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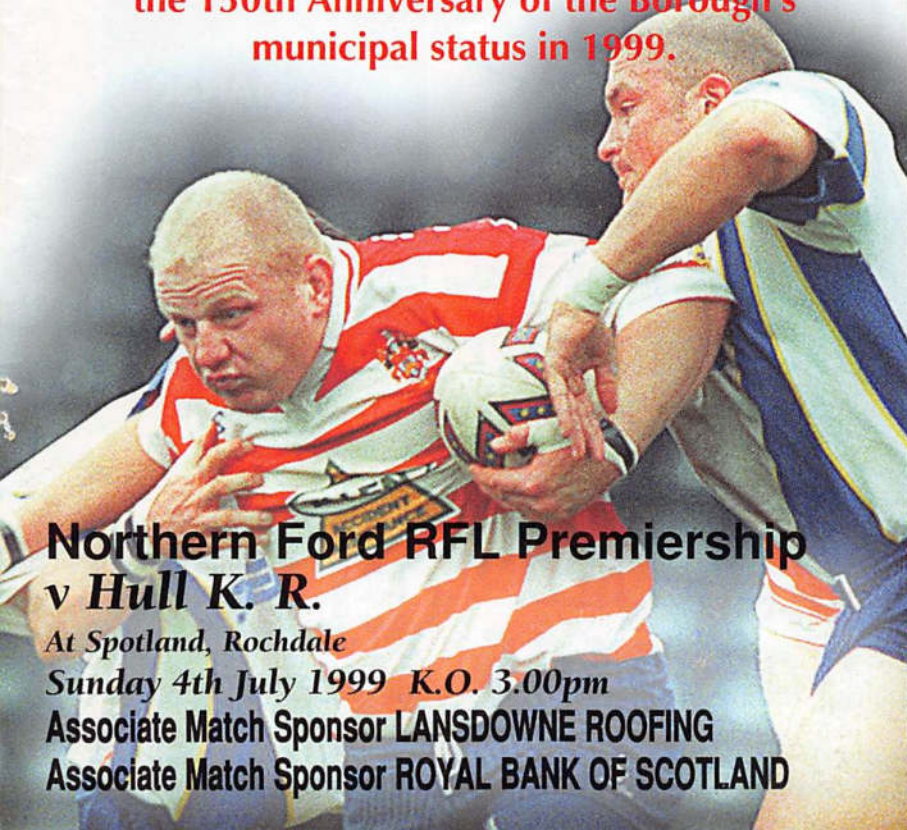
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CHRISTOPHER HAMILTON

Chairman's Chatter



WELCOME to everyone from Hull K.R. this afternoon for a game that takes on a new importance after last Sundays result and performance at Featherstone. The scoreline was a record defeat for the club and not a pleasant experience in any sense of the word for anybody associated with the club, particularly the fans who made the journey.

Since we played Hull K.R. and gained a creditable draw at Craven Park early in the season our fortunes have contrasted greatly, with both sides doing what most experts would have predicted - namely Hull K.R. having a very good consistent season with only the occasional blip, whilst ourselves have staggered for a variety of reasons. At this moment in time Rovers look a good bet not only for the top five but also the Grand Final. Let's hope that defeat today doesn't affect them too much!

Over the past few days Rochdale have parted company with coach Deryck Fox and with the other coaching casualties so far it just goes to show that even with £325,000, as opposed to our £165,000, it doesn't mean you will be any more successful.

Most of you will also have seen the recent headlines regarding the Association of Premiership Clubs "alleged" partial return to a winter season. To put the record straight at the last meeting clubs **did not** vote to change the playing season and the matter was not even discussed as an agenda item. The situation at the moment is that the game has a whole host of things to consider as it contemplates the way forward and for once hasty, rash, ill-informed decisions should not be made. We may well change the playing season but lets only do it once we know all the implications.

Best wishes,

Chris Hamilton



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OLDHAM EVENING CHRONICLE'S

Roger Halstead

ON the face of it there looks to be considerable merit in Bob McDermott's proposals to start the new Northern Ford Premiership season on Boxing Day and run through to July.

I will discuss the finer points of McDermott's master plan in the programme for the next Oldham match at Spotland on Wednesday when McDermott, chairman of the organisation which represents clubs outside Super League, will be here with his club, Dewsbury.

Suffice to say at this stage that my quick check around many of the Premiership clubs indicated that there will be plenty of support in principle for this latest move to try to get more fans on the terraces.

I need to get two things off my chest, however, because they bug me no end and they often crop up when folk who should know better say they are puzzled by falling attendances because we are talking about "the greatest game in the world" at a time when "the product has never been better".

A few home-truths might be more appropriate and, in the long term, might benefit our sport far more than constant references to hackneyed platitudes which might toe the party line but which merely represent PR at its very worst.

Try telling the millions who watch football across the world that little rugby league is "the greatest game". Or for that matter see if cricket lovers will agree with you, or those who like rugby union, not to mention the vast audiences that turn out in the States to watch ice hockey or American football.

As for rugby league being better than it has ever been . . . POPPYCOCK.

The players, I'm sure, are faster, bigger, fitter and stronger, but good rugby league 1999 style is all about yardage, completing your sets of six, playing in the right areas of the field, a good kicking game and an enthusiastic chase.

You can listen to any coach you choose from top of Super League to the lower reaches of the Northern Ford Premiership and, give or take a few variations on a theme and a different accent or two you will be given an almost identical run-down of what is required by his team.

In the last 30 years or so we have gone from one extreme to the other - from an era in which coaching usually meant a few laps of the pitch and a game of tig-and-pass to a decade in which coaching techniques and ideas have become so uniform and sophisticated that they tend to produce contests that are predictable in their pattern, if not their outcome.

Rugby Union used to bore the pants off League fans when the fly-half would instinctively hammer the ball into touch on the full when he got it from the scrum.

I fear League fans now take a similar view of the almost inevitable kick for territorial position nearing the end of the set of six.

And what about those scrums? Oh, and whatever happened to the specialists . . . like the ball-handling prop, the footbaling loose-forward who would combine with his scrum-half to weave magic at the back of the pack, the ball-winning hooker, the stand-off who could make the ball talk or the centre who would regularly send in his winger for 20 or 30 tries a season.

When examining the cause for dwindling crowds we must not make the dreadful mistake of assuming that the game is as near perfect as we are ever likely to get it.

There are a whole multitude of reasons for poor attendances, but high up on that list is a serious shortage of craft, skill and old-fashioned crowd-pleasing rugby.

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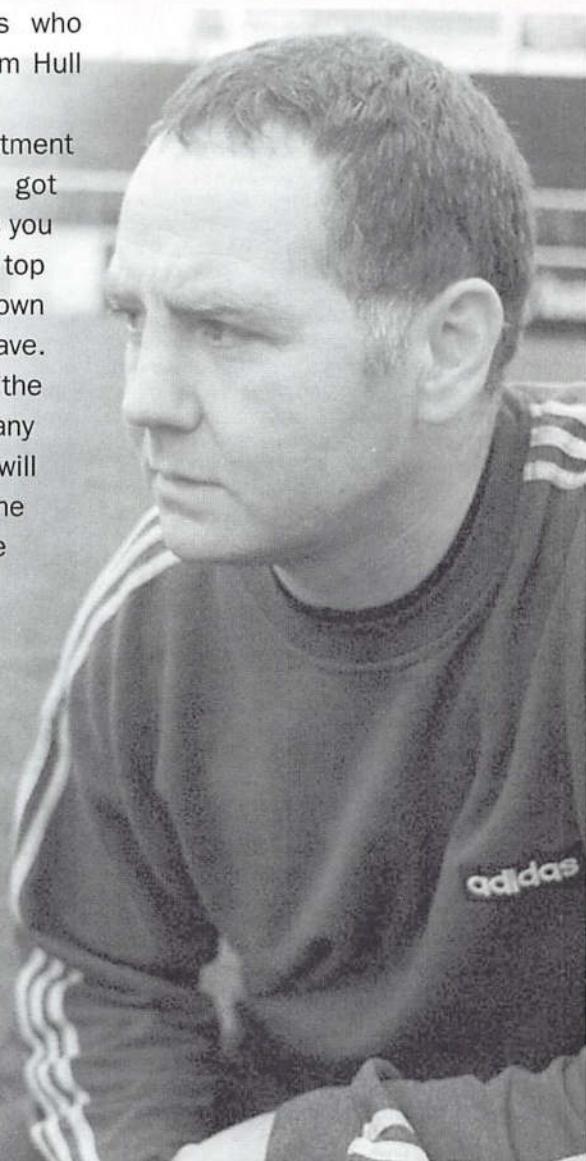
We had a big disappointment from last week, when we got beaten at Featherstone and as you are aware Hull K. R. are at the top of the table and we are still down in the number of players we have.

We are struggling to fill the shirts, so it doesn't look any brighter. Hopefully something will happen before the end of the week, so we can have some players in to do the job in the last games of the season.

It will be a tough game today, but hopefully the players we have looked to all season will find one more performance to beat the team who are at the top of the table. Any improvement on last weeks performance will be a plus!

Enjoy the game,

Mick



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FROM

The Editor

"THE product on the park has never been better". How often have you heard this? Tell a lie often enough and people will come to believe it's the truth. Well, I'm sorry, but I for one don't believe it!

If the promoters of Super League wish to say players are bigger and stronger than ever before, I will agree. If they want to say players are fitter and faster than ever before, I will agree. And if they want to say preparation and planning are better than ever before, I will agree. And so they should be because players and coaches are now full time professionals and there would be something seriously wrong if full-timers could not improve on the standards achieved by part-timers. But the question remains: is the skill level and the entertainment value provided by our best players comparable to that of the players of yesteryear?

Personally, I believe not. I no longer see ballhandling props of the quality of Mick Morgan, Brian Hogan or Brian McTigue - I no longer see classical loose-forwards in the mould of Terry Flanagan, Harry Pinner, Mick Crane, 'Knocker' Norton, Doug Loughton, Johnny Whiteley, Derek Turner or Ken Traill. Where now are the quick silver scrum-halves in the Keith Hepworth, Gary Stephens, Tommy Bishop, Frank Pitchford, Alex Murphy, Stan Kieley, Gerry Helme style? And do you remember the days of the deadly wingmen: Drummond, Smith and Atkinson, Sullivan, Stopford, Boston, Van Vollenhoven, Prinsloo, Freeman, Eddy? Why, even the minnows had wingmen to fear and excite: what about Alan Snowden at Hunslet and Peter Goodchild at Bramley and Doncaster?

Rose tinted glasses? Well, maybe. But if I'm that far off the mark can anyone tell me why spectators are staying away in droves when 'the product on the field has never been better'?

And if I'm that wrong can someone tell me why when I watch State of Origin on Sky I feel like I'm watching a different game, so far advanced beyond our standards are the Australians? And, having seen an odd match of Academy football, I have the feeling that Saddleworth Rangers Under 18s of a decade

ago were every bit as good as the supposed élite of the junior ranks now?

I'm sorry to appear so negative because there are plenty of knockers of Rugby League around already and I for one, despite my criticisms, will never give up on my favourite sport. But Rugby League followers are not idiots and aren't taken in by 'hype' and 'spin'. Too many have been alienated by the cavalier attitude of the last few years. To those who say 'there is no alternative', I say there is ALWAYS an alternative. And that alternative begins by looking after everyone in the family of R. L. clubs, stabilising the finances, and providing rules and competitions that are not constantly changing - sometimes halfway through a season - thereby debasing the game and its values. It's time to restore some honour to our sport.

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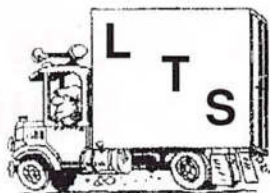
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HI TO ALL THE JUNIOR ROUGHYEDS

May we welcome to Spotland Hull Kingston Rovers' Players, Supporters and Junior members.

I write this article after returning home from the Featherstone Rovers game. I and many other were extremely wet and cold. The less said the better I think!

But what a great turn out we had at Boundary Park against Rochdale. Well done to all the staff and supporters who made it a great success.

I would like to thank the Junior Roughyeds and their parents for making the Kosovan Albanian children very welcome at our June Junior Roughyeds meeting. This was held at the Clayton Arms before the Rochdale match. Each Junior Roughyed was presented with a commemorative certificate from Chris Hamilton.

Each child was given a big bag full of goodies from the club and I would like to give a huge THANKS to **Stuart Gough** who provided a fabulous buffet for the Junior Roughyeds meeting which was greatly appreciated. You're a star Stuart, and thank you for your on going support of the Juniors.

The next Junior Roughyeds meeting will be on Monday 12th July at 7.00pm, at Pennine Lounge, Mumps Bridge, Oldham,

We will have four players attending to join in the fun, so see you there.



Stefan Holmes

My Day as a Mascot

My visit to Swinton was brilliant I really enjoyed my day as Oldham's mascot. Before the match I had my photo taken with Daniel Brown then Red Ed. Then I stood waiting for Leo and when the team came out, I ran out at the side of Leo.

Leo took me to do some exercises and pass the ball. Then we went to have our picture taken with 2 linesmen and the referee, Red Ed and Vinny Lion. Then I ran off with the Red Ed and Vinny the Lion. I went to watch the match. We did not win but I enjoyed my day anyway.

Stefan Holmes



David Gough

My Day as a Mascot

My day had finally come but I was very nervous and cold. When I ran out with Leo Casey I started getting a bit calmer. When I got onto the pitch I shook hands with the referee and the linesman then I flipped the coin. They chose heads and the coin landed on heads so we

kicked to them. The best thing was I got to keep the coin. I had a great time, but unfortunately we ended up losing.

David Gough

The Mascot for today is **ZOE BUCKLEY**. Zoe is 10 years old. Her favourite player is John Hough. Have a great day.

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J: What do you call a girl who makes animals better?

A: Yvette



Zoe Buckley

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AN INTERVIEW BY

DAVID TOPLISS CAPTAIN OF



IN THE middle of an icy January in 1986 Oldham outhalf David Topliss was pulled out of his wrecked car suffering a fractured skull. Up to that moment there had been talk in the town of perhaps long overdue first division glory and anticipation for the forthcoming Challenge Cup was high. The team that season ended up a creditable 9th and only narrowly lost to Castleford in the Challenge Cup semis. At that fateful moment in wintry Wakefield the Topliss ingredient was lost to the team and any reasonable chance of honours severely dented.

From the age of eight Topliss had followed in his grandfather's footsteps as an ardent Featherstone supporter but ten years later the by now exciting, lightning fast and elusive eighteen year old outhalf took the decision to turn pro with arch-rivals, but home town club, Wakefield.

The Trinity side had just lost the 1968 Challenge Cup final, to Leeds, changes were afoot and outhalf Harold Poynton, then thirty two, was due to retire. David took the opportunity with both hands (so to speak!) and his illustrious pro career had begun.

There were no medals to be won with the Belle Vue outfit although Topliss captained the side in the 1979 Wembley defeat by Widnes and was

awarded the Lance Todd Trophy. Throughout his time with his home town club the half back was chased by most of the top sides including Wigan, St. Helens and Leeds who saw him as a ready made replacement for the ill fated Mike Shoebottom.

'Stop Topliss and you stop Wakefield' - and David Topliss was taking more than his fair share of poundings! In 1982 Wakefield were approached by the then crack Hull outfit and, short of cash, agreed a fee. This time Topliss welcomed the approach and over the next three seasons was to win every major domestic honour, visiting Wembley on two further occasions.

Comparing his representative record against his contemporaries would at first appear disappointing - just four Great Britain appearances. All four were against Australia spread over three different tours being selected twice against the 1973 Kangaroos and once each against the 1979 and 1982 tourists when, against the latter, he was also selected as captain. He also represented England on two occasions (against France and the Australians). Selected fifteen times for Yorkshire, Topliss was a member of the County Championship winning side on five occasions.

David Topliss is proud of his representative honours and strongly makes the point that his loyalty to the struggling Trinity side did not enhance his International selection chances remarking that 'It was more difficult to be dropped from the International scene than gain a place within it!'

It should be remembered that throughout David's career competition for the International outhalf spot was fierce coming from the likes of Roger Millward, Steve Nash, Ken Gill, John Holmes, John Woods, Bill Francis, Steve Hartley, Steve Evans and Tony Myler.

Topliss's former team-mate and ball playing prop Mick Morgan had been on the Watersheddings scene for a couple of seasons and with coach Frank Myler had guided Oldham to the first division 5th spot. Half back and utility player Paul Taylor had returned to Australia and both player and coach saw the Hull skipper as having the ingredients to take the club to further success. The Watersheddings outfit had also acquired International forward David Hobbs and Australians David Liddiard, Gary Warnecke and Mal Graham.

From mid October to mid January David Topliss was outhalf for thirteen successive

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matches the team losing only twice. Winning had now become a habit and the club was in a strong position in the higher reaches of the first division. After Topliss's accident all but four of the remaining League games were lost.

However, the club reached the Challenge Cup semis and were drawn against Castleford the game to be played at Central Park. Oldham lost 18-7. Mick Morgan whilst an Oldham player had earlier in the season joined the Castleford commercial staff and Frank Myler had questions about both his commitment and fitness. Whilst selected as a member of the cup squad Morgan was to be the man left out. David Topliss is convinced we would have beaten the Yorkshire team with Morgan in the pack. Mick had never played at Wembley and would have relished the chance to have one last throw of the dice!

Topliss returned to the team the following season but by his own admittance never quite got over that car accident. However, during that campaign we fell just short of knocking over the undefeated Aussies and beat Wigan on those two unforgettable Watersheddings nights. Alas, we managed to lose our last six league games ending the campaign in 13th position and with three others the club was relegated. David points out that we

were not a bad side and it was just bloody stupid that a quarter of the league was to suffer relegation.

Topliss returned to Wakefield as player/coach and the following season saw both Wakefield and Oldham promoted back to the first division.

David celebrates his 50th birthday two days before the millennium. He is one of two partners in a Wakefield based heating and plumbing merchants and will further celebrate by announcing his retirement. He is also currently active within the game as a radio commentator with both Radio Leeds and Live Radio.

Predictions are that he will soon acquire a position with a Super League club as Football Director.

David, an early birthday toast from all Oldham fans and former colleagues.



David Topliss in his Hull F.C. days

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IN TOWN TODAY

HULL KR

TABLE-topping Hull KR come to Spotland today with sights set on a Super League place.

Fifteen wins and a draw give them a one point lead over Leigh Centurions in the race for the N.F.P.L. title. The Robins' three defeats have all been on their travels, at Barrow, Dewsbury and Leigh. Oldham of course being the only team to take a point at Craven Park.

Hull KR are coached by Dave Harrison, an ex-Cowley G.S. product. He captained Lancaster University at R.U. before playing with Waterloo. Signing for St. Helens in 1984 he enjoyed four seasons at Knowsley Road before joining Hull KR. His coaching career began as assistant at Scarborough Pirates before returning as coach to the Robins 'A' team. His influence on his side obviously runs deep as nearly all his players list "training" among their favourite hobbies!

Thirteen out of nineteen first team squad players were born in Hull with five having played for the Sharks as well as the Robins. Four of these are Hooker **Mike Dixon**, a real livewire around the play-the-ball; **Chris Kitching**, a pacey stand-off or centre who lists dancing among his favourite recreations; **Rob Danby**, an ever-present in the centre last season and a D.I.Y. enthusiast; and **Andy Smith**, a hard-hitting loose-forward and former Sharks Alliance Player of the Year.

Rovers also boast three players with Wakefield Trinity connections. Utility player **Kevin Gray** spent time at Belle Vue, but is the fifth player who has also played at Hull Sharks as well as on loan at Rochdale and Hunslet. At 6' and nearly 14 stone he adds presence to the back division. **Ian Hughes** is a former Trinity and Sheffield Eagles back-rower, coming to Craven Park

for this season after picking up a winner's medal in last year's Grand Final at the McAlpine. Coming with him to Humberside for 1999 is **Jon Wray**, a former Morley RUFC, England Colts and England U21 RU wingman. He also has experience with Castleford Tigers and can be a deadly finisher.

The local lads are Prop **Craig Hardy** known as 'hard-hat'; **Chris Charles**, a loose-forward and electrician; ex-Skirlaugh winger **Paul Rouse**; powerful prop **Alex Thompson**, who at 6'4" and 17 stone can be hard to handle, and who has seen service with Sheffield Eagles; hooker **Rick Chamberlain**, a Great Britain U21 international; and three long-serving Rovers who have given sterling service over the years. First of these is big prop **Des Harrison**, probably playing his last season and respected throughout the league. Second-row **Paul Fletcher** is in his testimonial season and never gives less than 100%. And scrum-half and assistant coach **Wayne Parker**, now in his second spell at Craven Park after playing with Halifax, and who is well known as the scourge of Oldham Bears in previous seasons.

Also ex-Halifax is three-quarter **Richard Smith**, a fast and elusive Irish international.

Finally, Rovers' overseas players are **David Luckwell** an ex-Canterbury Bulldogs back-rower; **Whetu Taewa** a New Zealand born centre with a Challenge Cup winners medal whilst at Sheffield Eagles, plus experience with Auckland Warriors and North Queensland Cowboys; and the inimitable **Stanley Gene**, a Papua New Guinea international rightly nominated Division One Player of the Year in 1998.

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DON LOOKS BACK TO A MATCH FROM YESTERYEAR



THIS afternoon's visitors to Spotland are the Northern Ford Premiership favourites Hull Kingston Rovers, whose followers will be hoping that the Robins replace arch rivals Hull F.C. in the Super League next season. There never is, and never has been, any love lost between these Humberside rivals and matches between the two really are the ultimate

'derby' confrontation. The Robins have met the Airlie Birds 198 times in competitive matches, including nine meetings in various cup finals. They have met in three Yorkshire Cup finals, two Player Trophy finals, a Floodlit Trophy Final, a Premiership final, a Championship final and, as far as Rovers' fans are concerned, that never to be forgotten Challenge Cup final at Wembley in 1980.

Hull FC had enjoyed slightly the better Championship season than Hull K.R. during that 1979-80 campaign. They ended the season in third position whilst the Robins were seventh. However, Rovers had drawn 20-20 at the Boulevard early in the season and then beat the Airlie Birds 29-14 at Craven Park the following Good Friday. In between those matches, the Humbersiders had met at the Boulevard in December when they contested the last ever final of the BBC2 Floodlit Trophy. Hull won that trophy with a 13-3 victory watched by a record crowd for that competition of 18,500. The attendance was no big surprise as the Humbersiders had attracted the two highest aggregate league attendances of the season. Hull FC averaged 10,021 whilst Hull KR were watched by an average crowd of 6,953.

Big crowds were also a feature of the Challenge Cup competition. There were 9,018 at the Boulevard for the visit of Cumbrian amateurs Millom in round one whilst the biggest crowd of the season outside Wembley, 20,827 watched Hull win at Bradford in the quarter-finals. Equally

impressive was Hull KR's march to Wembley which began with an 18-13 win at Wigan. Castleford (28-3) and Warrington (23-11) were beaten at Craven Park before the Robins beat Halifax 20-7 in the semi-finals at Headingley. Wembley housed a capacity crowd of 95,000 for the historic final with the teams lined up as follows:

Hull FC: Paul Woods; Graham Bray, Graham Walters, Tim Wilby, Paul Prendiville; John Newlove, Clive Pickerill; Keith Tindall, Ronnie Wileman, Charlie Stone, Charlie Birdsall, Sammy Lloyd & Steve Norton.

Substitutes, Brian Hancock & Vince Farrar.

Hull KR: David Hall; Steve Hubbard, Mike Smith, Steve Hartley, Clive Sullivan, Roger Millward, Allan Agar; Roy Holdstock, David Watkinson, Brian Lockwood, Phil Lowe, Paul Rose & Len Casey.

Substitutes, Phil Hogan & John Millington.

The match was hard, exciting and had its fair share of controversy. Five tries were disallowed and Ron Wileman could have been sent off in the incident which saw Roger Millward break his jaw. It was a typical Humberside 'derby'.

First score went to Rovers after just eight minutes when Steve Hubbard scored off a superb Brian Lockwood pass. Paul Woods fouled Hubbard in the act of scoring and so Rovers were awarded another kick at goal. Although Hubbard missed the conversion attempt he made no mistake with the penalty. Rovers went 7-0 up five minutes later when Hubbard landed another penalty following further Hull indiscretions. After half an hour Hull scored through Tim Wilby but, on the stroke of half time, Millward dropped a goal so at the interval the Robins led 8-3.

Ten minutes after the break Sammy Lloyd landed a penalty, his only success from five attempts, but at 8-5, the match was wide open again. Steve Hubbard landed another penalty five minutes from time and that's how the match finished.

10-5 to Rovers.

Not a classic, but OH! how those Rovers fans enjoyed it.

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I DON'T think there would be too many dissenters with Chris Hamilton's opening phrase of his programme notes for the Charter Day game against Hornets – 'WELCOME TO OLDHAM'. Certainly not me. I am a founder member of the 'play in Oldham brigade'. A successful professional rugby league side playing hopefully in a new, joint stadium within the Borough is a must – or should be! You've got to believe me I started to write this article before the Chronicle arrived blazing the headline, 'Lords ruling may scupper Sports Park' (something about crown green bowling!) – This article may now need a new title – **MOSES HAMILTON LEADS ROUGHYEDS BACK TO PROMISED GROUND**.

BOUNDARY PARK RUGBY GROUND – WERE WE THERE FIRST? It has been well documented that *'On Sunday 10th of January 1982 the Latics and Oldham Rugby League Club, who were bidding for promotion, joined forces to create local sporting history. With the rugby club's Watersheddings ground frost-bound their 'home' game against Yorkshire rivals Batley took place at Boundary Park, where the pitch was protected by undersoil heating. The result, a victory for Oldham by 17-9 in the first ever rugby league match at Boundary Park'*.

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First Time-Last Time

TODAY we welcome Hull Kingston Rovers to Spotland for the return fixture after our creditable draw at New Craven Park back on March 17th.

The first time the two clubs were in opposition was for a friendly game in Hull on April 7th 1900 when the Roughyeds won by fourteen points to nil. This was the first season after Rovers were admitted to the senior section of league competition. The first competitive match took place again in Hull on September 27th 1902. Oldham again returned home the victors by the margin of seven points to two. Joe Ferguson and Sam Lees Jnr kicked a goal each with the only try of the game being credited to winger Frank Spottiswoode.

Oldham Team: T. Sellars; S. Williams, T. Cash, E. Pearce, F. Spottiswoode; S. Lees Jnr, A. Lees; J. Ferguson, J. Wilkinson, G. Frater, H. Topham, H. Ellis, J. Owens, H. Vowles, H. Broome.

Over the years the two clubs have featured in some titanic struggles in major Rugby League fixtures. The epic, three match, Challenge Cup semi-final in 1964 which culminated in Rovers reaching Wembley for the first time. The second division Premiership final at Old Trafford in 1990 when Oldham came back from being well behind to record a 30-29 victory and perhaps most famous of all the 1925 Challenge Cup Final at Headingley when the Roughyeds hit top form to take the trophy for the second time in their history with a sixteen points to three success.



Rival captains Laurie Osbourne of Hull K.R. and Herman Hilton of Oldham wait for the coin to fall under the watchful eye of referee Mr R. Jones of Widnes, before the 1925 Challenge Cup Final.

Before the drawn match earlier this season, the last game between the clubs was a Regal Trophy second round tie at Watersheddings on December 4th 1994. Oldham won 28 - 0 with tries from Scott Ranson, Joe Faimalo, Shaun Irwin, David Jones and Darren Abram with four goals from Paul Topping. The attendance was 2,277.

Oldham Team: W. Gibson; D. Jones, S. Irwin, D. Abram, S. Ranson, P. Topping, M. Crompton; I. Sherratt, D. Stephenson, J. Temu, G. Lord, J. Faimalo, M. Kuiti, SUBS: I. Green, D. Bradbury.

IT IS HOPED TO CONTINUE THIS FEATURE IN THE PROGRAMME SHOWING PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE 'ROUGHYEDS OF YESTERYEAR'.
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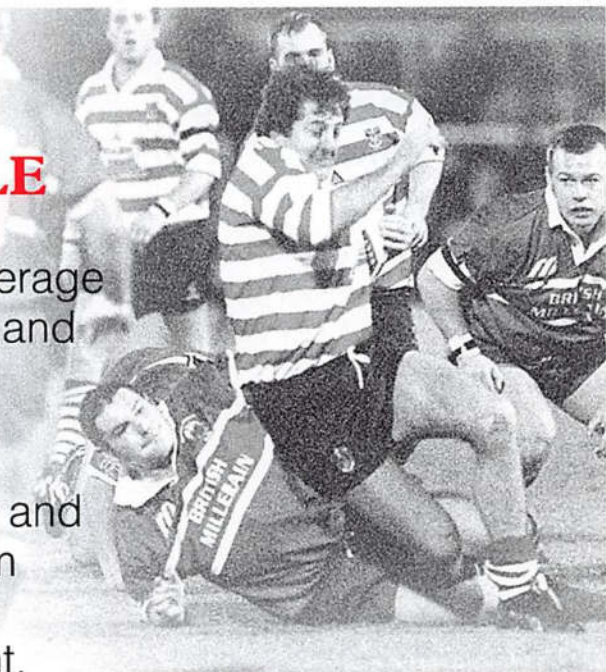
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ONE of the proudest moments in British rugby league history took place exactly 85 years ago, on Saturday 4th July 1914.

On that day Great Britain met Australia at Sydney Cricket Ground in the deciding third test of the 1914 tour. That match was one of the many last minute changes forced upon Britain by the Australians which totally disrupted the tourists' playing and training plans.

The Lions won the first test 23-5 but then lost the second international 12-7 only 48 hours after their first test victory. Amazingly, the Australians then decided to play the third test on the following Saturday. That is, all three tests in eight days. The Lions had suffered several injuries in the second test and went into the final test with a depleted team which played under protest. There were three Oldham players in that third test team, full-back Alf Wood, centre Billy Hall and prop Dave Holland. Britain suffered further injuries in the game and at one point were reduced to ten men.

Despite all these problems Britain defended magnificently and still found the time and energy to build up a 14-0 lead, Alf Wood having landed two penalties and two conversions. Late in the match Australia scored two tries and threatened to snatch victory and with it the test series but Britain held out to win 14-6 in a match which ever since has been known as 'the Rorke's Drift Test'.

There have been 38 test series between Great Britain and Australia with each nation having lifted the Ashes on nineteen

occasions. Australia have won the last twelve Ashes series. The last time Great Britain claimed the Ashes was on this day in 1970, Saturday 4th July. Sydney Cricket Ground was again the setting for a decisive third test which, on this occasion, attracted an attendance of 61,258. Britain scored five tries to Australia's one in their 21-17 victory, the final touchdown coming from stand-off Roger Millward (Hull KR) who also landed three goals.

There were five Hull KR players on the 1979 tour of Australasia, Phil Hogan, Brian Lockwood, Mike Smith, David Watkinson and Roger Millward, who was making a third successive trip. On Wednesday 4th July 1979 Britain met Western Division at Orange in a match which involved three of those players. Brian Lockwood and Phil Hogan formed the second-row whilst David Watkinson was on the bench. Britain won the match 19-12 with Hogan scoring one of the three British tries.

In 1995 the international action had moved on to New Zealand when, on Tuesday 4th July, the BARLA under-18s opened their tour of New Zealand with a 16-8 victory over Canterbury at Christchurch Showground. There were two Humberside juniors involved in that match, prop David Holdstock and substitute Matt Farmer, both of West Hull. There was a third West Hull junior in that tour squad, Steve Hepworth, but he did not play in that match. Surprisingly, no players from the Oldham area were selected for that tour although Dr David Atherton, who is connected with Higginshaw, accompanied the party.

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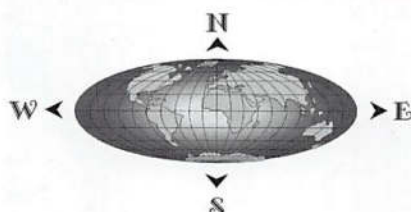
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