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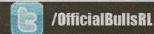














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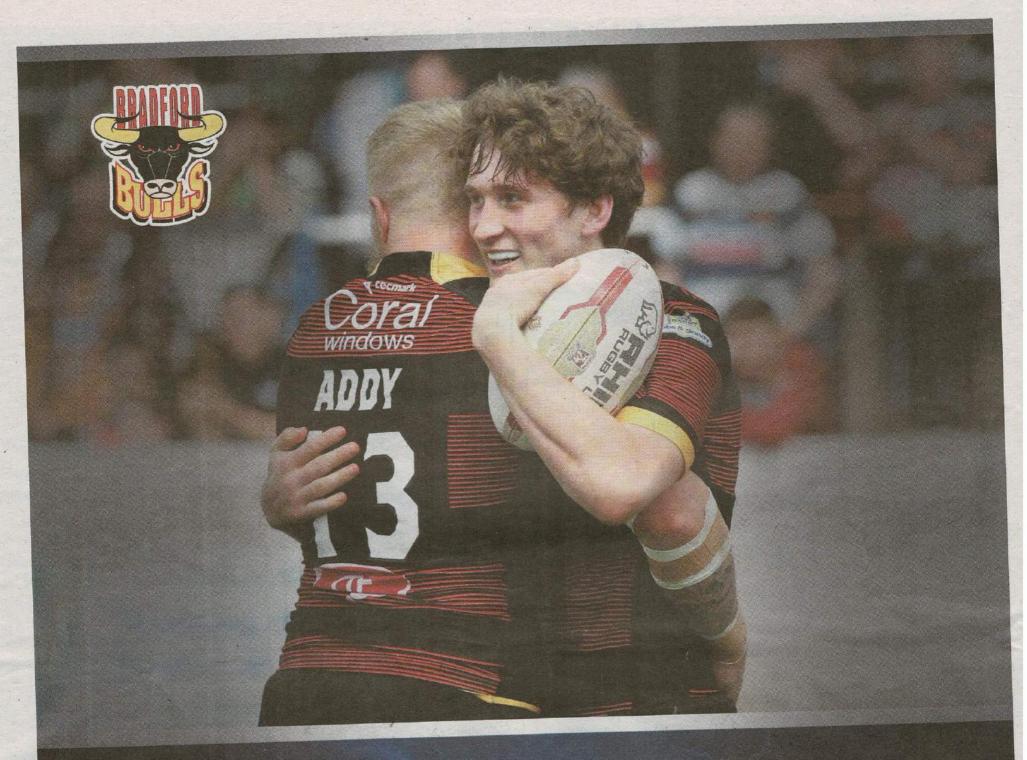


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#### FROM THE TOP

#### GOOD afternoon and welcome to our final home game of the Kingtone Press Championship season.

I would like to extend my welcome to the directors, coaching staff, players and supporters of Oldham, who have made the trip over the Pennines from Greater Manchester today.

This afternoon's match marks last home game of the regular season before the split in the division. This season has gone extremely quickly and the week leading up to today's game has been extremely busy.

It has been a very successful past seven days after announcing the next group of Academy players to make the first team.

Through the work of John Bastian, Leigh Beattie and the rest of the Academy and Scholarship coaching staff, we have a structure in place where we are amongst the top eight academies in the game now.

In the next two or three seasons we believe we will rise to the top of that group.

We also secured the talents of a dozen Scholarship players for next season's Academy side, including England Youth international Cameron Scott.

Cameron is a great prospect and we fought off several notable Super League clubs to keep him at the club.

We also announced that last season's Academy graduate Ethan Ryan

will be staying at the Bulls for a further two-years; news which I am sure, pleased you, just as much as the Board of Directors.

Ethan has progressed really well over the past few months, as has Joe

they are both examples of the competition facing the Academy lads making the

step up.

Enjoy the game and thank you for your continued support. Yours in Sport,

> **Steve Ferres Managing Director**



#### FROM THE DUGOUT



GOOD afternoon and welcome to the Provident Stadium for the final home game of the Kingstone Press Championship.

It is hard to believe how fast the regular season has gone since I arrived in May, but here we are today faced up with another tough game.

Last week's performance was very pleasing to watch, especially, the first half where we put on a record score. 52-0 is a half-time score I have never seen in the professional game before; we were extremely ruthless in the opening exchanges and kept our foot fully on the gas.

I was really pleased, like you certainly were, with Dane Chisholm's debut performance and the way he linked up with the rest of the team.

Dane has a lot of confidence in his game and that spread throughout the team last Sunday, and to see him gel so quickly was a real plus.

This week has been very busy off the field with Ethan Ryan signing a new contract, as well as six talented Academy players signing deals for next season, whilst over a dozen Scholarship lads will also continue to don the red, amber and black next season.

It is an exciting time at the club and hopefully the boys will continue the entertaining footie which they put on show seven days ago.

I dare say you will be keeping a close eye on the rest of the results in the league today, but the lads and I are solely focussed on this afternoon's game against Oldham.

We cannot control the other fixtures which go on today. My job is to coach the lads into a performance against a tough Oldham team, who will be looking to put in a fighting performance.

If we can take the same attitude and professionalism from the Whitehaven game, then I am sure we will be in a good position to claim the two points today.

Your support was great last week and I liked the addition of the 'Viking Thunder-Clap', which the Iceland football team and fans made so popular during the Euros.

Hope you are all well and enjoy the game!

Yours in sport,

Red Sty

Rohan Smith, Head Coach







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WO rounds remain of the regular season and Bradford Bulls returned to winning

TASK

Whitehaven last week.

The win saw the Bulls move to within a point of the top four placings, just behind Halifax and Batley
Bulldogs, meaning an

ways in considerable style

Bulldogs, meaning an exciting finish for the Qualifiers is in store. Bulls forward Jay Pitts enjoyed the win and is looking forward to the final two fixtures.

The 26-yearold is aware today's fixture is crucial and will be tough, as Oldham will seek revenge for their home drubbing by the Bulls last month.

"We're just worrying about Oldham at the moment, it will be a good game as they got a decent win last weekend so it will be a tough game.

"We have to go into this afternoon with the same mentality as we had in the Whitehaven match and we have worked hard this week to make sure we do just that.

"We may have a backlash from the last time we played them, as we went to their place and did a number on them.

"They'll be pretty fired up for it as well so we need to make sure we are at the top of our game to counter-act them and attain a solid performance."



#### JAYPITIS :



## PITTS FOCUSSED ON RHAND

Pitts has been ever-present since the Bulls joined the Kingstone Press Championship in 2015.

Since his move from Hull FC the year before, his presence has been valuable in helping the Bulls be one of the dominant forces in the past two seasons.

The utility back has recognised this achievement and wishes for much of the same in the weeks to come.

"I know I haven't missed a game, and though it does sound better than what it is, I take each game as it comes.

"I try and look after myself and hopefully carry on and stay there for the full year, especially going into the Super 8s."

Following on from such a fantastic victory against Whitehaven, Pitts has stated the morale within the camp has significantly risen.

A trait you would expect from such a result, though he recognises the importance of maintaining it within the final two matches.

"Morale is very good at the moment. The win against Whitehaven and how we did it was excellent and morale is very good as it brings smiles to the player's faces.

"We take each week as it comes and we'll use our good morale in this afternoon's game and see what the result will be."

A key player in Bradford's win against Whitehaven was the new boy Dane Chisholm from NRL side Canterbury Bulldogs.

Chisholm received high plaudits from Pitts for his contributions, as



#### "We have to go into this afternoon with the same mentality as we had in the Whitehaven match and we have worked hard this week to make sure we do just that."

the debutant shone last Sunday.

"He was very good. He eased a lot of stress for the forwards with his management in the middle and around the park by having some organisation there.

"He took some pressure off other players too, which was good as he is a natural half. He knows what to do there, better than others who have done a decent job there this season.

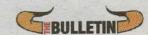
"Overall, he played really well and helped us out a lot."

Chisholm arriving in the country may be the key ingredient to achieving promotion for the Bulls and Pitts is confident of this.

Though despite that, Pitts believes the importance of attaining success

is for each individual to prepare for each fixture physically and mentally, something a lot of players find challenging.

"It's tough as you have your ups and downs but coming in on a Monday, you maybe sore a few times, but you have to get your head around that. I'm a professional player and I love my job and what I do."





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#### CAPTAIN'S LOG





GOOD afternoon and welcome to the Provident Stadium for today's final home game of the Kingstone Press Championship versus Oldham.

It is strange to think this is the final home game of the regular season. It

has been another very quick year and hopefully I will return

> from injury in the next few weeks.

Last Sunday's game was brilliant to watch, especially, that recordbreaking first half.

I do not think I have ever seen such a score in the opening 40 minutes of a game and I was really pleased to see how clinical the boys were going forward. Watching Dane on his debut was also a pleasure. He is a great person to be around and his positivity in running the ball and organising the boys will be a plus for the team going into the next stage of the season.

We were really quick out of the blocks and the first 15 minutes showed our intent.

Today we must do the same.

We cannot control what goes on elsewhere in the league today, all we can do is concentrate on our own game.

Oldham will be aiming for a reaction after we put a score on them at their ground last month, so we must give them the same respect and professionalism as we gave Whitehaven last Sunday.

The support last week was great, especially, with the new chants and the Iceland Viking clap. Hopefully, we will see and hear that again this afternoon.

Enjoy the game!

Yours in Sport, Adrian, Captain





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**SCOTT'S FUTURE** 

**DURING** the week, the Bulls announced England Youth player Cameron Scott had signed for the Academy side.

The 16-year-old has played for the Bulls Scholarship team for two seasons and has now signed a contract with the Academy team.

The highly rated centre earned a call up to the national side in December last year, before featuring for England in the test against France at the end of March, where he scored three times over the two games.

Scott, who joined Bradford's Youth system from local side Wyke ARLFC, will play for the Bulls Academy side next season after choosing to commit his future to his boyhood club.

"I'm delighted to have signed for the Academy side, especially, as I'm a Bradford lad," said Scott.

"I've supported the club as a kid, stood out on the terraces watching and I want to be a part of the future, which will make the club great again and get us where we deserve to be.

"For me to sign and to be one of the lads to come through the system and help the club is absolutely fantastic.

"The aim is to follow in the footsteps of the players before me, especially, when you look at the lads (Danny Addy, Tom Olbison, Adam O'Brien, Alex Mellor, Joe Lumb and Ethan Ryan) who have come through system and gone into the first team recently.

"They are a real asset to the club and they perform really well, week in week out, and it is all because they have come through the system having put in a lot of hard work.

"It definitely works for them and they have progressed their career, so I can't see why it won't work for me."

"I'm very proud of him, as well as the 11 others who have been given Academy contracts," said Scholarship Head Coach Leigh Beattie.

"Cameron joined us from Wyke and at the time he wasn't favoured. He came with a baby face and now we've seen him mature physically, plus his skillset has also matured over the past few years.

"Getting selected for England was outstanding for him. He is great to coach and he's really dug in and kicked on. Hopefully, he'll kick on again in the next step of his career.

"We have 12 players coming through from the Under 16s into the Under 19s, which shows the direction and strength of the Youth system."

"I'm really excited to have Cameron staying at the club," said Head Coach Rohan Smith, sponsored In Memory of Joyce Dobby.

"He's an extremely talented player and we're looking forward to his development over the next couple of years.

"The process which Cameron has taken is what we want to see happen. We want to develop our U16s and see them come through the ranks.

"Cameron is a great character and comes from a great family, plus he's a Bradford lad and we really want to harness all those things and push him along."

There is more youth news on pages



▲ Cameron Scott and Scholarship Head Coach Leigh Beattie



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#### THE FORMBOOK

OLDHAM have been relegation fodder all season, as expected from last season's League 1 Champions, however, recent form demonstrates their desire to survive.

Following their home drubbing by the Bulls in mid-June and a heavy away defeat to the London Broncos, the Roughyeds have attained three consecutive victories since then.

They held their nerve to defeat Whitehaven at home 26-18 before travelling to Sheffield and surprising the full-timers with a 24-16 win.

This form was capped off as they battled from a 14-6 deficit to clinch a derby victory over Swinton Lions 26-24 last time out.

Oldham will be underdogs in the clash at the Provident Stadium, but the Bulls should be careful of a backlash.

#### THE BRAINS

SKIPPER and stand-off Lewis Palfrey will be the man to watch for Oldham in this clash.

Palfrey was part of the squad that helped Oldham claim the League 1 title in 2015 and has been pivotal with Oldham's competitiveness in 2016.

This is clearly demonstrated as Oldham have edged away from the relegation places, despite being heavy favourites to go back down.

Palfrey has a single try to his name, but his assists as well as 41 successful goal kicks have helped Oldham from being cannon fodder in the Championship.

He will be a tough player for the Bulls to deal with, but Rohan Smith's side should be more than confident of succeeding.

#### OPPOSITION GUIDE



#### THE COACH

**HEAD COACH Scott Naylor** (pictured) retired as a rugby league player in 2004, whilst playing for Salford in their return to Super League that season.

Though his highlights of his playing career were at Bradford Bulls, serving six seasons with the club.

Naylor was part of the squad that won the clean sweep in 2003 and has also featured in the 2001 and 2002 Grand Final clashes.

Naylor enjoyed a fantastic time at the Bulls, where he now returns to his old stomping ground for the first time as the opposition Head Coach.

Now assuming the role of Coach, past achievements include guiding Oldham back into the Kingstone Press Championship for the first time since 2006.

Naylor has bags of experience in both playing and coaching, and under him they are a club that should not be underestimated, just ask Hull Kingston Rovers.

#### THE ENGINE ROOM

UP FRONT, a key player to watch for the Roughyeds is former NRL prop Jack Spencer.

Spencer (right) has spent the majority of his career in England, officially turning professional during his 2011 season with Salford.

He moved in 2012 to the Wests Tigers but fortune in the elite division of rugby league never favoured him, so he returned to England and signed up with the Barrow Raiders.

Spencer then moved onto Halifax for two seasons before his move to Oldham at the start of 2016.

He has proved a hit with Oldham this season, utilising his bags of experience so the Bulls will have to be at their best to contain this powerhouse.



#### **CLUB CONNECTIONS**

NO CURRENT player from Oldham has any club connections, though back to Head Coach Scott Naylor, as he had several years with the Bulls as previously mentioned.

Naylor's achievements in full include 2001 and 2003 Grand Final triumphs with the Bulls, as well as scoring a try for Bradford in their 19-18 defeat in 2002 against St Helens.

Other achievements include defeating Leeds Rhinos in 2003 to memorable win the Challenge Cup. Furthermore, Naylor was part of the squad that defeated Newcastle Knights in the 2002 World Club Challenge at Huddersfield's John Smith's Stadium.



#### THE GROUND

OLDHAM play their home games at new ground Bower Fold in Stalybridge.

The move cemented a ground share with non-league side Stalybridge Celtic from their former stadium - Whitebank Stadium after six seasons.

Bower Fold is far bigger than Whitebank, able to house 6,500 supporters, 5,000 more than their former home.

The Bulls visited Bower Fold in mid-June and as aforementioned, managed a resounding 48-4 victory and will hope for a similar outcome this time around.



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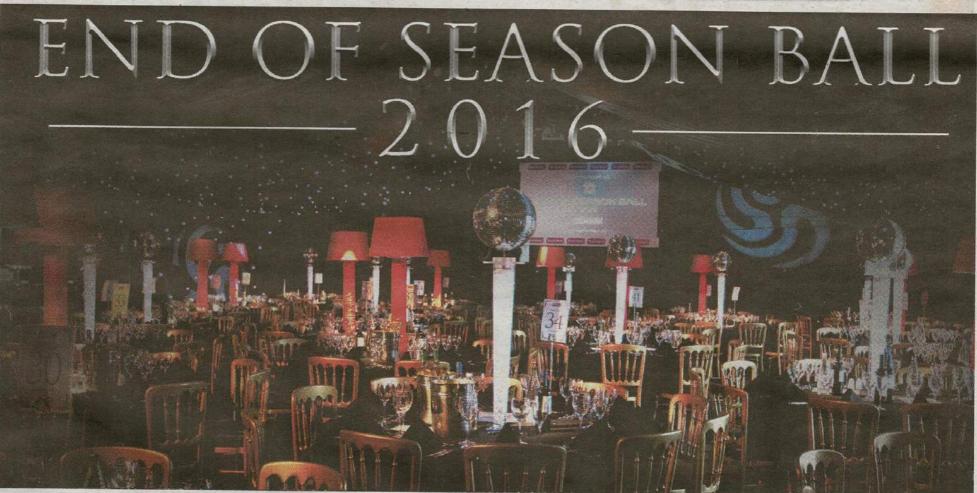
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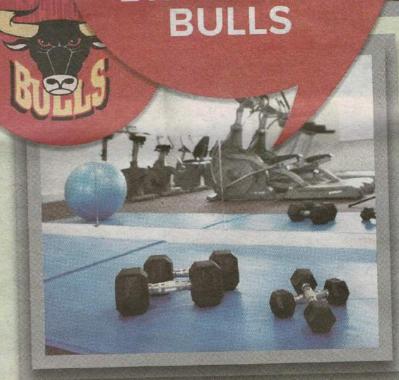
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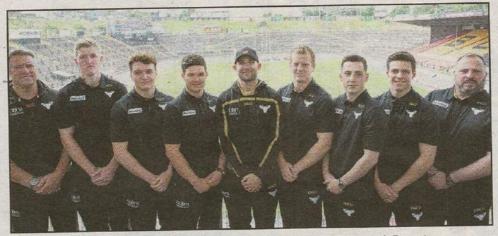
**THURSDAY** saw six Academy players sign first team contracts for 2017.

The six players have impressed during their time in the Youth system and their hard work has been rewarded with first team contracts.

James Bentley, Liam Kirk, Ross Oakes, Brandon Pickersgill, Josh Rickett and Brandan Wilkinson have all played an important part in the Academy team's season and are now ready to join the first team.

They have been involved in first team training sessions over the past few months as they slowly integrate with former Academy graduates and first team stars.

"I'm extremely delighted for



▲ The six Academy players with John Bastian, Rohan Smith and Leigh Beattie

them," said Academy Coach Leigh Beattie.

"It is a long and tough journey for them from the Under 16s to Under 19s and now to the first team. These lads have worked extremely hard to get where they are now and deserve everything they've got.

"Hopefully, these six will follow in the footsteps of the players before them, as well as the lads who have come through the ranks and are now in the first team."

"I'm delighted for the club, the time and effort and commitment, which the club and all the staff

have put into these young players. Especially delighted for the young players, who have progressed and are going to have an opportunity with Rohan and the first team squad," said Head of Youth John Bastian.

"They have worked really hard to get into this position. They have achieved a lot over a short period of time, but there is a long way to go.

"Potential is a key word and they've got a lot more work to do to get out onto the first grade football field."

The six players, Bradford Managing Director Steve Ferres and Head Coach Rohan Smith discuss the success on page 19.

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#### RISING STARS



**STEVE FERRES** 

I am absolutely delighted to see the next crop of players come into the first team. It is good for Bradford Bulls that we can get through six youngsters in one season and hopefully

we'll get some retention moving forward and bring another batch through

next season. Under the

stewardship of John

and the rest of the

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#### **ROSS OAKES**

I'm over the moon. I've supported Bradford since I was three years old when I used to come to the games with my Grandma and Grandad and I've had a season ticket ever since, so it's a dream come true.

I'm looking forward to working hard in pre-season and fighting for a spot in the first team. Hopefully, I'll get a few games and keep my place, as well.



#### **LIAM KIRK**

It is a great opportunity for us. Ross and I have come through the youth system starting at the same amateur team at Drighlington. The club have given us a great opportunity, which has allowed us to progress into the first team.

Pre-season will be a great opportunity to show everyone what we can do. As long as we work hard and keep working hard in training we might get a chance in the first team.



It was a really good feeling to be given a first team contract and I can't wait to get going. It has been a long journey but I can't wait to be fully involved in the first team.

It is quite a step up and I think you have to work harder because the opposition also develops and they become more difficult, so you need to push yourself. But when you work hard you can see the results of your development.



#### **ROHAN SMITH**

It is great to announce that these boys are here to stay. I've been watching these kids on video before I came to the UK, so it's been great to get to know them and see their progress in the last couple of months.

They are all good kids and they've got great ambition in the game and I want to provide the environment for them to kick on. The club has got a proud history of developing its own players and I'm really strong on making that part of the process going forward.



#### **JOSH RICKETT**

It has always been a dream to get into the first team. I have always supported the Bulls as well since a young age. Playing for the team you support was always something I have wanted to do and it is great experience and hopefully we'll all kick on.



#### **BRANDAN WILKINSON**

It is a dream come true. I always wanted to play rugby for a professional club when I started at the Bulls in the Under 15s. I'm pleased to have come all the way through the ranks and got into the first team.

We've done a few sessions with the first team and that is another challenge, stepping up physically and mentally.



#### **JAMES BENTLEY**

I'm buzzing to have signed and achieve one of my dreams making the step up to the first team, and I can't wait to get started now.

The journey through the Under 16s and Under 19s is good. There is a step up from the U16s to U19s, physically.



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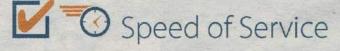
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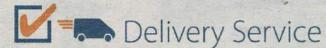
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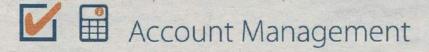
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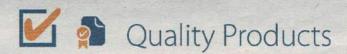


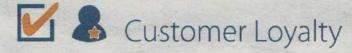
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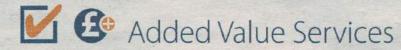


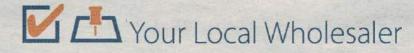














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N Wednesday afternoon, the Bulls announced Ethan Ryan had agreed a two-year extension to his contract. The 20-year-old, who graduated alongside Joe Lumb from the Academy, has blossomed under Head Coach Rohan Smith, scoring six tries in six games, including a hat-trick seven days ago versus Whitehaven.

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Ryan follows in the footsteps of Danny Addy, Tom Olbison, Adam O'Brien and Alex Mellor, who have all come through the Youth ranks at Bradford in recent years.

#### Ethan, you must be delighted to have signed an extension?

It's an awesome feeling to extend my stay at the Bulls. Being at this club is where I want to be and to get a contract was the aim at the end of my one-year deal.

So to get an extension and a further two years is a dream come true.

#### How has your first season in the first team been?

I've learned a lot and it's been a massive step up for me. I've really enjoyed my first year and I'm looking forward to the next two.

#### Six tries in six games, plus a hat-trick last weekend. You must be really pleased with the last few months?

Being a winger my personal goal is to score tries. So to have made six appearances and back those up with six tries is a good rate, which I aim to . improve.

#### There must be quite a few players you can learn off in the outside-backs positions?

Yeah there is. James Clare, particularly, has helped me a lot this year. He is always giving me tips and little pointers to better my game and they've worked.

Most of my progression has been down to the coaching staff but James has helped a lot as well.

#### What does it feel like to be a part of the group of players who have gone through the Under 16s, Under 19s and now into the first team?

Coming through the Academy and then getting a one-year deal, there are plenty of people who have done that before me, but to actually get offered a two-year deal afterwards is great.

Knowing the players in the first team who have come through ranks have succeeded, I know if I keep working hard I can do the same.

#### A new deal, which means more time with partner in crime Joe Lumb.

Yeah, Lumby and I came through the Academy and into the first team together and now we get to continue the journey for the next couple of years. I wouldn't say I'm over the moon with that because...Lumby is Lumby! But it is really good for both of us!

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## CLARE HOPING FOR HAPPY: ENDING TO SEASON

AMES Clare has played every single game of the 2016 season and is currently Bradford Bulls' top try scorer with 18.

The Castleford born winger started his career with his local Super League outfit, but joined the Bulls at the back end of last season and has been an integral member of the squad since.

Clare only made 40 appearances spanning over three years at the Tigers and it was his desire to play regular rugby that lured him to the Provident Stadium.

"One of the main things for me when I joined Bradford last year was the game time, which I knew I could earn if I performed.

"I wanted to just play consistent rugby and that's one thing I've achieved this year for Bradford and I'm very proud of that.

"I think it's definitely brought the best out of me and I've really enjoyed my time here so far. I'm now looking forward to my future with Bradford and a successful couple of years."

There is no doubt of Clare's influence on the team throughout this season and the 25-year-old is hoping there will be a happy ending to it.

"It's very exciting and it's going to go down to the last game and could go a number of ways.

"However, for us personally, we just need to be concentrating on making sure we do our job at our end and get the win against Oldham today and then whatever will be will be.

"We'll be doing everything in our power to make sure we have every opportunity to get into the Qualifiers, but at the end of the day what happens, happens."

Clare is not the only player to have been performing for the Bulls in recent months, as the emergence of Ethan Ryan has been one of the major positives this season.

"Ethan is someone who I've always said deserves a chance to impress and I think he's probably been one of our best players in recent weeks.

"It's great to see players in his position starting and being given a chance to prove themselves.

"He has been whispering in my ear each week that he's now bagged six tries in six games, so he's chirping about having a better try scoring rate then me!

"We're all quite competitive like that, but it's just a little bit of banter and hopefully he can score a lot more tries if it helps the team win."

Ryan's emergence as a key player shows how the Bulls have been gelling as a side under Head Coach Rohan Smith.

The Australian's arrival has seen some changes in personnel with young stars like Ryan getting an opportunity and some new faces being introduced.

Man of the Match last week and new boy Dane Chisholm is a name on the lips of everyone around the Bulls and Clare believes he can play a big part in the run in.

"If you've ever spoken to him you'd know he's such an easy going guy, you know what you're going to



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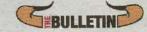
get with him.

"He's a very talented player and he absolutely loves playing.

"We've got some quality players down our left edge. You look at

the likes of Kris Welham and Kurt Haggerty, and the more they play together the better they will be.

"I'm just excited to see what they can do."



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## PLACES STILL AVAILABLE ON SUMMER CAMPS

Limited places are still available for the Bradford Bulls Foundation upcoming rugby and dance summer camps taking place on July 28th for children aged between 5-11.

The cost of each camp is £20 per child and all participants will receive a Bradford Bulls T-shirt, a certificate, a ticket to a Bradford Bulls home game and an invitation to Bullman's Parade. Children

attending the Bulls Dance camp will be able to perform on the pitch at a Bradford Bulls home game.

There will be photo opportunities throughout the day and Bradford Bulls first team players will be in attendance.

To book a place on any of our camps, please visit the links: bullssummerrugbycamp.eventbrite. co.uk and bullsdancecamp. eventbrite.co.uk.



#### **Dance Spectacular**

Bradford Bulls Rebels Choreographer Natasha Persson-Graves has been working with in excess of 100 children in Bradford during the summer term. Children from Fearnville Primary, Addington Primary School and Reevy Hill Primary School have all enjoyed taking part in an exciting dance project and are today joining us at half-time to showcase their new dance skills. This is all ahead of our Summer Dance camp that will run on Thursday 28th July 2016 here at the Provident Stadium.

## **Pupils Excel In** Extra Time Project



Over the last six weeks pupils from Byron Primary have taken part in a pilot for our Extra Time with the Bulls project.

The six week block has seen 15 pupils visit the Provident Stadium one afternoon a week and participate in a range of activities, including a visit to The Ministry of Food and a trip to Tong Training Ground.

Participating students are in attendance today along with their families and will receive a certificate to reward all their hard work. For further information on the Extra Time with the Bulls project please email nigel. johnston@bradfordbulls.co.uk.







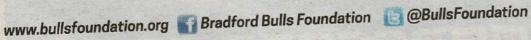






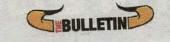
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This afternoon we welcome pupils from Fearnville Primary, Addington Primary School and Reevy Hill Primary School to take part in a pre-match dance festival





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## EMBED THE PATHWAY DATES REVEALED

The Bradford Bulls Foundation are pleased to announce upcoming dates for Block 3 and 4 of our Embed The Pathway program, which is part of the England development pathway.

Block 3 open access sessions will take place during the six week break on Monday 8th August, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th August, for players under 12 and under 13.

The sessions will again take place at Bradford Academy from 10am-1:30pm across the three days for under U12 & U13. For U14s the session will start at 1.30pm and continue until 4.00pm.

Block 4 sessions will take place during October half-term on Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th October 2016.



The program is in association with the Rugby Football League and is designed to develop the talent of Under 12s, Under 13s and Under 14s in the local area.

The cost per three-day block is £3.00, places can be booked by visiting www.bullsfoundation.org.

During June and July the **Braford Bulls Foundation** played host to the Bradford **Schools Challenge Cup Finals** 2016 for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 children at the Provident Stadium.

All the games were played with great spirit and enthusiasm with Bradford Bulls Schools and Competitions Officer Andy Harland commenting: "It is fantastic to once again get Bradford born young players from local secondary schools, back competing against each other in the Schools Rugby League competition. Renaming the Challenge Cups after local Bradford born club and international stars of the past, present and future will inspire youngsters to go on to play at the top level."

**Bradford Bulls Foundation** would like to thank all the ground staff at the Provident Stadium for allowing the finals to all take place; the young match officials, schools, players, teachers and staff for making the difference.

#### Foundation plays host to Secondary Schools Finals

#### Year 7's John Bateman Trophy Thornton 20-18 Tong

Thornton took the cup home with a strong first half performance with three tries from strong running loose forward Louis Turley, all long range and all in the first half. Tong gathered pace in the second half with tries from outstanding stand-off Joseph Kellett. Kellett led his team aroundthe vast Provident Stadium field, kicking three conversions and going close on a fourth attempt, which would have earned a draw.

#### Year 9's Leon Pryce Trophy Thornton 8-10 Buttershaw

The Leon Pryce Trophy went to Buttershaw with a late second half rally in heavy rain, as the heavens opened and added to the difficulties of playing a cup final at a major venue. Thornton started well and took control, however, a try for winger Faiq Aziz was their only reward. With the difficult conditions Buttershaw began to benefit and eventually broke Thornton down with tries from Bailey Evans and Remmy Lewis and a solitary conversion by James Whoolham who impressed throughout.

Year 8's Elliott Whitehead Trophy **Buttershaw 18-30 Thornton** 

Thornton carried on as they started in, the first half. They were led by a terrific standoff Luca Atkinson and led his team from the front. It was Cameron Bouche with his two tries that clinched the Man



of the Match Bradford Bulls Foundation medal. Jordon Mitchell also added two tries to complete a terrific win for Thornton. Buttershaw though should not be down hearted as they competed right down to the wire.

Year 10's **Brian Noble** Trophy (Round Robin)

Buttershaw 6-8 Oakbank

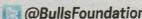
Oakbank 20-0 Queensbury

Queensbury 4-14 Buttershaw

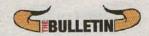


Winners: Oakbank Grammar Runners Up: Buttershaw; Third: Queensbury

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## BIRCHLANEHEROES

## MILITARY MATCHAI



WO months into the season it was generally admitted that instead of football being a hindrance to recruiting it has proved to be valuable aid to getting new recruits to join the colours.

Having a day off, Bradford Northern were able to arrange a charity match with a team representing the Northern Union section of the Bradford Royal Field Artillery.

Bradford Artillery had taken quite a fancy to Bradford Northern so much so that Major Priestley's popular brigade organised a charity match against the club on 23rd October 1915. The match was used to boost recruiting to the Derby Scheme the last ditch attempt at voluntary recruiting to prevent compulsory conscription being enforced. The scheme was run like an election

Bradford Northern v. 3rd 2nd
West Riding R.F.A.

A "Friendly" at Birch Lane.

Northern's Big Score.

campaign with daily advertising bills on trams and billboards and a recruiting platform built in the Town Hall Square. 1,100 canvassers called house to house to speak to all eligible men and employers sent their

employees to register en masse at the Church Institute. Initially they aimed to process 50 recruits a day between 9am and 10pm but this increased to 1,000 men a day in many cases the whole process taking just 15 minutes.

"There are quite a number of players in the Bradford district who are eligible for the Army but the reason they don't enlist is their business not mine. There are men in other walks of life also who do not join the colours, and why should all the stigma be cast on the poor

## HERITAGE QUIZ

- 1. What was the name of Oldham's former ground, now a housing complex?
- 2. Which former Bull is now Oldham's Head Coach?
- 3. What nickname did Oldham re-adopt after being known as the Bears?
- 4. Which Australian loose forward played for both Oldham and Bradford Northern in the 1960s?
- 5. Which legendary Oldham loose forward died in 2016?
- 6. Which Bradford born brothers were goal kicking centres who played, one for Oldham and one for Bradford Northern in the 1980s?

- 7. What are Oldham's traditional shirt colours?
- 8. At the ground of which football club have Oldham played their 2016 home games?
- 9. What was the score when the Bulls played Oldham away this season?
- 10. What was special about the stand at one end of Oldham's traditional home ground?



Answers: 1. The Watersheddings, 2. Scott Naylor, 3. The Roughyeds, 4. Mal Graham, 5. Derick "Rocky" Turner, 6. Mick and Steve Parrish, 7. Red and white hoops, 8. Stalybridge Celtic, 9. Bulls 48-4 Oldham, 10. The stand was a "double decker" stand

## BIRCH LANE HEROES



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footballer? We boast a great of our voluntary system and rightly so but we must be very careful in the methods we employ to persuade men to join the colours or our voluntary system will become a mere empty boast."

There were also calls from some quarters for the sport to stopped during the war.

"If the Birch Lane ground was shut down tomorrow it would not result in a single recruit being secured. The ground is at present the happy hunting ground for the recruiting sergeant and the military authorities have shown by their continual attendance at home matches that they appreciate the opportunity our games afford of getting into touch with a larger audience than can be obtained at the street corners. So long as it can be shown that football does not interfere with recruiting and that it provides a little relaxation for the men engaged on war work the whole week long it cannot but serve a most useful purpose."

The Artillery's route march complete with their Band down Wakefield Road attracted great interest and although crowd of about 2,000 attended the match it was not as many as they had hoped for.

"The game itself of course was no attempt at seriousness and from the start it was evident that northern could have scored at will. Occasionally we saw glimpses of Northern's excellent combination in the back division, Brook, the new recruit being prominent in one or two fine bursts which showed his great capabilities as a standoff half back. On the artillery side we had an old northern union player in Crossley who at one time gave promise of making an excellent centre three quarter had he persevered with his training. Today he was prominent in some useful work and assisted by Sergeant Major Newsome once or twice gave Northern some difficulty. On the whole, however, the game was interesting enough from a spectator's point of view and the only regret is that it did not receive greater support from the public."

#### MATCH REPORT

ARTILLERY - Sergt. Newsome; Driver Townsend; Gunner Poynton; Gunner Knowles; Gunner Farrar; Driver Smith; Bombardier Buckley; Driver Tempest; Gadsby; Marshall; Myers and Shackleton. BRADFORD - Bartholomew; Town; Oliver; Fawcett; Stacey; Wilson; Brook; Hardaker; Holmes; Dodson; Tyson; Whitaker and Feather.

#### **FIRST HALF**

Gadsby started for the Artillery and Northern took up the attack promptly. A round of passing between the home backs ended in OLIVER threading his way through the khaki representatives and scoring the first try. Hardaker failed at goal.

A good movement initiated by Sergeant Newsome gave Northern some trouble, but Bartholomew saved the situation. Of course, the R.F.A. could not be expected to seriously challenge Northern but they were making a good fight of it. Major Priestley's men were in good condition, and their work in the scrimmages was especially good.

The home side took advantage of the opportunity to have a little hand-to-hand passing, and frequently the ball travelled amongst nearly the whole of the home side before a movement was stopped. BROOK scored the next try for Bradford, but Hardaker failed to

Then came the Artillery's turn, MARSHALL scoring their first try as a result of a strong forward movement by the Gunners, Newsome failing. TOWN was the next scorer for Northern, after a good opening had been made for him by Oliver, who had no difficulty in threading his way through the opposition at will. WILSON added the goal points.

BROOK next scored an unconverted try for the home team, and then the R.F.A. were given a chance to add to their points, PICKARD running over with a try for CROSSLEY to score the

After this STACEY scored two tries in quick succession the first one being improved by WILSON and the second by STACEY himself. The referee evidently thought that this was enough for the first half, the score at this stage being Northern 24 points, R.F.A. 8 points.

#### SECOND HALF

During the interval the Artillery Band played a few appropriate selections. The Artillery started off as though they had been shot out of a rocket, and fairly took the homesters by storm, carrying the first movement by sheer force to the Bradford line for FARRAR to score, the same player kicking the goal. Bradford retaliated with an unconverted try by HARDAKER.

The next score was made by the Artillery, BUCKLEY being credited with the try, the goalkick failing. The next incident of interest was a really magnificent goal from near the half-way. line by NEWSOME, the Artillery's Sergeant-Major. FAWCETT and WHITAKER each ran in tries, which were not improved.

OLIVER added the concluding try for BROOK to goal.

#### RESULT

Bradford Northern - 43 points Bradford R.F.A. - 18 points



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# BULLBUILDER TO FUND BID FOR OUTSTANDING STATUS

BullBuilder is to help fund new efforts to help the club's Academy side work towards achieving "outstanding" status in next year's RFL accreditation reviews.

After achieving a "good" marking this year, Head of Youth John Bastian is aiming high for 2017 and has engaged the help of 4 Capacities – an Improvement and Leadership Development company to help produce a development plan

for the Academy.

John Bastian said: "4 Capacities will be coming to the Bulls to help us produce a development plan to help identify how we can improve from being "good" to "outstanding". I feel it's important to keep striving to improve so we'll be doing our upmost to improve over the next 12 months. I'd like to thank BullBuilder and all its members for their financial contribution which will help us

make this happen."

BullBuilder spokesman Paul
Butterworth said: "Many of
the clubs with Academies that
were rated as outstanding have
significantly bigger budgets than
the Bulls. It shows the quality and
commitment of the staff here that
they received a "good" rating. John
Bastian and his team now want to
kick on and target an "outstanding"
rating. BullBuilder is keen to help
them do that, wherever we can."



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## **BullBuilder catches up with Bentley**

BullBuilder caught up with Under 19 Player of the Month James Bentley last week.

BullBuilder spokesman Paul Buttterworth was posing the questions:

#### When and why did you choose the Bulls Academy?

In my second year. I joined from Oulton Raiders, which is between Leeds and Wakefield. I chose the Bulls because of the excellent staff and the facilities.

#### How do you feel BullBuilder contributes and benefits the Academy?

The efforts of BullBuilder are very, very beneficial, in terms of equipment and facilities, which allow our development and performance. The Player of the Month awards are a great motivator for the boys.

► James Bentley receives his Player of the Month award









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I am ten years old.

I live in Harden.

I have been coming to watch and support the Bulls since I was four.

My favourite players are Adam O'Brien and Adrian Purtell.

My best match moment this season was against Batley Bulldogs when we drop kicked to win in the last minute.

I have played for the Bradford & Bingley Bees for six years.

I also support Bradford City FC.

In my spare time I like to play PS3 games; FIFA 16, Rugby 15 and Minecraft are my favourite.

When I grow up I want to be a professional rugby player.



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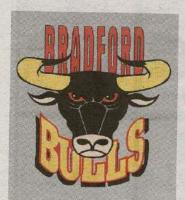






## LAST TIME OUT





39 Kieren Moss 22 James Clare 15 Matty Blythe

4 Kris Welham 29 Ethan Ryan

40 Lewis Charnock

7 Dane Chisholm 25 Ben Kavanagh

42 Stuart Howarth 10 Adam Sidlow

23 Alex Mellor 28 Kurt Haggerty

13 Danny Addy Subs (all used) 9 Adam O'Brien

14 Jay Pitts 19 Steve Crossley 41 Joe Philbin

Tries: Ryan (3, 30, 42), Sidlow (7), Chisholm (9, 35), Moss (14, 24), Philbin (33) Crossley (39), Clare (46) Goals: Addy 5/5, Chisholm 2/3, Charnock 3/3 Sin-bin: Welham (53) fighting



7 Grant Gore

2 Craig Calvert

16 Connor Holliday 30 Ugo Perez

25 Ryan Ince

21 John-Paul Brocklebank

14 Thomas Cook

31 Ryan Duffy 13 Liam Carberry

19 Glenn Riley

11 Dave Allen

17 Steven Fox 32 Andy Yates

Subs: (all used)

26 Ted Chapelhow

27 Jay Chapelhow 15 Ben Davies

9 James Newton

Tries: J Chapelhow (55), Newton (59), Brocklebank

Goals: Brocklebank 3/3

CHISHOLM STARS ON 

**BRADFORD BULLS** WHITEHAVEN

The Provident Stadium, Sunday July 10

IF ONLY Bradford could have signed Dane Chisholm in February.

Since the beginning of the season, Bradford have gone through countless half-back pairings, with both James Lowes and Rohan Smith failing to find a winning combination throughout the season.

But on this evidence, Smith has pulled off an incredible capture, as Chisholm put in a dazzling display to help Bradford move to within a point of the

Bradford's destiny remains out of their hands, but this performance, combined with defeats for Halifax and Batley, will have their part-time counterparts in West Yorkshire looking over their shoulder with two games to play.

Chisholm scored two and created four more as Bradford ran in 11 tries against a disappointing Whitehaven outfit.

The game was effectively over within nine minutes. Ethan Ryan scored acrobatically in the corner after Kris Welham's pass before Adam Sidlow charged over the line soon after. With confidence high, Chisholm showcased his tremendous ability with the first of two fine solo efforts. The debutant ran at the Whitehaven defence down the left, stepped away from two and changed direction to eventually go in under the sticks. Addy's three conversions made it 18-0.

Five minutes later and the lead was extended further. Fullback Kieren Moss, who continues to improve with every performance since his move from Parramatta, was the beneficiary of a fine Welham break down the left.



▲ Debutant Dane Chisholm breaks through the Whitehaven defence

A total of 10 minutes passed by before Bradford scored again, with Moss' support play again resulting in him scoring from yet another break by Welham.

Bradford's left edge of Welham and Ryan was causing havoc, with Ryan getting his second and Bradford's sixth after another move involving Chisholm and Welham allowed the young winger to finish in the corner.

Chisholm then really got into his groove, first splitting the Haven defence down the middle with a stunning sidestep to allow Joe Philbin to score before the cunning half-back chased on to his own kick and chase before stepping away from two men and going in on the left.

Bradford still had time for one final try before half-time, as Steve Crossley barged over for a rare try. Lewis Charnock's conversion gave Bradford a mammoth 52-0 lead at the break.

Thoughts of a three-figure scoreline were well on the cards when Smith's side raced in two quick-fire tries at the start of the second-half, with Ryan securing a hat-trick, again from a fine Chisholm pass, while Clare stepped inside from the right wing to score unopposed.

At this stage, Whitehaven were looking at an embarrassing scoreline, but they salvaged some credibility with three tries in 15 minutes, meaning they actually won the second half.

After Kris Welham was sin binned for an altercation, Jay Chapelhow was the first to react to a deflected kick in-goal before James Newton crashed over from dummy-half in the 59th minute.

The scoring finished in the 66th minute as John-Paul Brocklebank, who kicked all three goals, raced on to his own kick to score.

#### THE DRESSING ROOM **UNDER 19s**



HOOKER

Rand & Askwith



SCRUM HALF Vicki & Graeme



BACK ROW Paul Fisher



LOOSE FORWARD Aim to Learn



Jennifer Bennison



HALF BACK SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE



CENTRE Project FF & E



STAND OFF SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE



PROP SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE



FULL BACK **Natalle Farr** 



PROP Fabtek Installations





FRONT ROW **Robert Martin** Joinery



WING

J Mac Safety



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SECOND ROW lan Madden



CENTRE Geoff and Maureen Hammond



WING J & M Plasterers



WING Julie Mayne



FULL BACK Jeff and Marion Halmshaw



SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE



SECOND ROW SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE



HOOKER SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE



SPONSORSHIP



CENTRE



HALF BACK Mary Deliman



LOOSE FORWARD **Excel Sunbeds** 



SECOND ROW Vicki & Greame Sharp



HEAD COACH VERINA WIDDOP



ASSISTANT COACH SPONSORSHIP



DPM BUILDERS





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SECOND ROW SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE







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SCRUM HALF SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE





#### **BRADFORD BULLS**

- 1. Oscar Thomas Omari Caro
- 3. Adrian Purtell
- 4. Kris Welham
- 5. Danny Williams
- 6. Lee Gaskell 7. Dane Chisholm
- 8. Paul Clough
- 9. Adam O'Brien
- 10. Adam Sidlow
- 11. Tom Olbison 12. Dale Ferguson
- 13. Danny Addy
- 14. Jay Pitts
- 15. Matty Blythe
- 16. Dan Fleming
- 18. Daniel Graham 19. Steve Crossley 20. Mitch Clark

- 22. James Clare 23. Alex Mellor
- 24. Lucas Walshaw 25. Ben Kavanagh
  - 26. Vila Halafihi
  - 27. Johnny Walker 28. Kurt Haggerty
  - 29. Ethan Ryan
  - 30. Joe Lumb
  - 31. James Mendeika 32. Jonny Campbell
  - 34. Richie Mathers
  - 35. Rhys Lovegrove
  - 39. Kieren Moss
  - 41. Joe Philbin (Loan) 42. Stuart Howarth (Loan)
  - 43. Joe Keyes
  - HEAD COACH

#### **OLDHAM RLFC**

- 1. Richard Lepori 2. Adam Clay
- 4. Jack Holmes 5. Jamel Chisholm

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- 13. Llam Thompson 14. Joe Burke
- 16. Gary Middlehurst
- 19. Adam Files
- 20. Gareth Owen
- 21. Kenny Hughes
- 22. Danny Grimshaw 23. Craig Briscoe
- 24. Will Hope 26. Michael Ward NN. Dave Hewitt NN. Jack Blagbrough

**DECLAN SMITH** 

HEAD COACH Scott Naylor



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