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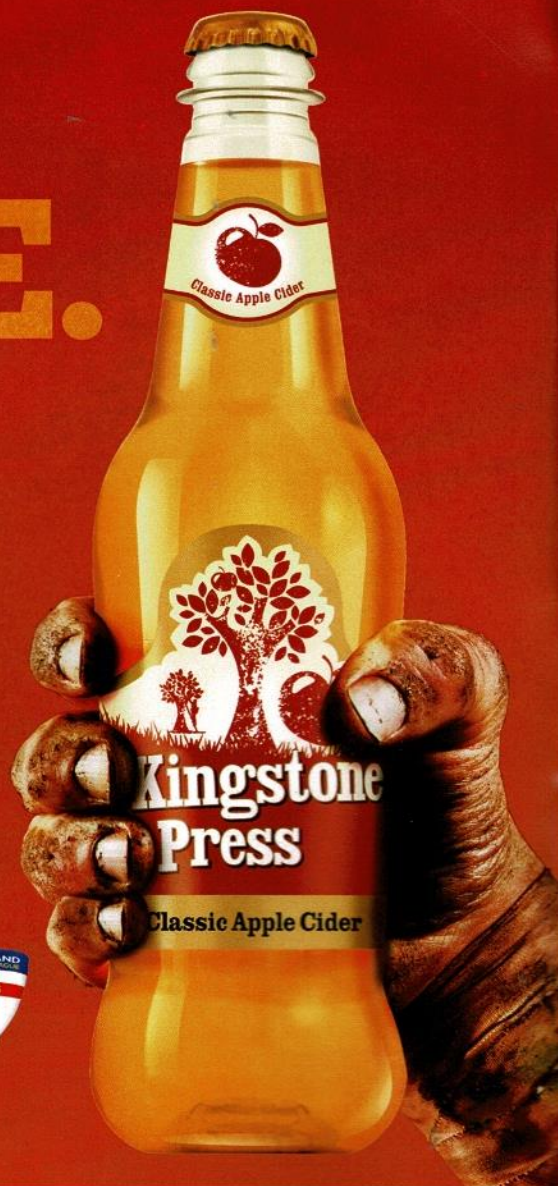
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HELLO everyone, and welcome to today's derby clash against Rochdale Hornets at the Whitebank Stadium.

Our opponents today come to us with confidence after a run of good results, including an away win against North Wales, which is no mean feat I have to say.

Everyone knows that form, home advantage, skill, speed, quality and so on go out of the window in derby games and it usually just comes down to who wants it the most on the day.

Derby games are always special occasions and highlights of the season – and this one will be no different.

I can promise that your Oldham players want this one and will be doing everything they possibly can to get the win today.

Last week we played very well. In fact, I think it was our best performance of the year so far. If I could have a blueprint about how I want the lads to play

week in and week out then last week's game against York would be it.

The overall performance had everything that a quality team needs to be successful throughout a full season.

York were tough and fit, well organised and very hard to break down, but we were patient and worked harder than them for the whole game. We matched their enthusiasm and slowly broke down their mental state until they started to make mistakes.

They were fit, but we were fitter. They were tough, but we never took a backward step.

All these qualities will be needed again today – and more – if we are to beat Rochdale. As the season goes on I see these things more and more from our players and that's a really good sign for the future of the club.

I hope you enjoy the game today. Thanks for your support.

Scott



They put a kick in it for Oldham!



Lewis Palfrey... 226 Oldham goals

THE focus is on goalkickers this week, given that Lewis Palfrey has reached the 500-point milestone for Oldham.

He also has the distinction of currently being out in front in the Kingstone Press League One's lists of this season's goalkickers and points scorers.

On this page we publish the number of goals kicked by our leading marksman in each of the 18 seasons since the new club was formed for the start of the 1998 season. The figures do not include drop goals.

Over the same period there was no one to match

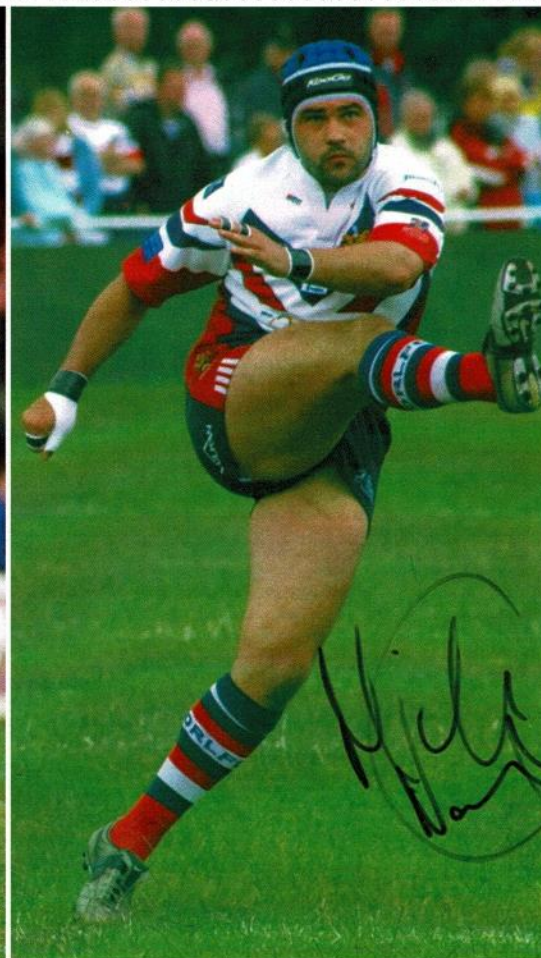
How they scored down the years

1998	Chris Wilkinson	34
1999	Daniel Brown	42
2000	Pat Rich	108
2001	Pat Rich	146
2002	Gareth Barber	80
2003	Simon Svabic	81
2004	Pat Rich	49
2005	Marty Turner	84
2006	Gareth Barber	24
2007	Gareth Langley	24
2008	Mick Nanyn	139
2009	Andy Ballard	93
2010	Matty Ashe	78
2011	Carl Forber	63
2012	Jamie Dallimore	78
2013	Lewis Palfrey	87
2014	Lewis Palfrey	59
2015 (to date)	Lewis Palfrey	80



Pat Rich... 146 in 2001

Courtesy of the Oldham Evening Chronicle



Mick Nanyn... 139 in 2008

the drop-goal king himself, Neil Roden, who amassed 25 in his years at the club.

Rarely does a season pass when only one player kicks all the goals, but it happened in 2001 when Pat Rich kicked all 146 – a record for the new club, which Mick Nanyn went close to matching with his 139 in 2008.

On the flip side no fewer than SEVEN different players landed Roughyeds' goals in 1999 – Farrell, Minut, Brown, Quinlan, Wood, Coates and Salisbury.

And it happened again in 2009 – Ballard, Halliwell, James Coyle, Ashe, Joseph, O'Connor and Baines.

Most goals in a match were Andy Ballard's 13 in a 78-10 win against London Skolars in May, 2009.

Players who have kicked most goals for Oldham in their careers, as opposed to a single season, are as follows:

Pat Rich 303, Lewis Palfrey 226 (and still going strong), Gareth Barber 145, Mick Nanyn 139, Simon Svabic 116.

The figures do not necessarily add up to those given in the season-by-season list because some players on that list also kicked goals in seasons when they were not the principal goalkicker.

A CHAT WITH CHRIS



WELCOME back to Whitebank Stadium after last week's great performance against York.

In what can only be described as difficult weather conditions, I thought the team did exceptionally well.

Playing up the slope into that wind and rain, which led to handling errors and extra tackling, I thought our defence was fantastic in the first 40. To prevent York scoring after the 15th minute was testament to the work the lads put in.

To put that into perspective, keep an eye on York's results between now and the end of the season and see how many they score.

Today's opponents need no introduction — and they will be keen to redress the balance after our win at Spotland on Good Friday in the first league game of the season.

They won at Newcastle last week, no mean feat, and although they have made it clear they don't like Whitebank they will be doing their utmost to get the two points on offer.

This is our second home game in a row and as all our remaining matches in Oldham are against teams who have realistic chances of being successful this season, what bigger incentive can we have to keep knocking them over as we get ever nearer to the end of the normal league season.

As Scott has pointed out, there have been a number

of games this season in which the team has shown a level of maturity that we haven't always had before. If there was ever a season to benefit from that, this is it.

With eight teams fighting for two promotion places, cool heads when the going gets tough will be an invaluable asset to have.

Local derbies always increase the expectation from fans as rivalries and bragging rights are up for grabs.

One thing is for sure, we know our fans will be loud in their support of the team. With the style of attractive rugby we have been playing all season, there has been plenty to shout about.

Scott has some headaches this week in terms of selection and, throughout his time at the club, there have been few occasions where his "horses for courses" policy hasn't been proven right. Its something he and I have spoken about many times and something that the squad understands and appreciates because we all have the same goal.

After today, there are more tough games ahead before we return to Whitebank.

We are counting down fast towards the end of the regular season, so please be vocal in your support of the lads as we try to get another two points today.

Enjoy the game,

Chris

Tony's ultimate battle in fight to beat cancer

YOU will perhaps have read in the papers, or seen on regional TV programmes, that former Oldham forward Tony Barrow jnr is fighting an aggressive form of cancer after doctors found a brain tumour.

Now aged 43, Tony signed for the old club at Watersheddings as a teenager while his dad, Tony snr, was head coach, writes ROGER HALSTEAD.

He learned his trade in the 'A' team and, as a young up-and-coming forward, played six senior games — four in the autumn of 1990 against Castleford and Hull KR at home and Widnes and Sheffield away.

In the following season, after his dad had left the club, he played twice more against London Crusaders away and Sheffield at home before himself moving on to pastures new at Swinton.

About that time the Barrow family had a massive impact on rugby league in Oldham because Tony snr was in charge of the team during that magnificent season of 1989-90 when he guided the side to promotion from the second division; to the Lancashire Cup final against Warrington; to the Regal Trophy quarter-final; to the Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final; and to that fantastic Division Two play-off final at Old Trafford when the Barrow boys pipped Hull KR 30-29.

The team that day: Platt; Irving, Hyde, Henderson, Lord; Clark, Ford; Casey, Ruane, Fieldhouse, Round, McAlister, Russell. Subs: Newton, Martyn.

I wrote in the Chronicle: "The drama and excitement of Old Trafford was a fitting end to a memorable season in which Oldham won 36 of the 43 games played.

"They were involved in 15 cup-ties; they came desperately close to reaching Wembley for the first time; they were involved in several televised thrillers and First Division big guns Wigan, Widnes and St Helens were all defeated in cup-tie spectaculars."

Those were happy, heady days for the Barrows and for thousands of Oldhamers, who will now wish to be associated with young Tony's biggest battle of all.

Friends and family are rallying round to raise funds for any treatment the father-of-two will have to undergo.

A testimonial game has been played in his home town of St Helens and a fund-raising dinner, a sell-out, was due to be held today at Langtree Park.

Tony has two daughters, Megan (18) and Lucy (15) and a partner, Ann Marie. He is employed as a senior childcare worker and runs his own personal training business.

His dad said: "You never, ever think that something like this will happen to you, but it has so we will be facing it head on."

There are Facebook and Twitter pages dedicated to the testimonial fund where latest updates will be posted.



Flashback to Watersheddings days... Tony Barrow jnr (left) and his dad, Tony Barrow snr, who was Oldham coach throughout 1989 and 1990. Pictures courtesy of OLDHAM EVENING CHRONICLE.

News from HQ

THE Leader of the House of Commons, Chris Grayling MP has sent Parliament's best wishes to everyone who will be celebrating the 120th anniversary of Rugby League in the Founders Walk later this month.

Organised in association with the sport's charity, Rugby League Cares, the Walk takes place over six days from Sunday, July 19 to July 24 and takes in the original home stadiums of the 22 clubs, including Oldham and Rochdale Hornets, that founded the Northern Union on August 29, 1895.

The 120-mile venture gives people the opportunity to raise money for good causes in the sport by walking sections of each day's route, full days or the full 120-mile route.

Responding to a question in the House of Commons by Warrington South MP David Mowat, Mr Grayling paid tribute to the important role Rugby League plays in its communities.

"My honourable friend represents the great northern town of Warrington, where I once stood as a candidate as well, and also visited the local Rugby League team to see it play," he said.

"I'd like to take advantage of this opportunity to wish all of those involved in promoting the anniversary on the walk, the very best in celebrating a sport that has been an important part of our northern communities and continues to be so."

The Founders Walk takes place over six days but anyone wanting to take part can sign up to walk as far as they like on any or all of the route, with each of the days split into smaller stages.



Day 1 (Sunday, July 19): an eight-mile stroll around Hull, starting from the Walton Street car park and taking in The Boulevard before ending at the KC Stadium.

Day 2 (Monday, July 20): starts at Fartown in Huddersfield and passes through Brighouse, Batley and Dewsbury before reaching Wakefield Trinity at the end of the 20-mile stage.

Day 3 (Tuesday, July 21): covers 24.5 miles between Hunslet and Halifax, taking in Headingley, Manningham, Bradford Park Avenue and Illingworth on the way.

Day 4 (Wednesday, July 22): is 22 miles starting at Rochdale and ending at Edgeley Park, Stockport via Oldham.

Day 5 (Thursday, July 23): 22.5 miles between Wheeler Street in Broughton and the DW Stadium in Wigan.

Day 6 (Friday, July 24): walk concludes with a 23-mile stage between Fletcher Street in Warrington and Langtree Park in St Helens.

For more information on the route or to register for the Founders Walk, please visit:

www.rugbyleaguecares.org/founders_walk_2015

NOTE: The Walk in this area leaves Asda, Rochdale at 9.30am, taking in the blue plaque at Watersheddings, and then continuing to Stockport. Highlighted on the route map are Kingsway Park High School in Rochdale; Watersheddings St; Waterhead ARLFC; and Hathershaw College; perhaps calling points where walkers can join the group.

ENGLAND'S three games against New Zealand in the autumn will be broadcast live on BBC Television

Sunday, November 1, KC Stadium, Hull, BBC Two, 5pm kick-off.

Saturday, November 7, Olympic Stadium, London, BBC One, 2.30pm kick-off.

Saturday, November 14, DW Stadium, Wigan, BBC One, 1.00pm kick-off.

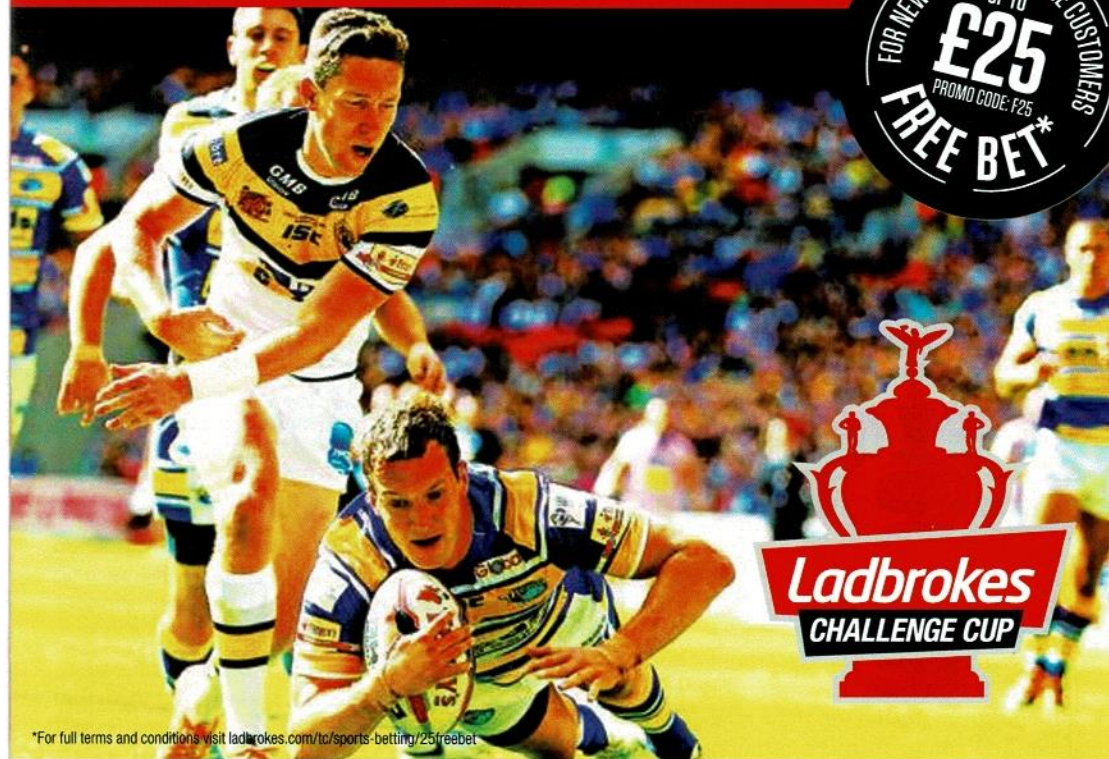
Tickets cost from £22 for adults and £10 for concessions per game. A three-match package costing £45 for adults and £22.50 for concessions is also available.

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Kiwi series on BBC TV



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Memories are made of this...

By Roger Halstead (in nostalgic mood)

POURING over some rugby league memorabilia from out of the attic, I came across a publication which only older readers will recall – an issue of 'The Rugby League Gazette' from December, 1953 and sold at the princely sum of sixpence.

One of the main articles, by 'Kirkstall', was headed 'Bob Sloman was a great leader...', a fascinating piece in which the writer focused mainly on Sloman's great contribution to the Oldham club, but also referred to a pair of his fellow West Country forwards, Tom Woods and Walter Roman, who signed for Rochdale Hornets.

Sloman was quoted at length about playing in four successive Challenge Cup finals in the years 1924-25-26-27 and offered this observation on life at Watersheddings: "The complete rugby league player needs the dedication of a Trappist monk."

I've been an Oldham fan now for the best part of half a century, but in the days when this particular Gazette was hitting the streets I was a Rochdale Hornets nut – a schoolboy who lived for Saturday afternoon and a trip to the Athletic Grounds.

In the pursuit of fair play on derby day, therefore, I will give you snippets from both clubs as published in the 1953 Gazette under 'club gossip'.

OLDHAM: Oldham have been criticised recently as not being fit, but sprinter-coach Frank Handley shouldn't worry about these comments. Oldham are not lacking pep, but a plan.

From being one of the most strikingly unorthodox teams two years ago, rising to fifth place in the table, they have lost their guile. The return to more orthodox methods has given the wrong impression that they don't know how to run.

Oldham were said to be producing too much

'fancy stuff' during their brighter period. Now, their supporters realise that 'plain' fare is even less palatable.

It is the absence of Daley that has made Oldham sluggish in passing, for he had an excellent understanding with Stirrup straight from the scrums. Deputy Feather is too much an individual player and the backs seem stifled. But Feather is a Watersheddings hero because of his versatility and the few supporters who travelled to Whitehaven agreed his display as deputy full-back for Ganley earned him the man-of-the-match laurels.

ROCHDALE H: Remember the lads of the Dover Patrol, who manned the motor torpedo boats, and the great job they did?

Rochdale Hornets have one of them in their team, and he has brought into the rugby league game the alertness he and his mates had to show in their hazards in the English Channel.

He is ex-Seaman Bernard McNally, their Welsh loose-forward, probably one of the best bargains any club has made in post-war football.

When Cardiff disbanded, top-scorer Bernard was one of the assets of the disastrous Welsh venture which were taken over by the Rugby League, and it was the League which received the modest £100 from the Hornets for his transfer.

Several other clubs have since kicked themselves because they didn't see in McNally the biggest bargain in the remnant sale.

A soccer player until he was introduced to rugby union in the Navy, he returned to civilian life and a place in the pack of the Cardiff Dockers RU team.

I can see him now at the Athletic Grounds... ah well, those were the days!



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Touch-Rugby players in seventh heaven!

This is Oldham RLFC's Community Coach Daniel Newall's overview of the action that takes place every Wednesday night (7pm to 9pm) on the 3G pitch at Oasis Academy Oldham:

"The first few weeks of this years 'Play Touch Rugby' have been fantastic. We are only in week 7 and every player's fitness has improved, not only from playing but also from new and challenging warm-up routines we now have in place.

"The group's skills as rugby players are also improving each week which in turn builds confidence and self-esteem.

"A lot of last year's squad have

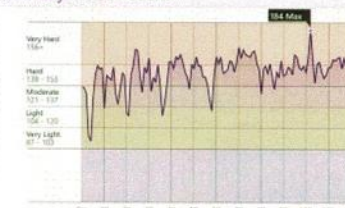
come back for more, including the party from Widnes, but we have also had a steady flow of new faces from the Oldham area, which is very encouraging indeed.

"New friendships have been forged among a great bunch of people, who all enjoy a bit of banter and a few laughs as well as their touch rugby.

"New players are always welcome and all they have to do is to turn up on the night. What can be easier than that.

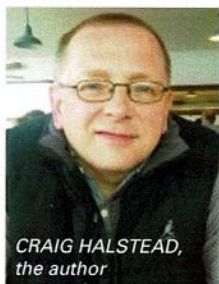
"Players can also find out the latest Touch Rugby News on our Facebook and Twitter pages, using the #HIITHEPITCH"

Summary Observations



Top scorers in KP League One

GOALS	
Lewis Palfrey (OLDHAM)	59
Josh Ward (Barrow)	56
Matt Bradley (Gloucester)	48
Tommy Johnson (Crusaders)	46
Paul Crook (Rochdale)	37
Ben Dent (York)	36
Matty Beharrell (Thunder)	30
Chris Atkin (Swinton)	25
Paul Handforth (Keighley)	25
Paul Emanuelli (Scorpions)	22
TRIES	
Paul White (Keighley)	15
Jono Smith (Crusaders)	14
Rob Massam (Crusaders)	13
Danny Bridge (Rochdale)	11
Paul Handforth (Keighley)	11
Jack Holmes (OLDHAM)	11
Shaun Robinson (Swinton)	11
Adam Clay (OLDHAM)	10
Paul Crook (Rochdale)	10
Greg Minikin (York)	10
Danny Yates (Rochdale)	10
POINTS	
Lewis Palfrey (OLDHAM)	135
Josh Ward (Barrow)	128
Matt Bradley (Gloucester)	116
Paul Crook (Rochdale)	115
Tommy Johnson (Crusaders)	108
Ben Dent (York)	100
Paul Handforth (Keighley)	94
Matty Beharrell (Thunder)	73
Chris Atkin (Swinton)	66
Danny Yates (Rochdale)	65



CRAIG HALSTEAD,
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From Watersheddings to Whitebank Oldham Rugby League Memoir

GIVEN that Rochdale Hornets and their fans are here
today, it seemed appropriate that we should give the
Rochdale and Littleborough angle on Oldham fan
Craig Halstead's new book, 'From Watersheddings
to Whitebank' which has been featured in our last
three match-day programmes.

This is how the Rochdale Observer reported Craig's
venture in the Littleborough news section of that
newspaper.

"A die-hard rugby fan has penned a book about his
love of the sport.

"Craig Halstead, who has spent much of his life in
Littleborough, has written 'From Watersheddings to
Whitebank' which features stories about his lifelong
support of Oldham RLFC as well as anecdotes about
his youth and his playing days in Littleborough.

"Born at Birch Hill (Hospital) in 1966, Craig went to
St Andrew's CE Primary and Wardle High School,
being among the school's first intake in 1977.

"He represented both schools in various sports,
including football, cricket, rugby and athletics as well
as playing for Littleborough ARLFC for many years,
but retained a love of Oldham since first seeing
them play at the age of five.

"Said Craig: 'I have taken plenty of stick from
Hornets fans over the years, living in Rochdale and
supporting Oldham, but I have always tried to give
as good as I got and I've loved the banter along the
way.'

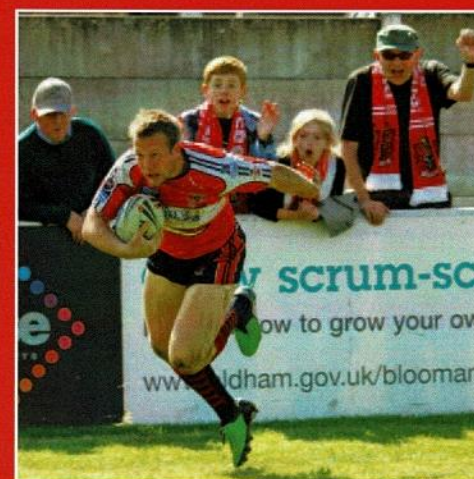
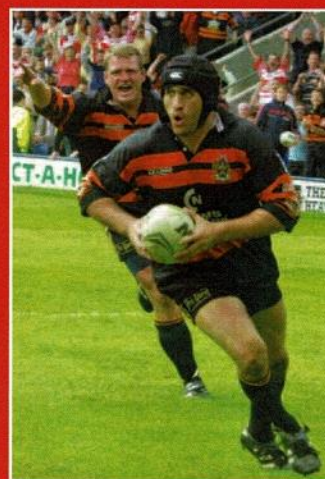
"Craig, whose brothers Wayne and Dave are also
keen Oldham fans, moved to North Wales with his
wife Yvonne and children Reece and Megan in 2008.
"Wayne now lives in Kent, while Dave is in Napier,
New Zealand."

Craig will be at Whitebank today to sell signed
copies of his work.



from Watersheddings to Whitebank

An Oldham Rugby League Memoir



Craig Halstead

Foreword by Chris Hamilton



APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(Cup and league, 18 possible)

	App	DG	Gls	Tries	Pts
ASHTON, Tom	2	—	—	1	4
BROUGHTON, Jodie	1	—	—	2	8
CLAY, Adam	15	—	—	17	68
CONNOR, Jake	1	—	—	—	—
CROWLEY, Josh	18	—	—	10	40
DEMPSEY, Tom	6	1	2	1	9
FILES, Adam	14	—	—	1	4
FORD, Jon	8	—	—	7	28
GEE, Sam	16	—	—	3	12
HEWITT, David	2	—	—	2	8
HOLMES, Jack	15	—	—	13	52
HUGHES, Kenny	5	—	—	1	4
JOHNSON, Josh	5	—	—	2	8
JOY, Phil	17	—	—	3	12
JOY, Richard	4	—	—	2	8
LANGTREE, Danny	15	—	—	7	28
LEARMONTH, Micky	2	—	—	2	8
MASON, Nathan	16	—	—	2	8
NEAL, Adam	16	—	—	1	4
NIELD, Steven	8	—	—	4	16
OWEN, Gareth	15	—	—	3	12
PALFREY, Lewis	17	1	80	4	177
ROBERTS, Oliver	6	—	—	2	8
ROPER, Steve	14	1	6	2	21
THOMPSON, Liam	17	—	—	4	16
TYSON, George	14	—	—	10	40
WARD, Jarrod	12	—	—	4	16
WARD, Michael	15	—	—	4	16



DAVID HEWITT in his first experience of Whitebank

ORSA bash went with a swing

ORSA wishes to thank everyone who attended their pre and post-match hospitality function at the York game last Sunday. Several have said how well it went and how much they enjoyed it.

Credit and thanks to Bev, Linda and Kelly for their hard work in organising the buffet. The Association will be announcing other events soon.

Chairman John McAndrew conducted the annual draw for members of Squad Strengtheners – the fund that helps Oldham RLFC to recruit new players – and three people each won two tickets for the hospitality suite at a future home game.

Winners were Dave Webster, Val Webster and Derek Scholes.

To join ORSA (Oldham Roughyeds' Supporters' Association) costs only £10 a year. Speak to

John McAndrew, Sheila or Grant Somerville or Paul Hulbert at the ground on match days or ring (0161) 633 1791 for further information.



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View from the Hornets' Nest

By Sean Hayes

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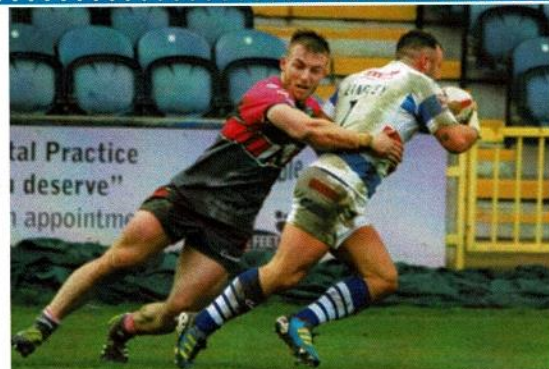
This year's Kingstone Press League 1 season couldn't be any tighter with a host of teams all in with a chance of making the play-offs, and one of those teams is Rochdale Hornets.

Rochdale have started the season well, currently sitting in third position with only two points separating them from the teams above them, and they are in with a shout of challenging for honours come the end of the season.

Their current record stands at nine wins and four losses in their 13 outings this season and they go into this derby clash with Oldham off the back of back-to-back wins over Hemel Stags and Newcastle Thunder.

What's new?

The prop forward position has been somewhat of a revolving door for the Hornets so far this season. They lost Sam Brooks to Whitehaven and replaced



ADAM CLAY – Derby-day flashback to Good Friday at Spotland

him with the loan signing of Richard Beaumont, only for him to follow Sam to Cumbria.

In Anthony Walker they had a great dual-registered front rower, but his performances were so good they caught the eye of Super League side Wakefield Wildcats, who signed the Welsh international until the end of the season.

With Tony Suffolk picking up a lengthy suspension, Ian Talbot was forced to find himself a new man up the middle and in Danny Jones he did just that. The former Barrow Raiders player joined Rochdale in time for their win against Newcastle Thunder and was impressive on debut, with Talbot getting his man at the second time of asking, having tried to lure him to Spotland in pre-season.

The man in charge

Ian Talbot is in his third season as Rochdale Hornets boss and was appointed ahead of the 2013 season in which he led the club to their first piece of silverware in 90 years by gaining promotion to the Championship.

He is also the Lead Community Coach at St Helens after coaching the under 20's for a number of years. In his playing days Ian was a hooker and enjoyed spells with Wigan Warriors, Wakefield Wildcats and Dewbury Rams.

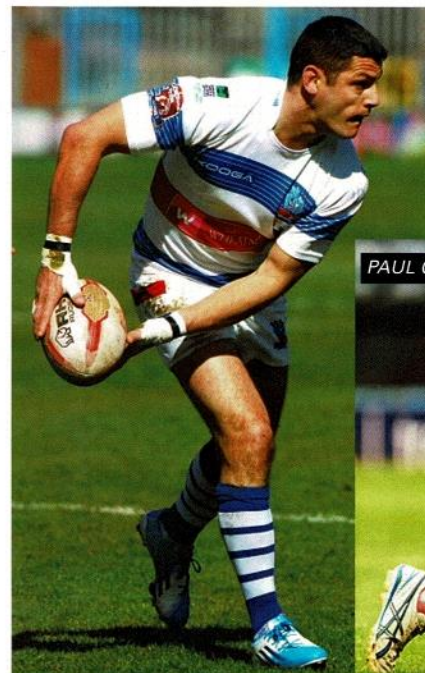
'Tol', as he is referred to around the club, will be looking to guide the Hornets back to the Championship at the first time of asking.



LEWIS PALFREY – Derby-day try time for Oldham

Key players

◀ **Captain Fantastic** – Wayne English has been around a long time, notching up over 350 career appearances and over 150 tries for the Hornets. The 35-year-old is regarded as one of the best kick returners in the league and is always alert at the back.

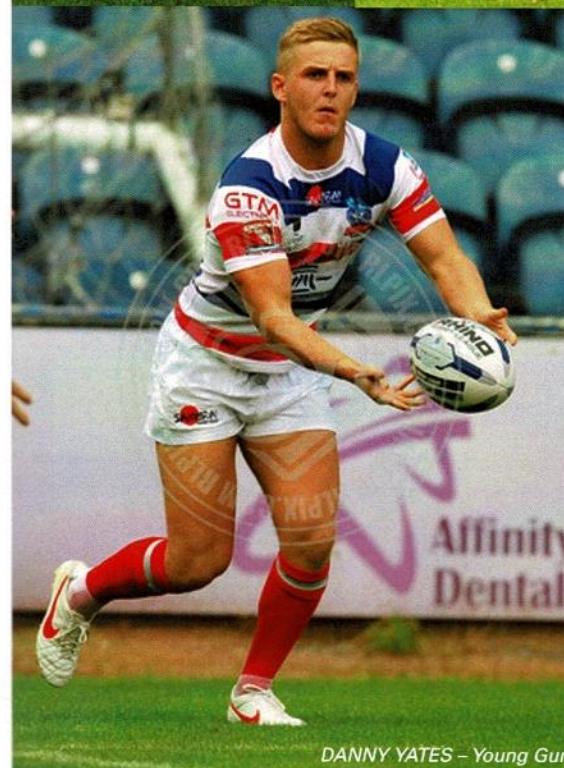


WAYNE ENGLISH – Captain Fantastic



PAUL CROOK – 'Ginger' General

▶ **The Ginger General** – Paul Crook is a crowd favourite at Spotland with over 100 appearances for the club. In his new role of hooker he has found a keen eye for the line with 10 tries this season and he is on the verge of try number 50 as a Hornets player. Last week he reached the milestone of 500 career goals and is ever reliable with the boot.



DANNY YATES – Young Gun

▶ **The Young Gun** – 21-year-old Danny Yates has enjoyed a successful start to the season in a pivotal role of half-back for the Hornets. With 10 tries already this season he has shown that he can score them as well as create them. His great footwork at the line can be a problem for any defence.





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

2015 April

KPL1	Friday 3rd	ROCHDALE	A	W 23 - 16
L1Cup	Wednesday 8th	NW Crusaders	H	L 18 - 16
KPL1	Sunday 12th	COVENTRY	H	W 38 - 10
KPL1	Sunday 19th	SOUTH WALES	A	W 50 - 12
KPL1	Sunday 26th	LONDON SKOLARS	H	W 48 - 6

2015 May

KPL1	Sunday 3rd	GLOUCESTER	H	W 33 - 30
KPL1	Saturday 9th	BARROW	A	L 18 - 30
KPL1	Sunday 17th	NEWCASTLE	H	W 45 - 20
KPL1	Sunday 31st	KEIGHLEY	A	L 24 - 32

2015 June

KPL1	Sunday 7th	NORTH WALES	H	L 28 - 38
KPL1	Sunday 14th	OXFORD	H	W 64 - 0
KPL1	Sunday 21st	SWINTON	A	W 32 - 26
KPL1	Saturday 27th	GLOUCESTER	A	W 42 - 30

2015 July

KPL1	Sunday 5th	YORK	H	W 34 - 12
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

RIP Gordon Haynes, classic loose-forward



IT is with much sadness that we record the passing, aged 86, of the former Oldham and Swinton loose-forward Gordon Haynes.

The former Orford Tannery (Warrington) junior joined Oldham from

Swinton during the 1959-60 season to replace Len McIntyre who, earlier that season, had filled the No 13 jersey, but had then moved to the front-row to play at hooker, where he became something of a Watersheddings legend.

Gordon Haynes made his Oldham debut against Dewsbury at Watersheddings on December 19, 1959 in a league championship match which Oldham won 46-7.

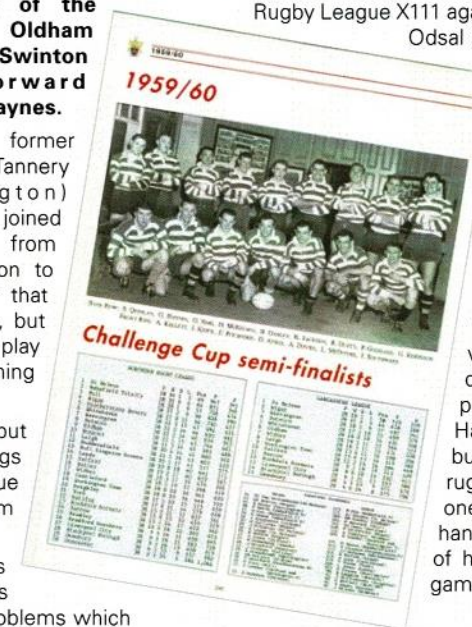
He only played 11 first-team matches in the famous red and white hoops because he was plagued by knee problems which

resulted in him leaving the club at the end of his debut season.

Earlier in his career, while at Swinton, he played for a Rugby League X111 against New Zealand at Odsal and for Great Britain

against France, also at Odsal, although at that time, 1955-56, Test caps were not awarded for matches against the French.

While his playing career at Watersheddings was curtailed early, due largely to knee problems, Gordon Haynes had already built a distinguished rugby league career as one of the best ball-handling loose-forwards of his era in the British game.



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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
OLDHAM	13	10	0	3	479	262	217	20
Keighley Cougars	12	10	0	2	439	229	210	20
Rochdale Hornets	13	9	0	4	438	263	175	18
North Wales Crusaders	12	8	1	3	390	187	203	17
York City Knights	12	8	0	4	434	220	214	16
Barrow Raiders	13	8	0	5	402	232	170	16
Newcastle Thunder	13	8	0	5	357	292	65	16
Swinton Lions	12	7	1	4	391	276	115	15
Oxford	12	5	0	7	243	446	-203	10
Gloucester All Golds	13	4	0	9	342	375	-33	8
Coventry Bears	13	4	0	9	254	467	-213	8
Hemel Stags	13	3	0	10	230	515	-285	6
London Skolars	12	2	0	10	186	371	-185	4
South Wales Scorpions	13	1	0	12	156	606	-450	2

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

MUCH is made in the media, and I admit to being as guilty as most, of the Whitebank slope and its influence on performances and results.

I took the opportunity last Sunday, therefore, while interviewing Scott during the ORSA 'do' in the hospitality suite, to ask Oldham's head coach about the slope's importance and how best the Roughyeds use it.

'Slope ? What slope ?' was the gist of the reply from the man himself.

Scott basically went on to say that the Whitebank pitch was no more, no less than a patch of grass, like any other patch of grass, that his boys used for training on Saturday mornings and for playing on Sundays.

The geographics of the pitch, to coaching staff and squad, are an irrelevance.

Scott said: "We never talk about it, and it's not something that Lewis Palfrey even considers

when he wins the toss.

"We play the same way whether we are attacking the bottom end of the ground or the clubhouse end of the ground. If it was a 1 in 10 gradient it wouldn't make any difference, either.

"Start concerning yourself with things like that and it can easily become just as much a negative as a positive.

"Other coaches might disagree with our approach. They're entitled to their opinion, obviously, and if they factor the so-called slope into their game plan that's entirely up to them.

"There may well be factors which, on any given day, Lewis (Palfrey) would take into consideration if he wins the toss, but I can assure you the slope isn't one of them."

So there you have it... time for me to 'slope' off in search of something else to write about.

Roger Halstead