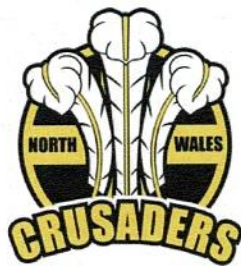


TODAY'S SQUADS



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1 Tommy Johnson

2 Scott Turner

3 Christiaan Roets

4 Matt Reid

5 Rob Massam

6 Andy Mouldsdales

7 Jamie Dallimore

8 Jonny Walker

9 Callum Wright

10 Ryan Duffy

11 Jono Smith

12 Stephen Wild

13 Gary Middlehurst

14 Karl Ashall

15 Lee Hudson

16 Joe Burke

17 Stuart Reardon

19 Paddy Mooney

20 Elliott Davies

21 Ian Mort

22 Alex Thompson

23 Mark Hobson

24 Alex Davison

25 Owain Griffiths

26 Craig White

27 Andrew Joy

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8 JOY, Phil	Pam Taylor and TTX
9 GEE, Sam	John and Lynda McAndrew
10 NEAL, Adam	ORSA
11 CROWLEY, Josh	John and Lynda McAndrew
12 LANGTREE, Danny	Charlotte Gothard and Daniel Haigh
13 THOMPSON, Liam	ORSA
14 FILES, Adam	Rita Walton
15 OWEN, Gareth	Bev, Kelly and Paul Hulbert
16 HUGHES, Kenny	Rita Walton
17 TYSON, George	Mick Harrop
18 JOY, Richard	Frankie and Benny's, Oldham 0161 624 7745
19 WARD, Michael	Sylvia, David and Margaret
20 DEMPSEY, Tom	WILSCAFF 07855 265071
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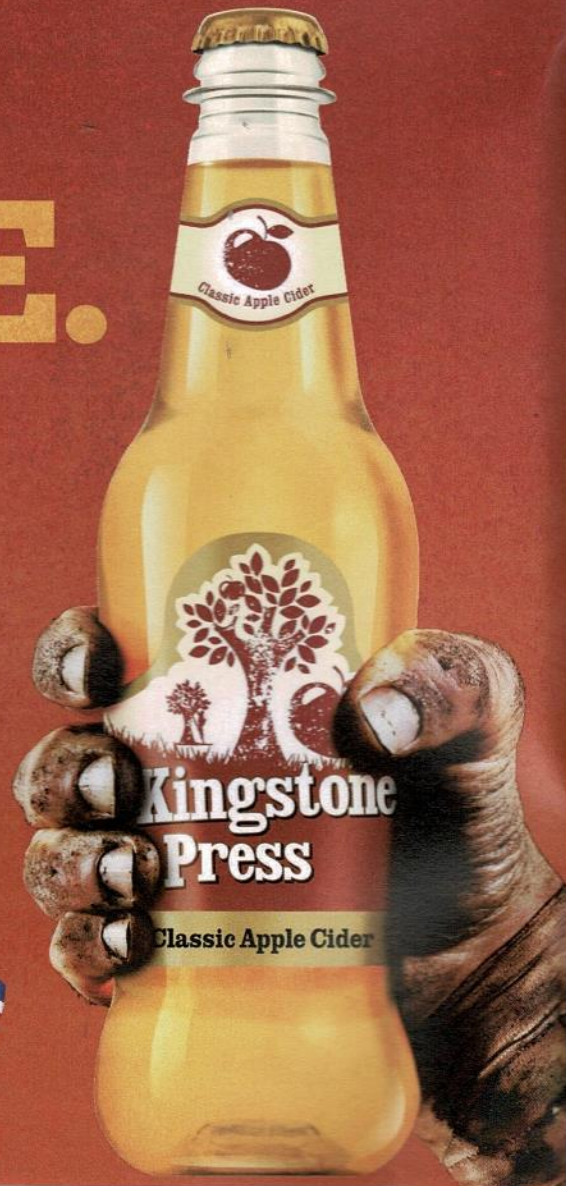
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HELLO everyone and welcome to today's semi-final encounter against the North Wales Crusaders in the new iPro Sport League One Cup.

Today's opponents have proved over the last few weeks, with the impressive results they have produced, that they are going to be the team to beat this season and the outright favourites for the league competition and the iPro Sport cup.

Batley, Doncaster, Rochdale and Swinton have all ended up on the wrong side of a North Wales quality display, so the challenge of today's game is huge and nothing but our best will do to hopefully get a victory.

Crusaders have class all over the field, along with strength and speed, which makes them extremely dangerous from 1 to 17 and, in my opinion, they look more like a Championship team than

a League One team.

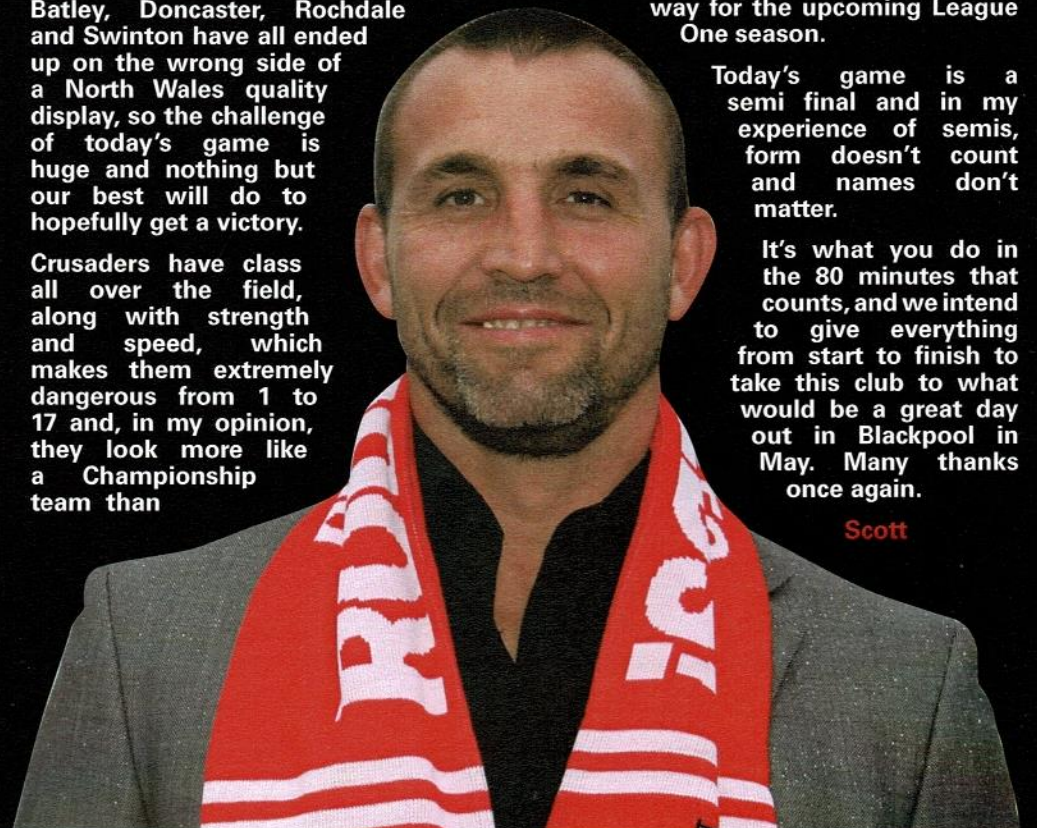
Also, they have experience and former Super League players as well as a few ex-Oldham lads so they will be hungry and ready to play.

All that said about the Crusaders, we are ticking along pretty well ourselves and our performances at Barrow and in the second half at Sheffield Eagles in the past couple of weeks were a good sign that we are progressing in the right way for the upcoming League One season.

Today's game is a semi final and in my experience of semis, form doesn't count and names don't matter.

It's what you do in the 80 minutes that counts, and we intend to give everything from start to finish to take this club to what would be a great day out in Blackpool in May. Many thanks once again.

Scott





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Who are your heroes or people you look up to ?

Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson; Steve Price (when he was playing); Superman.

Do you play any other sports and if so do you excel in them ?

No, not bad though at a game of bowls.

What is the highlight of your career so far ?

First-team debut for Warrington playing against my brother or Super League debut for Salford.

If you could invite two people for dinner, dead or alive, who would they be ?

Dwayne Johnson (The Rock) and Lzzy Hale.

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If your house was hit by an earthquake what would you save first ?

My girlfriend, then my coffee machine.

Who's the funniest of your team mates and why ?

Phil Joy, for no reason other than well... he is just Phil Joy.

Which TV programme would you never miss ?

Nothing really, don't watch much TV.

What was the last book you read ?

'Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers' by Robert M Sapolsky.

What's your favourite type of music ?

Rock.

How do you relax after a match ?

Put on some music and have a meal... or two.

Finally . . . tell me a secret.

Can't... it wouldn't be a secret anymore.

A CHAT WITH CHRIS



HELLO and welcome back to Whitebank Stadium for the first ever IPro Sport League One Cup semi-final against the Crusaders.

We were delighted to earn this home tie with a comprehensive display two weeks ago up at Barrow. We started slowly, but once we got into our rhythm we played really well and certainly made a lot of people sit up and take notice.

This new competition has got all of those involved excited at the possibility of winning silverware and has rightly provided a good opportunity for clubs to aim for success.

As part of the Summer Bash weekend in Blackpool in May, the final will also provide a fantastic showcase for those clubs involved in the final and a great day or weekend out for their respective fans.

Having said all that, and obviously wanting to be part of it, we know we need to play to our full potential today to overcome a team that was last year playing in the Championship and, indeed, tasted cup success two seasons ago themselves when they became inaugural winners of the Northern Rail Bowl with a 42-24 win in the final against London Skolars.

Their last season in what was then Kingstone Press Championship One, in 2013, was one we won't forget in a hurry as we finished our season when Crusaders still had three games to play and we could do nothing as we watched them whittle away the wins they needed to win the league. We finished second, two points behind them, and we all know what happened yet again in the play-offs that year.

Crusaders will again be one of the favourites to go back up to the Championship this season and we are under no illusions about what kind of effort is needed on our part today.

Last week we exited the Ladbrokes Challenge Cup against Sheffield at the Keepmoat Stadium in Doncaster, but only after a spirited effort against one of the strongest Championship sides in recent times and although we saw their quality in the first half, our fitness and determination was again in evidence in large quantities in the second half as we grew stronger and stronger as the game wore on.

We had also signed (again!) Jon Ford on a three-month loan deal and he slotted straight in as though he had never been away..

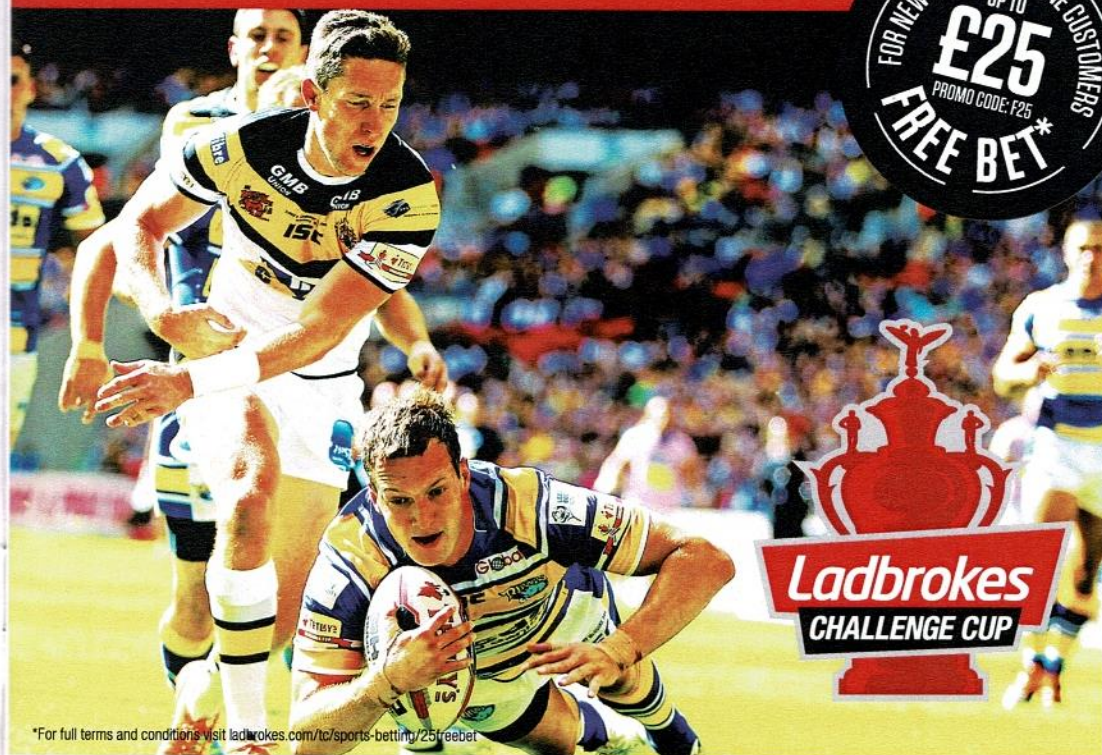
We are still on the look-out, as ever, for any additional quality we can bring to the club on the playing front and Fordy is another example of that.

As Scott has already mentioned this week, we have two massive games coming up today and then in the League One opener at Rochdale on Good Friday.

First things first though and with your support we can hopefully look forward to a big day out in May. Keep up your support of the team, it does make a difference.

Enjoy the game,
Chris

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Danny Langtree

'FORDY'

back for the third time of asking

WELCOME back Jon Ford. We signed him on loan for the third time last week --- just in time for the Salford Red Devils centre to go straight into the Oldham side for last Sunday's Ladbrokes Challenge Cup tie against Sheffield Eagles away.

Paper work covering the three-month loan — March 19 to June 19 — was completed in time for 21-year old Ford to play his first game of the season at the Keepmoat Stadium.

"It's nice to have him back," said coach Scott Naylor, who masterminded three wins from the first three games of the season without a recognised centre following David Cookson's departure from the club, for work reasons, several weeks ago.

Scott has been looking to strengthen his threequarter line ever since and has now landed the man who, in his two previous spells at Whitebank, averaged more than a try per game.

In 2013 Ford top-scored with 21 tries in 15

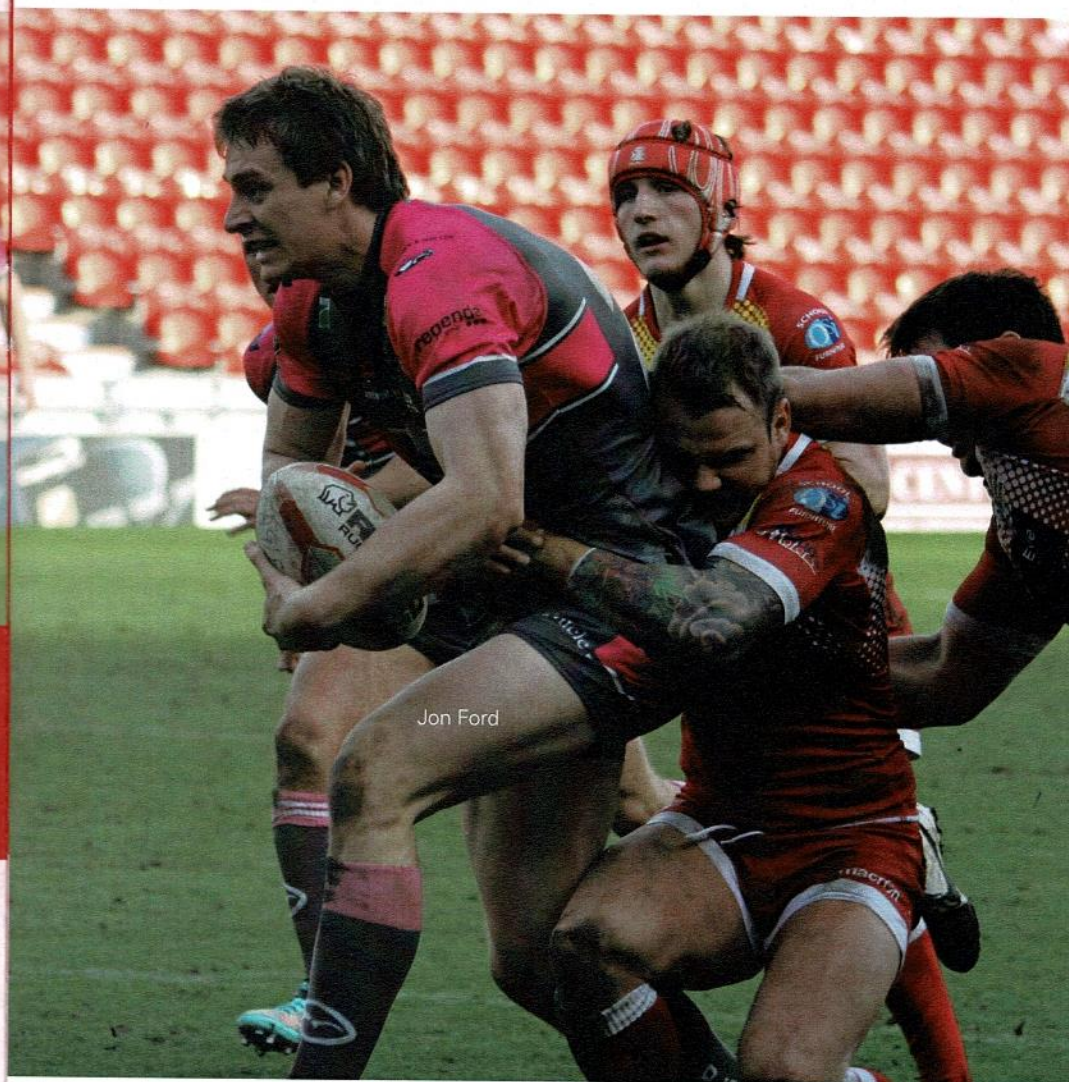
appearances, while last year he added another 13 tries in 16 outings — an impressive overall record of 34 tries in 31 outings.

Added the Roughyeds boss: "At his first training session Jon looked as though he had never been away. It will be an easy transition for him.

"He brings more quality to the squad and you can never have enough of that.

"He's been working on his game at Salford, so he should be an even better player than he was last year."

Ford went back to Salford after our 2014 Grand Final defeat by Hunslet and did a full pre-season programme with his parent club.



Jon Ford

He played in friendlies and they took him to France as cover for the game at Catalan Dragons, after which Salford addressed the need for him to be playing regularly and agreed to let him go out on loan.

"I was never going to turn it down once I knew it was Oldham who were in for me," said Ford.

"I talked to my agent and to Iestyn (Salford coach Iestyn Harris) and things moved quickly on from there.

"Oldham have been a huge part of my development as a rugby player, and I've a lot to thank them for."

Fiona comes 'home'

WE are pleased to announce the appointment of Fiona Robinson as our office manager to succeed long-serving Janet Yewdale.

Fiona was brought up in Oldham, but for the last 23 years she has been working in London for various technology and customer-services companies.

"It's good to be back in my home-town and working for Roughyeds," she said.

Janet bade us farewell after several years in the job and we wish her well in her new appointment, which is outside rugby league.

Fiona officially started work for the club last week

Remember this?

2013 and all that - the year Crusaders and Roughyeds led the charge

IF today's game in the semi-final of the iPro Sport League One Cup is half as exciting and as intense as the 2013 Kingstone Press Championship One games between Oldham and North Wales Crusaders it will still be a great advertisement for rugby league at this level.

It was the year these two clubs dominated the division, Crusaders eventually pipping us to the championship and automatic promotion by just two points.

In June we narrowly lost in Wrexham 22-20 — our only away league defeat — before producing one of our best all-round performances of the season to beat the Welshmen 28-10 at Whitebank at the end of July.

The crowd of 1,209, which included a large and vociferous following from North Wales, was the second highest at Whitebank and the best in Championship One in 2013.

For the record this is how the teams lined up for those two cracking games:

June 9, Crusaders 22, Oldham 20; referee Clint Sharrad; attendance 962.

Crusaders: Johnson; Birkett, Reardon, Brennan, Massam; Mouldsdales, Dallimore; Brown, McConnell, Stephens, Gorski, Middlehurst, Adamson. Subs: Hudson, Smith, Clarke, Macdonald.

Goals: Johnson (3); tries, Middlehurst (2), Birkett, Johnson.

Oldham: Lepori; Agoro, Ford, Nield, Bloomfield; Palfrey, Hughes; Joy, Gee, Gilchrist, Crowley, Langtree, Thompson. Subs: Files, Hobson, Ward, Boults.

Goals: Palfrey (2); tries, Lepori, Agoro, Files, Ford.

Seven weeks later Oldham had to win the return match to retain a realistic chance of winning the title, and they did it in style at a packed Whitebank that rocked to the hymns and arias of the Welsh fans and the hearty responses from enthusiastic Roughyeds followers.

July 28, Oldham 28, Crusaders 10; referee Dave Merrick; attendance 1,209.

Oldham: Whitehead; Agoro, Ford, Crowley, Bloomfield; Palfrey, Hughes; Gilchrist, Gee, Joy,

Langtree, Hobson, Ward. Subs: Files, Thompson, Haggarty, Mason.

Goals: Palfrey (4); tries, Hughes, Ford (3), Agoro.

Crusaders: Johnson; Birkett, Reardon, Roets, Massam; Mouldsdales, Dallimore; Stephens, McConnell, Walker, Middlehurst, Bannister, Adamson. Subs: Macdonald, Braddish, Hudson, Smith.

Goals: Johnson (1); tries, Birkett, Smith.

By denying Crusaders a bonus point, we went five points clear at the top but, crucially, Crusaders had five games left to our three and they edged home to finish top by winning all five, despite a fright at Gateshead where they narrowly made it by 24-20.

A glance at the final table clearly indicates how the men under the commands of Clive Griffiths and Scott Naylor totally dominated the division, no fewer than nine points separating second-placed Oldham and third-placed Rochdale Hornets.

This is how the League Express's 'Rugby League Yearbook' summed up the overall performances of the two teams in Scott's first year here:

OLDHAM: "They were left to rue uncharacteristic slips against Oxford and Gloucestershire All Golds

(a 24-24 home draw) in finishing two points behind the leaders. But when the dust settled on another season of coming so close, Naylor and his squad could reflect on a positive campaign, and one that saw a host of young players spring to the fore.

"Richard Lepori and Jon Ford made the All Stars team, while Adam Files also shone. Lewis Palfrey was key man for much of the year, while Josh Crowley and Danny Langtree formed arguably the best back-row partnership in the competition."

CRUSADERS: "They sealed a remarkable two years since formation by lifting the title and, with it, promotion to the higher level. With crowds continuing to rise and the first-ever Northern Rail Bowl already in the bag, this was a season to remember for the fledgling club.

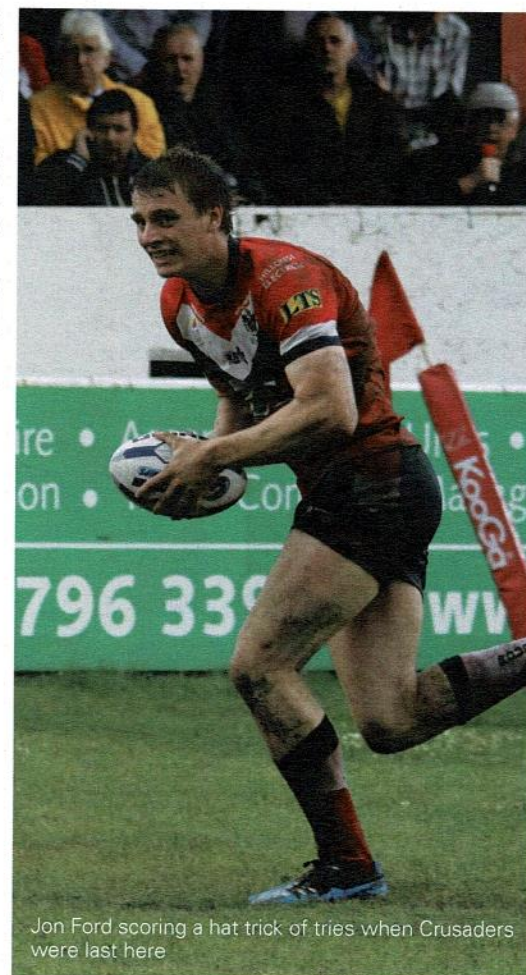
"Veteran boss Griffiths was rewarded with the (divisional) coach-of-the-year award, while Jono Smith took the player-of-the-year prize, edging out Andy Mouldsdales.

"Both made the All Stars, alongside Rob Massam, Dave McConnell and Gary Middlehurst."

Two years on and Crusaders are back in the third tier, but only because the bottom five came down from the Championship as part of the sport's major restructure.

They finished fourth bottom, above Rochdale, Swinton and Barrow and come to Whitebank today in this cup semi-final ahead of a return visit in League One on Sunday, June 7 and then our visit to Wrexham on Sunday, July 26.

While we were beating Coventry Bears at home and Barrow Raiders away in the first two rounds of the iPro Sport Cup, to reach today's semi-final, Crusaders won 36-10 at West Hull and 28-4 at home to Rochdale Hornets.



Jon Ford scoring a hat trick of tries when Crusaders were last here

How we finished in 2013

	P	W	D	L	BP	F	L	Pts
North Wales Crusaders	16	14	0	2	1	568	212	43
OLDHAM	16	12	1	3	3	508	289	41
Rochdale Hornets	16	10	0	6	2	538	375	32
London Skolars	16	9	1	6	3	489	468	32
Hemel Stags	16	8	0	8	4	381	365	28
Oxford	16	5	2	9	4	326	436	23
Gateshead Thunder	16	4	1	11	6	356	542	20
South Wales Scorpions	16	5	0	11	4	368	504	19
Gloucester All Golds	16	2	1	13	4	286	629	12

Men on a Crusade... in North Wales

Focus on our semi-final opponents

by Ryan Gould

1: TOMMY JOHNSON - Mr Reliable. Made the most appearances for Crusaders, having been with the club since the start in 2012. Also, the club's leading points-scorer on 558.

2: SCOTT TURNER - signed a short-term contract with Crusaders midway through 2014, impressed immediately and earned a contract for 2015.

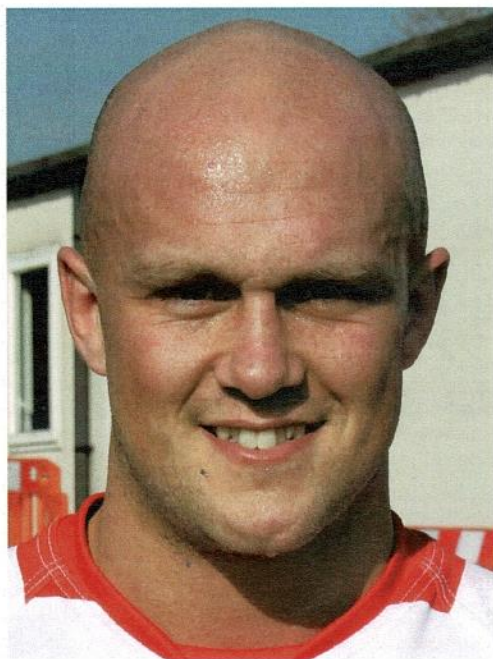
3: CHRISTIAAN ROETS - Welsh international who joined Crusaders from South Wales Scorpions ahead of the 2012 season and has been a regular in the three seasons since.

4: MATT REID - a youngster who has had to bide his time, but has always looked impressive when given an opportunity.

5: ROB MASSAM - played amateur rugby union before he joined Crusaders and is now a Welsh international. Big, strong and powerful for a winger. Crusaders' leading try-scorer on 48.

6: ANDY MOULSDALE - Club captain and a stand-out performer in 2012 and 2013, but a recurring shin injury needed an operation at the start of last season so he missed most of 2014.

7: JAMIE DALLIMORE: Signed midway through 2013 from Oldham and helped Crusaders to a championship and promotion double that year. Has been an ever-present since joining the club.



Mark Hobson

8: JONNY WALKER - has made 59 appearances for Crusaders to date and it's rare for him to miss a game. His hard work and graft can often go under the radar, but he is a highly valued member of the side.

9: CALLUM WRIGHT - a product of Wigan Warriors academy. Signed following the conclusion of his contract with the Super League club. Has looked the business so far.

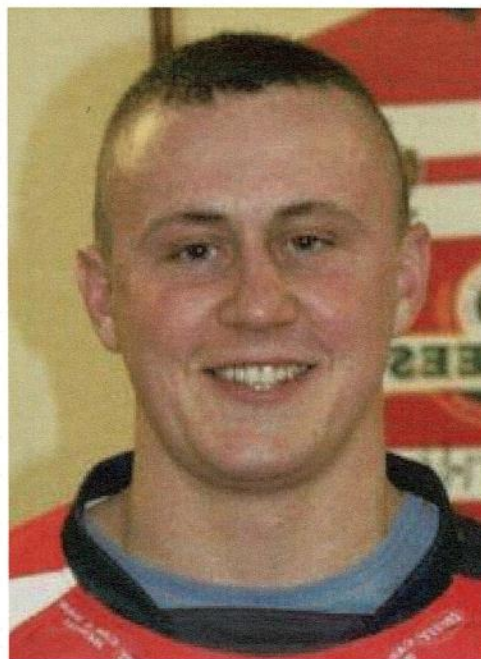
10: RYAN DUFFY - after spending the second half of 2014 on loan from Leigh, Duffy lined up with Crusaders on a permanent basis for 2015. A big forward, he makes a lot of metres and has had a big impact since he joined the club.

11: JONO SMITH - been with Crusaders since the start. Well known for his robust style of play. Very popular with the Crusaders' faithful.

12: STEPHEN WILD - a former Wigan, Huddersfield and Salford player and ex-GB international, Wild was one of the club's highest-profile signings for 2014. Experience was key and Crusaders have done well to secure his services for another year.

13: GARY MIDDLEHURST - wealth of experience at semi-pro level. Joined the club ahead of 2013 and has arguably been Crusaders' best player in both seasons since. Incredible work rate.

14: KARL ASHALL - along with his brother Craig,



Jamie Dallimore

he joined Crusaders at the start of 2014. Hooker by choice, but can also play in the halves. Important player last season and that should again be the case again in 2015.

15: LEE HUDSON - scored Crusaders' first-ever try in a friendly at Leigh East. Has been in and out of the side - injuries haven't helped - but can do great stuff on his day.

16: JOE BURKE - A Welsh international, he joined Crusaders in the off-season. Started with South Wales Scorpions before going to Barrow Raiders last season. Young, and with loads of potential.

17: STUART REARDON - former GB international with vast Super League experience. Has been with Crusaders since 2013.

19: PADDY MOONEY - former captain of London Broncos under-19s. A young utility forward who, like several members of the squad, will need no introduction to Oldham fans.

20: ELLIOTT DAVIES - a Warrington Wolves academy product, took a year out playing in Australia last season before linking up with Crusaders.

21: IAN MORT - a player with loads of experience in the Championships, he will give Crusaders lots of options this year.

22: ALEX THOMPSON - another who will feel



Paddy Mooney

home-from-home at Whitebank where he did well for Oldham before heading off to Oxford. Can play in backs and forwards and can rack up the points. Strong addition to the squad.

23: MARK HOBSON - yet another ex-Oldham player. Runs hard and can make a lot of metres. Will provide options in the pack.

24: ALEX DAVIDSON - Also had a spell at Oldham on loan from Salford before moving to Crusaders on a similar arrangement and then signing a permanent deal for 2015.

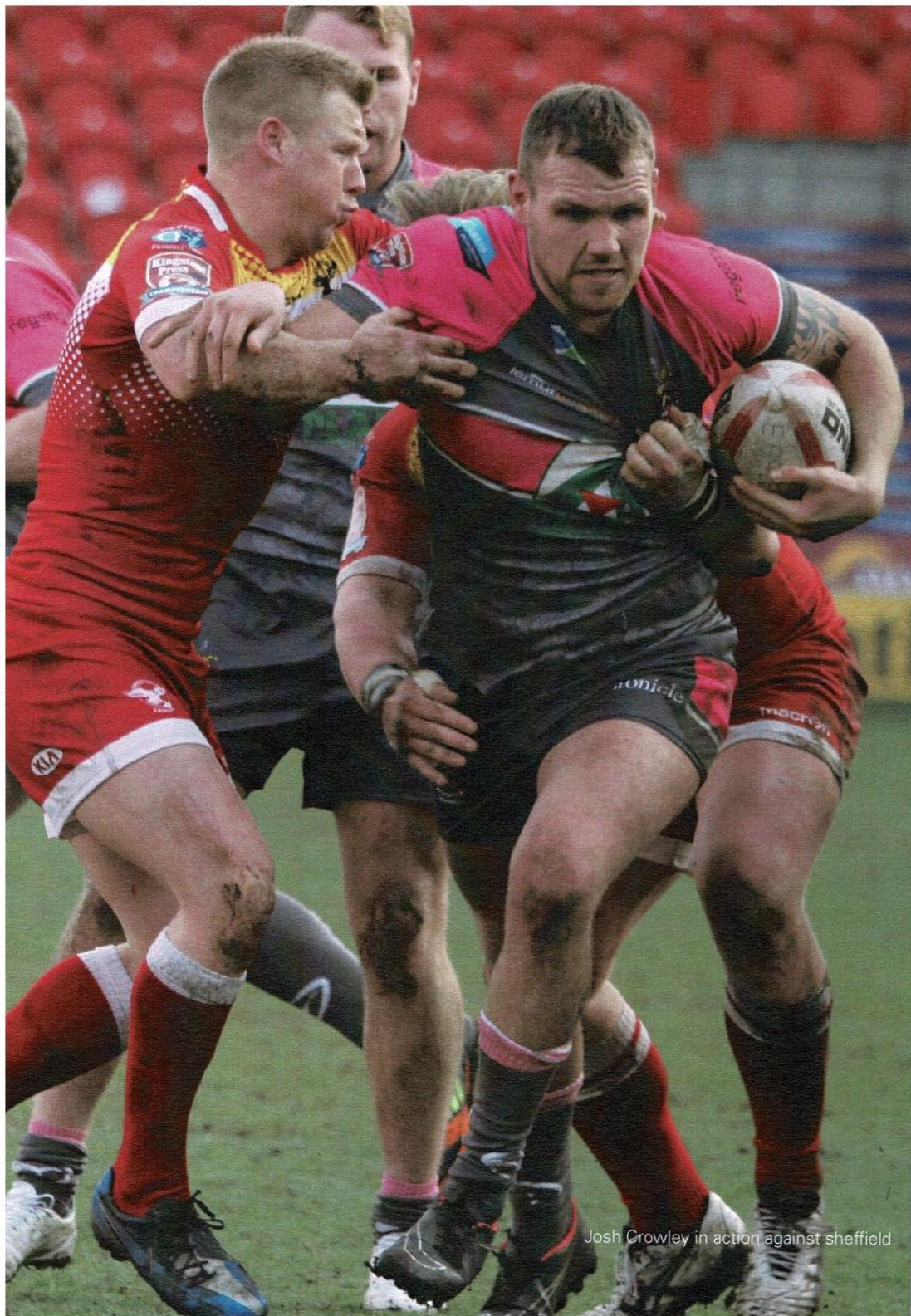
25: OWAIN GRIFFITHS - son of former coach Clive Griffiths, he joined the club with his dad in 2012. In and out of the side and had a spell on loan at Hemel Stags last season.

26: CRAIG WHITE - another who has been in and out, but can't be faulted when he has been given a chance. Comes up with off-the-cuff plays.

27: ANDREW JOY - Brother of Oldham's Phil and Richard and a former reserve-team player at Whitebank. Well known to head coach Anthony Murray from student rugby and could be an important squad player this year.

28: ANDREW OAKDEN - local youngster who has been on the fringes for a couple of seasons.

Two to watch: Gary Middlehurst and Callum Wright.



Josh Crowley in action against sheffield



THE RFL, as most people will know by now, has agreed a three-year partnership with leading isotonic sports drink iPro Sport to sponsor Rugby League's newest competition, the League 1 Cup.

Here at Oldham we are delighted to have reached today's semi-final against North Wales Crusaders, who will fancy their chances of repeating their success last year in winning the Northern Rail Rose Bowl.

The winners of today's game and of the other semi-final featuring Swinton Lions v Newcastle Thunder will qualify for what should be a magnificent day out at Blackpool as part of the Summer Bash, a weekend in which every Championship club will play a fixture at Bloomfield Road over the weekend of May 23 and 24.

The final of the iPro Sport Cup will be played on the Saturday, the 23rd, and it will form part of one of the RFL's celebrated multi-club events, which will give the finalists a real taste of the big time.

iPro Sport is one of the most pro-active companies in the sports drink industry and has partnerships with a host of sports, including cricket, rugby union, cycling and football.

As part of its partnership with Rugby League, as title sponsors of the iPro Sport Cup, iPro Sport will also become the official isotonic sports drink of Rugby League and the England team.

iPro Sport branding will also feature prominently at central events including the three England v New Zealand internationals, Ladbrokes Challenge Cup, Magic Weekend and Summer Bash at Blackpool.

RFL Commercial Director Chris Rawlings said: "We are delighted to welcome iPro Sport on board as title sponsors of the Rugby League's most geographically diverse competition, the iPro Sport Cup, and as a partner of the RFL and England Rugby League.

"iPro Sport is established as a major player in the isotonic sports drinks industry and its involvement in Rugby League as the sport enters an exciting new era is hugely exciting for everyone.

"We are looking forward to working with iPro Sport over the next three years on what I am sure will be a very successful partnership."

Lisa Marraffa, Marketing Director at iPro Sport, said: "On the dawn of what will be another fantastic season for Rugby League, we are excited to be part of the current fervour by announcing our association with the League 1 Cup.

"We are quickly becoming the brand of choice for many sporting disciplines as our values resonate with the leading clubs and associations. We are very much looking forward to the ongoing hydration partnership with a prestigious governing body such as the RFL."

ORSA

THE Oldham Roughyeds Supporters' Association (ORSA) is staging a Family Fun and Quiz Night on Thursday, April 9 at the Higginshaw Amateur RL Club's social club in St Stephen's Street, starting at 8pm.

We link up with 'Higgy' to put on these family functions and its great fun to meet up with like-minded people, all with a love of our great sport, for a laugh, some light-hearted banter and a few prizes to give away at the end of the quiz.

Admission is only £1 and the prizes include the possibility of winning a jackpot which currently stands at the grand total of £140. How good would it be to go home with that after a Thursday night out.

Everyone will be made extremely welcome and, as well as the quiz, there will be a raffle as well as a mid-evening break, during which sandwiches will be available.

Do hope you and family/friends can join us on the night — and, who knows, you might wish to become a member of ORSA, which is the club's official supporters' organisation, doing the best we can to assist Scott, Spanner and the boys in all their efforts on the field to bring some success to our club.

Our latest contribution to that end is to sponsor the match-day energy drinks, energy bars and bottles of water for the squad at all home and away games this season.

We work hard to raise money to enable us to offer that sort of support and the more income we accumulate, through your support of our draws, raffles, quiz nights etc, the more we can assist and play our part in helping the club and the team to give us all so much enjoyment on match day.

For further information about ORSA, about our event at 'Higgy' a week on Thursday (April 9) or about how to become a member of our association and play an active role in supporting the Roughyeds please contact John McAndrew on 0161 633 1791 or Sheila Somerville on 01706 844810 or look out for them at today's game.

They'll be delighted to welcome you into the ORSA fold.

Roughyeds earn dual-reg plaudits

JODIE Broughton has revealed that Huddersfield Giants players have given the thumbs-up to their club's partnership with Oldham.

The former Salford winger scored two tries on dual-reg debut in our 32-10 iPro Sport Cup win at Barrow to become the eighth Giants player to wear an Oldham jersey since the start of pre-season friendlies.

"The Giants boys are more than happy to come over here and do their bit for Oldham, and now I know why," said 27-year-old Broughton, who confirmed that he would jump at the chance to play for Scott Naylor's men again if opportunity knocked.

"It was a great win at Barrow. I enjoyed the whole Oldham experience, just as I was assured I would by Scott Grix, Michael Lawrence and Kyle Wood.

"All three said what a good, professional set-up there was at Oldham and how they had felt comfortable in the Roughyeds' environment.

"It was a big help in my case because I knew a lot of the Oldham lads from our Salford days and it was a bit like turning back the clock.

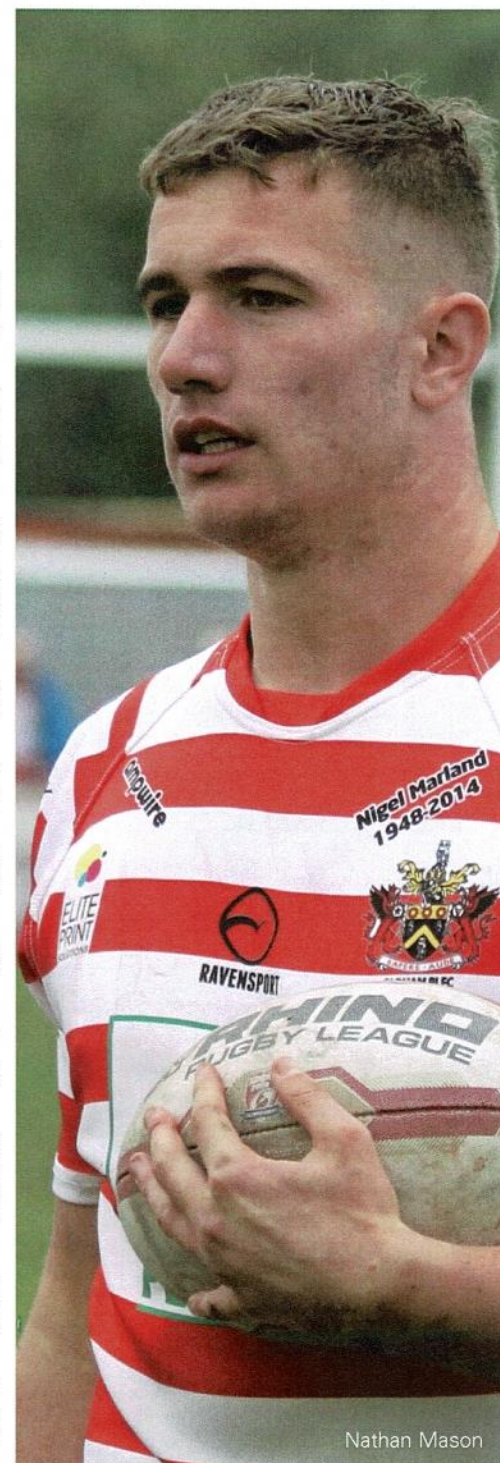
"There's a great spirit in the camp, they're very fit and I think they can look forward to a good season."

Naylor did Giants boss Paul Anderson a favour by playing senior men like Grix, Lawrence and Wood, who were all coming back from injury, in a couple of pre-season games.

However, that wasn't part of the long-term dual-reg strategy, agreed by the clubs, which will mainly be restricted to Oldham's use of younger players like Nathan Mason, Micky Learmonth, Josh Johnson and Oliver Roberts.

More clubs than ever before are taking advantage of loan and dual-reg regulations (Barrow used four Leigh players against us), and, periodically Giants youngsters will continue to appear for Oldham.

"The challenge for my boys when they go over there is to buy into the Oldham culture and to be happy to play wherever Scott (Naylor) wants them to play," said Giants boss Anderson.



Nathan Mason



SPOTLIGHT ON OLDHAM RLFC CLASS OF 2015



Steven NIELD
D.O.B 20/1/90

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 Barrow when he was top try scorer with 12 in 27 appearances. Made his Oldham debut in mid July last year and signed a new one-year 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 full-time, 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 4/9/91

8

Prop forward. Another local lad, exW aterhead. Gained two reserve team awards in 2012. Earned his first senior contract for 2013 and won coaches players' favourite 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 9/11/96

20

The youngest member of our squad, teenager Tom can play equally well at halfback or fullback. Widnesborn, 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. Oldhamborn, 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 Spanner. Sponsored by ORLFC Players Association.



FIXTURES & RESULTS

2015 March

L1Cup	Sunday 1st	COVENTRY	H	W 42 - 6
LCC(3)	Sunday 8th	COVENTRY	H	W 46 - 6
L1Cup	Sunday 15th	Barrow	A	W 32-10
LCC(4)	Sunday 22nd	Sheffield	A	L 20-44
L1Cup	Sunday 29th	NW Crusaders	H	3.00pm

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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