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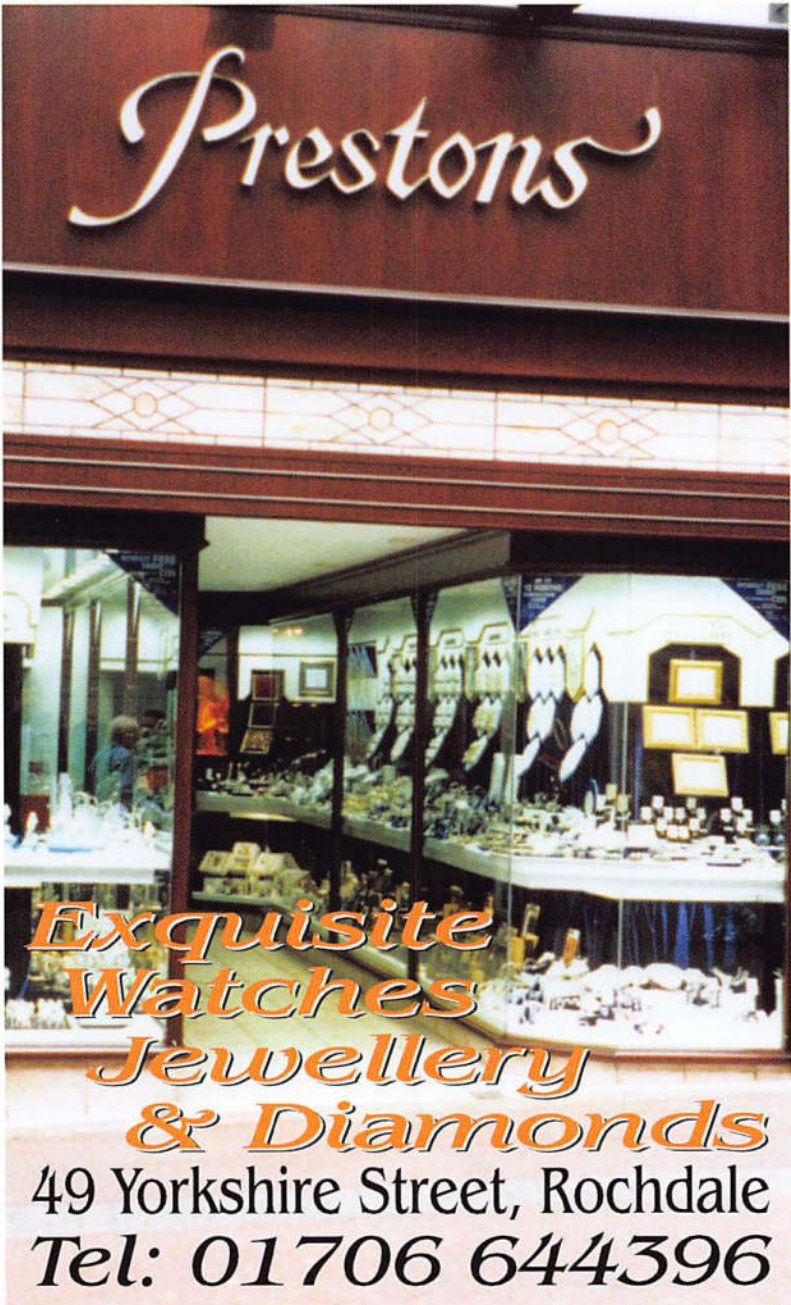
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All sportsmen and women look forward to taking on one of their previous clubs and being involved in a local derby. For fans, local derbies are passionate affairs, eagerly awaited and the good results last long in the memory. Local derbies are usually very keenly contested and again today we have all the ingredients for a hard fought match. I expect any Hornets team to be totally committed to winning any game they play in, but I doubt that I will need to work very hard on motivating the players for this game.

Last weekend we got our first win under our belt. In the end the result was fairly comfortable but just like the Widnes game two weeks ago, we didn't put it together for the full 80. There were some good passages of play and some good individual performances. Overall, I've been pleased with the steady improvement we've seen in our last three games but there is still more to build on. To score 10 tries is always satisfying, but again our control of the ball let us down too often for my liking. We can't switch off today or give up the ball easily because our opponents will punish us.

It's important we win our home games and today is no different. Obviously if we're going to achieve anything this year we need to pick up results away from home as well, but most successful teams build on a strong home record and so must we.

There will be another good atmosphere here this afternoon and I'm sure you'll get behind the team again. Perhaps there will be a few of you in the crowd who have come today for the first time or the first time in a long time. I really hope you enjoy your day out and return again. There are lots of people in this Town who've got out of the habit of coming to the game but follow Hornets from a distance or through the local press. I want to succeed here, especially for you the fans, so if you've got friends who you know have an interest in Rochdale Hornets bring them along.

Hopefully we can give you plenty to shout about today and send you home happy.

Merry Christmas and here's hoping for a Happy New Year for Rochdale Hornets in 2001.

Martin

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boardroombrief

Today we offer a warm festive welcome to all the Directors, Officials, playing staff and supporters of Oldham RLFC who have made the short journey for today's Northern Ford Premiership game here at Spotland.

There is a particularly warm welcome for Oldham's Chairman, Chris Hamilton who was elected Chairman of the Association of Premiership Clubs just over a week ago. Chris has promised to do all he can to ensure the future of the Northern Ford Premiership. The next few years are going to be important, there are critical decisions to be made including finance, TV coverage, promotion and relegation and expansion of the games traditional base.

Inevitably because of our geographic closeness and recent ground sharing arrangements we know Chris very well. He admits that his first love will always be Oldham but he also has the best interests of the game at heart. He also believes that the competitive nature of the NFP means it's increasingly attractive to fans, sponsors and has plenty of appeal as a televised sport. One of his roles will be to steer the game forward into 2001 and beyond.

We must all hope that Chris is as successful in his new role as he's been in his endeavours to build Oldham RLFC up from the dire position they found themselves in during the summer of 1997. Their progress has been remarkable and it culminated in their results last year when they only got knocked out

of the play-offs at the last hurdle. We must endeavour to emulate their improvement.

Last Sundays win was extremely welcome and hopefully will give everyone the confidence to start putting together a consistent set of results. There were further signs of the new players settling in and a better understanding on the pitch. In past seasons we lost touch with the leading sides quite quickly because we've started slowly. Often it has been a series of narrow defeats that have been our undoing, but they were defeats all the same. We don't want to be in the same position again this season so we're all hoping for another win today. Oldham have started the season with a 100% winning record so it won't be easy, but then few derby games ever are.

Of course today should have been the second meeting between our two clubs but unfortunately, due to the weather, we were unable to play our traditional pre season friendly, for the A J Law Cup. We know how important games between our two clubs are for the fans of both sides and negotiations are ongoing about the possibility of re-scheduling the game. If both clubs have a blank weekend sometime in the future we might be able to arrange the fixture.

Finally we want to thank you all for your ongoing support.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in 2001.

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by Gareth Walker

FOR many supporters of Hornets and Oldham, this afternoon's game represents the most important of the season.

The derby between the two clubs has always been an occasion of great local passion and pride, and in recent years the action on the field has lived up to the hype. This afternoon's match, moved forward to Christmas Eve from the traditional Boxing Day slot, promises to be no different.

Last year's games were full of incident. It would be fair to say that the season opener at Boundary Park was one of the best games in the entire NFP season. At the end of a titanic battle, Oldham emerged as narrow 23-20 winners after 80 minutes of pure drama in front of over 3,500 fans.

The Roughyeds were victorious in the return game at Spotland by an even closer margin, 13-12, but despite the scoreline the game couldn't match the opener for entertainment; Shayne McMenemy's drop goal proving the scoring difference between the sides, although the visitors controlled much of proceedings in a dour struggle.

But the Roughyeds certainly didn't have it all their way last season, and Hornets will look back with great satisfaction on the 30-14 win in the Challenge Cup at Spotland, when Oldham were outscored seven tries to one.

Oldham finished the campaign seven league places above Hornets in the league, but as everyone connected will know, league standings count for little in these derby matches, and Mike Ford and his side will be well aware of the battle that lies ahead.

Ford made a crucial intervention in the 13-12 league

win last season, but as the Roughyeds have won both of their opening games this season, the player coach has played just 19 out of a possible 160 minutes so far. That has mainly been down to the outstanding performances of ex-Wigan scrum half Neil Roden, one of the form players in the competition, and Ford will probably start today's game off the bench.

Other Oldham players to look out for this afternoon will be the incredibly consistent John Hough at hooker, rampaging prop Jason Clegg and pacy full back Mark Sibson.

But Hornets will go into the game confident of causing what would be seen by the rest of the Premiership as a shock, especially after an encouraging performance against Chorley last Sunday. During the first half the side seemed to have more attacking options than for a long time, and the amount of pace in the side is immense when compared with recent seasons.

There were certainly plenty of reasons to look forward to today's game with optimism, and it must be hoped that Hornets can continue to improve at their current rate. This afternoon's game is vitally important not just because of the local element, but because with a week off over New Year, Hornets won't want to be travelling to Swinton on the sixth weekend of the season with just one win on the board.

Hopefully we will see a big crowd at the game today, because the entertainment that these players will provide will surely warrant it. If everyone can get behind Martin and the players as they have done in the last two games at Spotland, it will give the side a terrific boost.



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JASON ROACH

One of the six new signings for the 2000-2001 season. A big, strong winger with Super League experience with St Helens, his home-town club, Castleford and Warrington. A nephew of former Hornets centre Wilf Roach, Jason was with Swinton in the NFP last season.

GARETH BARBER

A 19 year old Oldham born stand-off who was reared on rugby with his best pal, the Leeds and England back-rower Kevin Sinfield. When Sinfield signed for Rhinos, Barber signed for Warrington, but returned "home" to Oldham during the close season.

CHRIS FARRELL

Signed for the Roughyeds from Wigan for an undisclosed fee in September. Followed in the footsteps of his twin brother, Phil, who took the Wigan-to-Oldham path six months ago. Elder brother is Andy Farrell, Wigan, England and Great Britain captain.

PAUL NORTON

Journeyman forward who made a name for himself with Lancashire Lynx. Impressed Oldham when he played against them last season. Like most of the new boys, has signed a one-year deal.

KEVIN O'LOUGHLIN

Another Lynx man, he followed Norton to Oldham in search of a new start to his career after earlier spells with St. Helens and Halifax Blue Sox in Super League.

DARYL LACEY

Daryl hit the headlines as a 13yr old when he signed for Wigan on a seven year contract. Is one of several ex-Wiganers in a Roughyed squad which has benefitted from the Wigan-area knowledge of Alliance team coach Hadyn Walker and new club scout John Jackson.

MIKE FORD

Celebrated his 35th birthday last week, and recognised as one of the up-and-coming coaches of the English game. Has played for a string of clubs and has won almost every honour in the game. A scrum-half, he is just starting out on the second year of a two-year deal as player-coach.

ANTHONY GIBBONS

There are two sets of twins at Oldham, the Gibbons and the Farrells. Anthony Gibbons played in 31 of Oldham's 34 games last season as the Roughyeds marched into the NFP semi-finals. A versatile player, this Gibbons is used mainly by Ford as a centre.

DAVID GIBBONS

Other half of the "twins partnership" in Oldham's backs. David, used principally as a stand-off, missed only one match last season. Sound and reliable, he joined Oldham from Bramley after starting his career, like Anthony, with Leeds.

MARK SIBSON

Quick full-back who loves nothing better than to attack from deep. Top-scored with 24 tries last season after joining Oldham on a two-year deal from Bramley.

PHIL FARRELL

Anything the Gibbons boys can do in the backs, the Farrells can have you seeing double in the forwards. Phil, a second-rower, joined Oldham last March, quickly made a back-row spot his own and played a major part in the gradual improvement of a team that finished semi-finalists and NFP club of the year.

NEIL RODEN

Another ex-Wigan player, Neil came to Oldham with Phil Farrell. He also quickly established himself with the Roughyeds, either as a scrum-half or as a stand-off.

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DEAN CROSS

Dean, A winger or a centre, first played for Widnes after making a name for himself with his local club, Parkside Solborne. Was out of the game for several months before Oldham re-introduced him towards the end of last season.

JOE MCNICHOLAS

A Rochdale boy, who lives close to Spotland, Joe was originally with Oldham Bears. Fast and elusive, he broke a leg in his fourth game for the Roughyeds and missed most of the club's first season. A winger of exceptional pace off the mark.

DANNY GUEST

Another of the Roughyeds "originals" who returned to the club last season. A big prop, Guest is expected to be a force in the NFP this season after a good pre-season and good marks in the squad's stay with the Green Berets during the autumn.

IAN SINFIELD

Another 'original', Ian had a spell in France, but returned to Oldham last season and has been with the club ever since. Elder brother of Kevin, the England forward, Ian works hard in the back-row and always plays above his weight.

JOEY WAYES

Played in every league game last season, but then smashed a knee in the final league game against Featherstone. Surgery followed for the former St. Helens winger and GB tourist, who expects to be back in action by the start of February.

ANDY PROCTOR

Club captain, formerly with Saddleworth Rangers, Wakefield Trinity and Bramley. High regarded by Ford as a genuine grafter with a spot-on attitude and motivational qualities which he uses as skipper.

PAT RICH

This recently qualified lawyer scored more points for

Oldham last season than anyone else. Eleven tries and 108 goals gave him 260 points in 32 games from a possible 34. Started with Keighley Cougars and was wanted by new club Gateshead Thunder 2000, but opted to stick with the Roughyeds.

JOHN HOUGH

Walked away last season with three player-of-the-year trophies. Carved himself a niche in Roughyeds history by becoming the new club's first signing in 1997. Has since played in 87 of the club's 90 matches and has scored 32 tries, a phenomenal record for a hooker.

JASON CLEGG

A Wardle lad, big-prop Jason turned pro for Bradford from Sid Miller's Littleborough team, but has since enjoyed three good seasons with the Roughyeds. Powerful on the surge, he was voted Top-Gun by the Green Berets and the player who most the demonstrated the commando spirit.

WARREN BARROW

Good, strong winger or centre from St. Helens. Has played all his Roughyeds rugby on the wing, scoring 12 tries in 23 appearances last season.

SHAYNE MCMENEMY

Former Hornets forward, who has never looked back since going to Oldham. Made a massive impression as a second-row forward as Oldham finished sixth last year and went on to the semi-finals. An Aussie, he was named in the NFP "form" team last season.

LEO CASEY

Veteran of the Oldham side at 35, Lee also had a spell with Hornets after leaving Featherstone, where he spent the best years of his career after leaving home-town Oldham for a club record of £100,000. Returned to the Roughyeds after spells with Hornets and Swinton. One of the most experienced props in the NFP.



oldhamyesterdays

by Brian Walker

The Oldham Football Club was formed in 1876 and had it's first game against Stalybridge on the Town' Glodwick Lows with the clubs colours for that match and for the next 13 years being amber and black. The sport in those days, of course, was Rugby Union, the governing body being the English Union.

On the 18th of November 1876 Oldham had it's first ever match against Rochdale, playing the Hornets second team with the game ending in a 2-2 draw.

Soon the club was on the move, this time to Clarksfield and it was rapidly becoming a force in northern rugby. By 1883 the club was already producing County players and in 1889 was awarded a prestigious fixture against the touring Maoris. Included in the side as guest players were Hornets county stars Pennington and Nolan.

By 1889 the club had moved to Watersheddings and changed it's colours to the famous red and white. Oldham had become one of the wealthiest clubs in the land attracting to the town amongst others, Welsh international stars David Gwynn and Bill McCutcheon. Abe Ashworth, later to play for Hornets, was selected for the England RU side.

Both Hornets and Oldham were to be founder members of the Northern Union (later to become the Rugby League) as part of the 1895 breakaway from the English Union. The breakaway was initiated by those clubs insisting on their rights to pay players for any loss of earnings from playing matches in front of paying spectators.

For the next 25 years Oldham was to be a major in the sport, rarely far from the honours. Between the wars the side appeared in 4 consecutive Challenge Cup Finals, a record to stand until finally broken by Wigan in the 1990's.

The fine side of the 1950's is still fondly remembered by many Oldham supporters but sadly the winning of the Championship in 1957 was to be the last time the club was to win a major trophy. Of course the side has since appeared in many Lancashire Cup Finals, Challenge Cup semis and has won the Second Division Championship and Premiership on more than one occasion, but 1957 was the last major success.

The club was a founder member of Super League and in the first season finished a creditable eighth. The final match of that season was the last to be played at Watersheddings. The following season the team was playing at Boundary Park finishing bottom and it proved to be the beginning of the end for a proud old club that had produced over 80 international players. The receivers were appointed before the end of the summer of 1997.

The new Oldham Club was formed by November and voted back into the Rugby League, but this time into the second division and without Murdoch cash. Their first game was here at Spotland winning the AJ Law Cup. Later that first season Oldham also reached the final of the Trans-Pennine competition. Last season was the first under Mike Ford's excellent guidance and the team fell only at the last hurdle in it's attempt to reach the Grand Final.

Many players have pulled on both the Hornets and Oldham's colours but how about the following team to more than hold it's own in the NFP.

Martin Murphy, Trevor Simms, Malcolm Price, Darren Abram, Norman Brelsford, Johnny Noon, Neil Flanagan, Wally Jones, Richard Pachniuk, Leo Casey, Mike Kuiti, Mick Worrall, Martin Hall. Subs: Bob Welding, Sean Gartland, Chris McKinney, Shane McMenemy.

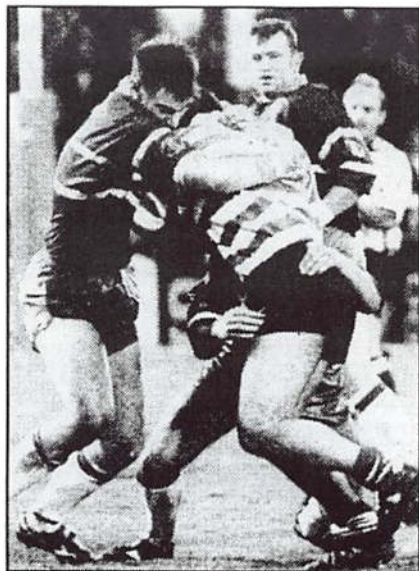
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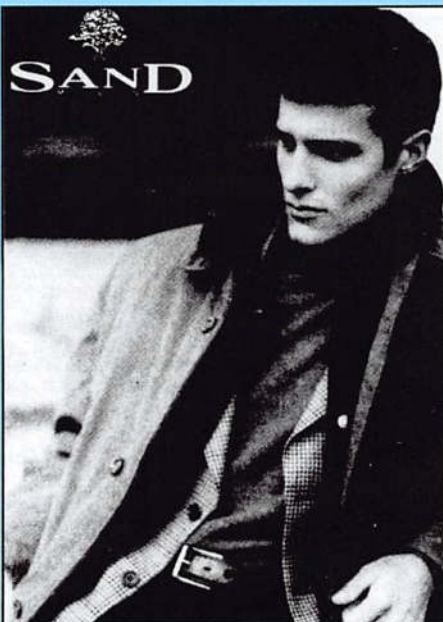
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NAME	APPS	SUB	TRIES	GOALS	D/G	PTS
Neil Alexander	1					
Warren Ayres	1					
Marlon Billy	3					
Martin Bunce	3		2			8
Steve Campbell		2				
Mick Coates	3		2			8
Sean Cooper	1	2				
Mickey Edwards		2				
Danny Fearon	3		2			8
Andy Ireland	3					
Dave Larder	3		1			4
Casey Mayberry		2	2			8
Marlon Miller	3		2			8
Chris Newall		1				
Brendan O'Meara	2					
Paul Owen	3					
Darren Robinson	2					
Danny Sculthorpe	3		1			4
David Stephenson		3				
Dave Watson	2					
Danny Wood	3		2	9		26

'A' TEAM DIV 2000/01

NAME	APPS	SUB	TRIES	GOALS	D/G	PTS
Paul Ashton	1	1		2		4
Neil Alexander	2					
Warren Ayres	1					
David Best		1				
Ben Boothman		1				
Steve Campbell	2					
Mickey Edwards	1		1			4
Peter Green	1					
Chris Hough	1	1				
Chris Kay	1					
Mick Martindale	2					
Casey Mayberry	2		1			4
John McMullen	1	1				
Chris Newall	1					
Mark Powell	2					
Lee Prest	1	1				
Dave Radley		1				
Darren Robinson	1		2		1	9
Wayne Roper	2					
Ben Simpson	2					
Dave Watson	1					
Rob Wheterhead		1				

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	PTS
1 Keighley Cougars	3	3	0	0	124	32	92	6
2 Doncaster Dragons	3	3	0	0	81	32	49	6
3 Swinton Lions	3	3	0	0	64	40	24	6
4 Leigh Centurions	2	2	0	0	49	16	33	4
5 Oldham	2	2	0	0	50	22	28	4
6 Sheffield Eagles	3	2	0	1	49	27	22	4
7 Widnes Vikings	2	2	0	0	46	28	18	4
8 Dewsbury Rams	3	2	0	1	59	54	5	4
9 Hull KR	3	2	0	1	30	32	-2	4
10 Featherstone Rovers	3	1	0	2	92	42	50	2
11 Rochdale Hornets	3	1	0	2	74	54	20	2
12 Workington Town	2	1	0	1	24	30	-6	2
13 Batley Bulldogs	3	1	0	1	41	57	-16	2
14 Hunslet Hawks	3	1	0	2	34	80	-46	2
15 Barrow Border Raiders	3	0	0	3	48	73	-25	0
16 Whitehaven Warriors	3	0	0	3	26	60	-34	0
17 York Wasps	3	0	0	3	22	76	-54	0
18 Chorley Lynx	2	0	0	2	24	82	-58	0
19 Gateshead Thunder	3	0	0	3	10	110	-100	0



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DECEMBER																					
3	Workington Town	A	3:00	8-18	1,384	Dain	Miller	Wood	O'Mara	Hilly	Anderson	Coates	Southgate	Robinson	Harland	Bunce	Lander	Fearn	Copper	Edwards	Stephenson
10	WIDNES VIKINGS	H	3:00	14-24	1,547	Dain	Miller	Wood	Copper	Billy	Wybston	Coates	Southgate	Robinson	Harland	Bunce	Lander	Fearn	Mayberry	Campbell	Edwards
17	CHORLEY LYNX	H	3:00	52-12	745	Dain	Miller	Wood	O'Mara	Billy	Wybston	Coates	Southgate	Robinson	Harland	Bunce	Lander	Fearn	Copper	Campbell	Mayberry
24	OLDHAM	H	1:00																		
JANUARY																					
7	Swinton Lions	A	3:00																		
14	BARROW BORDER RAIDERS	H	3:00																		
21	Whitehaven Warriors	A	3:00																		
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4	Leigh Centurions	A	3:00																		
18	DONCASTER DRAGONS	H	3:00																		
MARCH																					
4	Keighley Cougars	A	3:00																		
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18	DEWSBURY RAMS	H	3:00																		
25	Hull Kingston Rovers	A	3:00																		
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8	YORK H	H	3:00																		
13	Oldham	A	3:00																		
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22	Featherstone Rovers	A	3:00																		
MAY																					
6	WORKINGTON TOWN	H	3:00																		
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10	WHITEHAVEN WARRIORS	H	3:00																		
17	LEIGH CENTURIONS	H	3:00																		
24	Doncaster Dragons	A	3:00																		
JULY																					
1	BATLEY BULLDOGS	H	3:00																		

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TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

We are pleased to welcome the Wardle High School Band, their friends, families and teaching staff to Spotland. The band will be providing entertainment before kick-off and during the half time interval.

Wardle High School Band includes 15 and 16 year old pupils who have been playing together for the 5 years since they started at the school. As part of their final year together the Band are raising money for a concert tour of Sorrento in Italy during July 2001.

We hope you enjoy the carols today. Please support the Band by singing along and contributing to their fund raising.

TODAY'S MASCOT

Rochdale Hornets mascot today is Emma Reynolds, daughter of the clubs Kit Manager, Mark. Emma is 7 years old, goes to Meanwood School and enjoys swimming as well as watching Hornets.

HAVE YOUR SAY

The Club is keen to publish material provided by fans.

For example you might want to write about your favourite player or match from the past. Perhaps you want to share your memories of the first time you watched Hornets or some other experiences of supporting Hornets. All contributions will be welcome. One look at the web site suggests that there are lots of passionate and knowledgeable fans out there with views that they want to express. Many of these views we would be glad to publish!

If you want to become a regular contributor to the matchday programme or want to send any letters or one-off articles you wish to have considered for inclusion in the programme, contact the Club Office.

HAVE SHIRT WILL TRAVEL

It appears Summer is well and truly over. What Summer I hear you cry! Never mind, some of you will have got away for a holiday and hopefully you took your Hornets shirt with you. Like last year, we will be glad to publish pictures of you wearing the kit in unusual or far-flung places. Drop them off in the Club Office with relevant details, name address etc.

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NEXT UP

Rochdale Hornets next Northern Ford Premiership home game is against Barrow Border Raiders on Sunday, 14 January 2001, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

We did not play Barrow here at Spotland last season and Hornets will want to reverse the 32-14 defeat we suffered to the Cumbrians last March.

Rochdale Hornets A Team's next home game is not scheduled to take place here at Spotland until Saturday 20th January 2001, versus Whitehaven Warriors.

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'a' team match report



The Alliance Team had another stiff test for their second game of the season, away to Keighley Cougars. The match had been switched to Cougar Park at the last minute and Hornets, who had contained last years Champions Widnes so well the previous week, again held on for long periods. However Keighley made maximum use of the slope to run in 26 unanswered points to run out comprehensive winners and maintain their 100% winning start to the season.

Casey Mayberry and Neil Alexander were prominent in most of the good things Hornets did and Darren Robinson weighed in with two tries and a drop goal.

Team : Roper, Powell, Mayberry, McMullen, Kay, Alexander, Hough, Prest, Robinson (2T 1DG), Campbell, Simpson, Stephenson, Martindale.

Subs.: Ashton (2G), Radley, Boothman, Whetherhead

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christmasmessage for everyone

When I became the Parish Priest of St Clements's Church, next door to Spotland Stadium, I was thrilled that we had a Rugby League team because I grew up with Rugby League in St Helens and I have continued to have a real love of the game. I know it as a game which grips it's supporters as we watch speed, skill, courage and at times, pure magic being played out in front of our eyes.

I am now thrilled and proud to be known as Hornets' Chaplain.

As a new Chaplain to the club I will be looking for ways to do what I can to give support and help and I hope that I will soon be well known by everyone involved, Directors, players and supporters. Sometimes I will have my grandchildren with me as we are trying to introduce them to the game so that they can grow up with it, like I did.

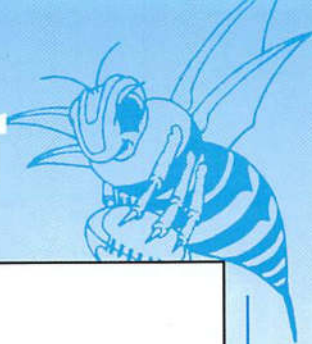
Christmas Eve is a wonderful day for a new Chaplain to introduce herself. I will have been in Church next door in the morning then practically straight to the match. It's then back to Church for our First Service of Christmas at 11.30p.m., to sing the carols which welcome the birth of the Christ-child. I know that some of you will have a similar pattern to your Christmas Eve.

I promise you my commitment, support and, of course, prayers, as your very new, and very proud Chaplain.

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Alliance 2001 first division fixtures

December	Thurs 7th	Widnes	A	8-16
	Thurs 14th	Keighley Cougars	A	13-43
	Thurs 21st	Oldham	A	
January	Sat 6th	Workington	A	
	Weds 10th	Batley	A	
	Sat 20th	Whitehaven	H	
February	Thurs 1st	Leigh	H	
	Weds 7th	Hunslet	A	
	Sat 17th	Workington	H	
March	Thurs 22nd	Doncaster	A	
	Sun 18th	Leigh	A	
	Thurs 29th	Featherstone	A	
April	Thurs 5th	Doncaster	H	
	Thurs 19th	Featherstone	H	
May	Thurs 10th	Widnes	H	
	Weds 16th	Keighley Cougars	H	
	Thurs 24th	Oldham	H	
	Thurs 31st	Batley	H	
June	Sat 9th	Whitehaven	H	
	Sat 23rd	Top Five Play Offs		

alliance 2000/01 table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	PTS
Keighley Cougars	2	2	0	0	79	29	50	4
Widnes Vikings	2	2	0	0	40	28	12	4
Doncaster Dragons	2	1	0	1	63	22	41	2
Hunslet hawks	1	1	0	0	20	16	4	2
Featherstone Rovers	1	0	0	1	20	24	-4	0
Oldham	1	0	0	1	16	36	-20	0
ROCHDALE HORNETS	2	0	0	2	21	59	-38	0
Batley Bulldogs	1	0	0	1	2	47	-45	0
Leigh Centurions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Workington Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whitehaven warriors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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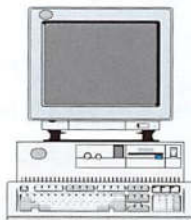
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NICKNAME	Big ben ??? (editor)
BIRTH DATE	22.2.80
BIRTHPLACE	Leeds
OCCUPATION	Warehouse maintenance
PREVIOUS CLUBS	Hunslet hawks, keighley cougars
HONOURS	Yorkshire academy
MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT IN THE GAME	Playing against wigan
WORST MOMENT IN THE GAME	Tearing knee cartlidge
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER	Dad
MATCHDAY SUPERSTITIONS	Have a banana
HARDEST PLAYER TO PLAY AGAINST	Tim street
YOUNG PLAYER TO WATCH AT HORNETS	Baby Brooklyn (ashy)
INTERESTS / HOBBIES	Drinking
FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME	Cold feet
FAVOURITE MUSIC	Dance
WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A "ONE TO ONE" WITH AND WHAT WOULD YOU ASK THEM ?	Baby spice. "has you seen big ben"

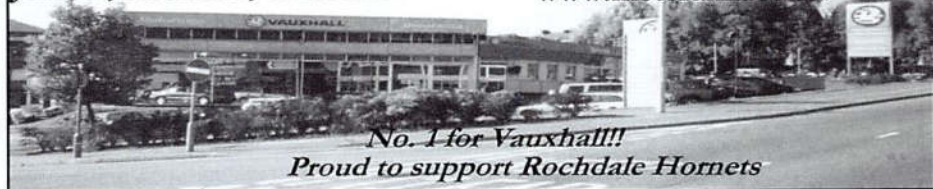
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Challenge Cup Winners,	1921-22
Lancashire League Winners,	1918-1919
Lancashire Cup Winners,	1911-12, 1914-15, 1918-19
Beaten Finalists,	1912-13, 1919-20, 1965-66, 1990-1991
Regal Trophy Beaten Finalists,	1973-74
BBC2 Floodlight Trophy Beaten Finalists,	1971-72

CLUB RECORDS

Debut Season,	1895-96
Biggest Victory, 92-0 v Runcorn Highfield	1989-90
Heaviest Defeat, 10-82 v Hull Sharks	1999-2000

Most Tries:	In a Career - 103, J. Williams	1931-37
	In a Season - 30, J. Williams	1934-35
	In a Match - 5, J. Corsi, J. Williams, N. Brelstord	1921 & 22, 1933, 1972

Most Goals:	In a Career - 733, W. Gowers	1922-36
	In a Season - 150, M. Stret	1994-95
	In a Match - 14, S. Turner	1989

Most Points:	In a Career - 1481, W. Gowers	1922-36
	In a Season - 346, M. Strett	1994-95
	In a Match - 32, S. Turner	1988-89

Most Appearances:	455, W. Gowers	1922-36
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			MARLON MILLER 2	RIGHT WING	2	DARYL LACEY			
			DANNY WOOD 3	RIGHT CENTRE	3	DEAN CROSS			
			SEAN COOPER 4	LEFT CENTRE	4	PAT RICH			
			MARLON BILLY 5	LEFT WING	5	WARREN BARROW			
			DAVE WATSON 6	STAND OFF	6	GARETH BARBER			
			MICK COATES 7	SCRUM HALF	7	NEIL RODEN			
			DANNY SCULTHORPE 8	OPEN SIDE PROP	8	ANDY PROCTOR			
			DARREN ROBINSON 9	HOOVER	9	JOHN HOUGH			
			ANDY IRELAND 10	BLIND SIDE PROP	10	JASON CLEGG			
			MARTIN BUNCE 11	OPENSIDE 2ND ROW	11	PHIL FARRELL			
			DAVID LARDER 12	BLINDSIDE 2ND ROW	12	SHAYNE MCMENEMY			
			DANNY FEARON 13	LOOSE FORWARD	13	KEVIN MANNION			
			CASEY MAYBERRY 14	SUBSTITUTE ONE	14	IAN SINFIELD			
			STEVE CAMPBELL 15	SUBSTITUTE TWO	15	MIKE FORD			
			MICKY EDWARDS 16	SUBSTITUTE THREE	16	DANNY GUEST			
			DAVID STEPHENSON 17	SUBSTITUTE FOUR	17	CHRIS FARRELL			

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