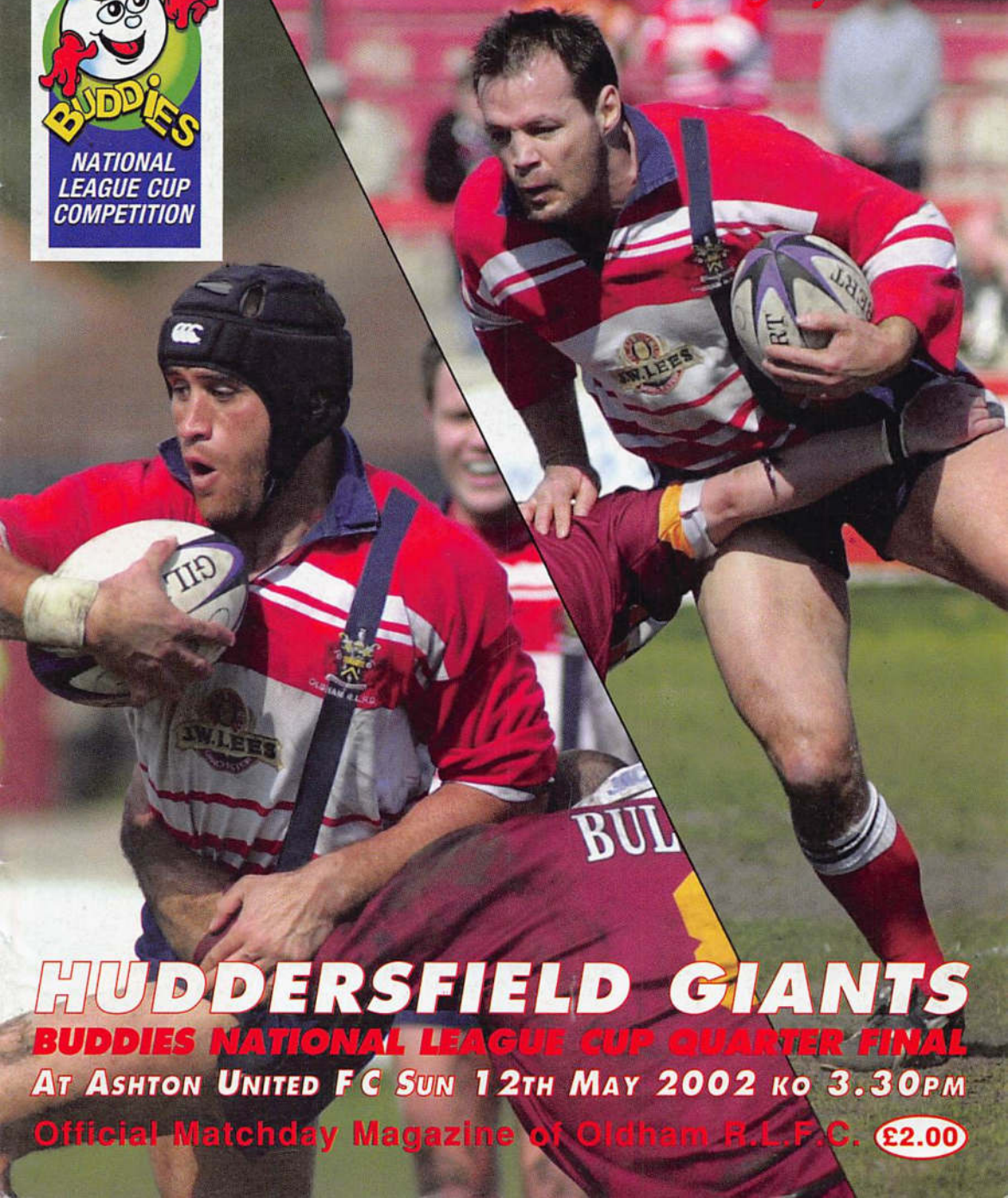
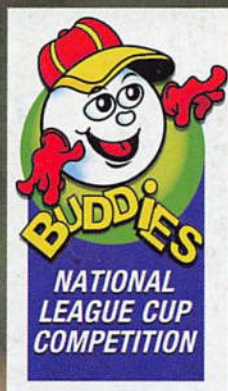


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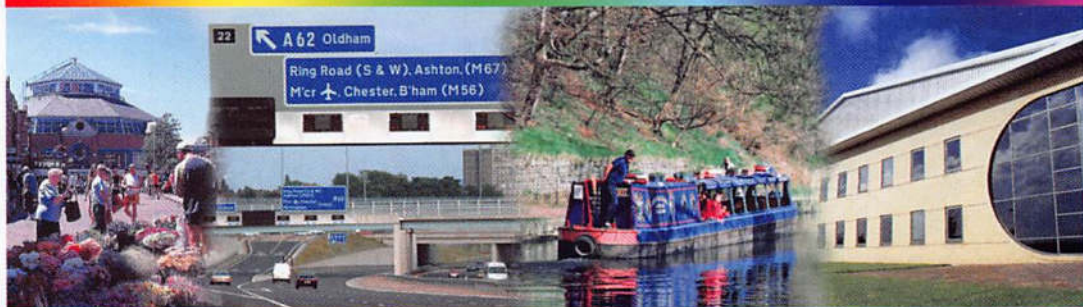
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IN THE HOT SEAT

with
Christopher Hamilton



WITHOUT any doubt this afternoon's match against Huddersfield will provide our stiffest test so far at Hurst Cross. The players have done remarkably well to remain unbeaten after 8 games on a pitch that they had never played on before the start of the season and again they have shown how adaptable and resilient they are. I have said it many times before but make no apologies for repeating it that the spirit and determination at this club is second to none and it is this that will see us through all the trials and tribulations we have to face.

Huddersfield will obviously test those qualities today and people will again make the inevitable comparison between part time players and full time players. Whilst everybody is entitled to their opinion we must not forget that there is nothing to stop the Giants, or anybody else for that matter, being full time. In my eyes the only advantage that Huddersfield have is Ken Davy! The Huddersfield Chairman has put his money where his mouth is and over the last few years he has shown his faith in the staff and players of the club. He is to be applauded for that and how we wish he was an Oldham fan!!

Today's game in the Buddies National Cup is a big game for both sides and takes on added importance as we have been two of the clubs who have backed the competition from the outset. Clubs who have knocked the cup and who haven't made the last eight will now be complaining that they don't have a game for the next three weeks but will only have themselves to blame.

We know we will have a tough game today but having already played Huddersfield twice away both teams will know each other well. It will be a battle of minds as well as bodies and in John Harbin I am sure we have got the man who not only today, but also over the season can win those battles for Oldham.

Let's hope that we are watching today with a capacity crowd as the revenue is much needed and on behalf of the club can I thank you all for taking the trouble to buy your tickets.

There is sure to be a big away following today and I hope that you will all take the opportunity to show them how noisy we can be.

Enjoy the game.

Chris



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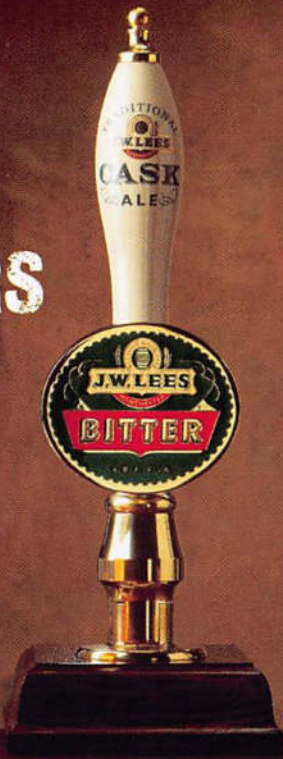
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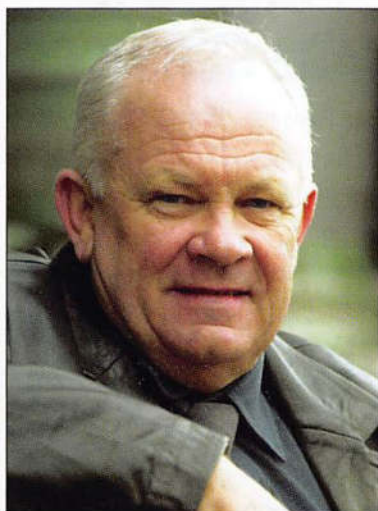
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COACH'S COMMENTS... with John Harbin



A SPECIAL welcome today to the Huddersfield Giants who have set the benchmark in the NFP this season. Undefeated in the league they are obviously on a mission to get back into Super League as soon as possible and who can blame them? Personally, I think they've gone about it the right way – full time players and staff, a commitment to player and community development and a good recruitment policy.

Having said that, I'm not about to become a member of the Giants' fan club. Here at Oldham we have our own agenda and defeating the top dogs is high on that list. This is our third crack at Huddersfield but our first at home. Strangely enough, since I've taken over we've only been defeated by three clubs – St. Helens in the Cup, the Giants (twice) and Rochdale (in the cup).

Supporters will be pleased to note that we are slowly getting back to full strength. Phil Farrell is making a good recovery from his knee operation. Danny Guest had fitness tests earlier in the week and could figure at some stage today, and Joey Hayes is only a couple of weeks away.

I've been satisfied with our recent form albeit against teams in the lower regions. We've scored almost 100 points in the last two games and while the scorers have been getting the accolades it is the work ethic of players such as Paul Norton, Bryan Henare, John Hough and Steve Molloy which is setting the platform for these victories. The great thing about this team is that no-one cares who gets the credits.

Our Academy season started yesterday and I have high expectations for a number of players in the squad. Dave Newton made an impressive first team debut last week and his selection has sent a clear message to the youngsters – perform well enough and you will be selected.

Once again, thanks to our fans who gave the players a tremendous reception at the end of the game last week. The players appreciate your support and hope to give you plenty to cheer about today.

John

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In Yer Face



RUGBY League followers tend to be an introspective lot and reading the letters columns of the R.L. Press you would think no other game had problems like those faced by the 'greatest game'. Well, if we stop and pause for a moment, put our thinking caps on, and analyse the situation it just isn't so. Of course, not everything in the garden is rosy, but when you see what a magnificent occasion R.L. can produce in the form of the Challenge Cup Final at Murrayfield it's worth considering that our outlook might just be a little over-critical.

These reflections were prompted in particular by my recent experiences on the England cricket tour to New Zealand. This is because the I.C.C. ruled that where floodlights were available they should be used to ensure a full day's play. And at Christchurch and Auckland the Test matches were played on rugby grounds with exceptional floodlights. So, no chance of coming off for bad light then? Wrong! At Christchurch play was abandoned for the day because the stand threw a massive shadow across the wicket, which prompted an all-time great statement from the umpires that "the sunshine was so bright the floodlights could not take effect", therefore we had to come off for bad light! Unless you were an Oldham fan at the 1964 abandoned Challenge Cup Semi-Final replay you would never encounter frustration like it. And it got better (or should that be worse?) because in Auckland on day one New Zealand came off for bad light and on day two England came off for bad light despite the magnificence of the Eden Park floodlights. On day three rain stopped play, but on day four New Zealand declined the offer of bad light, batted on without difficulty and scored enough runs to post what turned out to be a match-winning score. And, guess what, although the batsmen could see the ball perfectly well, it was the fielders trying to sight a red ball against the dark background of the stands who couldn't cope. And, of course, the ball could not be changed for a white one as would normally

be used in day/night fixtures. so, to compound the frustration, England lost a match because the game was not played on 'a level playing field'. So, if you thought shooting yourself in the foot was a Rugby League prerogative – think again.

Now consider the situation in soccer. As we are into the play-off season and massive amounts of revenue are generated and tense (sometimes even exciting) games take place in big stadiums you'd think all would be well. Not a bit of it. Just consider Wolverhampton Wanderers: third in the league but eliminated from promotion by Norwich City a team finishing sixth eleven points behind and with 16 goals fewer to their credit. Can it really be right that a side that sneaked into a play-off place on the last day of the season get to play in the Premiership? And what chance do they have of staying there? Sorry, but even Rugby League isn't quite that daft, although our own end of season play-offs do have the potential for such stupidity.

In soccer, however, things get worse and R.L. needs to heed the lesson. the collapse of I.T.V. Digital has left dozens of clubs teetering on the brink of extinction and has hoisted distress signals throughout the game. Even the Premiership will need to consider its options carefully because it is unlikely to attract a deal as lucrative as the last one from Sky TV when the next contract is negotiated. The danger point is reached when wages exceed 70% of revenue and with over 80 of the 92 football league clubs exceeding this figure the warning is clear. R.L. clubs please take note.

And finally interesting figures picked up in New Zealand. Apparently the N.Z.R.F.U.'s income in 2001 was 83.5 million dollars. This was made up of: Television rights 38.6 million, sponsorship 37.2 million; gate receipts 4.3 millions (and this was in a year with a British Lion's tour); other (marketing, sale of merchandise etc.) 3.4 million. Makes you think, doesn't it?



'THE DON'

ON THIS DAY . . .

Don Yates looks back to May 12th yesteryear

FIFTY years ago, on Monday 12th May 1952, Cumberland entertained Lancashire in a meaningless County Championship match at the Recreation Ground, Whitehaven. Yorkshire had defeated both these counties earlier in the season so the match at Whitehaven was merely of academic interest yet it still attracted an attendance of 8,500. Lancashire avoided the wooden spoon by beating Cumberland far more easily than the 19-11 score line suggests. The Red Rose boys scored five tries to their opponents one with all five being scored by Warrington players. Loose forward Austin Heathwood (2), hooker Ike Fishwick, scrum half Gerry Helme and centre Ally Naughton were the try scorers whilst Barrow stand-off Willie Horne landed two goals. A couple of Oldham players were including in the Lancashire line-up, centre Alan Davies and his winger Laurie Platt.

Loose forward Austin Heathwood also scored a couple of tries twelve months previously, on Saturday 12th May 1951, although on that occasion he ended on up the losing side as Warrington were beaten 26-11 by Workington Town in the League Championship Final. That final was staged at Maine Road, Manchester and attracted a crowd of 61,618. 40 years old fullback and coach Gus Risman who enjoyed a spell as Oldham coach during the early 1960s skippered the victorious Workington team.

By 1991 the Championship play off had been replaced by two Premiership competitions for First and Second Divisions. Old Trafford, Manchester staged both finals on Sunday 12th May with the Second Division Premiership Final contested by Salford and Halifax. Champions Salford added another trophy to their collection by defeating Halifax 27-20 in an exciting and sometimes nasty encounter. Three former Oldham players were involved in that match, Mick Worrall and Ian Sherratt turning out for Salford and Alan Platt for Halifax. The Tom Bergin Trophy as Man-of-the-Match went to Salford scrum half Steve Kerry who scored two tries, four goals and a dropped goal. Two season later Kerry joined the Roughyeds.

It was on this day in 1990, Saturday 12th May, that Saddleworth Rangers clinched the Second Division Championship of the National Conference League with a 44-14 home victory over Askam. The victory was a personal



Mick Worrall

triumph for speedy Saddleworth winger Paul Coates who raced in for six tries. The other Rangers tries were scored by Phil Swift and Sean Whitehead who also landed six goals. Twelve months ago, on Saturday 12th May 2001, West Hull clinched the Premier Division title and it was Saddleworth Rangers who they defeated in the decisive match. The score at the Boulevard was 27-20. On the same afternoon, Thatcho Heath clinched the Second Division crown when they won at Milford by 60 points to six. Sixty seven years ago Castleford won the Challenge Cup and so qualified for a trip to France where they faced Lyon-Villeurbanne in the first every rugby league European Cup Winners Cup competition. The trophy was decided over two legs with the first leg at Stade Buffalo, Paris on Sunday 12th May 1935. Castleford won that first leg 24-21 with centre Arthur Atkinson scoring two of their six tries. Castleford also won the second leg four months later, this time 18-8, and again Atkinson scored a couple of tries.

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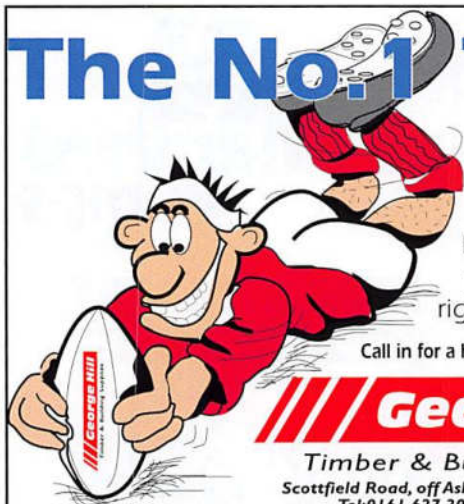
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25	Dewsbury Rams	v	OLDHAM	2.30

JUNE

2	Keighley Cougars	v	OLDHAM	1.00
8	OLDHAM	v	Whitehaven	2.30
16	Sheffield Eagles	v	OLDHAM	12.30
22	OLDHAM	v	Doncaster Dragons	2.30
29	Barrow Raiders	v	OLDHAM	2.30

JULY

6	OLDHAM	v	Leigh Centurions	2.30
21	Whitehaven	v	OLDHAM	1.00
27	OLDHAM	v	Barrow Raiders	2.30

AUGUST

3	OLDHAM	v	Dewsbury Rams	2.30
11	Leigh Centurions	v	OLDHAM	12.45
18	Workington Town	v	OLDHAM	1.00

SEPTEMBER

1	Doncaster Dragons	v	OLDHAM	1.00
8	Academy First Division Grand Final Play Offs			
21	Academy Championship Grand Final Play Offs			
28	Academy First Division Grand Final			

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M. HARLAND	5		1			4
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S. CONWAY	5			2		4
J. MITCHELL	6		1	2		8
G. BARBER	1		1	3		10
P. BENNETT	5		2			8
D. GUEST	3					
J. KIRKLAND	5	2	1			4
A. SHARPLES	6					
D. NEWTON	6		1			4
A. WHITAKER	2	1				
G. JOHNSON	6					
J. WANKLYN		6				
A. CLAYTON		4				
A. PROCTOR	5	1	1			4
D. HEYWOOD		1				
C. CAMPBELL	2		2			8
K. BRENNAN	3		3	10		32
D. LACEY	6	2	1			4
D. ATKINSON	1					
M. GRADY	3					
R. ARROWSMITH	1					
K. LANCASHIRE	4	2		2		4
D. HULBERT	1	3	1			4
N. GRENNAN		1				
A. MURRAY	3					
M. McDERMOTT	2	1				
J. BRASSINGTON	1	2				
R. HOLLIC	2					
T. LANSMAN	2	1	3			12
D. NANYN		1				
W. COWELL	1		3			12
D. NORCROSS		1				
M. SIBSON	2		3			12

U21 ALLIANCE SPRING CUP RESULTS

Thursday	14th February	Dewsbury Rams	(A)	Won	18-12
Saturday	2nd March	Rochdale Hornets	(A)	Lost	32-10
Saturday	22nd March	Workington Town	(H)	Won	30-14
Saturday	30th March	Batley Bulldogs	(A)	Lost	74-8
Saturday	6th April	Rochdale Hornets	(H)	Lost	22-10
Saturday	13th April	Batley Bulldogs	(H)	Won	48-20
Thursday	25th April	Batley Bulldogs (Semi Finals)	(A)	Lost	36-18

NFP Round Up

HAVING qualified for the knock out stages of the Buddies National Cup and knowing the draw was being made on Radio Leeds at 5.15 p.m. I spent Sunday night searching in vain for the said draw on Ceefax, Teletext, Skytext and any other text you care to mention. As for the final group league tables, well throughout this competition there's been no sign of those. So, as usual it was to League Express on Monday morning that I had to turn to learn of Oldham's plum draw against today's opponents Huddersfield Giants. My first reaction was that 'that's a tough one' and so it is, but Hurst Cross has become a bit of a fortress and I don't think the Giants are going to relish a visit here. You can bet your bottom dollar Oldham's players will be 'up for it', so a tough, close, tense and exciting encounter is in prospect.

The other ties are equally intriguing and, as I said in last week's programme, this competition could yet prove a real winner. At Belle Vue I would expect Doncaster Dragons, after topping the East section table unbeaten, to account for Rochdale Hornets who could only finish third behind Oldham in the Central section. The Dragons are on record as fancying their chances of lifting the Buddies Cup so the rest can't say they haven't been warned.

Leigh Centurions led the West section and a home draw against Hull KR (second in the East table) should give them the edge. However, the Robins are going great guns this season and will be no pushover. Any hint of complacency by the Centurions will be punished. And one clear instruction the Rovers' players will get after his scoring feat last week (4 tries and 8 goals) will be to stop Turley. But, as other have found, that is easier said than done.

At the Recre, Whitehaven face Barrow, second and third in the West section respectively. Not much divides these two, but I rate Paul Cullen as an outstanding coach and in Aaron Lester and Leroy Joe he has brilliant playmakers. With the cutting edge of experienced, free scoring centre David Seeds I can't see 'Haven slipping up again like they did last week against Swinton. Nevertheless Barrow have their own

outstanding ball handlers in Darren Holt, now back to something like his best, and Radney Bowker. And all the backs - Salmon, Marshall, Lockhart, Beverley and Irabor - have been scoring tries. So the Raiders will undoubtedly travel with confidence.

Last week's surprise results of course were Swinton 29 Whitehaven 20 and Chorley 28 Workington 26. It was good to see the NFP's basement clubs pull off victories and apparently neither was a fluke. Graeme Close starred for the Lynx with Lee Hansen was on top form for the Lions.

In the scoring stakes Doncaster's Johnny Woodcock continued his good run with a try and five goals, Swinton's Mick Nannyn had a try and four goals, Oldham's John Braddish a try and six goals, Horner's Danny Wood a try and seven goals and Sheffield Eagles' Mr Dependable Gavin Brown a try and three goals.



Phil Vieviers

On the news front Phil Vieviers has taken over as Coach at Swinton Lions; Doncaster Dragons have signed ex-Halifax and Warrington threequarter Dale Cardoza; Rochdale have snapped up former Hunslet and London Broncos threequarter Iain Higgins; Featherstone have taken local youngster Kenny Walton from Fev. Lions; Sheffield have re-signed Simon Morton after a spell at Huddersfield; and Keighley have taken Peter Leeming and Chris Hartley from Halifax plus brother Carl and Lee Patterson from Hull.

The big news, however, is that York Wasps will not be resuming in the N.F.P. The supporters group wanting to take over do not want to inherit a £38,000 debt and would rather re-apply for admission in 2003 as a new club. Sounds familiar! Meanwhile two other applications could also be in the pipeline with a revived Bramley keen to play out of Morley R.F.U. and London Skolars eager for a place in National League Two. Good luck to all of them.

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IN Town TODAY



HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS

HUDDERSFIELD are one of the most famous clubs in British rugby league. Their history is littered with honours, star players and record-breaking feats.

Huddersfield have been crowned League Champions on seven occasions and are one of only two clubs who have won the First, Second and Third Division Championships. They have also won the Challenge Cup on six occasions, the Yorkshire Cup twelve times and they have been Yorkshire Champions eleven times. In season 1914-15 they won all four trophies available to them and, in so doing, established a record of forty consecutive matches without defeat.

In 1906 Huddersfield fielded the youngest ever debutant in rugby league history when 15-year old centre Harold Wagstaffe turned out against Bramley. He became a legendary figure, earning the title 'Prince of Centres' with his greatest moment coming in 1914 when he skipped Great Britain to success against Australia in that epic Rorke's Drift test match. Record try scorer Albert Rosenfield, 80 touchdowns in 1913-14, was one of many Australian players who enjoyed success at Fartown. Three other Australians who starred in the great Huddersfield team of the 1950s were Lionel Cooper, Pat Devery and Johnny Hunter. Huddersfield loose-forward Dave Valentine skipped Great Britain when they won the inaugural World Cup in 1954, one of 24 British test players provided by the club.

Victory in this Buddies League Cup competition is well within the capabilities of the current Huddersfield squad and the players who supporters hope will achieve that objective include the following:

PAUL REILLY - *Full Back*. Local boy and fans favourite who rejected Super League offers to remain with his home town club. Paul is a deceptively quick runner whose trademark spin in the tackle makes him a dangerous and elusive runner especially in broken field play. He is a tremendously enthusiastic and committed player who should be a regular try-scorer this year.

STANLEY GENE - *Centre/Half Back/Loose Forward*. Crucial pre-season signing in the face of Super League and Northern Ford offers. A former player of the year and talisman for the Giants, Stanley will be a marked man as he can break and score tries out of nothing. He can turn out in virtually any position and is central to the Giants hopes this year.

MATTHEW WHITTAKER - *Centre*. A promising junior who missed last season through injury but is now fully fit again. A regular try-scorer at junior level who will look to make this his breakthrough year, he has worked extremely hard in the gym and is now becoming a huge physical presence. A great eye for a gap coupled with his strength should soon see him establish himself.

GRAEME HALLAS - *Centre*. Former Great Britain tourist and vastly experienced centre. Graeme captained Keighley last year and coach Tony Smith will be looking for him to pass on his know how and experience to what is predominantly a youthful backline. A strong runner and sound defender Graeme will be a key figure this year despite him being one of the handful of part-time players in the Giants squad.

HEFIN OHARE - *Wing*. Already a full Welsh International after his Giants switch from Leeds Tykes. Hefin narrowly missed out on selection for the GB U21 tour. He is the fastest man on the Giants books and with his tenacious, never say die attitude will be looking for a very profitable season on the try-scoring front.

CHRIS THORMAN - *Stand Off*. Great Britain U21 International with pace to burn. An outstanding prospect through the Eagles and Giants ranks he was a regular in last years Super League side. A useful back-up goalkicker he is another youngster eager to take on the NFP challenge and enhance his growing reputation. Hailing from the North East the Geordie is a real defensive worker and loves to take on the bigger men, often topping the teams tackle count.

MARK MOXON - *Scrum Half*. A role model professional who will be looking to finally cement a regular starting spot in the number seven shirt after making numerous Super League appearances. Mark has a good turn of speed, left foot kicking game and can direct his forwards to great effect. A defender in the traditional round the legs style much will be expected of the Wakefield born half-back.

PAUL MARCH - *Half Back/Hooker*. Aggressive, workaholic player who can cover the half back and hooking roles, he signed in the close season from Wakefield after rejecting their offer to stay. He spent time in the close season with Thornhill Trojans and is relishing his return to full time training and the professional environment.

JEFF WITTENBERG - *Prop*. Resigned from the club after spells at Sheffield and Batley he is the intimidating physical presence in a formidable pack. A strong runner and excellent offloader in the tackle Jeff has the experience of over 100 games in the English competition as well as spells in the top flight down under where he was a former teammate of Giants coach Tony Smith.

CHRIS MOLYNEUX - *Prop*. Former Great Britain Academy Prop Forward who is extremely mobile and has excellent ball handling skills. Chris is a product of the Stanley Rangers club and is another who attracted Super League interest in the close season.

ROBERT ROBERTS - *Prop/Second Row*. Rob or two bobs as he is known throughout the game is a destructive runner and ball handling forward who can destroy any defense on his day. Much travelled player but one who can still display the talents that could take him to the very top of the game, he made one Super League appearance for the Giants last year after joining from Keighley.

DAVID ATKINS - *Backrow/Prop*. Tough as teak Aussie forward who was the Giants standout performer in their Super League campaign. Rejected UK and NRL offers to remain at the Giants where his workrate and defensive skills will be vital. David was in the top 5 tacklers in the Super League and he can also be a linebreaker when running out wide.

DARREN TURNER - *Backrow/Hooker*. Back to full fitness after an injury hit Super League VI. One of the top linebreakers in the competition and a great impact player off the bench. Rocky is a local lad and is fiercely determined to take his home town club back into the big time at the first attempt. A Wembley winner with the Eagles in 1998.

HEATH CRUCKSHANK - *Backrow/Prop*. Australian impact player who took up the Giants quota spot he signed from St Helens after a spell at Sheffield and was a regular in both sides. Heath is a tremendously strong forward who first came into the UK at Leigh where he became a real fans favourite. He has all the skills, strength and mental toughness needed to take the club back into the Super League.

MATTHEW WALKER - *Backrow*. Another of the Keighley signings he was instrumental in their success last year before joining the Giants midseason revival. A strong robust runner and sound defender.

EOIR CRABTREE - *Backrow/Prop*. Youngest member of the Giants squad, a huge youngster who gained Great Britain academy honours on the tour to Australia and has a big future predicted for him in the game of Rugby League. A former YMCA junior before making the switch from Union to the Giants he began the pre-season in devastating fashion at Keighley scoring a hat-trick from the centre berth.

STEVE MCNAMARA - *Loose Forward CAPTAIN*. Highly respected forward who will lead out the Giants during this campaign and is Tony Smiths on field general. First choice goalkicker wherever he's played and one of the most dependable defenders in the game. He was a major pre-season re-signing and will be looking for his distributive skills to put his playing colleagues into the gaps.

Walkerbouts

... with Brian Walker

THANKS for the quick response to last weeks appeal for photographs for possible inclusion in the **OLDHAM RUGBY LEAGUE TRUSTS** planned publication **1001 IMAGES OF ORLFC**.

Keep them coming! The photographs need not be of the players but can include any aspect surrounding rugby club life. They can be professional shots or taken by your own camera. They can be taken as recent as last week or from way back in the clubs history.

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View from Watersheddings scoreboard

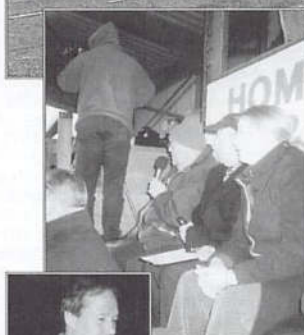


Watersheddings!



Above:
Bear with the hump

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Players and supporters.
Cairns Airport 1997



Above:
Hurst Cross
Video!



Right:
William Hall circa 1914



Iva Slateloose



YET MORE WIT & WISDOM FROM AROUND THE WORLD

ON COACHING

I never predict anything except that we'll play tough on Sunday. If you don't predict too much you don't have to take anything back.

Jack Gibson

I left because of illness and fatigue - the fans were sick and tired of me

John Ralston

A successful coach is one who is still coaching.

Coaching is the only profession that, as you get older most people think you get dumber.

All a coach has to do is to keep the reserve team happy. The first team is happy because they're in the first team.

They sacked me as nicely as they could. One of the nicest sackings I've had. **Tommy Docherty**

ON REFEREES

Our job is the only one where you have to start out perfectly and get better each time. For refereeing is the only occupation in the world where the highest accolade is silence.

I think he must have an egg timer there because every four minutes he blows the whistle.

His limitations are limitless.

I occasionally get birthday cards from fans but it's usually the same message - they hope it's your last!

It's not the referee's fault, it's our fault. Through a hundred years of adding rules we've got too many of them. We need to get rid of some of the rules and let the players play football.

ON FANS

If people don't want to go to football anymore how are we going to stop them?

I told the players it was our job to win the fans back, it wasn't the fans job to come back to us.

Tom Landry

I told the team it's not the fans job to cheer. It's our job as a team to make the fans cheer. The fans are a test of your character and how you perform, so if they boo you, there is probably something wrong - and it's justified.

Tom Landry

The fans pay their way and they have a certain proprietorship over us. If they want to boo us that's fine and if they want to cheer that's their prerogative. A man in an eight-to-five job has to control himself, or get fired or hated. But when that man goes to the football game he couldn't care less. He yells and screams and boos and cries. The whole crowd gets to live vicariously through us.

ON COMMITTEES AND DIRECTORS

I have never tried to win friends on committees. You know you can never please them all, so don't bother trying.

Jack Gibson

Those sausage-roll eaters. I was on the general committee down there and it was like the Keystone Cops.

Referring to the N.S.W. General Committee

The abandonment of the old 42 man committee that sat every second Monday was a plus. The tucker bill alone was a big save.

N.S.W. again!

Behind every fired football coach stands a club president.

The secret of managing a club is keeping the five guys who hate you away from the five guys who haven't made up their minds.

The ideal Board of Directors should be made up of three men - two dead and the other dying.

Tommy Docherty

AND FINALLY....

Pay no attention to what the critics say, no statue has ever been put up to a critic.

Sibelius

[With thanks to 'The Jack Gibson Collection']

Michael's Match

... from the pen of Michael Turner



A WARM welcome is extended to the players, officials and supporters of the Huddersfield club for today's encounter in the National League Cup. Over the years, there have been many cup-ties between the Roughyeds and the Giants (or should I say "Fartown") and for the featured game today we go back to look at a Challenge cup match played at Watersheddings on March 12 1995.

Like today the competition was at the quarter final stage and, notwithstanding their division 2 status, a huge following followed the *claret and golds* over the Pennines. Indeed the attendance of 8,182 was the highest for a home match in the last eight years of the old clubs existence.

The match itself was something of an anti-climax as Oldham raced into a commanding lead in the first quarter thanks to two tries from skipper Martin Crompton converted by Wilson Marsh. Huddersfield rallied briefly which produced a try for Simon Reynolds after a decisive break from

big prop Dave King. Ex-Oldham favourite, Steve Kerry added the goal but Oldham were soon back in the ascendancy thanks to the dominance of the forwards especially Mike Kuiti who was proving a real hand full for the Yorkshiremen. It was from one of the New Zealanders probing runs that Paul Topping backed up to take the loose forwards pass and score under the posts. Another Marsh conversion plus a penalty goal gave Oldham a 20 - 6 advantage at the interval. Huddersfield enjoyed more of the play in the second half but the Oldham defence, in which Topping and Joe Faimalo were outstanding, held firm. Another Marsh penalty put the Roughyeds further ahead before a try from Dean Hanger again converted by Kerry reduced the margin to ten points. Still the Oldham defence was resolute and apart from one dangerous "up and under" dealt with capably by Adie Belle, the home line wasn't seriously threatened again. The final word went to Oldham in the form of ex-Huddersfield star Wally Gibson

who dropped a long range goal to leave the final score Oldham 23 Huddersfield 12.



Man of the Match in the March 1995 cup tie against Huddersfield, Mike Kuiti is seen supporting ex Fartown favourite Wally Gibson in the match against Featherstone earlier in the same season.

OLDHAM: W Gibson, A Belle, P Topping, D Abram, S Ranson; W Marsh, M Crompton; I Sherratt, D Stephenson, J Temu, P Lord, J Faimalo, M Kuiti. SUBS: S Gartland, P Davidson.

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A Chance to Meet . . . **GAVIN DODD**

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Welcome Gavin to "A Chance to Meet". Let's find out something about yourself. First of all when were you born and where were you born?

It was February 1981 and I was born in Oldham. The Royal Oldham Hospital? That's right. An Oldham lad by birth and lived here ever since? That's right, I've been in Chadderton all my life. A Chadderton lad! What about the rest of the family? There's my mum, my step-dad, I've got a young brother and sister that are twins, nine years old, and I've got an older brother who's twenty two. Elder brother do anything in Rugby League? He doesn't no. There's not an interest in Rugby League in my family.

So where did you get interested in the game?

It was at North Chadderton school really, there was a teacher there called Iain MacCorquodale who is quite well known throughout Rugby League and he got me involved when I first began at secondary school. It kind of escalated from there really. Iain MacCorquodale has a lot to answer for in many respects with regard to Rugby League in the Oldham area. Was he still playing at the time you were at school or had he stopped by then? He'd stopped by then. He was a full time teacher and I didn't really know much about his playing at the time. I've only found out about him since I've started playing myself and reading back through the logs of the club. What you'll have to do next time you see him is ask about his time playing for Fulham. Apparently they were pretty interesting! I'll ask him about that one. I watched him more for Workington, but I'll ask about the Fulham story!

Now what about your first memory of Rugby League? Presumably playing at school, what about those early memories?

It probably was playing at school. But to be honest I used to always go and watch the Roughyeds with a friend's dad, well they weren't the Roughyeds then, they were the Bears in Super League which I remember watching. The last time I watched them at Watersheddings was when they beat Wigan. I

think that's my fondest memory and the furthest back I can remember.

What about yourself, personally, you're playing at school but it's a fair old trip from schoolboy rugby to playing for Oldham Rugby. So what happened en-route? Where did you first get someone, other than the school interested in you?

Well straight from school I was always balanced between rugby and football to be honest. I went through a stage when I was playing both on a Sunday. Then when I was about fifteen, coming towards sixteen, Shane Tupaea from Rochdale Hornets came down and invited me to play Academy Rugby with them. I played Academy Rugby with them for, I think, half a season before a scout from Bradford Bulls came down and asked me to go and play up there. I played in their Academy, under twenties squad up until I was eighteen. Before we go on too much, did you know that someone from Bradford was coming to see you, or was it after the game you found out? To be honest I knew beforehand, I'd been told. So I was out to impress. What was it like? A bag of nerves? It was something like that before the game, but the adrenalin takes it away during the game.

Sorry I interrupted your answer. You go to Bradford, what happened then?

At the end of my first season at Bradford I did quite well. I played full back all season for the Academy side and then I was torn between two options. Bradford offered me a deal there and a man who I'd first met at Rochdale, Haydn Walker, got in touch with me. He'd just been appointed Mike Ford's assistant at Oldham. He invited me down and the Oldham season started before the Bradford one so I played a couple of trial games at Oldham and within two games they'd offered me a three year contract. That's a good deal three years isn't it? It was good at the time, yes. So I had to make a decision between Bradford and Oldham and my Home Town club got the priority.

Those first couple of years, any regrets at any time? Did you ever think I may not have

made the right decision?

Obviously yes, because Bradford Bulls are a massive club, but you've got to think of your first team options. No player wants to be playing in the reserve side, or Academy side all their life. The offer that Mike Ford was putting to me sounded good at the time, First Team wise.

Who's been the greatest influence on you in Rugby League? You've mentioned a few names that everybody will know, Iain MacCorquodale, Mike Ford, Bradford Bulls, who's influenced Gavin Dodd most?

Well Mike Ford was the coach that first took me into professional rugby so he will always have been a big influence. But there's a player at Oldham, who finished at the beginning of this season, called Leo Casey who, not just me but I think, everybody looked up to. He was always a good example to follow. He led from the front and there was no other way for him. So he was always a big inspiration.

What about your most memorable moment so far in rugby league?

In September of 2000 I went on tour to New Zealand and Australia with the Great Britain Students squad. At the end of the Test Series against New Zealand I was awarded the Player of the Series Award which was quite thrilling for me. It was a good award to get. You said that like 'it was quite thrilling', I bet you felt blooming great didn't you? Yes, it was fantastic to be honest. A celebration that night? It was, yes. Well I was already celebrating when I got the Award, so, yes a good all-rounder!

Excellent! If that was the best memory you've got, what is your worst memory of rugby league?

The worst memory, I've got to say is last year. It was a tussle for the full back spot between me and Mark Sibson all year and then towards the end of the Play-offs Mark Sibson got chosen above me. Although I was happy for him, when I had to watch all the lads at the Grand Final coming out on to the pitch in front of all them fans I had a big 'gutted' feeling inside of me watching them do it. I wanted to be there myself! Obviously, that's where I want to be next. Things like that in sport, where you don't get selected for the big game, or the big series of games that you

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want must affect you in one of two ways. They knock you back and you think 'Oh dear' and you go back into your shell, or you think 'that's never going to happen to me again'. Which did it do to you? Like you say you've got one of two options but I think each set back has got to motivate you towards setting a goal of, like you say, not letting that happen again and if you miss out on something, make sure you don't miss out on it next time! Your form this season has reflected that that's been the way it's gone? The last few games I've been quite happy with my performance, but regardless of how you play, there's always room for improvement. At the moment I'm just trying to improve on weaknesses I may have to make my game even better. But yes I'm happy with my performances so far.

What about the most amusing memory in the game?

I can't really remember any of those to be honest. You know you Oldham lads keep telling me that. I think you keep them all secret. What about the biggest character that you've come across in the game?

It is a bit of a secret. There's a tussle between Jason Clegg and Keith Brennan. A tussle to see who's got the least hair! That's an on-going argument, in the changing rooms, outside the changing rooms, on nights out, wherever you go they're always arguing who's 'the baldest'! I take it, it's a title that neither of them want to win? Neither want to win. But personally, I think Cleggy just pips it. (laughter)

What about your ambition in Rugby League? You're only, what twenty, twenty-two?

Twenty one a few weeks back. My ambition, obviously, is to play Super League. I think any rugby player's got to aspire to do that. Ideally, I would play in Super League with Oldham, and I think Oldham are capable of going into Super League and I'd really love to go in there with them.

So Super League is your ambition?
Definitely.

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Gavin pictured right, in his NFP Under 21 strip.



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Wilson's Wisdom

... with Ian Wilson

MY FIRST trip to a cup final was in 1962 at Wembley when Wakefield Trinity beat Huddersfield 12-6. Both teams were strong at the time, and even though the game was a fairly dour affair, it was a very enjoyable and memorable experience, with a superb atmosphere both before and during the game which certainly did not justify the fact that I have only seen two other finals live since then.

No, the reason for that is the 'I shan't go until Oldham are there' commitment which I inherited from my father. He had seen our four consecutive finals 1924-27, and only broke his vow in 1962 because a good mate was a Huddersfield fanatic, and insisted both on buying our tickets and driving us there and back.

My father died a few years ago, so of course he never went to Wembley again. I did go once more - 1969, to watch Cas beat Salford 11-6 - but again that was because of a personal connection. A teaching colleague, Alan McInnes, was playing for Salford at the time, so a coach was organised (from a traditional rugby union grammar school) by the only other RL nut on the staff to try to educate the kick and clap chaps. My main memory of the game, I have to admit, is the amazing success of my casual 'we'll pick you up at the bottom of Wembley Way' to the young lady who later became my wife - she was at college in Kent at the time, and she spotted us amongst the nearly 98,000.

Ever since then, given that Oldham haven't made it, I have been content to allow cricket umpiring duties to take

priority, although I have watched the highlights or videos of most finals. However this year at my son's insistence, because of what he described as a 'fantastic weekend' in Edinburgh in 2000, I went for the third time - and the experience, I have to admit lived up to the hype.

As many people have said since April 27th, I have to admit to shouting for Wigan on the day, for the first time in my life. It was not so much because of the Saint's selection policy for the Bradford game - how many times have similar things happened, quite understandably, over the years? It was more that I genuinely felt sorry for Andy Farrell and Stuart Raper - certainly not dear Maurice - for some of the unjustified flak they had been getting. And Saints have been winning more than is good for anyone over the past few years, it was still a strange experience, though.

The game was good to watch - very competitive, always on a knife edge, and with enough quality football to satisfy the purist. But the real highlights were in the centre of Edinburgh during Saturday morning and lunchtime, and then around the concourse inside Murrayfield during the hour before kick off. What an atmosphere, and a celebration of the genuine spirit and camaraderie of the 'rugby league family'. Even if we don't make it - and I have not yet given up hope - it certainly won't be another thirty odd years before I visit another final. For those who have never been I strongly recommend it.

Junior Roughyeds



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mayor and mayoress. Thank you to Peter Conray for our invite and also for their continued support and commitment to the Juniors.

A WARM WELCOME to the Junior Roughyeds page. The Junior Roughyeds would also like to give a welcome to the players and the Juniors of Huddersfield Giants and hope they enjoy their first visit to Hurst Cross.

On Saturday 4th May the Junior Roughyeds together with Steve Molloy and several other Oldham players were invited to officially re-open Oldham Outdoor Market. The Junior Roughyeds had a really nice afternoon and also they were invited to a buffet with the

The mascot for today's game is 13 year old DAVID GOUGH. David goes to Radcliffe School and his hobbies include computers and football. David's favourite player is our captain Steve Molloy.

EMMA CAMMERON was the mascot for the Batley game and Emma's favourite player is David Gibbons. Emma is 12 years old and goes to Counthill.

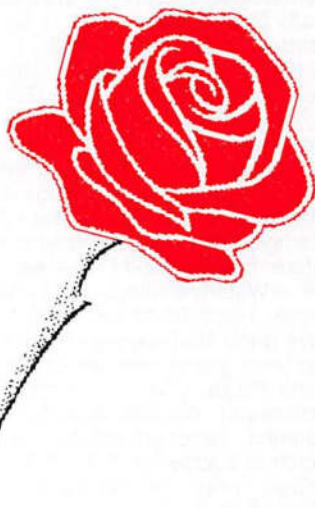
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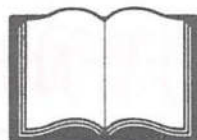
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LOCAL rugby followers will probably have seen me watching rugby league at the home matches of Oldham, Saddleworth Rangers, Waterhead and St. Annes. Most local fans are also aware of the fact that I travel extensively to watch the game. I am frequently asked whether or not I have visited all 71 grounds of clubs in Super League, Northern Ford Premiership and the three divisions of the National Conference League. The answer is simple. Yes, but also no!!

Yes I have seen all 71 clubs play home matches but when I watched Millford lose by 20 points to six at home against East Leeds in January 1998 they played at Buslingthorpe Vale but since then they have moved across the city to Becketts Park, not far from Headingley. I have watched all the other 70 clubs play at their current headquarters and I have also visited quite a few clubs who no longer play professional or Conference League rugby.

Huyton/Highfield/Runcorn/Prescot, Bramley, Carlisle and South Wales have all dropped out of the professional game whilst the list of clubs no longer playing at Conference League level is even longer. It reads Blackbrook, Dewsbury Celtic, Ovenden, London Skolars, Dodworth, New Earswick, Moldgreen, Barrow Island, Beverley, Hemel Hempstead, Blackpool Gladiators and Egremont Rangers which makes a round dozen and the recent resignation of Keighley Albion takes that total to an unlucky thirteen.

Most rugby league clubs have switched grounds over the years. The Roughyeds, for example, have staged home games at seven different venues and I have seen them play at five – Watersheddings, Boundary Park, Hurst Cross, Hyde United FC and Maine Road. I have seen Saddleworth Rangers play home first team games at three venues – Shaw Hall Bank Road, Churchill Playing Fields and Hollinwood; Waterhead at four-Peach Road, Counthill, North Chadderton School and last month at Saddleworth but I have only seen St. Annes play at Stoneleigh Park and Higginsshaw Road. The club I have followed to most venues is the Fulham/London Crusaders/London Broncos outfit who have had me travel to Craven Cottage, Barnet Copthall Stadium, Chiswick Polytechnic, Hendon FC, Charlton Athletic FC, Brentford FC and Leicester RUFC. Next month I hope to

travel to the Stade Albert Domec in Carcassonne for their home match against Warrington.

Grounds in France are all municipally owned so clubs move almost as regularly as the Roughyeds. I have watched rugby in all eleven cities which stage Elite Division One matches and have witnessed games at two different venues in Carcassonne, two in Toulouse, two in Albi and three in Perpignan.

I am a keen follower of the international game and in pursuit of that aspect of our sport I have visited quite a few obscure venues. Partick Thistle FC, Scotland, Tolka Park, Dublin and Welsh games at Llanelli, Ebbw Vale, Wrexham, Swansea, Cardiff Arms Park and the Millennium Stadium. I have watched Great Britain play tests at Palmerston North and the Mount Smart Stadium, Auckland and tour games at Hutt Valley, Wellington and at Whangarei. Venues where I have seen representative matches in England include Manchester's White City, Northampton, Wembley, Cheltenham, Bolton, Watford, Elland Road, Old Trafford and the Sandal RUFC whilst other French venues which have staged representative matches in my presence include Bordeaux, Arles, Arles-sur-Tech, Foix, Beziers, Evry, Lyon, St. Esteve and Avignon. I am currently enjoying a short break 'down under' where I have watched rugby league at the North Brisbane club, Aspley, the WACA ground, Perth and at Allen Field, home ground of the Freemantle club. Later this month I hope to watch the first State of Origin clash at Stadium Australia whilst also on my itinerary are matches at Sydney Football Stadium, Sydney Showground, Marathon Stadium, Newcastle and the Woollongong Showground, now renamed WIN Stadium, and the home of St. George-Illawarra.

How many grounds have I visited? No idea. I do not keep a record and I certainly do not visit venues just to tick another one off in some little black book. That was why I missed the St. Helens match at Stalybridge, preferring instead to watch UTC (Perpignan) at Chorley in what I thought would be a closer, more entertaining and more interesting match. I reckon though that I must have visited well over 150 grounds, probably nearer 200, and, travelling mainly by public transport, no wonder my hair is the colour it is!!!

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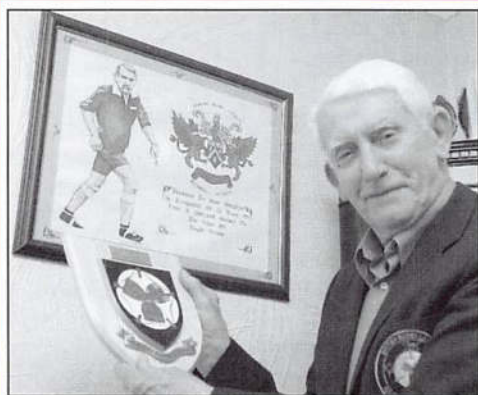
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MATCH OFFICIALS

THE above is the correct title for the referee, the two touchjudges and the reserve official we see at N.F.P. games; in fact they are all referees, and the chaps with flags will have refereed games somewhere on Saturday. The ideal would be to also have an in-goal judge in each in-goal area. Sadly there are too few officials and funding is not available.

Many years ago, before the advent of Super League, three officials were provided for each first team, and even for 'A' teams, fourth officials were not thought of. You may ask what would happen if the appointed referee did not arrive – then one of the touch judges would be expected to take up the whistle, and there were plenty of occasions when this did occur, and this would apply if the referee had got an injury during the game.

I had occasion to suffer a calf injury in a match at York – I certainly could not run and even walking was difficult. I called upon one of my colleagues to take up the whistle, and I took over the line duties but even this was too painful. Fortunately, Grade I referee Pete Geraghty was sitting in the stand and he relieved me of my duties.

On another occasion, also in York, when I was visiting my wife's family, I went to Clarence Street to watch York v Castleford, went in the dressing room to see the officials and was surprised to find that the referee from Barrow had not arrived. So I asked which one would take the whistle, but, never having done a first team game or perhaps because of age, both declined. So I had, with permission from both clubs, to step into the baggy shorts and hooped jersey and ran out to shouts of derision from players and spectators alike. Luckily, after 25 minutes, John Elliot from Barrow emerged from the tunnel to take over.

A classic example of the referee's non-appearance occurred in the days when Championship Finals were played at Maine Road, many of you will remember that. In this particular game the referee was missing and the match was taken over by Matt Coates who took the opportunity to display his ability and was a great favourite at Watersheddings.

Oldham's two Super League touch judges Paul Hewitt and Tony Martin – both of whom performed brilliantly in the two recent semi finals, referee on Saturdays. Paul in the North West Counties Leagues and Tony and former top official John Ward in the Pennine League.

In a future programme I will be giving you an insight into the touch judges' full duties.

In recent games, eg. Batley v Huddersfield on Easter Monday, Steve Nicholson was stuck in a traffic jam on the M6 and Ben Thaler was rushed in to fill the void, and Nick Oddy, the appointed 4th official at Wakefield Trinity v Bradford Bulls did not receive notification and consequently did not arrive.

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TOPIC OF THE DAY

...THE 100 GREATEST RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYERS - EVER! (Well, 1951 to 2001)

20 BRIAN EDGAR. In the 1950's Workington Town had a formidable side, probably the best the club has ever known. Astutely coached by Gus Risman Town were Challenge Cup Winners in 1952 and runners-up in 1955 and 1958. They were also Championship winners in 1950-51 and runners up 1957-8. Featuring in the later achievements young second row and later prop Brian Edgar was selected to tour in 1958 and in an eight year international career went on to captain his country in 1966. He was one of the hardest working and toughest competitors of his era, a solid defender and powerful runner. If only Town could unearth talent like that again!

19 ANDY PLATT. In the late 80's, early 90's the name of Andy Platt would have been one of the first on anyone's team list for club or country. An essential part of Wigan's all conquering team Platt won every honour the game has to offer - and rightly so. Immensely strong, Platt took everything you could throw at him and came back for more. Genuine, honest and professional in everything he did Platt loved nothing better than to bring high profile Australians down to earth. He was so admired for this that Auckland Warriors recruited him for the very purpose. Now living in New Zealand Platt continues to serve R.L. coaching juniors and enjoying life. How much he deserves it!

18 TOMMY HARRIS. Older readers than I might say Joe Egan but in my lifetime there has never been a better hooker than Tommy Harris. In the 1950's a hooker actually had to strike for and win the ball and none could do that better than Harris. A member of the terrifying Hull pack (though Oldham did defeat them in the 1956-7 Championship Final) Harris was a demon tackler with a phenomenal work-rate and terrific distribution. Britain's first choice number 9 from 1956-1961.



17 TOM VAN VOLLENHOVEN.

The only man in this series NOT from one Rugby League's big three nations, South African Van Vollenhoven is remembered not just with affection and awe in St. Helens, but throughout the R.L. community. A policeman from Pretoria and a Rugby Union international Van Vollenhoven was acquired at great expense and against fanatical opposition by the

S.A.R.U. but proved one of the finest ever signings by Saints. A big draw wherever he played Vollenhoven was fast, lithe, athletic and a born try-scorer. A devastating sidestep and powerful hand-off completed his armoury. In the late 50's, early 60's there was no bigger personality in the R.L. world and a visit by Saints and their wonder winger was looked forward to with eager anticipation. Still holds Saints' tries in a season record with 62 in 1958-9 and is joint holder of the tries in a match record with 6 (which he achieved twice).

16 DEREK TURNER. There was only one 'Rocky' Turner! Starting with Hull K.R. Turner signed for Oldham in August 1955 in a cloak and dagger deal which whisked him away from under the noses of Halifax. Made 134 appearances in 4 seasons at

Watersheddings in one of the Roughyeds greatest ever teams, and earned eleven international caps while playing in red and white. However, Turner went on to achieve even greater things as captain of Wakefield Trinity including 3 Wembley victories in 1960, 1962 and 1963. Toured Australia in 1962 where the great Johnny Raper was his no. 13 rival in the green and gold. Tough as teak, inspirational leader, and ball handler. Later to become a highly successful coach with Leeds.

15 ROGER MILLWARD. In the early 1960's I.T.V. showed junior R.L. on Sunday lunchtimes. The star of the show was a diminutive halfback called Millward and Roger 'the Dodger' was to go on to become one of Rugby League's true 'greats' with Castleford, Hull K.R., Cronulla and Great Britain. His first Test cap came in 1965 at the age of 18. A 1970, 1974 and 1979 tourist Millward also appeared 'Down Under' in the 1968, 1975 and 1977 World Cup teams, being captain on the latter two occasions. Despite his 5'4" stature no-one stood taller in a British shirt than the irrefragable Millward. Dazzling footwork, tremendous acceleration, deft handling and quickness of thought were all Millward characteristics. He is another who went on to be a highly successful Coach and, ever the innovator, studied coaching methods with the Green Bay Packers, to transform Hull K.R. into a team of world beaters.

14 BILLY BOSTON. Arriving at Central Park from Cardiff and the Army in 1953 for a then phenomenal signing on fee of £3,000 Billy Boston quickly became one of the greatest names ever to play Rugby League. Revered to this day and a welcome guest wherever he goes Boston is rightly loved throughout the R.L. community. A charismatic figure, Boston had everything a wingman should have, pace, power, agility, footwork, determination. And, if he couldn't go round you, Boston would simply go through you. In terms of matches played Boston was the fastest player ever to notch a century of tries (100 in 68 games) beginning against Barrow on 21.11.53. He was so impressive in his early games that he was picked for the 1954 Lions tour after precisely 6 matches and at 19 years old. After missing the first Test he played in the rest in both Australia and New Zealand. In all he played 18 matches on tour setting a new record with 36 tries. After missing the 1958 tour Boston ran in for 22 tries on the 1962 trip. He twice scored 7 tries in a game (a Wigan record at the time) against Dewsbury in 1955 and against Salford in 1962, reached 500 tries in 1965 and ended his career with Blackpool Borough on 571 tries, second only in the all time list to Brian Bevan.

13 HENRY PAUL. Former Wigan and Bradford Bulls stand-off-cum-fullback Henry Paul has been one of the outstanding talents of the modern game. A Kiwi international finding it hard to adapt in a different code, Paul has been inspirational in R.L. It is not coincidence that as an individual he has won every honour in the domestic game nor that his clubs have been major forces while he adorned their colours. A strong, elusive try poacher with incredible hands and footwork, Paul is also a brilliant goalkicker. And don't bank on R.L. having seen the last of him just yet!

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APPEARANCES & SCORERS 2001-2002

PLAYER	APPEARANCES	SUBSTITUTIONS	TRIES	GOALS	DROP GOALS	POINTS
M. SIBSON	14	2	6			24
G. DODD	14	2	2			8
D. GIBBONS	15	1	7			28
J. GODDARD	18		6			24
J. McNICHOLAS	17		11			44
J. BRADDISH	15	1	4	54	2	126
N. RODEN	14	3	8		4	36
S. KNOX	3					
J. HOUGH	17		5			20
J. CLEGG	17	1				
P. FARRELL	13		4			16
B. HENARE	15	1	4			16
L. DORAN	16	2	5			20
T. HODGKINSON	2					
G. BARBER	7	10	5	19		58
D. GUEST		14				
L. CASEY	1	3				
W. COWELL	3	6				
K. BRENNAN	4	4	2			8
A. PROCTOR		7				
P. NORTON	10	2	2			8
A. GIBBONS	8	2	1			4
D. FOSTER	5	1	5			20
A. MURRAY		3				
S. MOLLOY	4	2	2			8
D. LACEY		2	1			4
C. CAMPBELL	2	1				
D. NEWTON		1				

BUDDIES NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP - FINAL TABLES

East		P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Avg	PTS
Doncaster Dragons		5	5	0	0	216	59	3.6610	10
Hull Kingston Rovers		5	4	0	1	173	83	2.0843	8
Sheffield Eagles		5	3	0	2	133	130	1.0231	6
Featherstone Rovers		5	2	0	3	153	110	1.3909	4
Keighley Cougars		5	1	0	4	92	187	0.4920	2
Gateshead Thunder		5	0	0	5	44	242	0.1818	0
West		P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Avg	PTS
Leigh Centurions		5	4	0	1	224	95	2.3579	8
Whitehaven		5	3	0	2	147	101	1.4554	6
Barrow Raiders		5	3	0	2	197	136	1.4485	6
Workington Town		5	2	0	3	140	148	0.9459	4
Chorley Lynx		5	2	0	3	106	183	0.5792	4
Swinton Lions		5	1	0	4	79	230	0.3435	2
Central		P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Avg	PTS
Huddersfield Giants		5	5	0	0	206	56	3.6786	10
Oldham		5	3	0	2	172	96	1.7917	6
Rochdale Hornets		5	3	0	2	97	85	1.1412	6
Batley Bulldogs		5	2	0	3	119	142	0.8380	4
Dewsbury Rams		5	2	0	3	86	142	0.6056	4
Hunslet Hawks		5	0	0	5	61	220	0.2773	0

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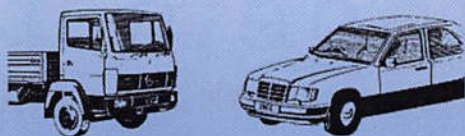
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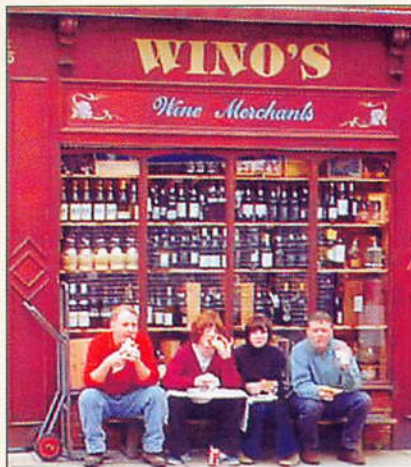
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16	Hull K.R.	L	10-26	2032
30	Leigh	L	12-46	3388

JANUARY				
6	YORK	W	32-16	1130
13	Dewsbury Rams	L	6-30	1410
20	CHORLEY LYNX	W	34-2	1114
27	WEST HULL (C' Cup Rd3)	W	38-4	1131

FEBRUARY				
3	Workington	L	20-28	991
10	ST HELENS (C' Cup Rd4)	L	6-40	4089
17	GATESHEAD	W	54-2	931
23	ROCHDALE HORNETS	H	P	

MARCH				
3	Huddersfield	L	18-28	3191
10	DONCASTER DRAGONS	D	22-22	1067
15	Sheffield Eagles	W	25-6	1095
24	FEATHERSTONE	W	23-12	1533
29	Rochdale Hornets	L	13-14	2096

APRIL				
2	DEWSBURY RAMS	W	47-12	1056
7	Huddersfield	L	16-44	2687
21	Hunslet Hawks	W	56-10	747

MAY				
5	BATLEY BULLDOGS	W	40-16	1204
12	HUDDERSFIELD (NC/F) H		(Nat Cup 1/4 F)	
19	National Cup Semi Finals			
26	National Cup Final			

JUNE				
2	Keighley Cougars	A		
9	WHITEHAVEN	H		
16	Barrow	A		
23	BATLEY BULLDOGS	H		
30	Hunslet Hawks	A		

JULY				
7	LEIGH	H		
14	Chorley Lynx	A		
21	Whitehaven	A		
28	HUDDERSFIELD	H		

AUGUST				
4	HUNSLET HAWKS	H		
11	Batley Bulldogs	A		
18	Rochdale Hornets	A		
25	WORKINGTON	H		

SEPTEMBER				
1	York	A		
8	KEIGHLEY COUGARS	H		

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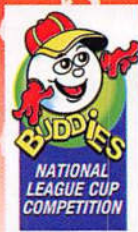
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