.

And while Crowley's 48 consecutive appearances show his consistency and resilience, it is a figure made even more remarkable by the fact that he was on the brink of turning his back on rugby league when he was released by Widnes Vikings as a 20-year-old.

"I had been training full time with the first team for about six months," said Crowley, "and I was devastated when they told me I was being released. I was ready to pack in the game altogether."

It took a phone call from Oldham chairman Chris Hamilton, followed by a meeting and lots of persuasive chat, to bring him round.

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"I wasn't for having it at first, but when I met up with Chris I liked what he had to say so I decided to give it one last shot.

"The rest is history. I've never looked back and I love playing for Oldham."

He attributes his remarkable consistency to good luck on the injury front, a body that heals quickly . . . and to what he admits is an irrational belief in superstition.

"This might sound stupid, but I hate to break pre-match routine and when I do, something usually goes wrong.

"For instance, I've got a tatty old kit bag which I've had since I was 14. My partner Amy bought me a new one and insisted I used it for our league game at York. We lost 54-12.

"Needless to say, I'm back with the old bag now. I use Amy's posh one just on training nights and she still frowns at me for that.

"Another example: My second-row pal 'Langers' (Danny Langtree) never comes into the huddle when we have a pre-match team talk. He's all ears, but he stands outside the circle.

"Up at Gateshead this season he broke with his custom and joined us in the centre of the circle. I remember telling him, 'You shouldn't have done that'. We played very badly and lost 40-14."

Oldham fans think they have, in Crowley on the left and Langtree on the right, the best second-row pair in Championship One.

Modesty prevents Josh offering any viewpoint on that, but he is more than happy to discuss his 'huge respect' for 'Langers', whom club captain Lewis Palfrey described as a "freak" after his length-of-the-field try in the 31-12 Qualifying Semi-Final win at York.

Josh: "Some of the stuff 'Langers' does is amazing. At York, for instance, he plucked a powerful kick out of the air as though he was catching a cricket ball.

"We're big mates and we take strength from each other. If he's doing something well on his side of the field it makes me all the more determined to do likewise on my side, and vice-versa.

"We were all devastated when we were beaten in last year's Grand Final, but I think things happen for a reason. I think it made me a better player for having

gone through the torment. And I think the whole team will benefit from that experience.

"I feel this will be our year and, unlike last time, I'm determined to conquer my pre-match nerves, which I get before most games, let alone a big one like this. The other lads laugh at me. I'm well known for it in the dressing room."

He admits to being a slow starter in most games and says he normally hits his peak about the 20-minute mark which, coincidentally, is usually about the time when Michael Ward comes off the bench as a replacement prop.

"A lot of my game relies on 'Wardy'. He plays on the same side as me and he's usually coming on as I'm starting to hit the straps. He's a strong runner who can break tackles and I play off the back of him.

"We also have 'Ropes' (Steve Roper) operating on the left side. He's a steady influence, very experienced and I'm sure if he had been with us all season he would have been a nominee for the divisional player-of-the-year award."

Josh says he owes much to Chris Hamilton for rescuing his career and to Oldham coaches Scott Naylor and Lee 'Spanner' Spencer for developing it and pushing him in the right direction.

"There are a few reasons why I'm so happy at Oldham, Scott and 'Spanner' being one of them. Scott's a man's man. He doesn't beat about the bush. He'll tell you straight.

"He's the sort of bloke you'd want alongside you in a tight corner. And that's a philosophy he drums into us all — get stuck in for the bloke who's next in line to you. If we do that he says we won't go far wrong as a team."

Win or lose today, Crowley sees his immediate future at Oldham because, in his words, he is happier at the club than he has ever been in terms of his sporting life.

Off the field, too, contentment is his byword — and he is happy to reveal that he and Amy, with whom he has shared his life for the past seven years, will be marrying in Warrington about this time next year.

Always assuming, of course, differences about that tatty old kit bag don't become an issue.

THE RFL has agreed a three-year partnership with Ladbrokes as title sponsors of the Challenge Cup.

The Ladbrokes Challenge Cup this year is being contested by 78 clubs from the First Utility Super League, Kingstone Press Championship, League 1 and the community game.

The new partnership was announced ahead of the first round draw at Wembley Stadium, which will host the 2015 final on Saturday, August 29.

Ladbrokes will capitalise on the competition's growing fan base, which is spearheaded through the sport's broadcast partners, the BBC and Sky Sports, who will both televise pre-match build-up, live games, highlights, and post-result analysis.

Ladbrokes will benefit from over 1,000 hours of dedicated global TV cover, including over 70 hours of UK coverage.

The tournament started on the weekend of January 31-February 1 and will climax with a final at Wembley Stadium that was last year watched by over 1.6 million people in the UK live on BBC1 and millions more around the world.

It is estimated that 2013's competition (the last year for which figures are available) reached over 5.4m people with a cumulative BBC live audience of over 7.2m.

RFL Commercial Director Chris Rawlings said: "The Challenge Cup is rich in heritage and tradition and it is significant and fitting that the first Ladbrokes Challenge Cup final will be played on Founders Day."

As part of their association, Ladbrokes will have headline branding at all Ladbrokes Challenge Cup ties, introduce a Responsible Gambling programme for rugby league players, fans and staff and also introduce the tournament's inaugural Ladbrokes player-of-the-round award.

Ladbrokes will also work closely with players and personalities on promotional appearances and activities and promote the Ladbrokes Challenge Cup heavily across all their own media channels.

Rawlings added: "Ladbrokes is one of the world's most recognised and respected brands which has over 800,000 customers and this partnership will bring great benefits to both parties.

"Ladbrokes is the latest major brand to recognise the advantages of associating their brand with Rugby League and it gives me great pleasure to

welcome them to the sport's current existing and impressive commercial portfolio.

"We look forward to working closely with everyone at Ladbrokes and our member clubs to promote this exciting partnership."

Richard Glynn, CEO of Ladbrokes said: "We're thrilled to begin our sponsorship of the Ladbrokes Challenge Cup in a historic and momentous year for the sport. Rugby League is without doubt one of the world's most exciting sports, brimming with energy and adrenaline both on and off the pitch.

"The fans are beyond passionate, and that passion is infectious and spreading quickly across the globe. This exclusive deal will bring Ladbrokes



unprecedented access to the action, which all of our customers have become accustomed to as part of The Ladbrokes Life."

He added: "2015 already promises to be bigger and better, and this is a fantastic opportunity for Ladbrokes to engage with Rugby League stakeholders on both an elite and grassroots level to continue the rapid growth of the sport. We're looking forward to the season ahead packed full of excitement, thrills and spills, and of course, world class rugby."

The return of promotion and relegation in a format that is financially sustainable should ensure fans of the sport are entertained from February to October, with an exciting season punctuated by a series of world-class events and finishing at Old Trafford with the First Utility Super League Grand Final.



Take a bow 'Langers' - top RL magazine's 2014 player of the year

HOT on the heels of Danny Langtree's two awards at the Roughyeds' 2014 presentation night, the 23-year-old second-row man was named as 'Rugby League World' magazine's Kingstone Press Championship One player of the year.

"This is a 'first' for our club, so take a bow 'Langers'"; exclaimed chairman Chris Hamilton.

Coach Scott Naylor lauded the magazine's choice and said it was fully deserved by a player who, like his second-row partner Josh Crowley, was a model of consistency last year.

Since Scott arrived at Whitebank two seasons ago, Crowley has played in all 49 cup and league games and Langtree in 47, the latter scoring ten tries in 2013 and 14 last season when he touched down more

often than any other Oldham forward.

At our club awards night, Scott said he couldn't split them, so they were named joint players of the year in another first for the 'new' club since it was launched in 1997.

Crowley (23) also lifted the supporters' top-player trophy, sponsored by the Oldham Roughyeds' Supporters' Association (ORSA) and presented by its chairman, John McAndrew.

Not to be outdone, Langtree was voted players' player of the year and won a trophy, sponsored by 7L7L and presented by club captain Lewis Palfrey.

Of his star back-rowers, who have re-signed for Roughyeds for another year despite being head-

hunted by rival clubs, Scott added: "It would have been totally unfair to name one of them above the other.

"They both had a fantastic 2014 season. They were our best players every week, each producing quality performances week in and week out.

"To be rarely substituted and to play for 80 minutes of every game at such a consistently high level takes some doing and takes some beating.

"They were our two stand-out players last year and I don't think any of the other lads would be disappointed with hearing me say that.

"The quality of their carries were unbelievable. They're a huge threat to opposing defences, and

they're two great lads who are getting what they deserve and that's a pat on the back.

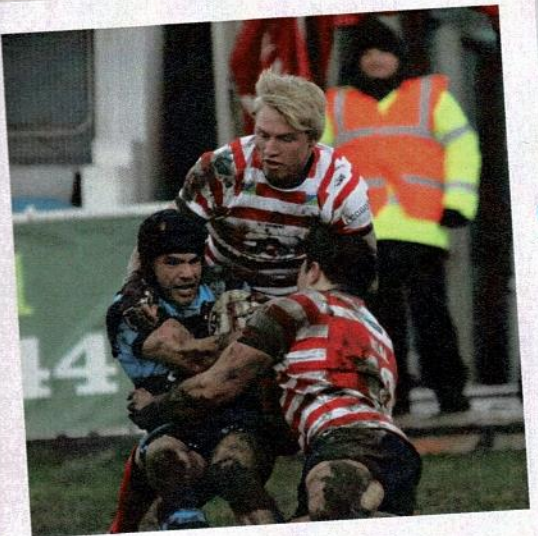
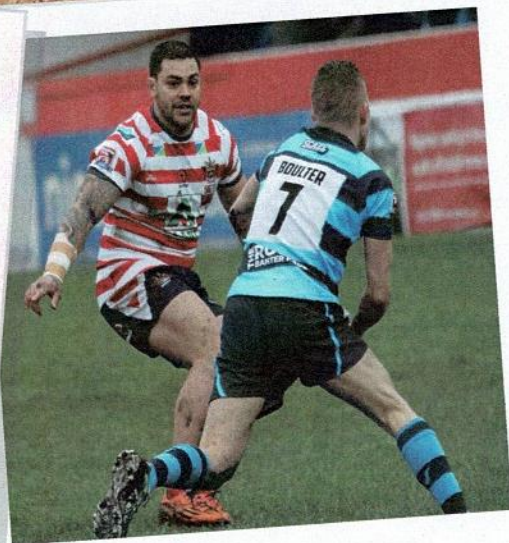
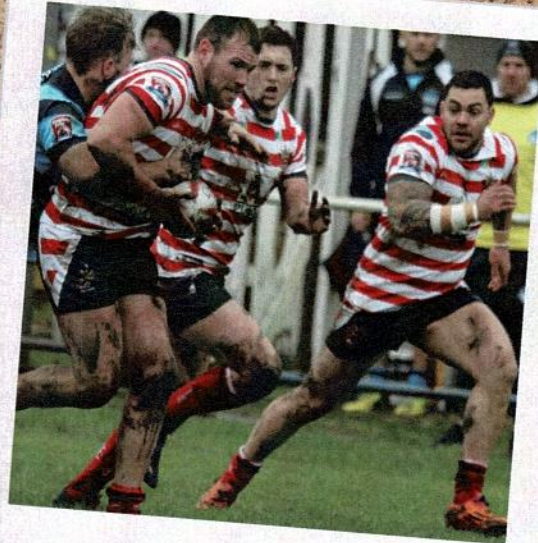
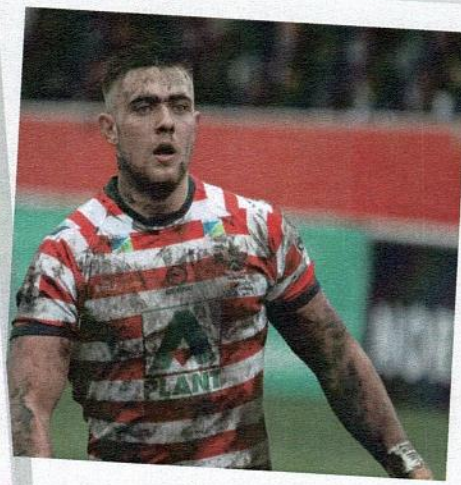
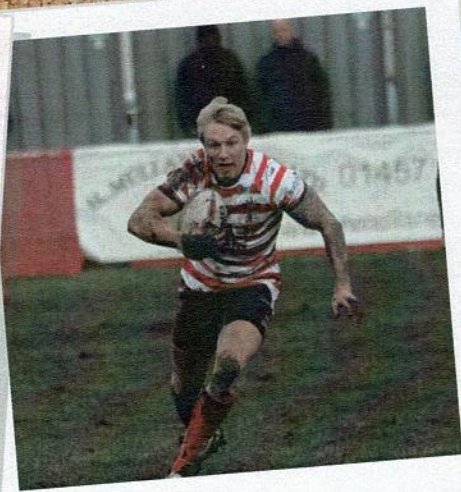
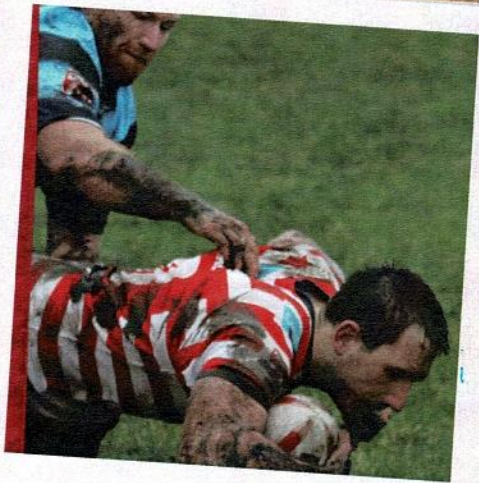
"They worked hard and it's nice to see people are recognising that – although it's astonishing that neither of them was in the running for the official Championship One player-of-the-year award."

For dedication to her job "over and above the call of duty", masseuse Beth Pankiw was named club-person of the year and presented with a trophy sponsored by keen fan Pam Taylor.

Pam also sponsored an Unsung Hero award, which went to our club chaplain, the Rev Tony Ford, for his pastoral work among players, staff and supporters.

Last week's game

as seen through the lens of club photographer
DAVID MURGATROYD





Coventry Northern Union Football Club, 1911/12 at The Butts. Back: A.Elton, J. Parkinson, T. Oldham, C. Piggott, H. Davis, J. Tomes, W. Hutt, E. Hutt Front: D. Benyon, R. Dakin, L. Beaver, P. Oldham (capt.) J. Houghton, T. Burdett, C. Carter

THOSE WERE THE DAYS BUT NOT QUITE GOOD ENOUGH TO WIN SILVERWARE

Flashback into history courtesy of the Oldham RL Heritage Trust

The 1911-12 season was a memorable one, alas, for finishing second in various competitions... and for the only previous occasion when Oldham and Coventry have come head to head in the Challenge Cup.

On February 17, 1912, Oldham travelled to the Midlands in the first round of the competition (no sponsors back then) and won 21-3 with the following team:

Wood; G W Smith, Cook, Davies, Williams; Lomas, Anlezark; Wright, Ferguson, Wise, Jardine, A Smith, Avery. (no subs in those days either).

Cook (2), G W Smith, Davies and Jardine scored the Roughyeds' tries (then worth 3 points), while Jardine also kicked three goals.

It was the start of a successful Challenge Cup campaign in which Oldham beat Wigan at home in the second round; Huddersfield at home in the third round; and Wakefield at Broughton in the semi-final.

Alas, they were beaten in the final at Headingley by Dewsbury, going down 8-5, watched by a crowd of 16,000.

The 2-0 win against the mighty Huddersfield team at Watersheddings was played in front of a packed stadium, numbering 22,811.

In a league of 27 teams, Oldham finished fifth behind Huddersfield, Wigan, Hull KR and Hunslet, while they finished second in the Lancashire League behind Wigan.

They were beaten 12-3 by Rochdale Hornets in the final of the Lancashire Cup in a season in which they were definitely the Nearly Men.

Interestingly, Coventry finished 23rd in the league, with six wins, two draws and 26 defeats, finishing higher than Runcorn, Ebbw Vale, Bradford Northern no less (with whom they are now linked up as partners) and Bramley.

Roughyeds beat the touring Australians 14-8 at Watersheddings, while Billy Dixon, Joe Ferguson and James Lomas played for Cumberland and Bert Avery was picked for Lancashire, going on to represent Great Britain in the first Test, played at St James's Park, Newcastle, which the Aussies won 19-10.

Alf Wood and Lomas played in the second Test – an 11-11 draw in Edinburgh – before Australia clinched the series with a 33-8 win at Villa Park, Birmingham against a British side which again included Oldham's Wood, Avery and Lomas.

In the same season, England beat Wales 31-5 at Watersheddings, notable for the Welsh debut of Oldham's Evan Davies, who had recently signed for the club from Llanelli.

One of Oldham's greatest-ever centres, he was to play 321 first-team matches, scoring 102 tries in a career which stretched to 1926, interrupted of course by the First World War.

Fast forward 103 years and Coventry will include the following players:

PAUL IVAN

(centre or second row), an Aussie from French club Limoux.

JAMES GEURTJENS

(prop), an Aussie who was in the 2013 Welsh World Cup squad.

SIMON PHILLIPS

(loose-forward), captain, a third Aussie with more than 200 Queensland Cup games to his credit.

JAMAHL HUNTE

winger), ex-Wakefield and Halifax.

DYLAN BALE

(half-back or hooker), product of the Midlands Academy.

BILLY SHEENS

(half-back or hooker), ex-St Helens and then the two Welsh clubs.

CAMERON BOULTER

(half-back), from Leigh Miners Rangers.

MATT COOPER

(prop), formerly with French club Villeneuve.

EDDIE MEDFORTH

(centre), from Sheffield Eagles.

BEN PARRY

(wing), ex of St Helens.

LIAM THOMPSON

(second-row), from Queens ARL

BEN TYERS

(prop), formerly Sheffield Eagles, scored the Bears only try last week.

ANDY WINFIELD

(wing or full-back), from Oxford.



SPOTLIGHT ON OLDHAM RLFC CLASS OF 2015



Steven NIELD
D.O.B 20/11/90

1 Fullback or wing. Oldham born, signed for St Helens from Saddleworth and had four years there. Earned senior contract here after two big seasons in the reserves in which he was top try and points scorer in 2012. Now in his third year as a senior. Sponsored by Oldham Self Storage 0161 665 2723.



Adam CLAY
D.O.B 7/10/90

2 Turned pro for Salford from Leigh Miners. Had two spells with North Wales Crusaders, either side of a season at Borrow when he was top try scorer with 12 in 27 appearances. Made his Oldham debut in mid July last year and signed a new oneyear contract for 2015. Sponsored by Fireplace Superstore 0161 488 4991.



Jack HOLMES
D.O.B 5/1/94

4 A utility back. Jack had three years at Salford, followed by short spells with Halifax and hometown Leigh. Signed for Salford from Leigh Miners when he was 16 and a year later put pen to paper on a fulltime, two year deal. In his first season at Whitebank. Sponsored by Oasis Academy Oldham.



Jarrod WARD
D.O.B. 21/10/93

5 Reared by Super League and Championship clubs since he was 13, having been at Salford, Bradford Bulls and Halifax. Played for Gloucester All Golds last season while on loan from Halifax. First played the game at Saddleworth, followed by St Anne's. Sponsored by Beauchamp Properties.



Lewis PALFREY
D.O.B. 25/2/90

6 Standoff and captain. Eccles, St Pats, then five years at Salford, two as fulltime pro. Played for Whitehaven and Batley before joining Roughyeds at the start of the 2013 season. Accomplished goalkicker, tactical kicker and distributor. Leads the side well. Sponsored by Fireplace Superstore 0161 488 4991.



Steve ROPER
D.O.B. 10/1/86

7 Our senior citizen, aged 28, Steve is a vastly experienced halfback, who joined us in May last year and quickly established himself as a key member of the side. A good goalkicker, he can play in either halfback spot or hooker. Had six years at Rochdale. Sponsored by Les and Eileen Davison.



Phil JOY
D.O.B. 4/5/91

8 Prop forward. Another local lad, exW aterhead. Gained two reserve team awards in 2012. Earned his first senior contract for 2013 and won coach's player of the year award in his first year at that level. Last season played in 23 of the 25 games, usually as a starting prop. Sponsored by Pam Taylor and TTX.



Sam GEE
D.O.B. 28/2/87

9 Vice captain and extremely versatile player who contributes much all over the park and wherever he is needed, notably from hooker, loose forward or centre. Previously with Warrington, Wigan, London Skolars and Whitehaven. In his third season here. Sponsored by John and Lynda McAndrew.



Adam NEAL
D.O.B 21/5/90

10 A new capture this year and a hugely experienced frontrower with 45 Super League games for Salford on his CV. Whitehaven and Swinton were among our rivals for Adam, who left the Red Devils after the 2013 season to take a year out. Signed for Warrington aged 14, made his senior debut at 17, and played for England Academy against the Aussies. Sponsored by ORSA.



Josh CROWLEY
D.O.B. 24/9/91

11 Josh, a strong running secondrow forward, has the remarkable record of having played in every Oldham game in his first two seasons here, 2013 and 2014, a total of 49 appearances. Was joint player of the year in 2014 with his secondrow partner Danny Langtree. Sponsored by John and Lynda McAndrew.



Danny LANGTREE
D.O.B. 18/2/91

12 Secondrow forward, exSt Helens academy. Mainstay of reserve team pack that reached successive finals in 2011, 2012. Grabbed firstteam chance with both hands at back end of 2012 season and has been a star performer ever since. Joint player of year in 2014. Sponsored by Charlotte Gothard and Daniel Haigh.



Liam THOMPSON
D.O.B 3/1/92

13 Loose forward. Signed for Wigan aged 16, England schoolboy honours. Widnes next, then Oldham as one of Scott Naylor's new boys in 2013. Has been unlucky with shoulder and facial injuries in his time here, but is keeping fingers that 2015 will be thirdseason lucky. Sponsored by ORSA.



Adam FILES
D.O.B. 7/1/93

14 Hooker. Made a big impact in 2013 on seasonlong loan from Salford. Became a fullyfledged Oldham player in 2014, but suffered a serious knee injury which sidelined him for most of the year. Back now, and started the season well. One of three specialist hookers in the squad. Sponsored by Rita Walton.



Gareth OWEN
D.O.B. 3/7/92

15 Another local, exW aterhead. Hooker. Signed pro for Salford at 16. Played 36 Super League games for the Red Devils. Had a loan spell at Sheffield last year, then came to Whitebank on loan before joining us on a full contract for this season. In terms of Super League, only Adam Neal has more experience. Sponsored by Bev, Kelly and Paul Hulbert.



Kenny HUGHES
D.O.B. 30/3/90

16 Won BARLA GB honours as a hooker at 19. Signed for hometown Saints, then came to Oldham to play in the reserves before winning a firstteam contract for the 2013 campaign. Been a firstteam regular since, also helping out at halfback when needed. Hooker is preferred spot. Sponsored by Rita Walton.



George TYSON
D.O.B. 1/10/93

17 Backrow man who can also play well at centre. Another young player from Salford Red Devils. Here on loan last season, but now a fully contracted Roughyed. Tough and aggressive. Hard tackler. Only took up the sport aged 16, but was immediately scouted by Salford. Sponsored by Mick Harrop.



Richard JOY
D.O.B. 7/2/94

18 Younger brother of Phil. Can play prop, like big brother, but also secondrow. Came through the reserves in 2013 and 2014, but midway through that season signed a pro contract to the end of the 2015 campaign. A student, in whom the coaching staff have high hopes. Sponsored by Frankie and Bennys Oldham 0161 624 7745.



Michael WARD
D.O.B. 10/2/91

19 Another local lad who came up through our reserves. First played for us as a 16year old on the wing in the reserves. Leo Casey said then he was one for the future. How right he was! Played early firstteam rugby at centre or secondrow, but now a barnstorming prop, usually impacting off the bench. Sponsored by Sylvia, David and Margaret.



Tom DEMPSEY
D.O.B. 9/11/95

20 The youngest member of our squad, teenager Tom can play equally well at halfback or fullback. Widnes born, he passed through the academy system at Wigan before coming here initially to play in the reserves under Neil Roden. Impressed enough to earn senior contract. Another highlyrated youngster. Sponsored by WILSCAFF 07855 265071.



Nathan MASON
D.O.B. 8/9/93

22 Big, tall prop, Oldham born, first club Waterhead. Signed for Huddersfield Giants as a boy and now a full time pro at our new partnership club. Was here for loan spells in both 2013 and 2014 and is back with us this year on seasonlong loan. Thought to have a big future in Super League as his game develops under the watchful eyes of Scott and Spunner. Sponsored by ORLFC Players Association.



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2015 March

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2015 April

KPL1	Friday 3rd	ROCHDALE	A	3:00pm
KPL1	Sunday 12th	COVENTRY	H	3:00pm
KPL1	Sunday 19th	SOUTH WALES	A	3:00pm
KPL1	Sunday 26th	LONDON SKOLARS	H	3:00pm

2015 May

KPL1	Sunday 3rd	GLOUCESTER	H	3:00pm
KPL1	Saturday 9th	BARROW	A	6:30pm
KPL1	Sunday 17th	NEWCASTLE	H	3:00pm
KPL1	Sunday 31st	KEIGHLEY	A	3:00pm

2015 June

KPL1	Sunday 7th	NORTH WALES	H	3:00pm
KPL1	Sunday 14th	OXFORD	H	3:00pm
KPL1	Sunday 21st	SWINTON	A	3:00pm
KPL1	Saturday 27th	GLOUCESTER	A	3:00pm

2015 July

KPL1	Sunday 5th	YORK	H	3:00pm
KPL1	Sunday 12th	ROCHDALE	H	3:00pm
KPL1	Sunday 19th	LONDON	A	3:00pm
KPL1	Sunday 26th	NORTH WALES	A	2:30pm

2015 August

KPL1	Sunday 2nd	KEIGHLEY	H	3:00pm
KPL1	Sunday 9th	HEMEL	A	2:30pm
KPL1	Sunday 16th	NEWCASTLE	A	3:00pm
KPL1	Sunday 23rd	BARROW	H	3:00pm

2015 September

KPL1	Sunday 6th	SWINTON	H	3:00pm
KPL1	Sunday 13th	OXFORD	A	3:00pm

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