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The Front Line.....

Today we welcome the Oldham Club to Derwent Park. After a hard fought draw near the end of last season, we expect another tough encounter today. We wish Oldham all the best for the rest of the season ...after today's match of course.

Chris Hamilton, the Oldham Chairman has recently been elected, by a substantial majority, as Chairman of the Association of Premiership Clubs. He will bring much needed qualities of common sense and a feel for the proper traditions of the game to his role.

Our own A.P.C. representative Wilf Harrison has developed a good relationship with Chris over the last couple of years, and we are sure they will work together for the good of the game.

We have made another couple of additions since the Rochdale game. Jamie Smith and Stephen Stoddart have both joined the club, and we now have real competition for places, probably more so than at any time since I joined the Board in 1995.

If we can stay relatively injury free then our squad should do us proud. Helping to keep the players fit and healthy will be our newly appointed physio, George Wilson. George is a local lad with excellent qualifications and will become an important part of our backroom staff.

Our team off the field is now working together as an integrated unit.

We believe the days of short-term appointments have gone and that our coaching staff will develop the club over many seasons to come.

Congratulations must also go to Paul Scott for the entertainment side

of things at the Rochdale game. Paul will continue with this and any

further comments or ideas for future games will be most welcome.

Our match sponsors today are the Traveller's Rest Supporters Club.

They continue their hard work for us following a very successful Quiz

evening last week. The Directors team was going well until we listened

to Alan Varty on the Lancashire Cup! He is obviously losing his memory

after passing the fifty mark.

Support for the club continues to grow, and we have recently had

enquiries about setting up support groups in both Kendal and Keswick.

The Board will try to help any ventures such as these, and hopefully

definite progress will be made shortly.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to wish all our supporters and their

families the very best for Christmas and the New Year, we do of course

hope that you can make our Boxing Day derby against the old enemy

part of your holiday. Let's hope that we are celebrating that night.

As far as today is concerned, please enjoy the game and join in for the

'Man of the Match' in the Derwent Lounge afterwards.

Gary's Notepad....

Today gives us the chance to get our season rolling again following our enforced break last weekend. It was good to start the season with a hard fought victory against Rochdale.

Our first game of the new campaign was always going to be a tough, with our new players needing a couple of games to 'gel together'. Having said that we will need to improve in all departments to get a result today. That said, this team has a lot of improvement in them, but I believe we will only improve steadily as we get more games under our belts.

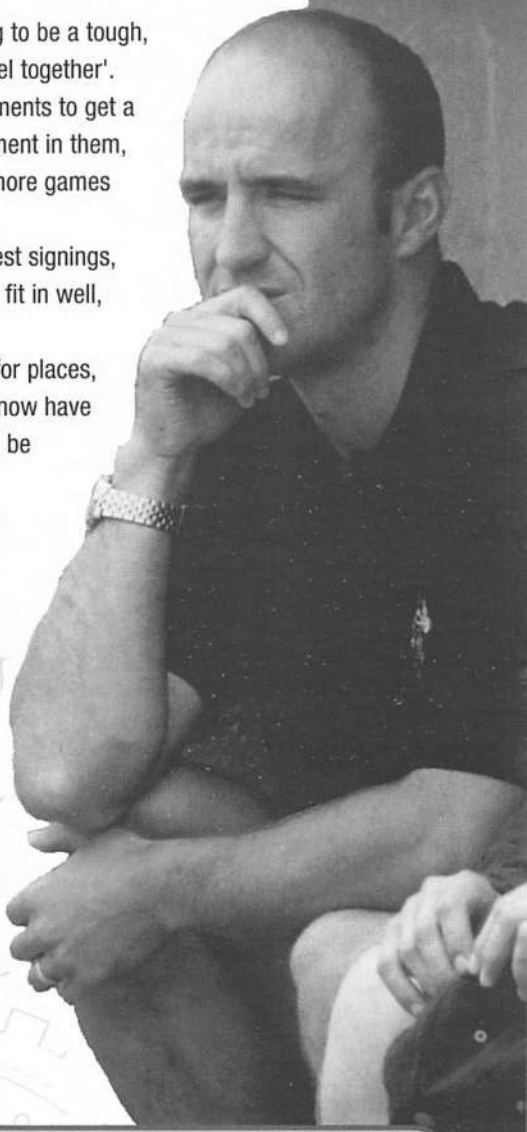
I would like to extend a warm welcome to our two latest signings, Stephen Stoddart and Jamie Smith. I'm sure they will fit in well, and help strengthen our team.

We now have forty players signed on, so competition for places, both in the Alliance and First teams will be fierce. We now have the luxury that, when players do not perform, they will be dropped, or worse still, leave the club.

Team spirit is very good and there is an excellent vibe around the place that has not been seen for many seasons.

The terrible weather we have experienced of late has caused all sorts of problems for us training wise, and our game preparation has been virtually non-existent, with nowhere to train. With the number of football and rugby sides in the area, maybe now we should be looking at the construction of a full size all-weather pitch for the community along the lines of the one at Cleator Moor, this could possibly be part of the proposed redevelopment of the Cloffocks.

Enjoy the game
Gary Murdock



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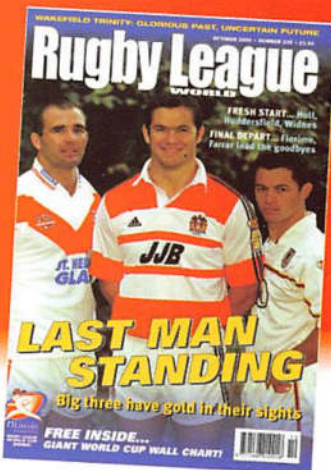
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Today's Matches

Batley Bulldogs v Doncaster

Dewsbury Rams v Hull K.R.

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It's a good job this profile lark. You get to know, at first hand, all the local stars. And journo 'Walshie' certainly earns that tab. He is so professional that an amateur like myself shrinks with humble embarrassment just talking to him. Here are his answers, (most truncated to be honest), to some questions I put before him recently.

Q1. How long have you been a journalist, and when did sport become your main agenda?

A....My first job was with the Cumberland News, I started in September 1963, at the weekly rate of just over £7 per week. My dreams of writing about sport were at first rudely shattered. Phone calls to the Police, fire and coast guard were the first orders of the day. I was even asked to write the Horoscope column one night. When I quizzed the chief reporter about that, suggesting that I might not be qualified to provide such information, he just told me look back in the files what HE had written last year and change the words a bit. A couple of months later Ian Cameron left and I was instructed to take over responsibilities about writing on Workington Town. I covered my first game at Derwent Park on November 9, 1963- Town A v. Widnes A.

Q2. Since becoming 'freelance' has any sport, you hadn't until then covered, impressed you?

A....Working as a freelance since Feb. 1999 I've continued to specialise in sport, but I have been particularly involved with coverage in all areas of the media for Workington Comets since they were reformed at Derwent Park. I used to go in the old days with the late Eric Easterbrook but I think it's a lot better to watch second time round. It really is a spectacular, exciting sport and is well promoted by the people in charge. I think Town can learn from the Comets and develop their marketing, while working closely with the speedway people. At times it seems like a reluctant partnership but there is so much to be gained from working in harmony.

Q3. Have you ever, or still are, been a sporting type yourself?

A....I played my last game of cricket when my daughter Emma was born seven years ago and since then my sporting activities have been confined to racing pigeons (gosh, you must still have pace then John...K.S.) along with my son Sean (10) and shouting at my trail hound which is currently kennelled for me in Seaton. Sean likes snooker and pool but is keen to have a crack at cricket when the season starts next year. Emma is going to be runner by the look of it. Obviously whatever sport they get involved in I will support and watch them.

Q4. What is your favourite method of relaxation?

A... I regard quizzing as a relaxation. I'm involved with the Times and Star quiz team every Thursday and go to other one-off charity quizzes when and where they are held. I also read for relaxation. I particularly like autobiographies and am currently on with a good book- Graham Bradley's The Wayward Lad.

Q5. Just supposing you could change the sporting face of west Cumbria what would your priorities be?

A..... I have a dream! Workington is fortunate enough to have the money to develop a multipurpose stadium-for professional sports and for the community. It's a massive enterprise on the current sites of Borough Park and Lonsdale park. There's a splendid grandstand with seats on each side so that on two sides are the playing areas - rugby/soccer on one side and athletics/speedway/greyhound track on the other. In the confines of the Sports Park are five-a-side soccer pitches, a floodlit rugby/football training pitch. Underneath the stand are facilities for squash, tennis, badminton, bowls indoor nets etc. All the main sporting groups in town use it, under the auspices of their separate committees- Town, Reds, Comets, Zebras and a new vibrant athletics club capable of bringing some top meetings to the stadium. Everybody in the community makes use of it in some way.

(Sorry John I know the dream continued for at least 40 winks longer...but being cramped for space brings about this rude awakening Keith Singleton)

Read all about.. Walshie



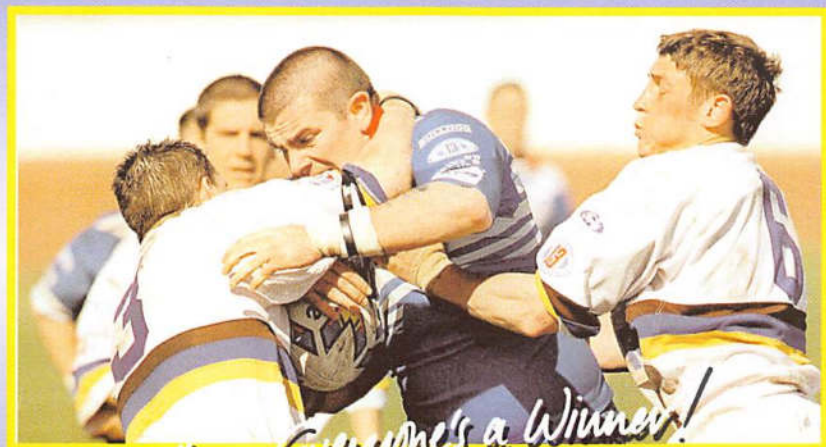
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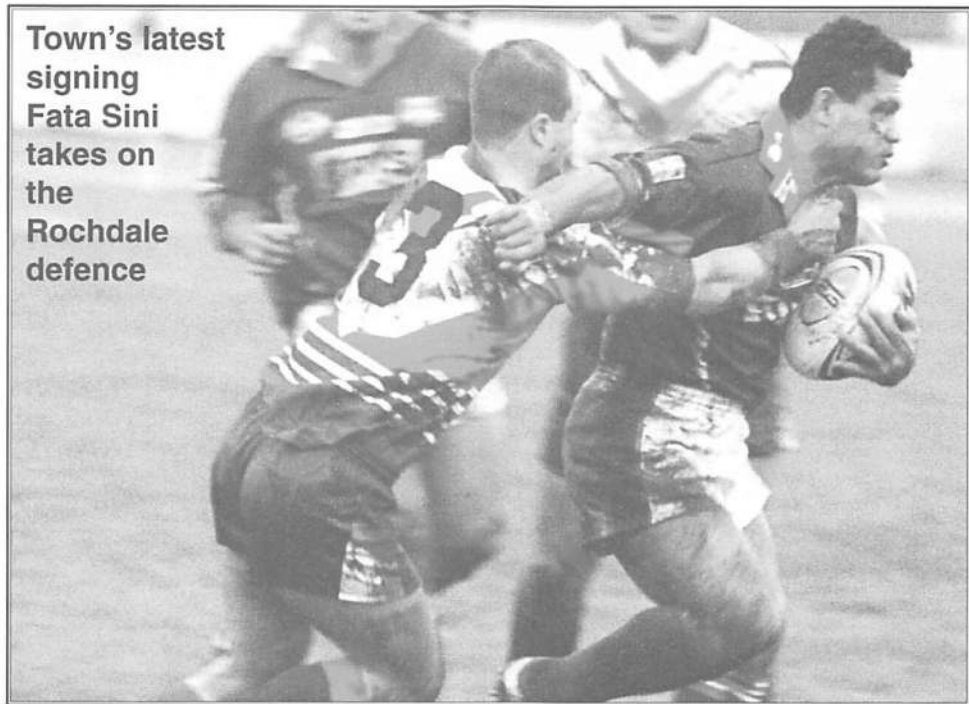
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The new club was admitted to the Rugby League as associate members only, which meant that for the opening season in 1998, there would be no funding from the game's governing body. It was therefore left to the four original Directors (Chris Hamilton, Melvyn Lord, Sean Whitehead, and Stuart Hardacre) to finance the venture and harness the goodwill of the Rugby League loving public of Oldham. One aspect of the reformation that had instant appeal with the supporters was the fact that the old traditional red and white hooped jerseys with navy shorts were adopted as the club colours. This was vital as it gave the long standing supporter a renewed sense of identity, as did the re-introduction of the nickname 'Roughyeds'. Two old favourites, Paul Round and Afi Leuila, where among the many new players which again gave a link to the past.

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Still, the next year would be approached with a renewed enthusiasm. An immediate positive and popular development came when a deal was struck that enabled the club to play once again at Boundary Park, the home of Oldham Athletic AFC. This was followed by the appointment of Mike Ford as player/coach. The acquisition of Ford, another favourite from the Watersheddings days, a Great Britain tourist and player of proven ability was seen by many as a move in the right direction. The results so far would certainly add weight to this argument.

So here now, in the new millennium, the great game of Rugby League can still count amongst its member clubs the distinguished name of Oldham RLFC and the Oldham public still have a chance to rally round and boast the successes of their beloved Roughyeds.

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the the coach

MIKE FORD

A scrum half who has been making the right sort of

headlines all his sporting life. Played for Wigan at Wembley when only 19. Also starred for Leigh, Oldham, Castleford, Warrington, Wakefield and South Queensland Crushers. Toured down under with Great Britain in 1988. Coached Burnley to mid-table respectability in 1999 before landing his dream job of coaching his hometown club.

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the the oldham squad

CRAIG BARKER A local lad who was with the bears before signing with the Roughyeds. A stand off half with a neat pair of hands, this product of the Waterhead amateur club is still waiting for the opportunity to command a regular senior place.

WARREN BARROW Signed regularly from St Helens Alliance side making his debut at Leigh on the wing. A regular try scorer whilst at Saints he can play either wing or at centre..

KEITH BRENNAN A late entrant to the pro ranks, Keith played for Higginshaw and Shaw Rhinos before impressing as an amateur for Oldham towards the end of the 1999 season. An extremely accomplished scrum-half who was expected to push player coach Mike Ford all the way before picking up a serious knee injury in the cup defeat at Rochdale.

MARK CAMPBELL One of the 16 new boys brought to the club by Mike Ford during the first two months of the player coach's reign. Formerly with Leeds and Keighley Cougars, this 21-year-old hardworking back row forward is studying at Leeds University for a degree in Chemical Engineering

LEO CASEY A tough prop who played for the former Oldham club, Featherstone Rovers, Swinton and Rochdale Hornets before signing for the Roughyeds for the 1999 season. Captained the side and, at the age of 32, became a firm favourite of the crowd. Recently returned from a three-match suspension after being sent off at the Rochdale in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

JASON CLEGG A product of Littleborough RL Club, this heavyweight prop turned pro for the Bradford Bulls and had a stint with Batley before signing for the Roughyeds shortly after the club was formed. Made a first-team place his own property in 1999 and earned selection for the West of Pennines side against an East side

coached by Mike Ford. In superb form this season and was voted the Oldham player of the month for February

PETER FERRIS Another former Higginshaw player and another late recruit into the pro ranks. Toured Australia with BARLA under 19's and represented BARLA under 23's but left the game to play for Duckinfield Rugby Union. It was there that Mike Ford spotted the utility back and invited him to join the Roughyeds.

KEVIN FITZPATRICK A fullback who made his name with Saddleworth Rangers before signing for Oldham at the age of 20. Recently celebrated his 21st birthday while studying for a degree in journalism and the media. Hopes to make the headlines as well as write them.

ANTHONY GIBBONS One half of the twin combination which played for Leeds Rhinos and Bramley before joining Oldham at the start of the 2000 season. The 23-year-old is playing consistently well at centre but also helped out at scrum half against Rochdale in the cup.

DAVID GIBBONS The other twin. Became a household name at Headingley and played more than 20 senior games, including several in the first Super League Season of 1996. Formerly Captain of Bramley, David will be a key figure for the Roughyeds at stand-off half

DANNY GUEST This 22 year old, 18 stone prop was an up and coming youngster with the bears. Also played for Keighley and Lancashire Lynx before returning to Oldham. Has been playing mainly as a substitute this season but has been a consistent performer, as shown when scoring with his first touch of the ball in a recent rout of Lancashire Lynx.

JOEY HAYES A young winger who has crammed a lot into his relatively short spell as a pro. Made his name with St Helens but also played 11 super league games for Salford City Reds last

the oldham squad

season. Turning into a real crowd favourite at Oldham and certainly must be one of the most exciting wingers in the NFP.

CHRIS HOLLAND Aged 21, Chris has played for England and Great Britain students and took the man of the match award in England's defeat by New Zealand at Hull in the last world cup. Equally at home at centre or in the back.

JOHN HOUGH Will go down in local history as the first player to sign for the new Oldham club when it was launched in the autumn of 1997. Has had two cracking seasons in 1998 and 1999, when he took the club's player of the year award. Played more than 30 senior games for Warrington before returning "home" to Oldham. Been in tremendous form again this season, which was encapsulated in a superb match winning try in the defeat of Widnes Vikings..

KEVIN MANNION 22 year old Kevin

is a ball playing loose forward, who made his senior debut with Rochdale Hornets when only 16. Played for England and GB Students, for whom he has toured Australia and played in France. Has put in some good performances so far this season but was unlucky in picking up a serious Knee injury in the victory over Widnes Vikings.

JOE McNICHOLAS Broke his leg for the Roughyeds in the new clubs first league game at Workington and missed the rest of the 1998

season apart from a brief spell as sub in the final match. A pacy winger, Joe bounced back to hold down a regular spot on the right flank in 1999..

CHRIS NAYLOR A young prop formerly with the Academy sides at St Helens and Salford. Big and Strong, Chris played for England in the Students World Cup, becoming the only player to be named in an imaginary World X111. Played for the first team until picking up a serious injury, which he is just returning from.

ANDY PROCTOR Named captain of the club by Ford for the 2000 season. This former

Saddleworth, Wakefield Trinity, Oldham and Bramley prop-forward, now aged 30, won a man of steel award while with Trinity, as the club was then called, and has built a reputation as a players player, who performs well above his weight.
WES ROGERS A strong second row forward, Wes has



Gary Smith crosses over for a try in Town's narrow Challenge Cup defeat against Oldham way back in 1990

joined his hometown club after stints with Widnes and Swinton. A hot property as a teenager, he was signed for Widnes by Doug Lawton.

MARK SIBSON An exciting full back and goal kicker, this 23-year-old played for Loughborough University for four years before turning out for Castlefords Alliance side. Recommended to Bramley and became an instant hit. An exclusive attacker has been a key player so far this season for the Roughyeds.

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Let's have a part-time World Cup

RUGBY LEAGUE EXPRESS
editor MARTYN SADLER
proposes a second tier of
international competition.

One of the issues facing the Northern Ford Premiership, it seems to me, is the question of representative rugby. It arose recently, when some officials floated the idea of a NFP representative side playing a game against the touring Australians at the start of the World Champions' tour next October, with Workington being mentioned as a possible venue. At the time of writing nothing had been confirmed about that fixture, although there is a chance that something more definite may be known by the time you are reading this article. NFP players deserve the chance to play representative rugby. But is a game against the Aussies really a sensible idea for the NFP team? I don't think so, and I would propose something radically different. In a game against the Aussies in October, the NFP stars would be badly out of season, playing against a team of superstars that had just completed their season in the southern hemisphere. Can you imagine what the score might be? I can't see how it would help promote the NFP at all, particularly when there is a

much better alternative. So what is that alternative? I think it lies in the direction of international competition exclusively for part-time professional players. Imagine, for example, a competition based broadly on the format of the World Cup, but excluding any players from Super League or the Australian NRL. It would mean that a team representing England (or Great Britain) would be picked from the NFP, the Australian team would be picked from players in the Queensland State League, Country Football or the Sydney Metropolitan Cup, and the New Zealand team would be chosen from their domestic Bartercard Cup. The French team could be picked, as it is now, from their own domestic competition. And there could perhaps be four other teams, maybe PNG, Russia, South Africa and another team, all selected on the same basis, with no players from Super League or the NRL.

I discussed the idea recently with some French representatives at

the World Cup, and they were very keen on the idea, even to the extent of considering hosting such a tournament. The beauty of it is that there would be a level playing field. The Aussies wouldn't have things all their own way.

It would be a great incentive for NFP players and coaches, and also for the fans, if the tournament were to be held after the end of the NFP season in France. My guess is that a lot of NFP fans would make the trip across the Channel to cheer on their rep team, and to sample the delightful hospitality offered by French Rugby League enthusiasts.

Meanwhile, after a highly competitive start to the season, all NFP fans are awaiting the Christmas fixture programme with eager anticipation. With some great games in store, we really will be spoilt for choice this Christmas. And it sure would be good to see the crowds rolling out in their thousands, to rival the attendances we got for the season opener on Boxing Day last year.

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WORKINGTON TOWN AND CUMBRIA CEREBRAL PALSY SOCIETY

Workington Town has decided to raise money for charity; the club will, each year work hard off the pitch to raise awareness and funds for individual charities.

This year we have formed a partnership with Cerebral Palsy. This charity was chosen because Robert Erington, who already has the condition, contacted the club asking for our help in raising funds. Cerebral Palsy has a lot of carers out in the community doing an excellent job, and we are delighted to be in partnership with such a hard working charity. The club has scheduled eight events for the coming year that will raise both funds and awareness. We will also be completing a series of bucket collections on match days. The first of our fund raising events will be held on the 14th January 2001, and this will be in the form of a sponsored head shave by Workington Town players who have very kindly volunteered to have their heads shaved if enough money is raised. The supporters club, players and officials will all be gathering in sponsorship in the coming weeks so please give generously.

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THE ALLIANCE

The weather remains the biggest drawback to the plans of staging Winter rugby. The rainfall has been almost non stop since the Autumn leaves began falling. And regrettably the Town alliance fixture fell foul of the constant deluge a week gone Saturday. The Derwent Park surface had held up quite well during the first team match with Rochdale. However it became waterlogged during the ensuing week, and it was increasingly looking a no go situation for Paul Penrice's men. So hopefully the weather will have been kinder during this week and permitted the lads to have commenced their season at Oldham yesterday.

I had a crack with 'Ben' recently. Firstly to congratulate him on his step up the ladder. He is looking forward to the new challenge ahead. While also stating that he will miss the 'Academy' life that he had enjoyed over the last three seasons. The coaching change will in fact bring

about a continuity of training participation for Paul and several players. So many have recently graduated through the ranks from academy to alliance that it will seem as if nothing has actually changed, i.e. 'Ben' will still be the boss.

Paul has already planned many strategies for the season ahead to bring about alliance success. And while looking to nurture the talents of players already at hand in the tough world that the alliance league certainly can be, he also believes he can strengthen the squad with some further additions. One piece of sad news, regarding strength in depth, was when Paul told me the club could possibly lose Anthony Huddart for this



ANTHONY HUDDART

season. This is owing to a serious shoulder injury. A problem the young fullback picked up during an alliance fixture at Whitehaven during the Summer. Some reconstruction work has not been entirely successful and Anthony will need further surgery in the New Year. Therefore, on behalf of all at the club, I must wish the youngster well with the recovery process.

THE ACADEMY

My academy piece for the Rochdale programme became outdated almost as soon as I 'mailed' it to the printers. No sooner had I done that task than I was given a tip off that Town's much vaunted (some were keen!!) academy link up with the two other cumbrian sides had bit the dust. Not to worry it was sweet music to my ears to that the 'Cumbrian triad' was officially disbanded before it got airborne, so to speak. Hooray, I am delighted that Workington Town will continue as a 'solo outfit'. I have made no secret of the fact that I didn't fancy the merger move, and I had stated so in that previous programme. So it now becomes apparent that a new academy coach will be a priority to arrange, perhaps early in the new year? During my recent crack with 'Ben' he said that the new incumbent will be welcome to contact him for any advice required, regarding players available for example. Or indeed for any other assistance whatever required. Personally I am already eagerly looking forward to the new academy season, now all the background rumblings of that merger business have been put behind us. Unfortunately, however, April does seem a long way off at the moment.

KEITH SINGLETON

Welcome back for part two of the season. It really should have been our third game today if common sense had prevailed among those who govern the game, but does it ever eh?

It is of course debatable as to whether the compulsory rest awarded the team last Sunday was beneficial, or otherwise. I go along with the idea that having won our opener, reasonably comfortably, it would have been preferable to have consecutive fixtures to keep the pot boiling nicely. Not to worry though, regarding league positions, as we occupy a top half berth. And hopefully we can move a slot or two higher by beating a tough Oldham side this afternoon. I'll ask the audience, are you confident? Incidentally well done folks, for the great support given two weeks ago. I did expect

more than 1300 to attend. But once the team settled down, following some early Hornets pressure, the noise created was magnificent, seeming more like 3000, and it lifted the lads accordingly. Talking of noise input I must mention the latest innovation at Derwent Park, i.e. the musical accompaniment to a Town score. Now I have prolonged mixed feelings about this issue. Mainly because of my

long standing dislike of all things associated with Cougar Park, the home of my second most hated team, and recalling they introduced this form of 'razzy',

stuff. However I did in fact warm to the atmospheric, and cheerfully light-hearted, condition that the musical inserts added to the stadium as the game evolved two weeks ago.

So on this particular subject, despite being almost fifty years old (from the wrong side) I really enjoyed these 'fixes'. Perhaps, Mr. DJ, they could be slightly longer ? I

asked a chap in front of me what he made of the music?. Curiously he looked quite angry, and red faced, when he replied. I couldn't understand why that was so. 'Er indoors then pointed out that I had misheard him. See, I thought he said it was 'funky soulful', but apparently not so. (Can't please them all ...)

Now based on an equation that we'll continue to get a 'blast' for each Town score, and of course music is the food of love, surely us 'Townies' are in for a veritable feast as the season progresses.

Oldham will do their utmost to starve us of course, they are one of the top tipsters selections to notch a play off slot. They took three points off us last season, a win at Boundary Park and a draw here in May.

That tells me we need to get right behind the lads from the off, and let's have the place rocking and rolling.....

Keith Singleton.



Keith Singleton...

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captain's log

First of all I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for turning out in awful conditions for the game against Rochdale, let's hope a few more supporters have returned, and that we can break the 1500 mark this afternoon.

The vocal support you gave us against Rochdale really lifted the team, and it's a great feeling running out of the tunnel to a good crowd.

We played well enough to win against Rochdale, but as a squad we know that there is a lot of improvement in us yet, and hopefully a little more of that improvement will come today. Oldham have a strong pack, and with the weather the way it has been, today's game could become a forward battle, with the strongest defence taking the points. Our aim is to make Derwent Park a fortress this season, and with the growing confidence that the squad is now showing, that could well become a reality.

Enjoy the game,
Matt Sturm



Workington Town

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Fata Sini	2	Dean Cross
Leigh Smith	3	Anthony Gibbons
Kevin Hetherington	4	Pat Rich
Graeme Lewthwaite	5	Darby Lacey
Micky Horner	6	David Gibbons
Tane Manihera	7	Neil Roden
Hitro Okesene	8	Andy Procter
Carl Sice	9	John Hough
Matt Sturm	10	Leo Casey
Jamie Beaumont	11	Phillip Farrell
Lokeni Savelio	12	Paul Norton
Anthony Samuel	13	Ian Sinfield
Stuart Hoyles	14	Mike Ford
William Blackburn	15	Danny Guest
Matthew Tunstall	16	Chris Farrell
Scott Chilton	17	Jason Clegg

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