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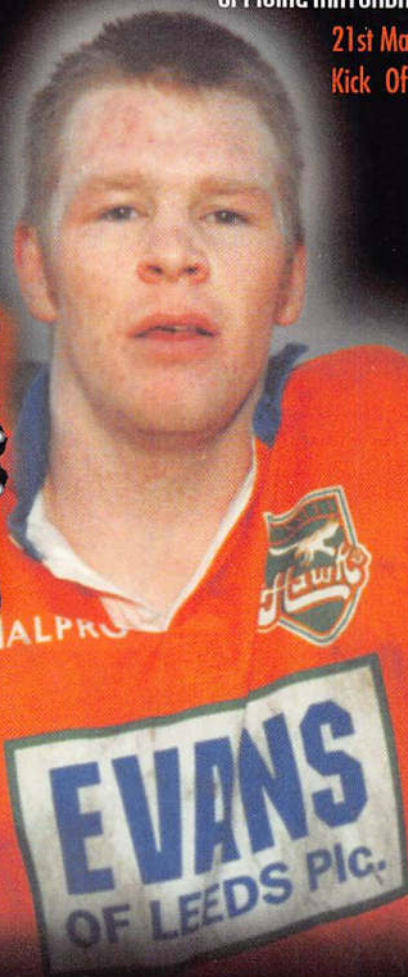


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a warm welcome Oldham Bears

Welcome to Oldham and all associated with this club which has a long and distinguished heritage. Like Hunslet it was one of the teams which formed the Northern Union in 1895-1896 season. Two years later Oldham were winners of the Lancashire Senior Competition and in that season Hunslet were triumphant in the Yorkshire Senior Competition.

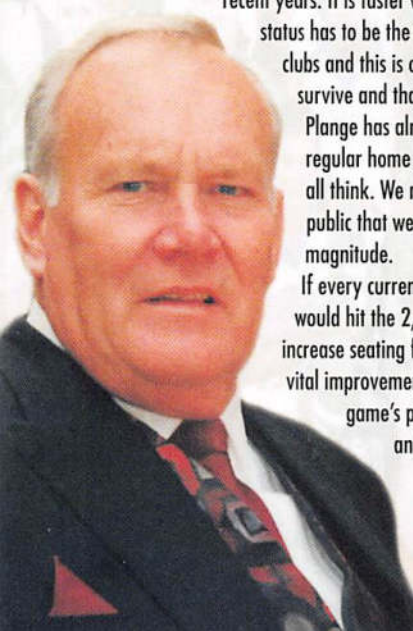
Oldham fielded many Great Britain players over the decades including Terry Clawson, Alan Davies, Bernard Ganley, Andy Goodway, Frank Pitchford, Derek 'Rocky' Turner and many others. Those are names for 'Golden oldies' to savour.

We have made an encouraging start to our campaign in the Northern Ford Premiership and we are entitled to view the next few months with a modicum of optimism. It would be easy to get carried away with our performance but we must not be over confident. TV pundit and former England goal poacher Jimmy Greaves never tires of describing soccer as "a funny old game" and Rugby League can be just as unpredictable as association football. We can never take things for granted but when I reflect on our recent display I am a contented and rather proud chairman.

The weather and muddy ground at Batley demanded courage and stamina. We were strong in both departments and should improve when the sun shines and the grounds are faster. Brian Cartwright and his staff do a tremendous job and the quality of our pitch is a tribute to their industry and dedication. When you consider how often the area is used - not only for rugby - the surface is in superb condition and one of the best playing arenas in our great game.

Summer rugby has been voted 'a hit' by fans who responded to a survey conducted throughout the Rugby League Supporters' Association. The game has changed dramatically in recent years. It is faster with a demand on extra fitness. Super League status has to be the outstanding target for Northern Ford Premiership clubs and this is our ultimate aim. We have to be with the elite to survive and that means we must boost attendances. Coach David Plange has already intimated in the rugby press that we require regular home gates of 2,000 or more. David has voiced what we all think. We must prove to Leeds City Council and the general public that we are capable of attracting attendances of that magnitude.

If every current supporter succeeded in recruiting one fan we would hit the 2,500 maximum. The long-term Council plan is to increase seating facilities. We have to prove we are worthy of this vital improvement to the stadium. However that's enough of the game's politics...We hope to have a cracking game today and may the better team win.



G. Liles

Grahame Liles
Chairman



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Facts Fancies

Radio Leeds has another Rugby League fan on the staff in addition to John Boyd and recently-returned Harry Gratton. Martin Kelner, who fronts the new afternoon broadcast, is a long-serving Rochdale Hornets' supporter. He has followed the fluctuating fortunes of the famous club since he first stepped on the terraces as a boy. Martin is also familiar with the South Leeds Stadium facilities. His teenager son plays tennis there and no doubt keeps an eye on Hunslet Hawks activities.

We are at home to Rochdale on April 25 and play them again on August 29 the last match of the league programme. It is a safe bet that Martin will be at both games cheering his favourite side. Another Hornets' fan is the television producer Barrie Cockcroft who made his name when he discovered and filmed the life of hermit Hanna Hawkswell. When he was at YTV we often shared a pint or two in the station bar and talked Rugby League. He was the man who produced the award-winning programme, "Another Bloody Sunday" based on Doncaster RL Club's long losing sequence. One of the most surprising facts of that epic was the appearance of champagne behind the club's bar within minutes of the team ending a protracted spell of defeats.

Doncaster RL Club was the last place you would have expected 'bubbly' to be on offer or even in stock. Our match next Sunday is against Doncaster Dragons when Hunslet-born Garry Schofield is expected to be in the opposition line up. We can recommend the 19th edition of Rothman's Rugby League Yearbook (published by Headline Books and on sale at £17.99). It is compiled by Raymond Fletcher, a former Yorkshire Post RL reporter, and he maintains the excellence always associated with this seasonal treat. One of the major talking points in the splendid publication is the plea by Sheffield Eagle's coach John Kear for homegrown coaches to be given more credit for their ability. He suggests that the appointment of an Australian coach to a British club should count on the overseas players' quota. John writes: 'I would like to see this rule in operation by the year 2004 and clubs would have to decide between an overseas coach and a player'.

We are fortunate to have one of the Northern Ford Premiership top coaches in David Plange. No doubt David and other up and coming stars on the coaching scene will favour Kear's policy. John's feat in taking Sheffield Eagle's to Wembley last year was a brilliant achievement. Guiding them to a glorious triumph over Wigan was simply incredible.

Hopefully the Silk Cut Challenge Cup will again be won by a Yorkshire club on May 1- even if the successful team is our old enemy Leeds Rhinos'.

Props Craig Richards started his career with Oldham and also played for Bradford. Hooker Richard Pachnuik wore the Oldham strip before moving to Rochdale. Centre Chris North was on Oldham's books and also figured in Dewsbury ranks. Shaun Irwin had a spell with Oldham, Castleford and Featherstone before returning to Hunslet. Our nomadic lads certainly put themselves about don't they? At the start of the season Oldham were quoted at 250 to 1 to win the Northern Ford Championship. But rampant Hunslet Hawks will pay due respect to the Lancashire lads. No team can afford to be complacent in this highly competitive league.

Overheard on the terraces: A girl phoned me the other day and said: "Come on over there's nobody home". - I went over. Nobody was there!

Another one....My dad carries with him the picture of the kid who came with the wallet.

By John Morgan

.....Club Record.....

HUNSLET C.F.A.C

OCTOBER 1883 -

APRIL 1973

Grounds

Woodhouse Hill, Parkside

Record Attendance

24,700

Record Victory

63 - 7 v Keighley 1959

Most Tries in a Season

34 by Alan Snowden, 1956/57

Most Goals in a Season

184 by Billy Langton, 1958/59

Most Points in a Season

380 by Billy Langton, 1958/59

Most Tries in a Game

7 by George Dennis v Bradford N 1934

Most Goals in a Game

12 by Billy Langton v Keighley 1959

Most Points in a Game

27 by Billy Langton v Keighley 1959

NEW HUNSLET, HUNSLET

HUNSLET HAWKS

AUGUST 1973 - TO DATE

Grounds

Leeds Greyhound Stadium

Mt Pleasant (Batley)

Elland Road, McLaren Field

South Leeds Stadium

Division 2 Champions 1987

Division 2 Champions 1997

Silk Cut Plate Runners Up 1997

Record Attendance

14,004

Record Victory

82 - 0 v Highfield 1995/96

Most Tries in a Season

29 by Scott Limb, 1994/95

Most Goals in a Season

121 by Eric Fitzsimmons, 1983/84

Most points in a Season

264 by Eric Fitzsimmons, 1983/84

Most Tries in a Game

5 by Scott Limb v Highfield 1995

Most Goals in a Game

11 by Simon Wilson v Highfield 1995

Most Points in a Game

30 by Simon Wilson v Highfield 1995

HUNSLET

HAWKS

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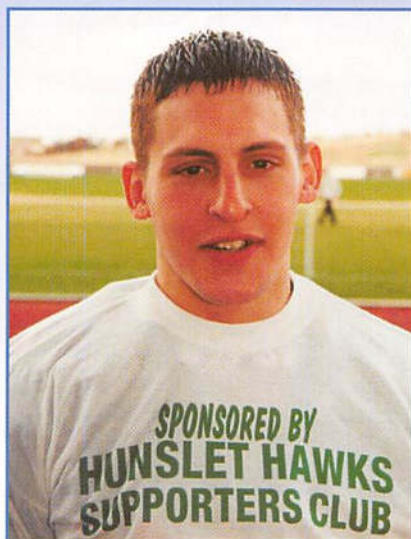
- Can accommodate up to 600 in the Queen's Ballroom
- Special rates available for overnight wedding guests
- Hold Civil License
- Full wedding package
- Wedding Fayre in October 1999

player



PROFILE

NAME: CHRIS ROSS
DATE OF BIRTH: 23.8.1978
PLACE OF BIRTH: LEEDS
HEIGHT: 5foot 10"
WEIGHT: 12 & 1/2 stone
NICKNAME AT CLUB: ROSSY
OCCUPATION: DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
HOME: HUNSLET
WIFE: NO/GIRLFRIEND
CHILDREN: NONE THAT I KNOW OF
AMBITION: TO PLAY MY TESTIMONIAL AT HUNSLET RLFC

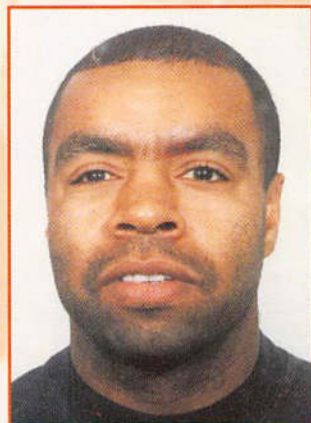


BIGGEST THRILL IN RUGBY: SCORING A TRY AT WIDNES IN 1997 (CHALLENGE CUP)
HAVE YOU A ROLE MODEL? ELLERY HANLEY
WHO IS THE GREATEST PLAYER YOU HAVE EVER SEEN? ELLERY HANLEY
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AND YOUR WORST? MY EARS
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FAVOURITE
HOLIDAY RESORT: CARPENTRAS (FRANCE)
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BEST FRIEND IN RUGBY: NICKY DOBSON, STEVE PRYCE, AARON CAMPBELL, LATHAM TAWHAI, MICK COYLE AND BUTCH
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: DEMI MOORE

COACH'S COMMENTS

Welcome to the Oldham Bears who arrive here today after an excellent victory last week, and I anticipate a closely fought contest over at Craven Park mid-week.

Last Sunday saw us brought down to earth with a bump as we contributed in a big way towards our downfall. We cannot afford to make the amount of basic errors (unforced) and expect to win games, especially when playing against the title favourites. But it's not all doom and gloom because one thing this side does possess is character in large volumes and I'm sure that will emerge today to give both sets of supporters a game worthy of watching.



Hopefully today will see Richard Pachniuk return to face one of his former clubs and I'm sure that both Shaun Irwin and Craig Richards will welcome the chance to renew old acquaintances.

The Northern Ford Premiership is proving to be very competitive, who would have thought that Keighley would have won only one game from four. Their side on paper looked very formidable. The problem is I suppose the fact that the game isn't played on paper. And of course Widnes who everyone predicted to go marching relentlessly forward into Super League appear to be merely scraping through, though in truth it is early days and I'm sure there will be countless upsets and surprises before the final goal is realised.

Anyway enjoy the game and get behind the players as only you know how.

Yours in sport.
DAVID PLANGE

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

By John Morgan

One of the greatest success stories attributed to Hunslet Rugby League is told with justifiable pride by Cec Thompson. Cec arrived in South Leeds from his native Cumbria and concedes that he was different. The teenager lacked even a basic education. He was lonely and he knew that he was different to the majority of Hunslet residents.

Cec said: "I am black and we were few and far between in those days. I was something of a curiosity and didn't know why". What Cec does not say is that he was tall, dark and handsome. He still is although his healthy growth of hair and his moustache are now flecked with grey.

Cec made a passionate speech a few years ago at the Hunslet Parkside Ex Players Association

Annual Lunch. We listened with wrapt attention. We were enthralled when the story unfolded with a mixture of sadness and joy. Cec recalled: I had a job as a window cleaner and rugby didn't even enter my life until I was invited to attend Parkside. "I saw the ball for the first time and within weeks I was playing for the club". "It changed my life, rugby gave me a start. I was part of a team with friends, I had respect".

Cec opted for education. He progressed quickly and gained a degree at Leeds University. He blossomed in business with the window cleaning round developing into an industrial cleaning firm employing a strong work force.

Cec short for Cecil was appointed a lecturer at Chesterfield Polytechnic and his

popularity with students was evident from the start. He founded Varsity Rugby League and he is still associated with the game at this level. Cec wrote his life story and part of it was condensed into a Readers Digest feature. He is entitled to be proud of his never-ending achievements but he is a modest individual and expresses eternal gratitude to life and the game he played so well.

We hope to invite Cec to speak at one of the Hunslet Hawks functions. He has a compelling tale to tell. He lives in quiet retirement but he retains business interests and he will never lose his passion for Rugby League.

Cec can still sing with the best of us: "We've swept the seas before boys - and so we shall again!"



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FEBRUARY	7TH	SUNDAY	SWINTON LIONS	A	10-21
	14TH	SUNDAY	ST. HELENS - SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP - 4TH ROUND	H	10-40
	21ST	SUNDAY	WORKINGTON TOWN	H	48-6
	28TH	SUNDAY	SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP - FIFTH ROUND		
MARCH	7TH	SUNDAY	BATLEY BULLDOGS	A	8-14
	14TH	SUNDAY	HULL K.R. - SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP - 6TH ROUND	H	14-26
	21ST	SUNDAY	OLDHAM	H	3.30PM
	27TH	SATURDAY	SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP - SEMI FINAL 1		
	28TH	SUNDAY	DONCASTER DRAGONS SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP - SEMI FINAL 2	H	3.30PM
APRIL	2ND	FRIDAY	BRAMLEY	H	7.30PM
	5TH	MONDAY	YORK	A	7.30PM
	11TH	SUNDAY	DEWSBURY RAMS	H	3.30PM
	18TH	SUNDAY	WHITEHAVEN WARRIORS	H	3.30PM
	25TH	SUNDAY	ROCHDALE HORNETS	H	3.30PM
MAY	1ST	SATURDAY	SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP - FINAL		
	9TH	SUNDAY	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	A	3.30PM
	16TH	SUNDAY	BARROW BORDER RAIDERS	H	3.30PM
	23RD	SUNDAY	WIDNES VIKINGS	A	3.00PM
	30TH	SUNDAY	LEIGH CENTURIANS	H	3.30PM
JUNE	6TH	SUNDAY	LANCASHIRE LYNX	A	3.00PM
	13TH	SUNDAY	KEIGHLEY COUGARS	H	3.30PM
	20TH	SUNDAY	SWINTON LIONS	H	3.30PM
	27TH	SUNDAY	WORKINGTON TOWN	A	3.00PM
JULY	4TH	SUNDAY	BATLEY BULLDOGS	H	3.30PM
	11TH	SUNDAY	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS	A	3.00PM
	18TH	SUNDAY	OLDHAM	A	3.00PM
	25TH	SUNDAY	DONCASTER DRAGONS	A	3.00PM
AUGUST	1ST	SUNDAY	BRAMLEY	A	3.00PM
	8TH	SUNDAY	YORK	H	3.30PM
	13TH	FRIDAY	DEWSBURY RAMS	A	7.30PM
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RICHARD HAYES

ROB WILSON

JAMIE THACKRAY

LEE ST HILAIRE

CRAIG RICHARDS

RICHARD BAKER

JOE NADIOLE

PHILIP KENNEDY

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OLDHAM BEARS

LAURENT MINUT

ADRIAN MEAD

AFI LEUILA

JOSH BOSTOCK

JOE MCNICHOLAS

EMERSON JACKMAN

DANIEL BROWN

LEO CASEY

JOHN HOUGH

JASON CLEGG

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EMMANUEL PERALTA

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AIDE MEAD

Product of Oldham Bears Academy this utility back is a handy member of the Roughyeds squad.

JOSH BOSTOCK

Aussie three-quarter almost unstoppable near the try line. Surprisingly released by Wakefield Trinity and a major capture for the Roughyeds.

AFI LEVILA

Only member of the Bears Super League squad to join the 'new' Oldham team. Of Tongan origin Afi is a strong running three-quarter who likes nothing better than to attack the opposition.

BRIAN QUINLAN

Local born goal kicking centre or second row. Missed most of last season through injury.

MICK FARRELL

21 year old utility back was outstanding for Rochdale in 1997 but had a disappointing 1998. The ex-Waterhead amateur will be looking for a big season with his hometown club.

JOE McNICHOLAS

This young winger is one of the most exciting prospects in the new First Division. Having turned down an offer from Bradford Bulls Joe was unfortunate to miss most of 1998 after breaking his leg in the early season. Rochdale born, he is armed with pace and a great side step.

PAUL CROOK

Half Back who previously played with Dewsbury, Oldham Bears and Hull Sharks. Creative player who is happy at either stand off or loose-forward.

CRAIG BARKER

Local half -back or hooker who was not always a first choice in 1998 but never lets the side down when selected.

LEO CASEY

Now at the veteran stage, Leo has returned to Oldham in the close season. Has represented Ireland at International level. This tough prop forward was delighted to be named as Captain for this season's campaign.

JASON CLEGG

Formerly a Bradford Bull this prop has opened this season in barn-storming form. Scored a typical rampaging try in the Law Cup against Rochdale. "Cleggy" is becoming a favourite with the Oldham spectators.

PAUL ROUND

Now in his second spell with Oldham, Paul is a real veteran of the game. Formerly a back rower he now tends to lead from the front row. Former clubs include St Helens and Castleford.

DANIEL BROWN

Daniel has shown impressive form since arriving at the "Roughyeds". This ex-Parramatta and Hull KR, half back has a good rugby brain and is a tenacious tackler.

JOHN HOUGH

John will go down in the "new" club's history books as the first player to officially sign for the Roughyeds. A bright future is predicted for this ex-Warrington Wolves hooker who is renowned for his hard work and sportsmanship.

MARK PERRETT

This Welsh International is another of the Roughyeds major close season signings. Mark is a hard working prop or second row who is determined to re-start his career after injury.

GARY COULTER

29 year old former Huddersfield second row who has returned to the game after taking a spell out away from it. His hard work and no-nonsense attitude will be invaluable to the Roughyeds.

MIKE PRESCOTT

Another player who will be determined to have a good season after last seasons was wrecked through injury. Mike is a deceptively quick back row forward.

MICK MARTINDALE

A good ball playing loose forward, 24 year old Mick was at Halifax for a number of years before joining his hometown club via Wakefield Trinity.

EMMERSON JACKMAN

A BARLA tourist in the summer of 1998 this eye-catching stand off or loose forward established his reputation at Saddleworth

Rangers and Oldham St Annes.

NATHAN VARLEY

Started most games from the subs bench last season but was still one of the clubs top tacklers. This ex Bradford back rower has had his pre-season ruined by an ankle injury picked up on New Years Day at Rochdale.

LAURENT MINUT

Nicknamed "Mince" by his teammates, Laurent has already proved himself an excellent last line of defence. This was shown with his try saving tackle on Paul Medley in the cup win against Dewsbury. He was signed from Villeneuve.

EMMANUEL PERALTA

"Manu" came to Oldham with his team Laurent from Villeneuve. He is no stranger to England having played for Keighley in 1997.

GRAEME SHAW

Signed from Bradford Bulls Graeme is a hardworking back row forward. Became the "new" clubs first international when he played for Scotland in October 1998.



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A VIEW...

Even on the one torrid day of summer, Mount Pleasant is not pleasant - more a Siberian Theme Park. The crowd are pleasant enough, a sort of straight-up-and-down "Gerrem Onside" brigade who, like all of us, get robbed every week by myopic referees who are clueless about our version of the Rules. After vanquishing the Bulldogs Alliance side, we faced their proudest sons on Sunday. I only mention this because my prediction that Thunderin' Joe Nadiole would be thereabouts came true - it was worth a terminal bout of hypothermia just to see THAT kick. Hunslet 2 Kirklees 0. I coked a snook at Owl Lane, as we passed.

Too cocksure! The Rams were ramming our Alliance the following Wednesday, They knocked on, from the kick off, then went into Formula 1 overdrive, looking like they would never sustain the pace, more blow a blood vessel. The Rams made the running and opened the scoring but, on the quarter hour, Richard Baker exploded up field, with Shaun Irwin. The last pass was needed and there was Thunderin' Joe going like a GNER train - for Health and Safety reasons it was perhaps best that no Rams player got in his way.

The Rams did not wince but continued to come at scorching speed with some impressive movements. Sometimes, it was only Richard's runs, from Full Back, that got us out of pawn. On 25, we went further behind and, frankly, we ought not to have let the last tackle in. For them, it was a sweet way to end a set but, on the half hour, David did what he does best - head of steam and a truck could not have stopped him. It was 8-12 and they went in.

The second half was even-stevens, with the Rams endeavouring to entice that gap in our defence, whilst we were flowing quite sweetly. Reduced to 12 men, just before the hour, the referee not appreciating the finer points of an academic debate, we fired our cylinders and played the best rugby of our game only to open a chink, and have victory plucked from our grasp. We did not deserve to lose, although 8-18 is a mean score. Hunslet 2 Kirklees 1.

It saddens me that Oz can get a crowd of 120,000 and we had such a small number on that Wednesday. Yet we have so much going for us. We have coaches with vision, players who are bringing us to our feet with movements of almost magic and a pitch that looks

as though it was fitted by County Carpets of Whitkirk. (Even Yorkshire cricket have adopted our colours and bar name for the summer!) But let us count our blessings. We have had bigger crowds at Alliance games than the one at Victory Park, Chorley, two Sundays ago, and the Batley crowd was 50% Hawk.

Do they know what they are missing? They prefer an afternoon watching Downhill Donkey Drag Dancing, Synchronised Sausage Switching on a satellite from Sudan, with commentary in Swahili, and then, just as we are kicking off, they fall comatose off the sofa and snore until the Ra-Ra's wake them up - even the teeth chattering wind of Mount Pleasant has got to be a better option. They missed THAT kick, but Butch Fatnowna didn't. Perhaps, if the game had been listed as MACHO MENS MUD MAULING - LIVE FROM THE MOUNT then twenty satellite stations would have been there, as well. Call it what you want, it is still the world's greatest game.

Bryan Smith

FROM THE BOX

HUNSLET HAWKS

ALLIANCE LEAGUE + FIXTURES

ALLIANCE DIRECTOR - PAUL MALLINSON

FEBRUARY	10TH	WEDNESDAY	SWINTON LIONS (POSTPONED)	H	7.30PM
	18TH	THURSDAY	KEIGHLEY COUGARS	A	7.30PM
	24TH	WEDNESDAY	ROCHDALE	H	7.30PM
MARCH	3RD	WEDNESDAY	BATLEY BULLDOGS	H	7.30PM
	10TH	WEDNESDAY	DEWSBURY RAMS	H	7.30PM
	20TH	SATURDAY	BARROW BORDER RAIDERS	H	2.30PM
	31ST	WEDNESDAY	OLDHAM	A	7.30PM
APRIL	8TH	THURSDAY	DEWSBURY RAMS	A	7.45PM
	17TH	SATURDAY	WEST CUMBRIA	A	2.30PM
	22ND	THURSDAY	ROCHDALE	A	7.30PM
MAY	5TH	WEDNESDAY	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	H	7.30PM
	15TH	SATURDAY	BARROW BORDER RAIDERS	A	2.30PM
	26TH	WEDNESDAY	LEIGH CENTURIONS	A	7.30PM
JUNE	9TH	WEDNESDAY	KEIGHLEY COUGARS	H	7.30PM
	16TH	WEDNESDAY	SWINTON LIONS	A	7.30PM
JULY	3RD	SATURDAY	BATLEY BULLDOGS	A	2.30PM
	7TH	WEDNESDAY	LEIGH CENTURIONS	H	7.30PM
	14TH	WEDNESDAY	OLDHAM	H	7.30PM
	22ND	THURSDAY	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	A	7.30PM
AUGUST	7TH	SATURDAY	WEST CUMBRIA	H	2.30PM

14.8.1999 - ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP - SECOND ROUND

28.8.1999 - ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP - THIRD ROUND

11.9.1999 - ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP - SEMI-FINAL

25.9.1999 - ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP - FINAL

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Introducing game Dracup

It is well known that Hunslet's Club Secretary, game Dracup, previously worked for Leeds Limited, not quite as well known as the fact that despite a football background she now considers the spot to be being compared to rugby league. Obviously this has a lot to do with the rugby on show at the South Leeds Stadium but says, "overall I think rugby league is more exciting, I especially enjoy the physical side. This is some statement considering the excitement entailing at her former employers down the road!"

game, 31, worked for Leeds Limited for 15 years, during which time she was in regular contact with Hunslet, including working in the next office at 16 years old. More recently she was involved in organising the Challenge Cup match versus Bradford Bulls which took place at Elland Road. It was then game began to appreciate the changes happening at the Hawks. And so nearly a year ago game started work at Hunslet aiming to help provide organisational support for the Hawks drive towards the Super League. game states, "I think Hunslet will go very far. I'm sure we'll get into the Super League, and hopefully I'll be there when it happens." So that's when it happens, not if it happens, that sort of confidence in the Hawks is always welcome in these parts!

Although she has only been at Hunslet for nearly a year, game has already experienced the highs and lows of Hunslet has to offer. The high being the Grand Final win for the Academy last year. And the low, as game explains, "stood, in the rain, on the terraces watching Featherstone beat Leeds - the match which meant we missed out on the play-offs."

The joint licensee of the Phoenix Bar rates Butch Fairweather and Iain Higgins as her favourite players. She would also like to see Paul Sterling return to the Hawks to join them. But this isn't her only former connection. game actually had a season ticket with husband Peter, at Headingley for two years. game also followed Leeds to Wembley in 1993, but they were getting so heavily beaten by Wigan that she left at half time - a fact Hunslet fans will no doubt delight in!

So why did game leave Leeds Limited, after gradually becoming disillusioned? game explains, "I obviously still want the team to do well, it was just part of the management side that I didn't agree with. The way the club was running. Far enough, but how does Hunslet compare? I can't enthuse enough about it. It's just such a change, it's a great atmosphere here, and there's genuine friendliness, answers game.

game adds, "I enjoy a challenge, and hopefully this will be one I can conquer. I doubt anyone who knows game would ever doubt that, which can only be good news for the Hunslet Hawks."

By Nicola Billings

Simon says....

BRADFORD BULLS

It seems that the recent Silk Cut Challenge Cup draw has gained Bradford Bulls another 1,500 or so fans following being drawn against the Rhinos. It seems Mannson and his new colleagues gave the Rhinos a scare at one stage. Still at least one of the Hunslet Army will be playing at Wembley in May as Sean and his colleagues from Sive will be playing live, before the kick off. Anyway 'come on ye Bulls'.

THE HUNSLET SHRINE

When a member of the 'Holey' family asks you to visit a 'shrine' on a Sunday it is very worrying for a devout atheist like myself. Still I entered The Engine Public House on Moor End opposite Hunslet Lake last Monday with open mind. I was met and accompanied by Stuart Holey a lifelong supporter who showed me the back room which is known as the Hunslet Shrine and nicely decorated with various Hunslet memorabilia including shirts, ties, programmes, pictures etc. collected over the years by Stuart and other supporters.

I was impressed and reminisced for a time. Stuart tells me he has had other memorabilia promised and seems to be building up a veritable array of interesting artifacts. Should anybody be passing the Engine with time to spare, pop in, I can recommend the welcome, who



knows you might end up contributing. Maybe we should start a Museum dedicated to 'Rugby in Hunslet' perhaps this could attract Lottery Funding?

HAWKS ROUTED BY ROVERS

It seems that Dave Harrison the Rovers coach out thought us last Sunday and raised some question marks over aspects of our game. Undoubtedly, on the day, the best team won but I feel that we are both of even standards and the season is still young. No doubt David Plange has studied the video and will as ever, rectify the mistakes in his usual professional manner. Today brings a tricky looking fixture against an Oldham team who have already sprung surprises on our competition. As ever may the best team win.





PHOENIX

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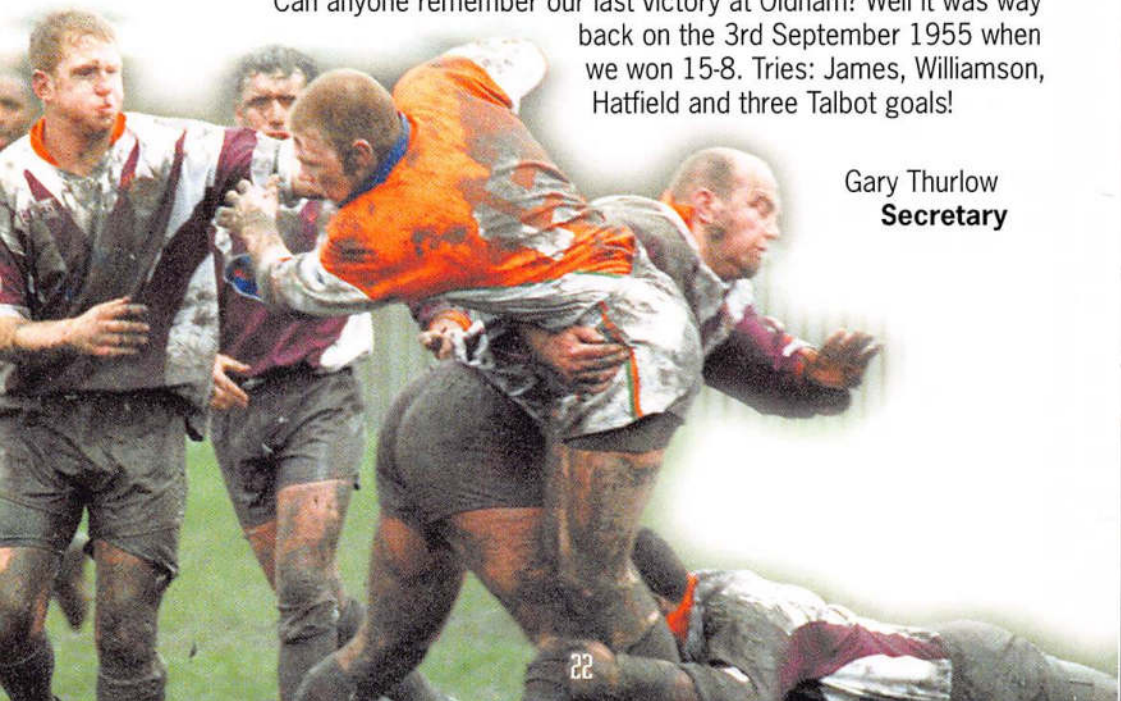
When we last met it was in the Challenge Cup on 30th January 1994, losing at Elland Road 20 -30. Our tries from Burrow Daniel Mwololo and Beath with two Bartliff goals.

The last league fixtures between today's teams took place during the 1989/90 season losing away 10-48 with tries to Whittington and Bowden plus goal by Warrener, and at home 14-42 our tries from Warrener and King plus three Lay goals.

The last time we actually beat today's opponents was on the 22nd April 1979 at home 36-14. Tries: Cameron (2) Rowe (2), Smith, Standidge, Dean and Hughes with six goals from Parrish. We drew 15-15 at Oldham.

Can anyone remember our last victory at Oldham? Well it was way back on the 3rd September 1955 when we won 15-8. Tries: James, Williamson, Hatfield and three Talbot goals!

Gary Thurlow
Secretary



Wishing the Hunslet Hawks
every success for the 1999 season



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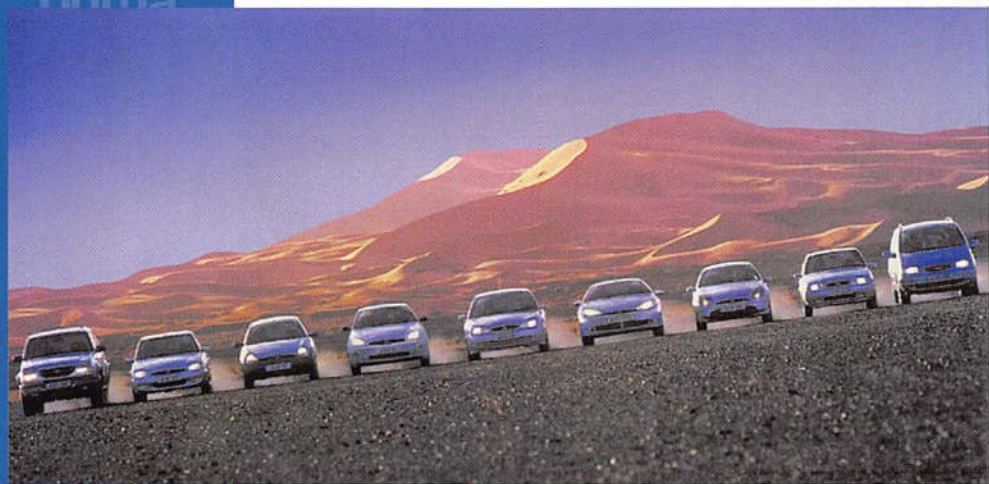
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