

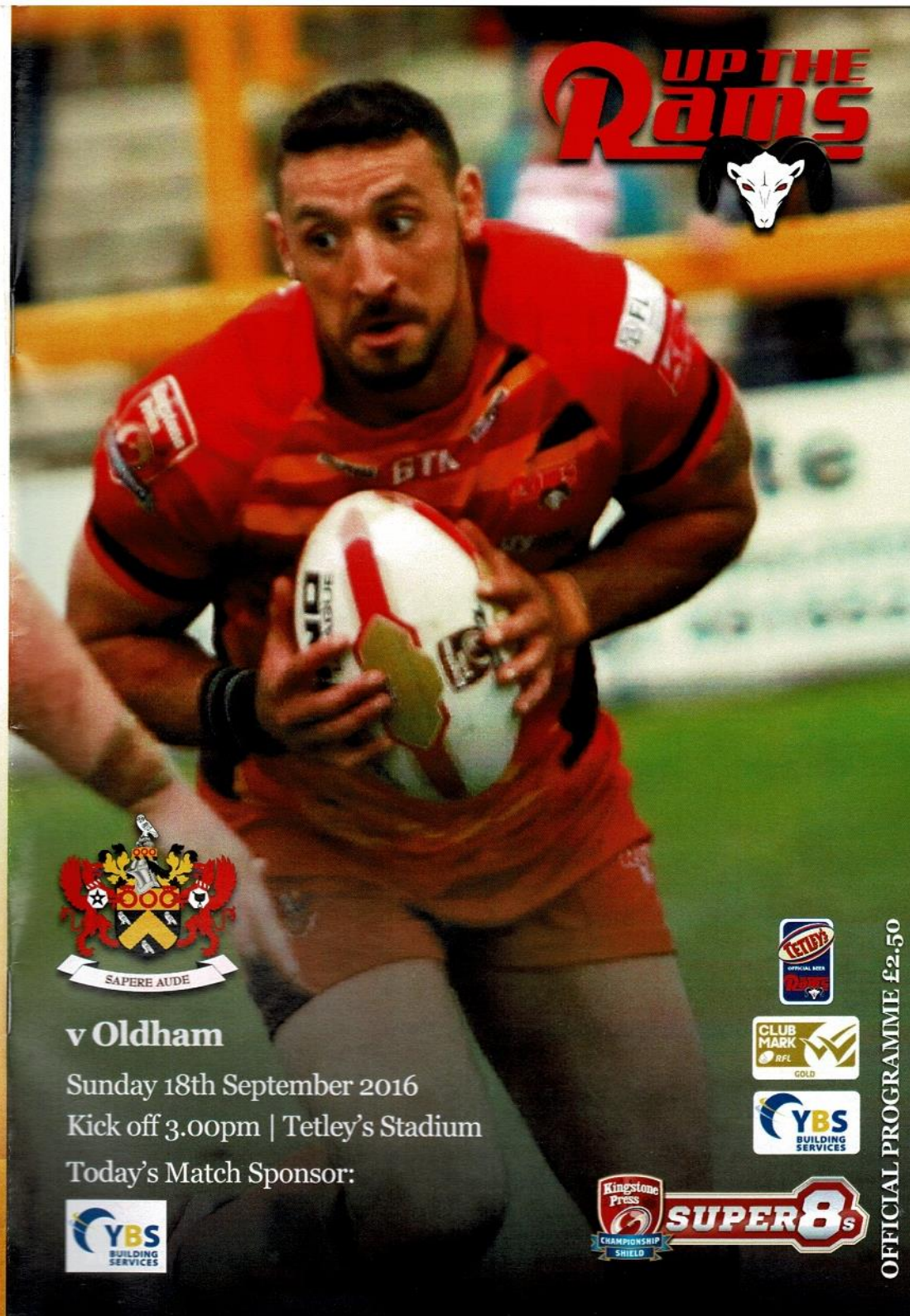
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## FROM THE TOP WITH MARK SAWYER



Welcome to the Tetley's Stadium for our final home game of the 2016. The final game it may be but there is still plenty to play for as far as we are concerned. It's vital we pick up two

points against an Oldham team that secured Championship safety with their win over Whitehaven last Sunday – something we couldn't do the week before. Before I go any further I would like to congratulate Oldham Chairman Chris Hamilton, coach Scott Naylor and all the players and support staff for ensuring they have a place in the Championship come 2017. It isn't easy to survive your first season especially since you have less central funding than most others and it is unusual for both promoted teams to reach safety in the same season. Well done to you all.

As far as we are concerned the disappointing home defeat by Whitehaven really put us under pressure but the team came up with a super performance last Sunday to take the spoils at Sheffield and to leave a place in the Shield Semi-Final still within our control. Swinton are just one point behind us and could overtake us if we don't do the business today. Everyone at the club is fully aware of that and the financial implications it brings with it and hopefully will deliver the performance we need on the day. However sport is a strange animal and you never know what's in store – perhaps that's a big part of its appeal.

Since the last programme Wakefield Trinity have announced that they plan to remain at Belle Vue for 2017 so the ground share is off the agenda for the time being at least at first team level but we remain in contact with the club about other opportunities that will arise as soon as our new sports facilities come on stream. The club met with the contractor last week and hopefully an image of the facilities will have been published via our Social Media channels by now so you can see what one part of the set up will be. As soon as we have images of the other facilities these will also be released.

As a result of these new sports facilities we have taken the opportunity to sign a partnership with Hemel Stags of League One who will use the Tetley's Stadium as their northern training base. When Hemel first came into the league it was seen very much as a developmental league but the recent

restructure has seen a number of traditional heartland clubs now in the same division and the southern based clubs are finding it hard to compete for players. London Broncos and London Skolars already have a good relationship that works for them and hopefully our partnership will bring joint benefits as it provides a pathway for our younger players into the Championship via experience in League One. It's a big step up from amateur to Championship rugby league and this would go some way to easing the jump up in stages.

With possibly (and hopefully!) just two more games after today until the end of the season our thoughts have turned already to 2017 and planning is well under way for the new season. We need to look at our club structure to ensure that it is fit for purpose but obviously resources are limited. That's why we as a club are so indebted to our volunteers and I would like to thank them all for what they have achieved this season. If I name them all I will miss someone out which no doubt will cause offence but they cover roles such as running the club shop, manning turnstiles, selling programmes and lottery tickets, meeting and greeting visitors and sponsors and serving food and refreshments, running the scoreboard and PA system, being the club's Media Team, writing and editing the programme, fund raising with the Amber Ribbon, ground maintenance, cleaning, painting and the list goes on. Thank you once again for everything you have done. You have all jointly saved us and raised us so much money and you are a real lifeline to the club. But we do need more!

Finally thank you to all our supporters and to everyone who has bought anything from us this season from a season ticket to replica shirt, programme, beer, draw ticket – anything at all. Your income streams are vital to us. If anyone feels that there is something we are missing out on please tell us. We have listened to the comments on the shirt design which hopefully will result in improved sales in 2017 and we will listen to any reasonable suggestion that may help us improve on our match day cash flow. Supporters know I am approachable and happy to discuss anything to do with Dewsbury Rams.

Enjoy the game and see you in the Royal Suite after the game.

Mark

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1925/26, 1927/28, 1942/43

**Yorkshire Cup Runners-up:**  
1918/19, 1921/22, 1940/41,  
1972/73

**Championship Winners:**  
1972/73

**Championship Runners Up:**  
1946/47

**Yorkshire League Winners:**  
1946/47

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**Runners Up: 1975/76**

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**League Leaders: 1999, 2000**

**Northern Ford Premiership**  
**Winners: 2000**

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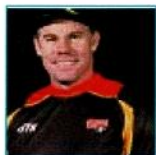
**National League Two Grand**  
**Finalists: 2005**

**National League Two**  
**Champions: 2006**

**Co-operative Championship**  
**One Champions: 2009**

**Championship**  
**Club of The Year: 2015**  
**Reserve Team Grand Final**  
**Winners 2015**

# VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT WITH GLENN MORRISON



The end of the season seems to have suddenly appeared on the horizon and this afternoon marks our final home game of the 2016 campaign. I'd like

to welcome Oldham coach Scott Naylor and his players and coaching team to the Tetley's Stadium and congratulate them on retaining their place in the Championship for 2017. It's a very difficult division to crack especially when you first come up but they have done it and will now be able to plan ahead with increased funding from last year and the opportunity to develop the club even further. They have had a new home in Stalybridge which seems to have been a perfect fit although I understand that there are some developments planned for their former ground at Whitebank.

For the Rams I guess the words that best describes this season are frustrating and inconsistent. We were crippled by injuries in the early part of the year and we struggled to plug the gaps. Our Reserve team was disbanded as the RFL reserve team competition fell apart following the withdrawals of Sheffield and Featherstone. We lost three games against the two relegated teams but have still won away at Bradford, Halifax and Sheffield. We performed well against top four sides losing by just one point at Featherstone, by two against Batley and by four against Batley at Blackpool and at both London and Sheffield. We could have been pressing for a top 4 spot or at least a home game in the Championship Shield Semi-Final had we been able to close these games down but I guess that's history now and we have to look ahead and not back.

Our last home game was one of those frustrating performances when Whitehaven, fighting for survival, took us apart in the second half. We had a lot of soul searching after that game and the players redeemed themselves with that great win at Sheffield last Sunday. We played some sparkling rugby at times and the win keeps us in charge of our

own destiny in spite of Swinton's win over Halifax. Hopefully the end result after today's game will be good and we can plan for another game against Bradford Bulls but that still has to be earned.

As I write these notes I'm not sure on what injury doubts we will have going into the game. We already know that Scott Hale is out for the rest of the season. Scott ruptured his pec muscle while making a tackle in the first half at Sheffield and others are still up in the air. We still have a number of players either out or playing with knocks and playing while going through the pain barrier is something that is not always recognised. Players do put their bodies on the line week after week as well as pushing through a three times a week training regime. It isn't an easy life. It does have financial rewards but you still have to have the heart to do it. That's why they do respond to positive support from the terraces. It can provide them with a lift when things aren't going to plan. Last Sunday for example you really got behind the team and I would like to thank you for that. We will do our best to give you even more to shout about today.

Finally we start to look ahead to 2017. We have already secured a kit deal which provides us with high quality training and playing wear. We have new equipment for the gym and wrestle room just waiting to be installed in the closed season. A new partnership with Hemel Stags has been announced and hopefully there will be other positive announcements as the weeks progress. We should have use of the brand new training facility for the start of next year much to the delight of our groundsman who has had to put up with us training on the pitch in all conditions throughout the year!

Glenn

# COMMERCIALLY SPEAKING

Today's "Commercially Speaking" has a slightly different look to it since it's the final home league game of the season and a chance to say thank you to all our sponsors and advertisers both ground board and programme for everything they have done for us in 2016. It's easy when you are a top club to get people on board but for Championship clubs, especially those of us with Super League clubs and other Championship clubs on our doorstep, it is a different matter. It's all about the powers of persuasion and hopefully once persuaded they stay with us!

We are already looking at the 2017 season. Fixtures are not published until November and we don't yet know the make up of the division except to say there will be at least one club coming down from Super League. Congratulations must go to Leigh Centurions on their promotion. They deserved a chance at the big time after three successive league titles and hopefully they will shake up a few more clubs on the way. Perhaps it will also open the eyes of potential sponsors that there is life after Super League and 2017 already looks like being another great season.

2017 will also bring us a new kit and new kit supplier. Our kit will be manufactured by Errea though Buysportskit.com who have supplied Oldham and Workington among others in 2016. Today is the final day for the submission of entries for the design of the 2017 and hopefully James Milner of Buysportskit.com will be at today's game to take a sneak preview at what we have received so far. We already have sponsors signed up for next year. Yorkshire Building Services will be our Main Shirt Sponsor once again with their associate company Flair appearing on the sleeve. Harron Homes are also already committed to being on the back of the shirt and Horde Consultancy will be a new name on the sleeve. For the first time ever we have a sponsor for the rear of the shorts but this is being kept under wraps until the kit is ready for launching. Discussions are ongoing with others as well about either renewing sponsorships or new partnerships and further details on these will be released as and when they come to fruition.

Carlsberg UK still have the naming rights for the stadium and at the moment there is one year left on their contract agreement with us that keep it as the

Tetley's Stadium through to the end of 2017. A number of new board advertisers have started to appear in recent weeks and we are taking steps to put new resources in place to help us to develop our commercial portfolio.

There may also be some opportunities for clients who wish to become involved in the new sports facilities at the stadium. The image of the new full size 3G pitch has (or should have!) already been released but we thought it well worth including below.



It is a full size pitch – it's actually marginally larger than our main playing area! It will be marked out for rugby league with posts installed and will be the only pitch of this type for rugby league in the area. It can still host football and we have already had interest from football providers about using the facility. With an approximate build time of 16 weeks we hope to be up and running for the start of 2017. It will be a massive boost to the club as well as to other clubs and organisations in our area.

We will also be carrying out some improvements to our club gym and weight room. A sponsorship deal for 2017 has been agreed with Powerhouse and they have recently supplied us with two new top of the range rowing machines and a treadmill as a part of the agreement.

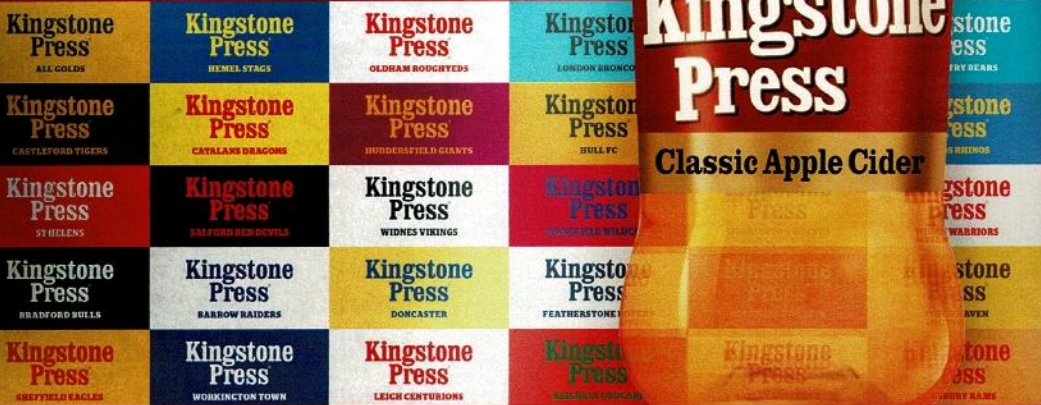
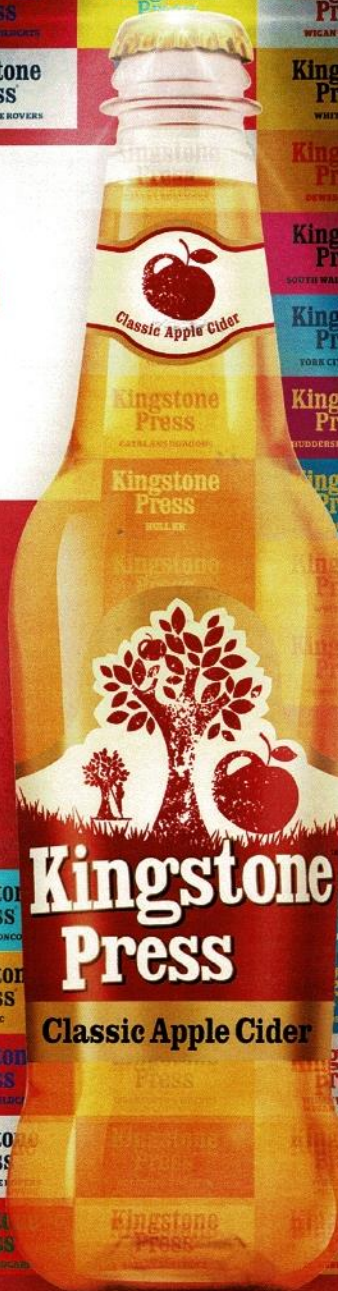
So plenty happening already. If you want to be a part of 2017 then please don't hesitate to get in touch on 01924 465489 info@dewsburyrams.co.uk





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# RAMS V OLDHAM

## JAMES MORRIS DIPS INTO THE ARCHIVES



rugby league at the end of the 2006 season. The side reached the final of the 2007 National League 2 Grand Final at Headingley, having beaten Swinton and Barrow in the play offs but were beaten by Featherstone in the final. Oldham reached the quarter finals of the 2008 Northern Rail Cup, beating National League One sides Salford and Whitehaven in the process. They also once again reached the National League Two Grand Final, but it was a similar story for Oldham fans, this time going down 18-10 to Doncaster at Warrington's Halliwell Jones Stadium. 2009 followed a familiar path for Oldham, as they once again qualified for the end of season play offs after finishing 4th. After beating Swinton, Hunslet and York to make their third straight Grand Final, they once again came up just short. Once more, they travelled to Warrington, this time to face the Keighley Cougars who came out on top 28-26 to gain promotion and once again break Oldham hearts. The Roughyeds were becoming known as a 'nearly team' and they came up just short in 2010. After finishing 3rd, they made it to their 4th Grand Final in a row but were beaten again, this time by the York City Knights 25-4. Oldham again qualified for the play offs in 2011 and 2012 but were knocked out in the early stages. 2013 saw a return to the Grand Final once again for the Roughyeds, where they were beaten yet again, this time by Rochdale who won promotion to the Championship. Oldham fans will have no doubt been wondering if they would ever be promoted, having missed out on so many occasions. Oldham finished 3rd in 2014, behind York and Hunslet but

Today we bring the curtain down on the 2016 regular season as we look to confirm our place in the end of season Championship Shield play-offs. To conclude the campaign, the Rams welcome Oldham to The Tetley's Stadium who themselves will be hoping to squeeze themselves into the play-offs and give themselves a shot at silverware in their first season back in rugby league's second tier. Last weekend's 20-18 victory over Whitehaven not only confirmed the Cumbrian side's relegation, but also meant that Scott Naylor's side will be competing in the Kingstone Press Championship table next season. Just two points separate the Rams in fourth place on 22 points and Oldham on 20. However, with a superior points difference the Rams will be confident of making it into the top four.

**History**

Oldham were actually present in the first two seasons of Super League in 1996 and 1997, under the Oldham Bears identity. In the inaugural league, they finished a credible 8th, but the next year saw the Bears relegated, having finished in last place. At the end of that season, the club was declared bankrupt with debts of £2,000,000. A new team, Oldham Roughyeds, were formed and accepted to play at a lower level. The new team competed in the Northern Ford Premiership and narrowly missed out on promotion back to the Super League in 2001, going down 24-12 to Widnes in the Grand Final. After a series of off the field problems plagued the club in the following years, Oldham were relegated to the third tier of English



then completed the first half scoring with his second penalty of the game to make it 22-0 at the break. Any hopes of an Oldham comeback was quashed shortly after the break as Etu Uaisele went over in the corner to start the second half as the first had finished. Oldham did get on the scoresheet through Joe Burke who went through a gap in the Dewsbury defence to reduce the deficit to 28-6. However, half back Andy Kain scored a quick fire hat trick to cap off an impressive individual display before Chisholm scored a late consolation for the Lancashire side.

#### Key Player

**Lewis Palfrey (left)** - Half back Palfrey is Oldham's current club captain and is a huge part of Scott Naylor's side. Having had spells with Whitehaven and Batley after leaving Salford early in his career, Palfrey was voted the League 1 player of the year in 2015 having scored 11 tries and 129 goals during the campaign. The former Salford Red Devil joined Oldham prior to the 2013 season having abandoned a plan to play in New South Wales, Australia. Since then, Palfrey hasn't looked back and will no doubt be a player that the Dewsbury defence will have to keep a keen eye on in today's match if they are to stand a chance of emerging victorious.

#### Fact file

Name: Oldham Roughyeds  
 Coach: Scott Naylor  
 Founded: 1876  
 Ground: Bower Field  
 Last season: 1st League 1 (promoted)

made it to the Grand Final where they came up against Hunslet who they had beaten in the semi final. However, hearts were broken again when Thomas Coyle scored a golden point drop goal for the hawks and to consign Oldham to a 9th straight season in the third tier of English rugby. What many Oldham fans would have thought was just a dream, finally became a reality last season when, after topping the regular season table, they defeated Keighley in the League 1 grand final to finally secure promotion back to the Championship.

#### Last Time Out

##### Dewsbury 46-10 Oldham

The Rams ran out comfortable winners when the two sides met in June with Paul Sykes putting in a man of the match performance to back up the previous week's win at Bradford. Dewsbury opened the scoring early on through Dalton Grant who crashed over in the corner. Dom Speakman then crossed the line before Sykes booted a penalty to make it 14-0. Oldham were starting to look more desperate and Jason Crookes extended the Rams' lead on 35th minute when he crossed the whitewash to make it 20-0. Sykes



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# THE AMBER RIBBON

## WITH CHARLES COATES



On behalf of all of us associated with The Amber Ribbon, welcome to today's final home match of the season against Oldham.

Victory today would guarantee an overall eighth-placed finish in the Championship, and we hope the lads can build on a positive performance away at Sheffield Eagles last weekend.

We'd like to congratulate Josh Guzdek on being named Amber Ribbon Player of the Year.

Josh's performances since arriving at the Club ahead of the season from Hull KR have been superb, and it's great to see his consistent efforts over the course of the season rewarded by the supporters in this way.

Representatives of the Amber Ribbon were lucky enough to be invited along to Monday night's Championship Awards Dinner, where Josh was unlucky to miss out on the Young Player of the Year Award.

The winner, James Cunningham of London, has more than 50 Super

League appearances under his belt and is in his fifth senior season, so we were a little disappointed for Josh, but it hasn't taken the shine off a superb season for him. If anything, it goes to show the great company he has found himself in.

We'd like to thank everybody who has supported our events and fundraisers throughout 2016.

Without your help there would be no Amber Ribbon, and your donations – of money and time – make a huge difference.

To add a little context, our 'spread and save' campaign has launched more than £1000 since its launch, which has helped pay for vital maintenance work around the ground.

We've plenty planned for 2017 and certainly no shortage of ideas from our fellow supporters, and new committee members to help us put some of these concepts into practice are always welcomed!

See you in the Royal Suite after the game for the Amber Ribbon Raffle and Man of the Match presentation.

### Charlie Coates

Amber Ribbon Chairman

## CLUB records

**Highest Score: 90-5**  
(v Blackpool, 4th April 1993)

**Most Points Conceded: 82-0**  
(v Widnes, 30th November 1986)

**Highest attendance: (1898-1994 Crown Flatt): 26,584**  
(v Halifax, 30th October 1920)

**Highest attendance: (1994-to date Tetley's Stadium): 4,068**  
(v Bradford 6th April 2015)

**Most Goals in a Season: 170**  
by Barry Eaton, 2000

**Most Tries in a Season: 40**  
by Dai Thomas, 1906/07

**Most Points in a Season: 398**  
by Barry Eaton, 2000

**Most Goals in a Game: 13**  
by Greg Pearce v Blackpool 4th April 1983  
and by Francis Maloney v Hunslet 25th March 2007

**Most Tries in a Game: 8**  
by Dai Thomas v Liverpool 13th April 1907

**Most Points in a Game: 32**  
by Les Holliday v Barrow 11th September 1994

**Most Goals in a Career: 863**  
by Nigel Stephenson 1967-1978 and 1984-1986

**Most Tries in a Career: 144**  
by Joe Lyman 1913-31

# JUNIOR RAMBLINGS

## WITH EMMA MOSLEY AND ALEX DAYKIN

Hello fellow Rams fans, we are at the final home game of the season and it's been a complicated one! But, to finish off what has been a most unpredictable year, we've got our awards to give out to the players. Let's start with the usual ones - the ones actually relating to rugby.

### Best Hat-Trick

Josh Guzdek who also was nominated by Kingstone Press for the Best Young Player of the Championship. It was his first game for the Rams (against Swinton) and he sure did impress.

### Best Tackle

Donald Kudangirana against Bradford Bulls on Bank Holiday Monday. A great solo tackle taking down a full time professional player at his age is outstanding.

### Best Drop Goal

Paul Sykes against Bradford Bulls in the Challenge Cup. Even at 30-30 and after Danny Addy had failed to get drop goals numerous times, the chance came when Paul Sykes was able to convert the winning goal and history was made at the Tetley Stadium.

### Best 40-20

James Glover against Bradford Bulls (Bank Holiday Monday). When in doubt, give the ball to James Glover.

### Most Amazing Try

Dale Morton at the Summer Bash... Paul Sykes goes for a forty twenty and it's picked up by Dale executing perfect finish. And now on to the more unusual awards...

### Best Boots

Shane Grady's Messi style boots.

### Best Hair

Adamson brothers (we can't decide which is best nor do we want to upset either one).

### Most Hairstyles

Etu Uaisele.

### Funniest Tweet

Etu's victory video over York.

### Scariest Player

Tony Tonks... from inside sources (Luke Adamson), he is the scariest player who he wouldn't want to tackle any time soon.

### Best Out Of The Shirt

Adamson Brothers (Emma chose this)

### Funniest Pre-Match Moment

Toby Adamson when his shorts were inside out and Luke told him half way through the pre-match warm-up.

### Best Smile

Luke Adamson... no matter where he is on the field you can tell if he is smiling and he always takes time out for autographs and photos flashing it like a Colgate advert.

### Best Loanees

Lucas Walshaw

### Best WAG

Nathan Conroy's girlfriend, Rosie. Every time Nathan has the ball and gets tackled, she jumps and praises his efforts. Loud and proud - just what a WAG should be.

### Food Guru

Dom Speakman

### Best Dressed

Ryan Hepworth... inside sources again have suggested that he has the best and classiest shirts.

### Workout Freak

Luke Adamson... always going on

about how much he and brother Toby are at the gym.

### NRL Rookie Prospect

Jack Teanby... The pocket battleship has shone this year and it won't be long before he is playing at a higher level.

### Best Throwback Photo

Toby Adamson's 3 years ago when he was at North Wales Crusaders and they won the division (on Instagram).

### Most Improved Player

Jason Crookes... showing experience in every game and doing what needs to be done on the field.

### Most Improved Young Player

Jack Teanby. Destructive and inspirational in every game he plays!

### Best International Forward

Jason Muranka... played for Serbia and still managed to find the time to play for the Rams.

### Risk Taker

Andy Kain

### Most Likeable Player

Aaron Brown always has a smile after every game.

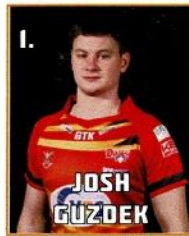
### Moving On

Dalton Grant. What a winger he has been! From the spectacular try at the Summer Bash last year to hat tricks so often. Content and consistency - The Flying Welshman, you shall be missed by all!

That's the end of this year's awards from us. It's going to be a tough off season for most players and we will be sad to see those leaving us head off to new clubs... but times change. Rams fans we shall stay though, so have a great off season and bring on next year! #UTR

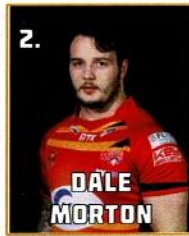


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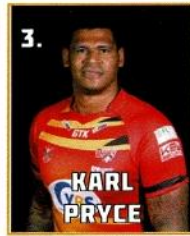
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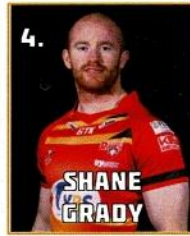
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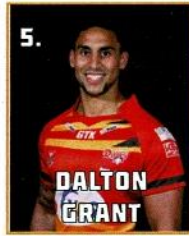
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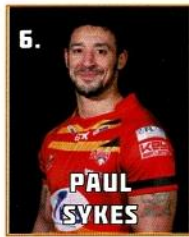
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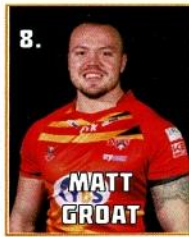
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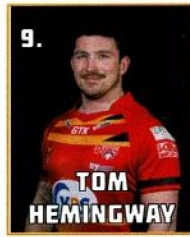
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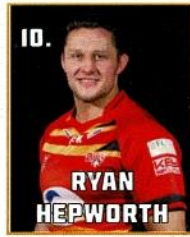
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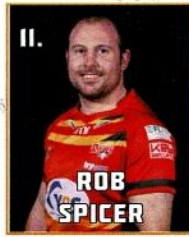
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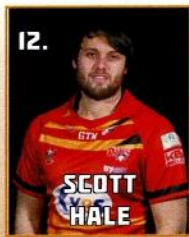
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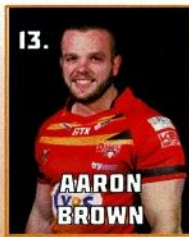
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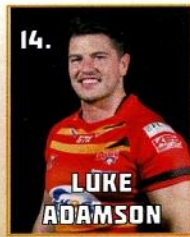
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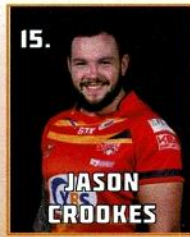
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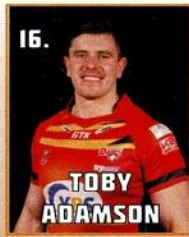
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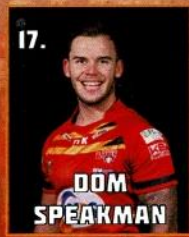
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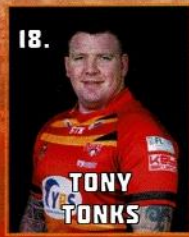
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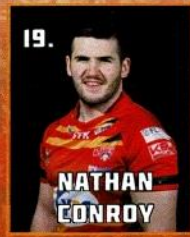
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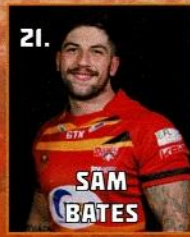
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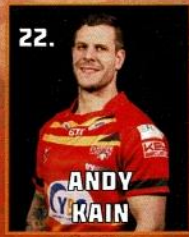
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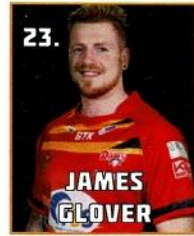
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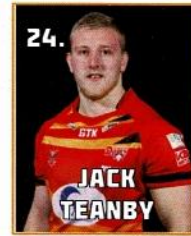
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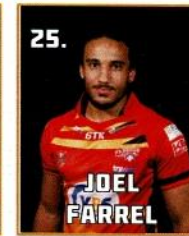
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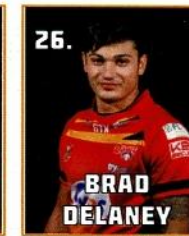
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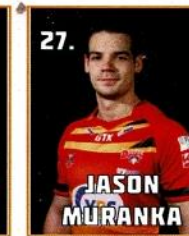
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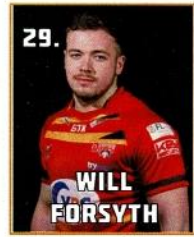
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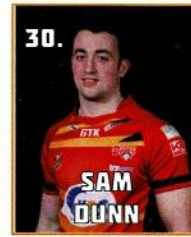
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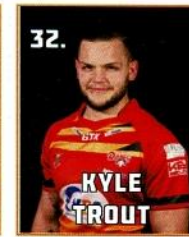
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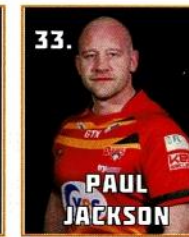
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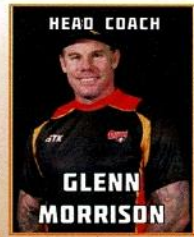
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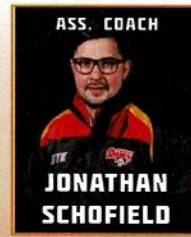
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PLAYER'S NAME	APPS	TRIES	GOALS	D GS	TOTAL
Luke Adamson	20(4)	4	0	0	16
Toby Adamson	12(1)	1	0	0	4
Sam Bates	0(1)	0	0	0	0
Aaron Brown	10(12)	3	0	0	12
Nathan Conroy	5(18)	1	0	0	4
Jason Crookes	29	7	0	0	28
Brad Delaney	1	0	2	0	4
Joel Farrell	11(9)	4	0	0	16
James Glover	7(1)	0	13	0	26
Bobbie Goulding	2	0	0	0	0
Shane Grady	25	6	5	0	34
Dalton Grant	21	15	0	0	60
Matt Groat	21(1)	1	0	0	4
Josh Gudzek	32	13	0	0	52
Scott Hale	23	3	0	0	12
Tom Hemingway	14(1)	1	10	0	24
Ryan Hepworth	8(4)	0	0	0	0
Paul Jackson	5(2)	0	0	0	0
Andy Kain	25(1)	9	0	0	36
Donald Kudangirana	2	0	0	0	0
Dale Morton	29	18	0	0	72
Jason Muranka	1(7)	0	0	0	0
Karl Pryce	1(2)	0	0	0	0
Ben Reynolds	4	1	11	0	26
Dom Speakman	20(1)	3	0	0	12
Rob Spicer	6(5)	1	0	0	4
Mitch Stringer	8(2)	0	0	0	0
Paul Sykes	24(3)	10	70	1	181
Jack Teanby	2(17)	6	0	0	24
Tony Tonks	0(20)	3	0	0	12
Kyle Trout	21(7)	2	0	0	8
Etu Uaisele	13(1)	6	0	0	24
Johnny Walker	2(2)	0	0	0	0
Lucas Walshaw	9	4	0	0	16
Ryan Wright	0(6)	0	0	0	0



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Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points
1 Bradford Bulls	29	18	2	9	997	570	38
2 Halifax	29	15	1	13	775	656	31
3 Sheffield Eagles	29	12	0	17	855	763	24
4 Dewsbury Rams	29	11	0	18	646	797	22
5 Swinton Lions	29	10	1	18	596	1001	21
6 Oldham Roughyeds	29	10	0	19	523	888	20
7 Workington Town	29	7	1	21	571	945	15
8 Whitehaven	29	7	1	21	513	900	15



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# TALKING RUGBY LEAGUE

## WITH JAMES ODDY



It was a good performance and victory last time out against Sheffield, although as a fan of the game

I can't help but feel like it was a sad occasion as well. Sheffield have rolled the dice this year and come up short. But it has endangered them off the pitch as well. It's an ongoing problem in the game but it's one which just has to be tackled. You can't run a sport with clubs continually going to the wall. It makes us look a laughing stock as a sport and harms our relationship with existing and potential sponsors. If you were a small business, why would you want to put money into something which may not be around until the end of the season? Same with league sponsors, do you want to put your name to something which is unsustainable. How the RFL can

help, I don't know. Perhaps they can implement a low cost loan scheme tied into off field development work and league performance. So if a club is doing good work all round but is struggling for the capital to expand, they can do so with an RFL loan. The RFL can then perhaps dock points if the loan wasn't repaid rather than issue winding up orders which endanger the whole clubs existence moving forward.

Purely from a Rams point of view we played some good rugby at the weekend and I think it is always good when you score points from all over the park via different methods. I hope Tony Tonks is retained for next year as he has added a great deal to an already good pack. It must have been an interesting occasion for him revisiting a club he is held in high regard in Sheffield. Similarly, it would have been interesting to see Eagles icon Mitch Stringer run out in different colours. Etu Uaisele has

proven a good addition in the last few seasons and I can't see him ever appearing again for Bradford with the new regime in charge, so hopefully he can become a full time Ram, although I understand he is off back Down Under. At this stage in his career he is at (although he plays with such enthusiasm it's easy to mistake him for a rookie). I can appreciate wanting to be close to home. But if he doesn't stay on he will be well remembered as a consistent and skilful player who it was always a pleasure to watch. Lucas Walshaw was a coup to get however and he continues to impress. I am thrilled he is a permanent signing and he is a real talent. He is big but skilful and can be a Super League player again. I hope that is with us!

I hope you have a really good day and it's been a pleasure to be involved with the Rams for another season!



# RAMBLINGS FROM THE SOUTH STAND

## WITH STEVE MOSLEY

Good afternoon and welcome to potentially our last match of the season at home to Oldham.

Cards on the table, this hasn't been a good season. The displays have ranged from the excellent in beating Bradford home and away, to the poor defeats to Workington (twice) and the home defeat to Whitehaven. The loss of the second team hasn't helped the club in terms of players lost, as well as the cash laid out with no return. The spending power of other clubs has also left us behind, but somewhere during this season we seem to have lost the heart of the team. The performance against Whitehaven was one of the worst I've ever seen by any Dewsbury team (and I've seen some hammerings in my time) but this really took the biscuit. Unbelievably, this occurred six days after an injury hit team pushed Bradford all the way. A special word of praise must go to Josh Gudzek however. Without his never-say-die attitude and last line defence, Lord knows where we might have been at times this season.

On to last Sunday and our form turned again; an excellent team effort saw us beat Sheffield 38-22. However, Swinton's late try to beat Halifax still leaves us needing a win today to guarantee a semi-final spot. Oldham saw off Whitehaven in a tight game to send them down to the Championship One along with near neighbours Workington, who surprised Bradford with a late try to win the game.

Despite our mixed results we can win the shield - we have beaten the

3 teams above us and if we win today we have as good a chance as anybody. It would give the club such a lift going into the close season.

Going forward we need to re-ignite the goodwill feeling we've had at the club over the last couple of seasons. Season ticket sales are very important and the word is that some people won't be purchasing anytime soon. We need that money if we are going to have any chance of competing next year. We have to be more effective on social media, keep the Rams in the news; I am well aware we survive on volunteers for most of our PR work (this programme included) and a fine job is done by all. But more is needed: we are falling behind on and off the field. Little things like the squad is never on Twitter anymore or reminding people of the next home game. Sorry to rant on so much but we need to all pull together, if we think this season has been hard, wait for 2017.

Well, Leigh have finally made it and I for one am glad. We've had our ups and downs with them but for the good of the game we needed a Championship side to win promotion before the big boys moved the goal posts again. At the time of writing Salford look like favourites for the drop, but more

could follow. The middle 8s is a great format and gives teams the chance of glory. The Championship Shield 8s is not hitting the same mark. We either need to restart the teams on zero points or on points based on finishing places, say 10 for 5th, 8 for 6th down to zero for the bottom two sides. Hopefully it would make the games more meaningful and give everyone a chance.

Well this piece brings to an end my first season as a contributor to the Rams programme, and I'd like to say it's been fun and a challenge, especially mid-season when due to cup games and ground problems for Sheffield we had 6 home games in a row. I would like to thank Nathan for the chance to air my views (he deserves a lot of praise for the time he puts in to the magazine working around his studies) and just to remind him, I'm still waiting for my first pay cheque.

Enjoy the game and let's shout the lads to the semi-finals. Have a good winter and see you all next season. If they have me back, that is.



# SEASON ROUND-UP

## WITH NATHAN SPAFFORD

Hello all and welcome to today's match against Oldham Roughyeds. Hopefully, we can finish the Shield on a high and earn ourselves a semi-final place with a shot at winning the Shield. It may have been a tough season, but what an achievement that would be for the Club ahead of the 2017 season. For myself, it marks the end of my first season with Dewsbury Rams, a Club I am proud to work with.

Hopefully, I will be back in 2017 as I have big plans for the programme and look forward to being able to attend matches on a more regular basis once I'm back in West Yorkshire. Before the main bulk of this piece begins, I would just like to thank all the Dewsbury fans, staff, and players who have made me feel welcome at the Tetley's Stadium since day one, and a massive thank you to our regular programme contributors. There are too many to name individually, but you know who they are and they are the people who make Up The Rams tick. Without such a wonderful set of volunteers, my job as programme editor would be much, much tougher than it is. I hope to work with as many of you as possible in a few months' time. One more point, if any fans feel there is something new they want including in the Dewsbury programme for next season, please don't hesitate to contact me at [nat.spaff@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nat.spaff@hotmail.co.uk)

### Oldham Secure Second Season

Today's opponents Oldham Roughyeds come into this match having secured their Championship safety with a narrow 20-18 victory at home to Whitehaven. The fixture was massive with both sides, with

Haven knowing only a victory would be enough to grant them another Championship campaign. But, despite a late comeback where they rallied from 20-6 down to just being a try away from the two points, it was not enough and Oldham made sure they would not be making an immediate return to League 1.

### Lions Take Play-Off Fight To Last Day

Another tight fixture took place last weekend as Swinton Lions got something of a shock victory when they defeated a Halifax side guaranteed of a home semi-final by a scoreline of 28-26. Only a late, converted Macauley Hallett try gave the hosts the two points. The victory meant that Dewsbury would have something to play for today as bettering or equalling Swinton's result will mean a trip to Odsal, while a loss for ourselves coupled with a Swinton victory at already-relegated Whitehaven

would mean they take our fourth place spot. Hold onto your hats, because it's going to be a nervy one.

### Bulls Lose 100% Record

Jarrod Sammut's hat-trick helped already-relegated Workington to a shock 30-26 victory over full-time Bradford Bulls last weekend, ending their hopes of a 100% record in this season's Championship Shield campaign. With first place having already been guaranteed, some of the result could be owed to them having taken their foot off the gas, but from a Dewsbury perspective, and without trying to jinx the outcome of today's matches, it shows that should we face the Bulls, we have a good chance of causing another Odsal upset. Bradford will be aiming to get back to winning ways when they face off against potential Championship Shield finalists Sheffield Eagles.



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This series takes a look back into recent history to see how our two teams fared around this particular weekend 5 and 10 years ago!

### 5 years ago this weekend

For the Rams 2011 had been a really poor affair and it has to be admitted that it was down to the demise of the fortunes of Barrow rather than performances on the field that had secured safety. Barrow were the subject of a massive salary cap scandal that saw them deducted all 29 points for salary cap breaches. The Rams endured a mid season spell of 14 games without a win but stood by coach Warren Jowitt for the 2012 season. Dominic Brambani led the points scoring charts with 103 from 28 games but he moved on to Sheffield Eagles at the end of the campaign along with winger Scott Turner. James Lockwood and Anthony England the two real cornerstones of the pack also left for pastures new with both players joining Featherstone Rovers. Rob Spicer is the only player from 2011 now still at the club. The highlight of the season was probably the 38-22 win over Batley in the Northern Rail Cup Quarter Final with the long run without a win definitely the low light! The club's average league attendance was 1,048 with a low of 862 against Barrow (although there were just 692 for the Challenge Cup defeat by Swinton) and a high of 1,184 for the derby game against Batley.

Oldham were a Championship One team back in 2011 and they at least had the benefit of a better season results wise. They finished in 7th place which got them the final play

off spot well ahead of 8th placed South Wales. Unfortunately that meant a trip to Rochdale in the Elimination Play Offs and their season ended at the first attempt as they lost 39-18 to condemn them to another season in the third tier. Carl Forber was the leading points and goal scorer with 146 and 63 in all competitions with Mark Brocklehurst leading try scorer on 17. The season had been a real disappointment to coach Tony Benson who had hoped for so much better after a run of four grand finals in a row prior to 2011. Winger Shaun Robinson weighed in with 8 tries in 19 games and he was later to move to the Rams via Oxford for a short stint at the Tetley's Stadium before moving back over the Pennines. Oldham's average league attendance slumped from 808 in 2010 to 627 in 2011 but there was a hardcore of around 400 who real stuck it out and have seen their club continue to evolve.

### 10 years ago

Oldham had played out the 2006 season in National League One – the equivalent to the current Championship – but it had been a far from successful campaign as the club lost all 18 league games in a disastrous run of form in the wake of a massive six figure tax bill that the club did well to survive. John Pendlebury was coach as the season started but by the end of the season Steve Deakin had taken over the reigns. Their limited finances meant that the club was forced to call on trialists to fill in the gaps on many occasions but in a division that included Hull KR, Widnes, Leigh and Halifax among others this was always going to prove

difficult. Chris Barber with 68 points (including 24 goals) was the leading points scorer in all games with Andy Gorey (10) the only player to reach double figures in the try charts. Possibly their season long highlight was the 34-10 over local amateur side Saddleworth Rangers in the Challenge Cup.

For the Rams it was a season of success in National League Two as the club finished as Champions just two points ahead of Sheffield Eagles who had a better points difference. With an average home crowd of under 900 it still wasn't all sweetness and light as the crowds didn't quite respond to this successful title challenge as the club had hoped. Francis Maloney (186) was leading points scorer 19 ahead of Liam Finn with Richard Chapman (18), Bryn Powell (18), Liam Finn (17), Danny Maun (16), Chris Hall (14) and Eddie Mack (11) all reaching double figures of tries for the season. The final home game saw an innovative offer by Rams Chairman Mark Sawyer who threw open the gates with free entry for all to the decisive home game against Workington. 1,313 people took advantage of the offer to see the Rams awarded the trophy.



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Date	KO	Opponents	Venue	Result	Score	Attendance
Sunday 7th February	3.00pm	Swinton Lions	Away	Won	26-24	639
Sunday 14th February	3.00pm	Workington Town	Home	Won	38-16	786
Sunday 21st February	3.00pm	Oldham	Away	Lost	16-38	816
Sunday 28th February	3.00pm	Whitehaven	Home	Won	20-4	778
Sunday 6th March	3.00pm	Featherstone Rovers	Away	Lost	20-21	1,665
Saturday 12th March	3.00pm	London Broncos	Away	Lost	18-22	612
Friday 18th March	8.00pm	Bradford Bulls (CCR4)	Home	Won	31-30	2021
Friday 25th March	7.30pm	Batley Bulldogs	Home	Lost	30-44	2020
Monday 28th March	5.00pm	Sheffield Eagles	Home	Won	34-16	813
Sunday 3rd April	3.00pm	Leigh Centurions	Home	Lost	18-40	1691
Sunday 10th April	3.00pm	Bradford Bulls	Home	Lost	18-52	1954
Friday 15th April	8.00pm	York City Knights (CCR5)	Home	Won	30-16	707
Sunday 24th April	3.00pm	Halifax	Away	Lost	14-23	1453
Friday 29th April	7.45pm	Sheffield Eagles	Away	Lost	28-32	441
Sunday 8th May	3.00pm	Wigan Warriors (CCR6)	Home	Lost	4-54	3102
Saturday 14th May	6.30pm	Whitehaven	Away	Won	36-16	684
Sunday 22nd May	3.00pm	Featherstone Rovers	Home	Lost	0-31	1281
Sunday 29th May	12.45pm	Batley Bulldogs	B/Pool	Lost	24-28	N/A
Sunday 5th June	3.00pm	Bradford Bulls	Away	Won	16-14	4303
Sunday 12th June	3.00pm	Oldham	Home	Won	46-10	742
Sunday 19th June	3.00pm	Halifax	Home	Lost	8-24	1146
Sunday 26th June	3.00pm	Batley Bulldogs	Away	Lost	16-18	1501
Sunday 3rd July	3.00pm	London Broncos	Home	Lost	6-34	645
Sunday 10th July	3.00pm	Workington Town	Away	Lost	20-22	492
Sunday 17th July	3.00pm	Swinton Lions	Home	Won	34-16	739
Sunday 24th July	3.00pm	Leigh Centurions	Away	Lost	0-58	3498
Sunday 7th August	3.00pm	Swinton Lions	Home	Won	36-24	674
Sunday 14th August	3.00pm	Workington Town	Away	Lost	24-34	527
Sunday 21st August	3.00pm	Halifax	Away	Won	24-22	1133
Monday 29th August	3.00pm	Bradford Bulls	Home	Lost	26-36	1807
Sunday 4th September	3.00pm	Whitehaven	Home	Lost	12-56	524
Sunday 11th September	3.00pm	Sheffield Eagles	Away	Won	38-22	564
Sunday 18th September	3.00pm	Oldham	Home			
W/end 23rd - 25th Sept		Championship Shield Semi Finals				
Sunday 2nd October		Championship Shield Final				

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Super 8s Championship Shield Round 6

Sunday 18 September, 3.00pm

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2	Dale MORTON	Vivien Calvert		W	2	Adam CLAY
15	Jason CROOKES	Mark Haynes		C	16	Gary MIDDLEHURST
4	Shane GRADY	The Amber Ribbon		C	15	Keiron GILL (L)
38	Etu UAISELE	Yorkshire Building Services		W	5	Jamal CHISHOLM
17	Dom SPEAKMAN	Elaine & Peter Holyoake		SO	6	Lewis PALFREY
22	Andy KAIN	Crisis – Homeless Charity		SH	7	Dave HEWITT (L)
8	Matt GROAT	Michael Sawyer		P	8	Phil JOY
9	Tom HEMINGWAY	Edward & Thomas Jennings		H	20	Gareth OWEN
16	Toby ADAMSON	Blind Side Johnny		P	17	Tyler DICKINSON (DR)
11	Rob SPICER	The 3 G's		SR	10	Jack SPENCER
42	Lucas WALSHAW	Rita & Lewis Bairstow		SR	13	Liam THOMPSON
14	Luke ADAMSON	Red Kite Construction		LF	26	Micheal WARD
19	Nathan CONROY	Yorkshire Building Services		Int.	21	Kenny HUGHES
13	Aaron BROWN	The Chaplaincy		Int.	14	Joe BURKE
45	Mitch STRINGER	Janet & Dave Roper		Int.		Jack BLAGBROUGH (L)
18	Tony TONKS	The 3 G's		Int.	1	Richard LEPORI
Coach: Glenn Morrison		Michael + Mandy Fentem			Coach: Scott Naylor	
Referee: J. Smith			Touch Judges: D. Sharpe + J. McMullen			

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