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1st Division Runners-Up: 1995-96

2nd Division Champions: 1902-03 & 1994-95

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2nd Division Premiership Winners: 1994-95

1st Division Premiership Runners-Up: 1996

Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1936-37

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Plain Sailing

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One of the dilemmas of writing this column on a Tuesday is that much may have changed by Match Day on Sunday. This is very much the case this week. IF someone is appointed as Head Coach before Sunday please ignore the next two paragraphs!

We have received another application this week and whilst we do have a short list we felt it right to consider this new one. Obviously we are keen to appoint and announce the successful applicant at the earliest opportunity. Everybody, particularly the players, needs to have the situation resolved as soon as possible. However, it has to be the right person for the Club and be someone who is available and willing to join on the terms we can offer.

We were pleased with the way the team performed against Lancashire Lynx. Frank Punchard and Jason wanted to be more expansive in the game plan and with the positional changes - which included the welcome return of Paul Owen - it worked pretty well. Certainly Matt Foster

coming in at centre worked very well.

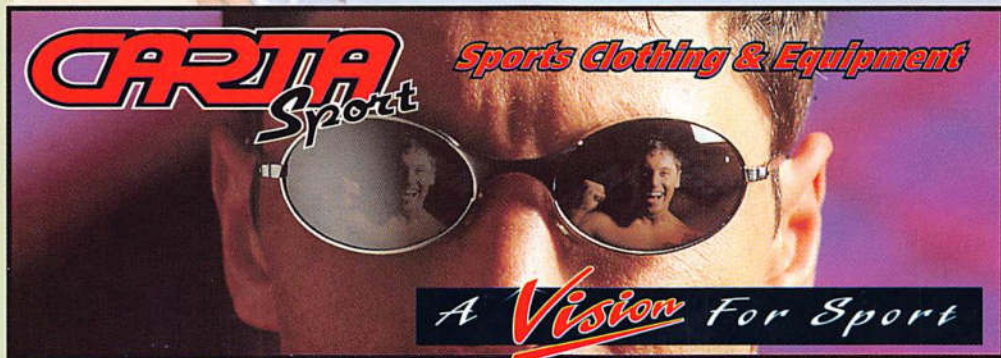
We welcome Oldham and their supporters to Cougar Park today. I am sure the Cougars will be wanting to be just as expansive today which will go to make a good game. We also welcome the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bradford. There will be a bucket collection in support of the Lord Mayor's 1998/9 Appeal for B.U.R.P.S. (Baby Unit). I know this appeal will benefit from the usual Cougar Park generosity.

I enjoyed the Challenge Cup Final last Saturday. Portrayed as good family entertainment it was a great advertisement for Rugby League. It would have been nice if Ray French had mentioned that Darren Fleary and Daryl Powell both transferred from Keighley Cougars.

Thanks as always for your support today. Enjoy the game.

God Bless You.

Howard.



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Celtic have successfully run two open age sides this season and two youth sides at U 12's

and U 10's. And will continue with their Youth development in running teams at 10's, 11's, 12's and 13's in preparation for their development into our open age teams.

Celtic have always had a positive youth policy and our young players can now be seen playing for the Cougars 'A', N.Kennedy, N.Anwar, B.Farrar, M.Ives, G.Boocock, P.Lee Gallon and A.Lilley and several can now be seen playing at Conference level with Keighley Albion and Pennine Premier side Worth Village.

Our aim for the Millennium is to take our first team into division 3 and to continue to lay a platform for our younger players to develop into Keighley's players of the future.

Open age sides will continue to train through the summer with Mondays in the gym and light training on Thursdays. All new players are welcome at all age groups and should contact:

Dave Lewis 212965, Tim Powell 600145,
Ian Kennedy 605367, John Short 604001.



With the departure of Lee we have not had any Game Statistics for the last matches. We are hoping that this feature will become available again to us in the near future, and should anyone have any suggestions regarding items for inclusion in the programme please do not hesitate to forward them to the office at Cougar Park.

A VIEW THROUGH ROSE COLOURED SPECTACLES

bottom lip drop when things don't go his way. Top show Chris.

Jason Ramshaw once again inspirational as always. It was good to see Paul Owen back in the fold, Paul has been for some time an exciting prospect down at Keighley and once again he has got his chance to shine well done Paul and welcome back.

The most disappointing aspect was the crowd, come on don't turn your backs on the team when they need you.

How can I not mention the referee, a Super League referee at that who informed me that he has been told by the RFL not to be static at the play the ball so what does he do, that's right walks forward and brings the defensive line up. Nice one referee you have nothing to do and couldn't do that right.

So who is the next coach of the cougars much speculation around the terraces on Sunday but that's all we can do speculate. We will leave it to the Board and let them decide but who ever it may be lets give them are wholehearted support.

Wembley looms this weekend I will be their cheering the Rhinos on and maybe having a drink between times. So no game until may 9th when we order to keep up our momentum and keep heading for the top five. We will get their mark my words. Right that's it I'm off to do some work or something, Good luck and enjoy the game

Phil

The clock of life is wound but once and no one knows the hour

Just when the clock will stop at a late or early hour. The clock stopped for Lee Crooks last week whether right or wrongly that's not for me to discuss. What is certain is that Lee did a good job for the Cougars under extreme pressure, and we all wish him well in what ever he does in the future.

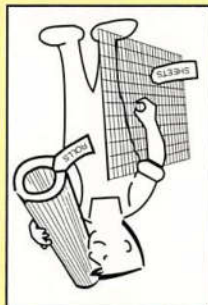
Once again we have to search for another Coach one who can try and turn our dreams into reality. So onwards we go to Sunday and Lancashire Lynx. No Coach, but still a team that can and will make the top five.

We have the ability we just need the confidence Lee Crooks has gone of that there is no doubt. Lets not take on a negative attitude lets be positive, and besides it does not make any difference to the outcome whether you are an optimist or pessimist. But an optimist has a better time of it.

Monday Morning once again and I am happy the Cougars back on the winning track and Featherstone and Widnes both losing just the tonic the Doctor ordered, well where do we start?

Christian Tyrer and his new haircut, Matt Foster and the size of his rear end (The trouser splitting episode).

I know, what a great way to bounce back after the Leigh game five super tries from everyone's hero Matt Foster. Chris Robinson a fine show hooker despite his long hours sat on the bench or even water carrier a true professional and an inspiration to those around him. Many kids would do well to follow his example, as he is not one to let his



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Feb 14th.	A	Widnes Vikings (CCup 4)	20-28	3,003
Feb 21st.	A	Bramley	12-14	1,000est
Mar 7th.	H	York Wasps	8-10	1,878
Mar 14th.	A	Dewsbury Rams	8-35	1,010
Mar 21st.	H	WHITEHAVEN WARRIORS	30-16	1,616
Apr 2nd.	H	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	18-32	2,242
Apr 5th.	A	Barrow Border Raiders	22-21	1,370
Apr. 11th.	H	WIDNES VIKINGS	24-22	2,103
Apr 18th.	A	Leigh Centurions	16-28	1,856
Apr 25th.	H	LANCASHIRE LYNX	40-14	1,680
May 9th.	H	OLDHAM		k.o.3.00
May 16th.	A	Swinton Lions		k.o.3.00
May 23rd.	H	WORKINGTON TOWN		k.o.3.00
May 30th.	A	Batley Bulldogs		k.o.3.00
June 6th.	H	HULL KINSTON ROVERS		k.o.3.00
June 13th.	A	Hunslet Hawks		k.o.3.30
June 20th.	A	Doncaster Dragons		k.o.3.00
June 23rd	A	Rochdale Hornets		k.o.7.30
June 27th.	H	BRAMLEY		k.o.3.00
July 4th.	A	York Wasps		k.o.3.00
July 11th.	H	DEWSBURY RAMS		k.o.3.00
July 18th.	A	Whitehaven Warriors		k.o.3.30
July 25th.	H	ROCHDALE HORNETS		k.o.3.00
Aug 1st.	A	Featherstone Rovers		k.o.3.30
Aug 8th.	H	BARROW BORDER RAIDERS		k.o.3.00
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Approachable and always willing and honest in airing his views and reactions, Lee Crooks will hopefully not be lost to the game of Rugby League for long.

After 13 months in charge at Cougars - his first appointment - the big man will now know just how tough a job it is.

He was big enough to admit he made mistakes and that he was learning from them. He was grateful too for Cougars giving him the chance and that directors had the right to hire and fire as they saw fit. He admitted it had come as a shock to get the push but he honestly believed he was doing a good job and that the team was heading in the right direction.

He wants to keep in the game and fans will fervently hope he gets the chance

soon.

Thankfully Cougars reacted positively in beating Lancashire Lynx days after Crooks' departure. Caretaker coach Frank Punchard and his on-field leader Jason Ramshaw got the professional show and win they demanded. The same is needed today against Oldham.

Next week Keighley News Sports editor John Heald will be back from his Oz odyssey where he planned among others things to have a word with former Cougar favourite Ian Gateley. For how he fared Down Under - or indeed if he returns to glamorous old Keighley watch this space and read his reports in the Keighley News.

Kevin Hopkinson



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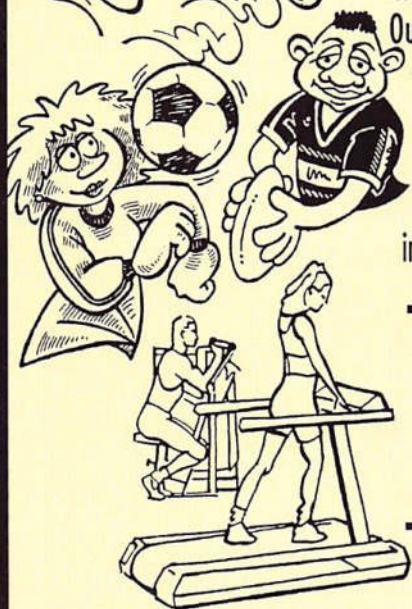
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Keighley & District Youth Rugby League have been meeting with us and discussing the forthcoming 'Phoenix Trophies Cougar Festival & Challenge' next weekend on 15th/16th May. The event is to be held at Cougar Park with the Festival kicking off on Saturday at 12noon. This will include teams

at U8's, U9's, U10's and U11's. A full afternoon is to be played, finishing around 6.15pm. Every child involved will receive a medal provided by Stuart Howarth at Phoenix Trophies. The teams involved are Cougar Cubs, West Craven, Keighley Celtic, Cubs All Stars, Guardhouse, St Josephs, St Annes, Nessfield and Hothfield Street.

On Sunday the Cougar Challenge will feature 4 finals at U12's, U13's, U14's and U16's. Again the games will start at 12noon and will run continuously throughout the afternoon. Qualifying games are still being played, so the finalists are still not yet known.

There will be refreshments available including burgers, ice creams as well as the bar facilities. Face painting will also be available. Admission on both days will be £1 for adults and will include a programme and raffle ticket to win Cougar merchandise + other items. Funds raised will go to Youth Rugby League in the Keighley area. So please make a huge effort to try and attend, your support is vital.

Lastly if anyone found a small Cabbage Patch Doll at our last home game could you please return her back to Cougar Park, we have had an upset little Girl appealing for her safe homecoming.

Good Luck

Jason + Matt



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OLDHAM RUGBY LEAGUE 1999

Aide Mead is a product of the Oldham Bears Academy and this utility back is a handy member of the roughyeds squad. He has played on the wing this season and has not let the side down.

Afi Leuila is the only member of the Bears Super League squad to join the 'new' Oldham team. He is of Tongan origin and Afi is a strong running three-quarter whom likes nothing better than to attack the opposition.

Brian Quinlan is a local born goal kicking centre or second row who missed most of last season through injury.

Mick Farrell is a 21 year old utility back who was outstanding for Rochdale Hornets during 1997 but had a disappointing 1998. This ex-Waterhead amateur has just broken into the first team and is playing centre for his hometown club.

Joe McNicholas is a young winger and one of the most exciting prospects in the new Northern Ford Premiership. 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 is a halfback who previously played with Dewsbury, Oldham Bears and Hull Sharks. He is a creative player who is happy to play at either stand-off or loose forward.

Craig Barker is a local halfback or hooker who was not always a first choice during 1998 and this has been the case so far this season. After some impressive performances in the alliance side he is beginning to get first team opportunities.

Leo Casey is now at the veteran stage and has returned to Oldham during the close season. He has represented Ireland at international level and this tough prop forward was delighted to be named as Captain for this season's campaign. His performances during 1999 have been outstanding and he has certainly led by example.

Jason Clegg is a former Bradford Bull prop forward and has opened this season in barnstorming form, with atypical rampaging try in the Law Cup against Rochdale Hornets. 'Clegg' is becoming a firm favourite with the Oldham spectators with his eye-catching performances.

Paul Round is now in his second spell with Oldham and 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. His leading of the alliance side has

brought him back into first team consideration.

Daniel Brown is an Australian halfback or hooker who played with Hull K.R. last season. He is a good playmaker and also an extremely hard working tackler.

John Hough will go down in the history books as the first player to officially sign for the 'Roughyeds'. This ex-Warrington Wolves hooker has a bright future and is renowned for his hard work and sportsmanship. He has been very consistent this season and is very popular amongst the 'Roughyeds' spectators for his 100% commitment.

Mark Perrett is a Welsh International who signed during the close season. He is a hard working prop forward or second row who is determined to restart his career after injury. He has just been called up for training with Welsh squad.

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

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

Emmerson Jackman is a stand-off or loose forward and a BARLA tourist of 1998 who established his reputation at Saddleworth Rangers and Oldham St. Annes.

Nathan Varley is an ex-Bradford back rower who has started most games this season from the sub bench. He had his pre-season ruined by an ankle injury picked up on New Years Day at Rochdale but made his first full appearance of the season against York Wasps in the last home game.

Graeme Shaw is a hard working back row forward signed from Bradford Bulls who became the 'new' club's first international in October 1998 playing for Scotland.

Laurent Minut is a French fullback who signed from Villeneuve. Known as 'Mins' to his team-mates he is a courageous tackler and good under a high ball.

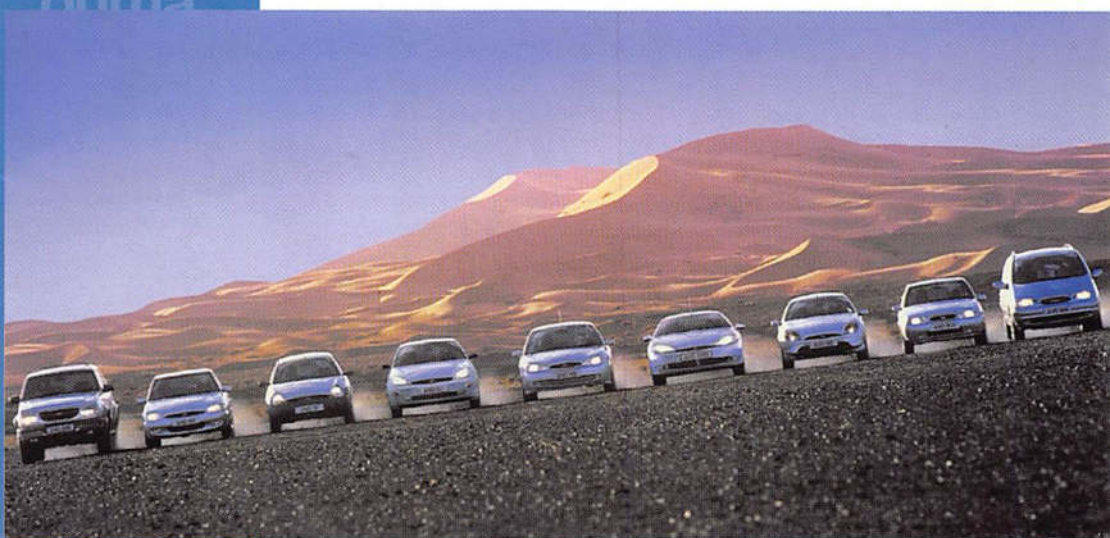
Emmanuel Peralta came to Oldham with his team-mate Laurent. 'Manu' is no stranger to England having previously played for the Cougars.

You will have noticed that in the last home programme there were no notes for Lancashire Lynx. They were contacted on numerous occasions but failed to give us any information regarding their team.

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THE YOUNG ONES

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At last the Academy team started their league campaign on April 25th against Hemel Stags. This was a curtain raiser to the First team game against Lancashire Lynx. Where were you all? What a game you missed. Our young boys looked just that facing some big and powerful lads from down south. But what they lacked in physical stature was countered by some mighty big hearts. Congratulations must go to diminutive Andy Bowness in the middle of it all. After leading 18 to 6 at half time the Cougars went on to win by 30 points to 14. The MAN of the match was two try Ben Farrar but he was closely followed by Chris Hartley, captain Craig Brown and the rest of the team.



After the Lord Mayor's Show. What do they say about a team that plays bad and wins? On Monday 3rd May the academy visited Victory Park to play Lancashire Lynx Academy. Well done Steve Mortimer, he scored four tries and Ben Farrar ran in one but unfortunately we left our kicking boots at Cougar Park. We struggled to hold them to the final score of 22 points to 20 even when their Alan Cheatham tried to live up to his name by trying to take Ben Farrar out of the game with a blatant undisguised right cross. That earned him the red card with only about 15 minutes gone. Andy Bowness kicked the only goal and the man of the match was Chris Hartley.

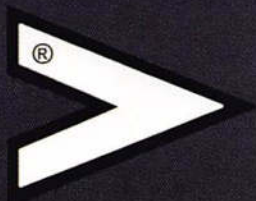
On Thursday the 29th April the Alliance entertained Dewsbury Rams and got back to winning ways after a hard fought and most entertaining game decided by a drop goal by Chris Hartley with 10 minutes to go making the score 17 points to 16. It was good to see Davide Longo at 6 and Paul Owen at 7 hitting it off so well this combination would have outshone most first team half-back pairings in the Northern Ford Premiership League on this form. The try scorers were Jason Laurence, Richard Wood and Chris Hartley with the latter kicking two goals and that all important drop goal.

The next home Alliance match is against Swinton Lions on Thursday 13th May 7.30pm

And the next home Academy match is against West Cumbria as curtain raiser to the Workington Town first team match on Sunday 23rd May 12.30pm

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7/8/99	Barrow Border Raiders	AWAY			

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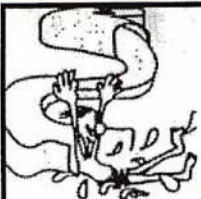
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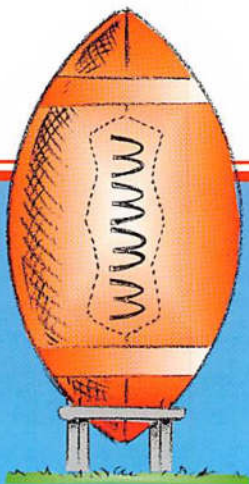


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Hiya Kids

Welcome to your own exclusive page. A big hello to all the junior fans of Oldham we hope you enjoy your first visit to Cougar Park for many years

Firstly some important news, the next Freddie Club meeting will be on the 15th May in the sponsors Bar, however for this month only we'll be starting at 10.30am due to Cougar Park being used for Junior Cup Finals. Hope to see you all there!

The Freddie Club will be involved in the Cougar entry in Keighley Gala on 5th June along with the Supporters Club further details will be available at the next club meeting. We still need any drawings, photo's etc for this page, pass all pictures to either Rachel, Sam or Sharon and they will make sure that the pictures get printed.

Did you all enjoy the Rhinos victory last Saturday? There was lots of Keighley fans there and it was good to see past players Darren Fleary and Daryll Powell, acknowledge their support on the Leeds lap of honour after the game

Finally the big question, Who is going to be our new Coach. I m sure everyone connected with the Freddie club would like to pass on all good wishes to Lee Crooks for the future. Crooksie always had time for the club members as well as being involved in the initial setting up of the club.

See you on the 15th Coouuugggaaarrsss.

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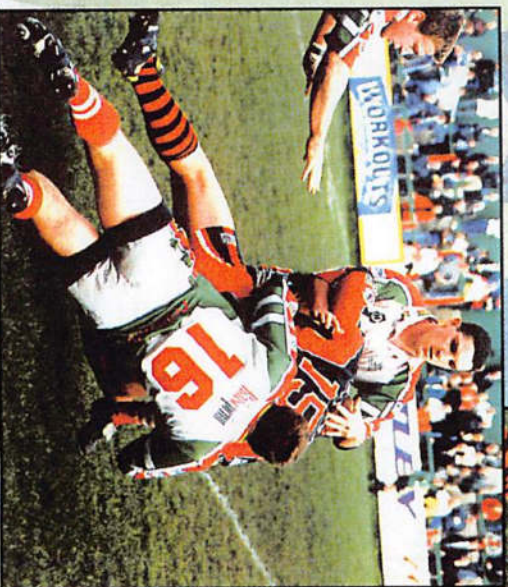
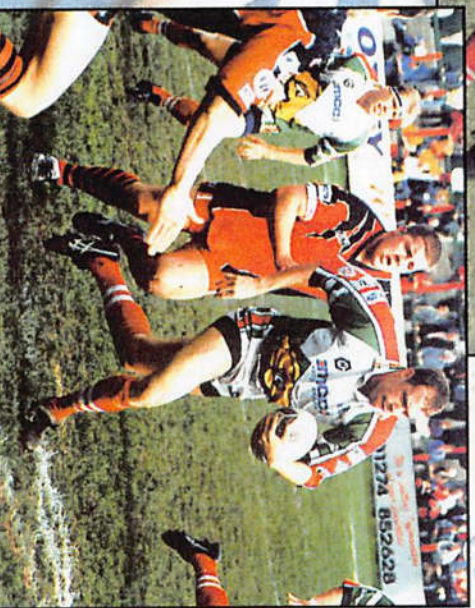
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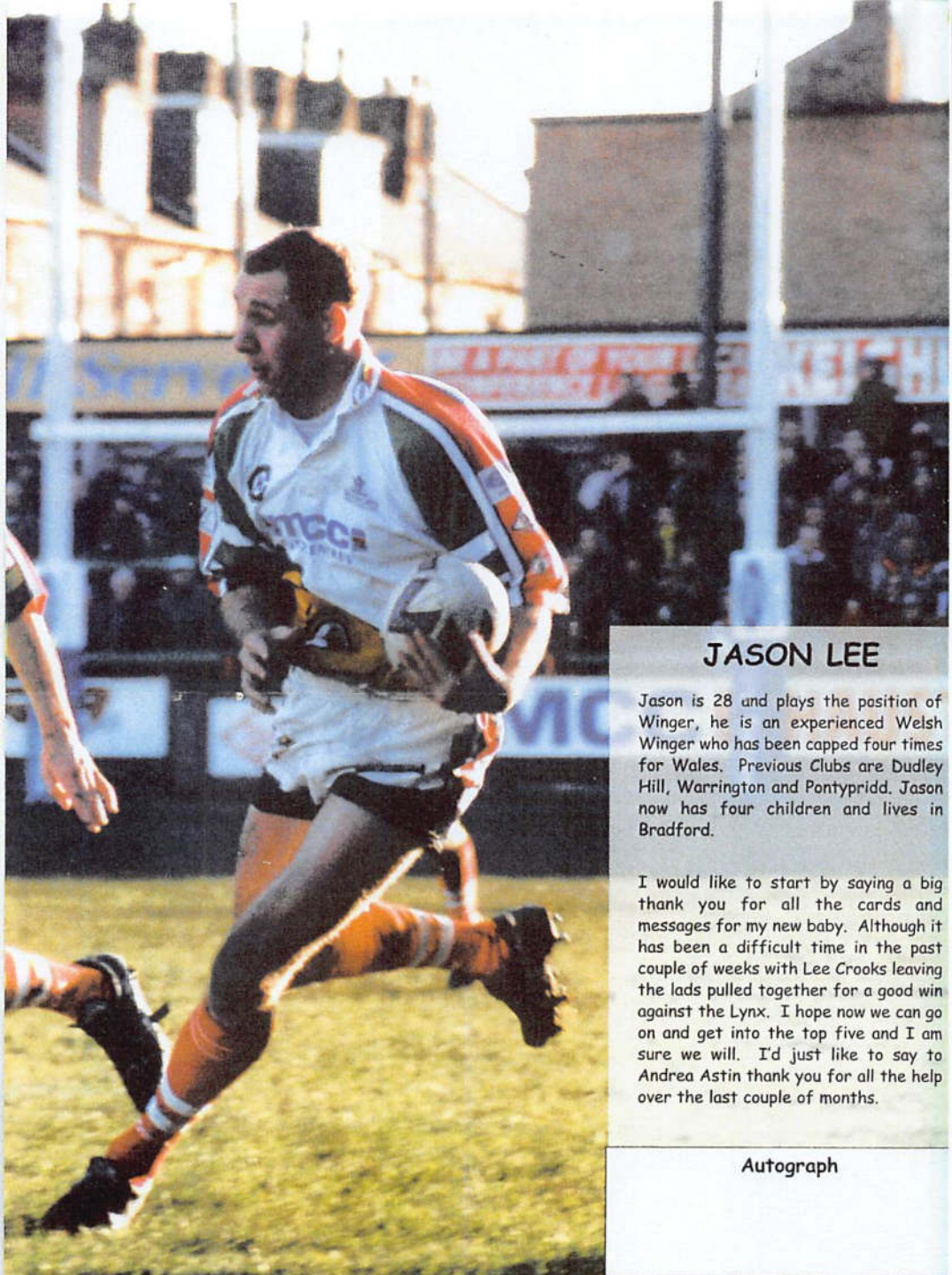
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JASON LEE

Jason is 28 and plays the position of Winger, he is an experienced Welsh Winger who has been capped four times for Wales. Previous Clubs are Dudley Hill, Warrington and Pontypridd. Jason now has four children and lives in Bradford.

I would like to start by saying a big thank you for all the cards and messages for my new baby. Although it has been a difficult time in the past couple of weeks with Lee Crooks leaving the lads pulled together for a good win against the Lynx. I hope now we can go on and get into the top five and I am sure we will. I'd just like to say to Andrea Astin thank you for all the help over the last couple of months.

Autograph

Postcards from the **Fred**

Cougar call 0891 567575

FREDDIE GETS FOUND

Howdy, as you will remember from last week I had just thumbed a ride from with two people who seemed very familiar.

Not wanting to be a rude Cougar I introduced myself and I asked them where they were going. They told me that they were from New Zealand and they were searching for a friend of their son. They were meeting up with their son in a nearby Village.

As we turned around the bend in the road we saw something which you don't often see. It was a man walk straight up a tree. We stopped to investigate a little closer. The man noticed us watching him and walked back down the tree and came over to talk. It turned out that he was simply getting himself a drink and a snack.

The man offered us two football like objects and explained, 'Here in Fiji when we are hungry or thirsty we simply take what we need from the land, this is a coconut and you can drink its milk and eat its flesh.'

As we were sitting down to enjoy the local treat Alex casually popped his head out from around the corner and said, 'Hi Fred I see you've meet my parents.' I couldn't believe it, off all the people in the world to get a ride with I got one with Alex's parents!

My joy of being reunited with Alex soon turned to anger when I remembered that Alex had abandoned me and left me to be eaten by Cougar Hungry Cannibals on an Ocean Liner. Well that was what I thought had happened. As you may remember the last time I saw Alex I was very homesick and had a few drinks, well as it turns out I had in my state of drunkenness run off and become a stowaway on the boat all by myself.

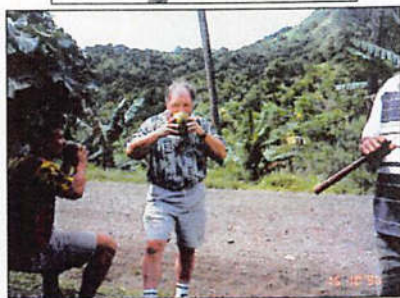
Alex then went on to explain that his parents and himself and then gone a world wide search for me. 'Fred you are a naughty little Cougar, from now on in I'm going to make sure that you make it back home safely to Keighley, what would the Cougars do if you don't make it back.' scolded Alex. 'As a result of searching for you I've spent most of money and now we can't afford to fly back to Keighley, we have to take little boats.'

Well after my last experience on a boat I wasn't too keen on the idea of travelling by boat but I guess I have no choice.

Talk to you next week

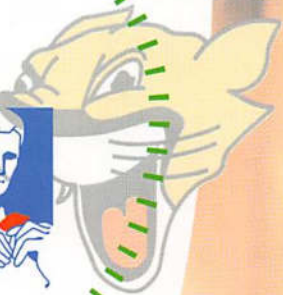
Love Fred.

Where will the little boat take Alex and Fred, does the boat have a Cougar eating crew? Stay tuned to next week for the exciting memoirs of Fred.



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Welcome back everyone to Cougar Park. We hope that you all had a pleasant May bank holiday and enjoyed a Yorkshire side winning the Silk Cut Challenge Cup! Let's all cheer the COUGARS on to another home win after the rousing performance against Lancashire Lynx.

The Supporters Club would like to wish Lee Crookes all the best for the future, and hope that he will continue to make his mark in Rugby League. Whatever we think about his record with the Cougars we have to remember that finances limited him. That's why it's important to help the Cougars NOW by joining Cougar Loot, and remember more funds means more players. You can join Cougar Loot in the Red, Green and White hut, (yes it has been repainted!). The Supporters Club is acting as an agent and all commissions earned will be used by us to help the Cougars. Also in the hut you can still join the Supporters Club or renew your subscription. A few years ago the Supporters Club had over 700 members, now we are less than 100. Were you one of those members back then? If you were then think about it. It's easy being a supporter when a club is at its height of success, but it's now that the Cougars need you. It's now that your membership of the Supporters Club will help us to help the Cougars move forward.

A big welcome to everyone from Oldham. We hope that you enjoy the game and have a safe journey home.

The Supporters Club AGM will be held at Cougar Park on the 20th May 1999 at 8pm all are welcome members and non-members, you can join on the night. This is your chance to air your views and find out what the Supporters Club has been doing during the last year and its intentions for this season.

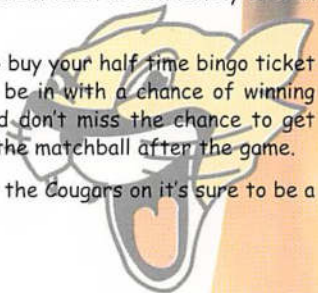
After today's game if you stay behind in the bars you have a chance of winning today's match ball, which will be raffled off by the Supporters Club. This will be the actual ball you see the players playing with on the pitch, and it will be signed by all the Cougar players in today's team. So look out for ticket sellers and it could be yours!

Don't forget the Hall of Fame on 14th May when Joe Flanagan and Paul Moses will be the latest players to receive this honour. You could also vote for future nominees. Deceased players such as Llew Bevan or Joe Phillips are amongst those who could be nominated by your vote, along with players who might not be able to attend the event such as Ian Gately over in Australia.

Don't forget to buy your half time bingo ticket if you want to be in with a chance of winning that £200, and don't miss the chance to get your hands on the matchball after the game.

If we all cheer the Cougars on it's sure to be a winning one!!!!

Alison.



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Lawkholme Len

Today's visitors, Oldham are in effect a new club, Oldham Bears having gone into liquidation in 1977. In essence though it's the same club that was founded in 1895-6 and was an original member of the Northern Union. They have won several cabinets full of trophies through the last century and fed many fine players to the International ranks. The last time they visited Keighley was in March 1990 when they defeated us 10-30 going on to gain promotion to the first division that season.

It was good to Keith Dixon playing at his familiar full-back position against Lancs Lynx. Signed in 1984 and now in his third spell at Keighley surely 'Dicko' must be one of the clubs most enduring players. In his Keighley career up to the start of this season he had appeared 238 times with 27 substitutions, scored 95 tries, 320 goals and 20 drop-goals. A total of 1,040 points. Let's hope he can make his century of touchdowns this year.

Today's delve in the Cougar Archives takes us back 75 years. In May 1924 Keighley entertained Bradford Northern in the traditional end of season Lazenby Cup match in front of 5,000 spectators. Foster at scrum-half turned in a fine

performance in what turned out to be a very one-sided game. In the first half there were tries for Keighley by Hodgson and Craven and a penalty goal by Davis. In the second period Holmes scored two tries and Kendall also crossed the chalk to make the final score 19 points to 5. The 1924 team was: Browning, Holmes, Kendall, Perkins, Craven, Foster, Hey, Thompson, Davis, Hodgson, Jones, Walton and Spavin.

15 years ago in May 1984 Keighley News summed up team's season with the headline, "What a disaster - the worse since the war in playing terms". Coach Lee Greenwood had just been sacked and Geoff Peggs had taken over. There were plans to sell Lawkholme and re-develop the site as a supermarket. The team finished off the season with a 14-38 defeat by Workington. Terry Brearley scored a try in the first half and then Mick Hawksworth was 'unstoppable' scoring a try in the second period. A triallist scored a try in injury time to complete the scoring. The 1984 side was: Rowett (Allard), Triallist, Mitchell, Cholmondley, Brearley, Robinson (Ellis), Sellers, Raistrick, Farrell, Procter, Fairhurst, Rowse and Hawksworth. The attendance was 465.

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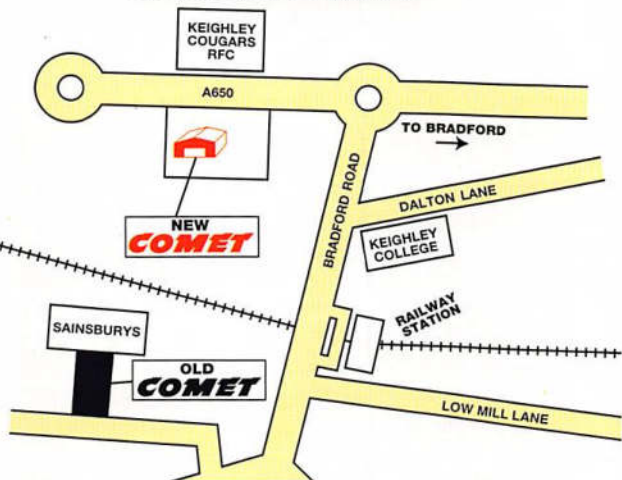
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played in 179 matches scoring 46 tries.

His career for Keighley, however, was interrupted by National Service in the Army in which Roy played for the Duke Of Wellington's

regimental team who became Army champions two years running. After his return to Lawkholme and the 13-a-side code Roy became an integral part of the 1962-3 Division Two promotion winning side.

He made two appearances for Yorkshire in 1963, one of them against the Australian touring team in which Roy sustained an injury that cost him his Great Britain call up against the Aussies. Further Injury ended Roy's playing career at Keighley in 1966 retiring on doctor's orders. Roy, however returned to the club in 1975 as coach with the colts but playing in a further eight games for the first team. Moving up to coach the first team he went on to take the club to the memorable Challenge Cup semi-final at Fartown in 1976 when Keighley lost to the eventual winners St.Helens. Roy finally left the club in October 1977.

The Cook Report

Cougar call 0891 567575

Following a fairly injury-free match after the Lancashire Lynx game, only Jason Ramshaw has needed intensive physiotherapy for calf, thigh and left forearm bruising. Martin Wood is making good progress following his fractured thumb and is possible for the game against Oldham, if selected!

Matt Foster was unfortunate to have a serious dislocation of his finger whilst training. He had hospital treatment to put back the dislocation but he also required stitches. Matt has been receiving treatment to mobilise the hand and is possible for the game against Oldham.

Davide Longo has had his return to playing halted on Thursday evening. In the closing minutes of the U 21's game he sustained a knee injury for which he has had surgery to remove cartilage and he also sustained badly strained ligaments and will be out for approximately 10 weeks. This is unfortunate after having made progress with his Achilles tendon problems, which appeared to be resolving. Once the operation has settled he will be using Workouts gym facilities in his rehabilitation to restore him to full strength as soon as possible and we will work on co-ordination and strengthening exercises for his knee to achieve this.

Hopefully there will not have been any injuries following Wembley. Chris Robinson as far as we know, has come through the Wembley Weekend, injury free!

Jason Lee has had to be very careful not to irritate his existing back problem with bending over changing nappies! He is back in full training this week in readiness for a return to action against Oldham.

David Cook.



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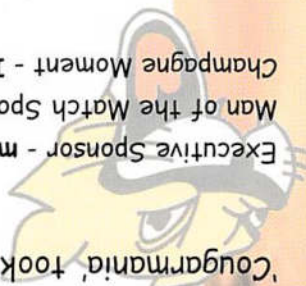
As a proud Cougar Fan for many years, I have seen the Clubs fortunes ebb and flow and know, first hand, how dispiriting the lack of success can be. However, the message is that the Cougars are back, leaner, meaner and perhaps a little wiser, but just as hungry.

The commercial team are working hard to promote the Club and generate income over the coming Months and new initiatives are already taking shape. I have also, in my short time at Cougar Park been very impressed by the commitment and generosity of our Sponsors who have continued to show faith in the Club. But to genuinely achieve success will require an effort by the whole of the Cougar community.

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dedicated efforts of people like Norma Rankin, one of my predecessors, that we achieved so much. However, Norma would be the first to acknowledge the contribution made by the fans from all sections of the community in achieving such enormous success.

I have no intention about speaking of 'Cougarmania' in the past tense. Those who thought they had killed the cat didn't realise it had eight lives to spare. Let's here it roar again!

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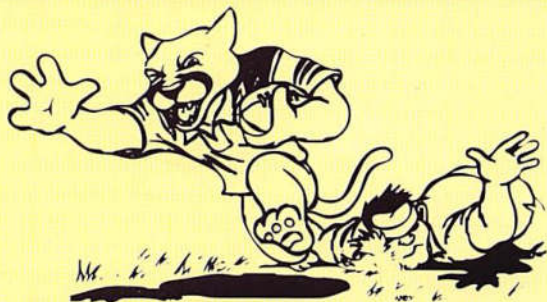
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