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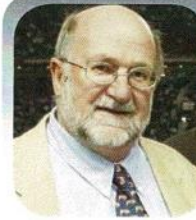
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Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Oldham to Pennine Way today and welcome back to our own supporters.

Oldham are clear League 1 leaders at the moment being four points clear of Keighley who they beat 38-8 last week) and York City Knights. With the top two clubs at the end of the league proper playing off for a place in next season's Championship, Oldham will be keen to maintain their advantage today.

Hemel have a habit of causing Oldham problems having taken competition points from them in both 2013 and 2014. Given the way Hemel played at Barrow last Saturday such an outcome is not out of the question today.

At a meeting of League 1 clubs in Manchester last Tuesday agreement was reached on a much more sensible structure to the 2016 season. The 15 clubs, including Toulouse, will play each other once either home or away and then the competition will split into a top Super 8 who will compete for promotion and a bottom 7 Shield competition with a Final being played between the two top Shield sides.

Next Sunday's home fixture against the Gloucestershire All Golds will feature a curtain raiser involving our unbeaten team in the semi finals of the Merit League – come early for some great rugby.

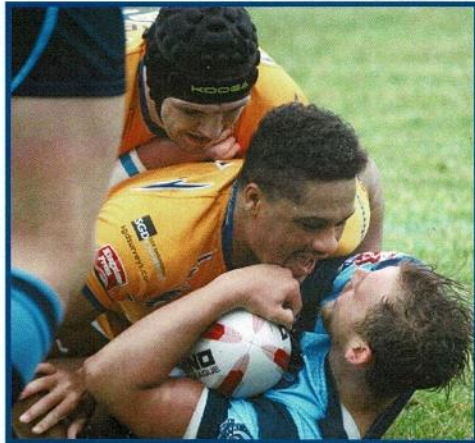
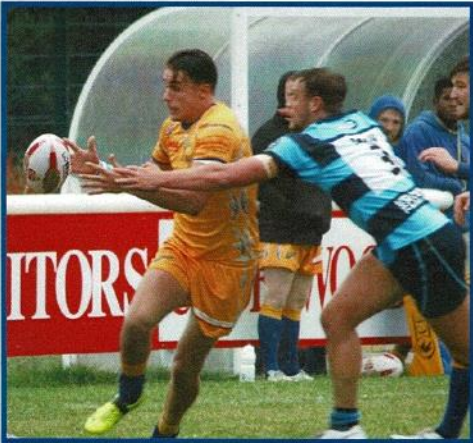
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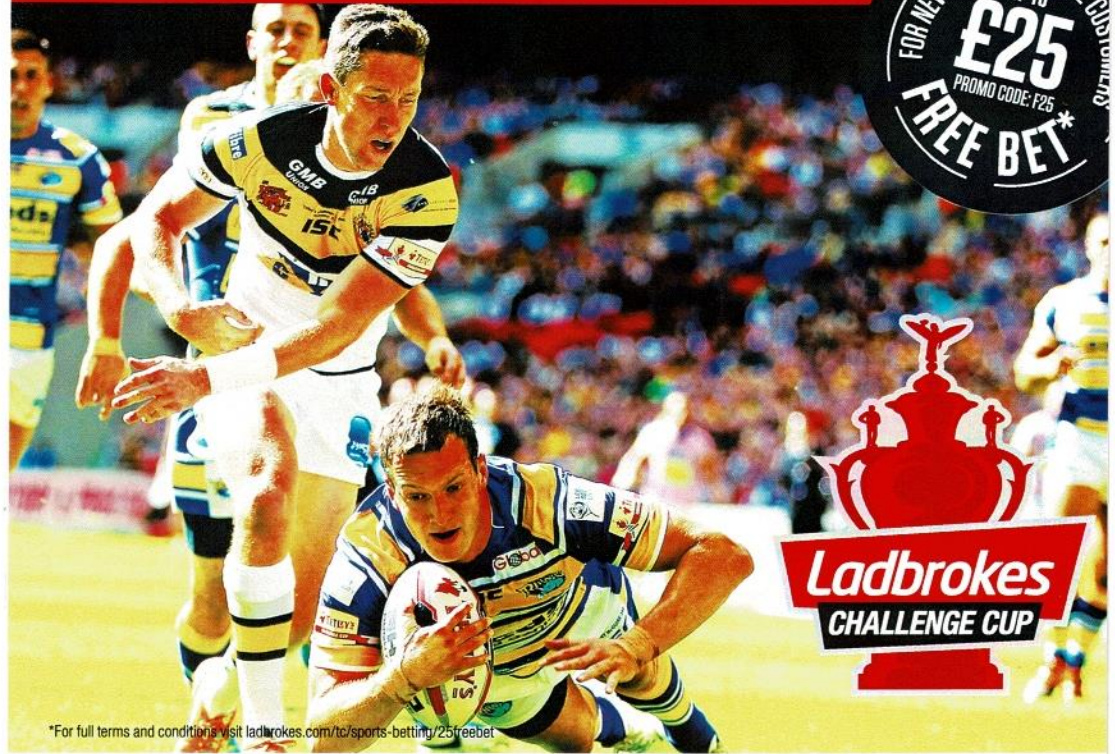
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Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	DIFF	PTS
1	Oldham	17	14	3	0	610	300	310	28
2	York City Knights	16	12	4	0	626	248	378	24
2	Keighley Cougars	16	12	4	0	531	309	222	24
4	North Wales Crusaders	16	11	4	0	513	246	267	23
5	Swinton Lions	16	11	4	0	559	328	231	23
6	Rochdale Hornets	17	11	6	1	596	347	249	22
7	Barrow	17	11	6	0	524	311	213	22
8	Newcastle Thunder	17	9	8	1	433	416	17	18
10	Gloucestershire All Golds	17	5	12	0	420	521	-101	10
11	Hemel Stags	17	5	12	0	340	639	-299	10
12	Oxford	16	5	11	0	305	656	-351	10
13	London Skolars	16	4	12	0	280	463	-183	8
14	Coventry Bears	17	4	13	0	308	613	-305	8
15	South Wales Scorpions	17	1	16	0	198	846	-648	2

THIS WEEKS OTHER MATCHES

Barrow Raiders v Coventry Bears
 Gloucestershire All Golds v Newcastle Thunder
 Rochdale Hornets v North Wales Crusaders
 South Wales Scorpions v Keighley Cougars
 Swinton Lions v London Skolars
 York City Knights v Oxford



Date	Opponent	Venue	Result	Att.	Try Scorers
01.03.15	Swinton Lions (L1 Cup)	A	0-34	260	
08.03.15	Oxford RLFC (CC3)	H	L10-22	125	Mbaraga, Helliwell Tries Gale goal
03.04.15	London Skolars	A	W12-34	376	Agoro 2, J O'Callaghan, Helliwell, Olpherts, Anthony tries Swindells 5 goals
12.04.15	Keighley Cougars	H	L20-54	272	Mbaraga, Anthony, Darby L O'Callahan tries, Swindells goal, Coleman goal
19.04.15	Coventry Bears	A	L52-16	425	Brown 2, Coleman tries Swindells 2 goals
26.04.15	Oxford RLFC	A	L31-28	224	Anthony 2, Finnigan 2, J O'Callaghan, Brown tries Swindells 2 goals
03.05.15	South Wales Scorpions	H	W18-6	137	Stewart, Mbaraga, Finnigan tries Swindell goal
10.05.15	Gateshead Thunder	H	L12-58	179	Brown, Olpherts tries Swindells, Coleman goals
17.05.15	North Wales Crusaders	A	L14-74	503	Cosgrove 2, Anthony tries Coleman goal
31.05.15	Swinton Lions	H	L8-32	154	Agoro, Chester tries
06.06.15	Uni of Gloucestershire	A	W30-34	152	Hrbek 3, Woodburn-Hall, Flanagan tries Young 5 goals
14.06.15	Barrow Raiders	H	L10-38	192	Anthony, Stewart tries, Young goal
21.06.15	York City Knights	H	L10-70	174	Ingarfield, Boyd-Barnes tries, Swindells goal
27.06.15	Rochdale Hornets	A	L14-32	310	Mbaraga 2, Brown tries Young goal
05.07.15	London Skolars	H	L12-26	481	Ingarfield, Hrbek tries, Young 2 goals
12.07.15	Gateshead Thunder	A	L40-26	1027	Coleman 2, Olpherts, Brown, Anthony tries Young 3 goals
19.07.15	South Wales Scorpions	A	W28-46	122	Olpherts 3, Anthony 2, Crowther 2, Wilson 2, Woodburn-Hall tries, Coleman, Lawrence, Woodburn-Hall goals
26.07.15	Coventry Bears	H	W16-12	117	Lawrence, Ross tries Lawrence 4 goals
01.08.15	Barrow Raiders	A	L44-22	828	Anthony 2, Brown Cousine tries Lawrence 3 goals
09.08.15	Oldham RLFC	H			
16.08.15	Uni of Gloucestershire	H			
23.08.15	York City Knights	A			
06.09.15	Oxford RLFC	H			
13.09.15	Keighley Cougars	A			

Today's Opponents – Coventry Bears

Honours

- Championship: 1904–05, 1909–10, 1910–11, 1956–57 (4 times)
- Challenge Cup: 1898–99, 1924–25, 1926–27 (3 times)
- Division Two Championship: 1963–64, 1981–82, 1987–88 (3 times)
- Lancashire Cup: 1906–07, 1909–10, 1912–13, 1919–20, 1924–25, 1933–34, 1955–56, 1956–57, 1957–58 (9 times)
- Lancashire League: 1897–98, 1900–01, 1907–08, 1909–10, 1921–22, 1956–57, 1957–58 (7 times)
- Divisional Premiership: 1987–88, 1989–90 (2 times)



Records

- Attendance for a league match: 28,000 v Huddersfield – 24 February 1912 at Watersheddings.
- Attendance in a cup match: 25,000 v Huddersfield – 23 March 1912. (Challenge Cup 3rd Round.) at Watersheddings.
- Record Attendance (All games) : 62,217 v Hull – 18 May 1957. Championship Final at Odsal Stadium, Bradford.
- Super League attendance record : 7,709 v Wigan – 30 March 1996 at Boundary Park
- National League 2 attendance record : 4,327 v Celtic Crusaders – 30 August 2007 at Boundary Park
- Biggest Win: 67 – 6 v Liverpool City – 4 April 1959
- Worst Defeat: 0 – 84 v Widnes – 25 July 1999
- Most Season Goals: Bernard Ganley – 224 goals in season 1957–58
- Most Season Tries: Reginald “Reg” Farrar – 49 tries in season 1921–22
- Most Match Points: Bernard Ganley – 28 points v Liverpool City, April 1959

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Troy's Talk

Read what our Head Coach has to say about today's game and the season so far

A warm welcome to Oldham to Pennine way today. The Lancashire side are one of the northern teams that we are scheduled to only play once this season. Our track record against them has been pretty good since we joined the semi-pro ranks and we will be looking to give our fans value for money today.

I've been pretty pleased with our last few matches. At home to Coventry a fortnight ago I felt we were the better side throughout the match and our winning margin could have been much greater even allowing for the dreadful conditions.

There was a bit of concern about us having to do a day trip to Barrow last Saturday but the journey proved a great bonding exercise and the players responded with a terrific performance that gained the total respect of the big home crowd.

It's good to see that the RFL have sorted out the structure of the competition for next season. They now just need to address the issue of the supply of players and the talent pool in the south of England and Wales – issues which are affecting all the southern clubs.

With Super League looking to bring back a reserve grade competition in 2016 this will have a tumble-down effect on the lower leagues as dual-registration players are likely to disappear. Some would say – “no bad thing”.

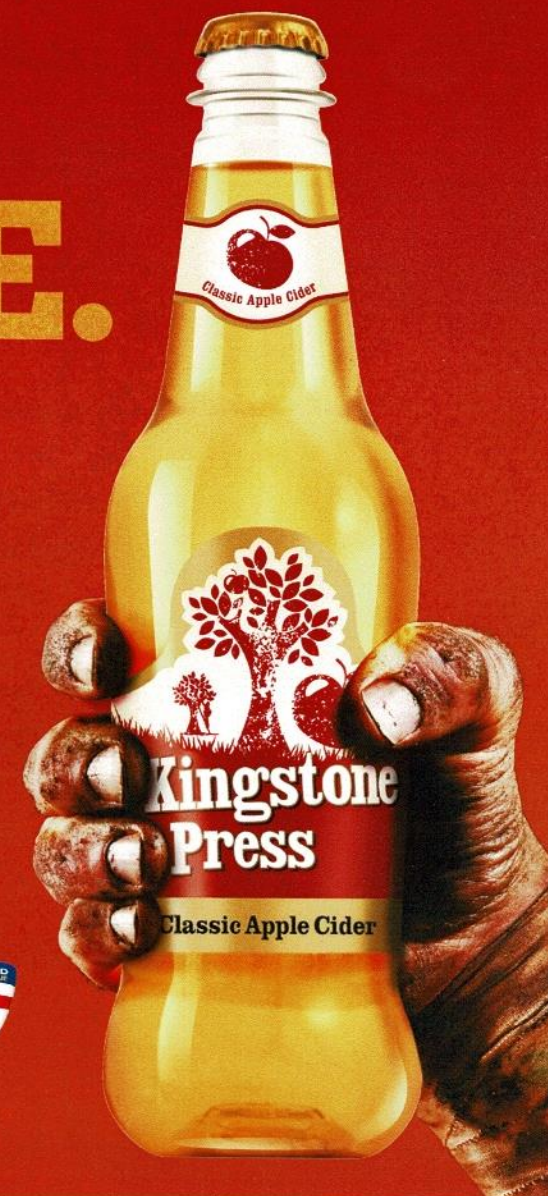
An indication of the problems we face locally is that for the second time this season our Thursday night training session has been totally disrupted by the train drivers dispute on the Underground. Around 10 of our players depend on this means of transport and their unavoidable absence from training was not the best preparation for today's game.

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4	Michael Brown	3	Jon Ford
5	Alex Anthony	4	Jack Holmes
6	Jymel Coleman	5	Jarrold Ward
9	James Helliwell	6	Lewis Palfrey
13	Eddie Mbaraga	7	Steve Roper
14	Ryan Chester	8	Phil Joy
15	Liam O'Callaghan	9	Sam Gee
16	Mike Stewart	10	Adam Neal
17	Dan Ljazouli	11	Josh Crowley
18	Chris Mcnamara	12	Danny Langtree
21	Malakhi Lloyd-Jones	13	Liam Thompson
23	Tom Sadler	14	Adam Files
24	James Woodburn-Hall	15	Gareth Owen
29	Matt Ross	16	Kenny Hughes
30	Thibault Cousine	17	George Tyson
31	Jamie Crowther	18	Richard Joy
32	Simon Hrbek	19	Michael Ward
33	Jessie Richardson	21	Richard Lepori

Referee

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