

Versus **OLDHAM ROUGHYEDS**

Sunday 13 April 2003
 Kick-Off 3.00pm



TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Salford City Reds v Oldham Roughyeds

	T	G	DG		T	G	DG	
1 Jason Flowers	☐	☐	☐	Full Back	☐	☐	☐	1 Gavin Dodd
2 Alan Hunte	☐	☐	☐	Right Wing	☐	☐	☐	2 Chris Irwin
3 Andy Kirk	☐	☐	☐	Right Centre	☐	☐	☐	3 Iain Marsh
4 Cliff Beverley	☐	☐	☐	Left Centre	☐	☐	☐	4 John Goddard
5 Danny Arnold	☐	☐	☐	Left Wing	☐	☐	☐	5 Joe McNicholas
6 Steve Blakeley	☐	☐	☐	Stand Off	☐	☐	☐	6 Simon Svabic
7 Gavin Clinch	☐	☐	☐	Scrum Half	☐	☐	☐	7 Neil Roden
8 Neil Baynes	☐	☐	☐	Prop	☐	☐	☐	8 Steve Molloy
9 Malcolm Alker	☐	☐	☐	Hooker	☐	☐	☐	9 John Hough
10 Andy Coley	☐	☐	☐	Prop	☐	☐	☐	10 Paul Norton
11 Simon Baldwin	☐	☐	☐	Second Row	☐	☐	☐	11 Lee Doran
12 Neil Lowe	☐	☐	☐	Second Row	☐	☐	☐	12 Ryan Stazicker
13 Chris Charles	☐	☐	☐	Loose Forward	☐	☐	☐	13 Chris Morley
14 David Highton	☐	☐	☐	Substitute	☐	☐	☐	14 Keith Brennan
15 Paul Highton	☐	☐	☐	Substitute	☐	☐	☐	15 Paul Anderson
16 Lee Marsh	☐	☐	☐	Substitute	☐	☐	☐	16 Danny Guest
17 Gareth Haggerty	☐	☐	☐	Substitute	☐	☐	☐	17 Dane Morgan
Karl Harrison				Coach				Steve Molloy

Match Mascot



Name: Jamie Forshaw
 Age: 7
 Birthday: 30/07/95
 School: Mesne Lea Primary
 Hobbies: Football, Rugby
 League and Manchester City
 Favourite Player: Stuart Little

Salford City Reds

Scrum	1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15
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Penalties	1	2	3	4	5
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Oldham Roughyeds

Scrum	1	2	3	4	5
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1936-37, 1938-39, 1973-74, 1975-76
Rugby League runners-up: 1901-02, 1902-03,
1903-04, 1933-34

Rugby League Challenge Cup winners: 1938

Rugby League Challenge Cup runners-up:

1900, 1902, 1903, 1906, 1939, 1969

Lancashire League Championship: 1932-33,
1933-34, 1934-35, 1936-37, 1938-39

Lancashire Challenge Cup winners: 1931,
1934, 1935, 1936, 1972

Lancashire Challenge Cup runners-up: 1929,
1938, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1988, 1990

Premiership Trophy Runners Up: 1976

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1972-73

BBC2 Floodlit Cup winners: 1974-75

Centenary First Division Championships:

1995-96

Division One Championship: 1996

Division Two Championship: 1990-91

Division Two Premiership: 1990-91

Divisional Premiership: 1996

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FRONT

with Karl Harrison



**Welcome back to
the Willows for
today's Arriva Trains
Cup clash with
Oldham who had a
convincing victory
over Swinton last
Sunday.**

Today's home game against Oldham is the last match in the Arriva Trains Cup regional league and whatever the outcome of this afternoon's match, we will finish top of our group and therefore automatically through to the Quarter Finals of the Competition. Oldham will still come here with the intention of toppling us and they will still be boosted by a couple of recent victories over Barrow (away) and Swinton (home), the latter an impressive 68 points to 14 success. As I have said before everyone is out to bring us down to earth with a bump so we will have to be alert to that today. I have been pleased the way

things are going but I must give a special mention to skipper Mal Alker, who is really enjoying his rugby in the new role I have given him. He is Salford through and through and has the attitude to make it right to the top. I believe his 4 tries against Swinton were a club record for a hooker and I know he relishes crossing that whitewash.

We had a stiff workout against Leigh and it was too close for comfort at the end but we were very professional in our execution. Nevertheless, we will not be getting carried away with our performances, there is still plenty of work to do and a few bridges to cross before we reach our ultimate goal.

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Karl on last weeks victory at Rochdale



Mal Alker...in sparkling form

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Alan Hunte breaks through against Rochdale Hornets

SETTING

THE SCENE

with Darrell Platt



The first occasion that Salford met

Oldham was during the 1896-97 campaign at New Barnes, the visitors winning by 9 points to nil and they completed a double over us later that season courtesy of an 11 points to 3 victory. At the end of that campaign Oldham finished second in the league whilst Salford found themselves next to bottom!

However, during the 1901-02 and 1902-03 seasons the two clubs met six times in league and cup encounters and Oldham failed to register a point in any of these

matches!

Oldham had all their own way in the 1920s but the roles were directly reversed in the 1930s, when Lance Todd was working his magic at the Willows.

Once again the emphasis shifted in the post war period, especially in the 1950s, when the Roughyeds swept all before them. Then, in 1961-62, Oldham set up a record victory here at the Willows, when they chalked up a 50 points to 4 success with full back Geoff Sims leading the way by virtue of a try and ten goals.

It was the late sixties and seventies that Salford gained the upper hand and Oldham had just one victory to show in that period. The Reds managed to create a new home record against our opponents when we rescued a 46 points to 3 victory in a John Player Trophy 2nd Round tie here at the Willows in the 1975-76 season.

The Salford team on that occasion was as follows:- Watkins (8g); Fielding (3t), Butler, Hesketh (t), Richards (t); Gill, Nash, Coulman (t), Grice, Mackay, Turnbull (2t), Knighton (t), Prescott

Substitutes: Graham (t), Corcoran (both played)

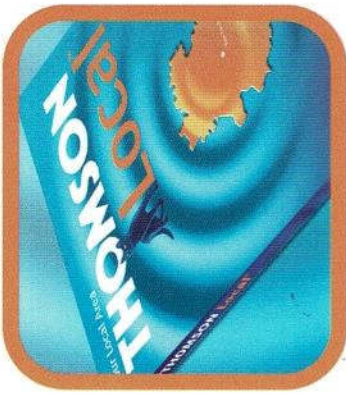
With Super League on the horizon at the end of the 1994-95 season, it was proposed that Oldham and Salford should merge under a geographical banner, but nothing was resolved with the outcome that Oldham (who had finished 10th in the league) gained automatic entry into Super League and Salford ('12th in the league) were placed in the First Division for 1995-96, the Centenary season.

Salford won the Centenary First Division by a clear 7 points but there was no promotion or relegation, so the Reds stayed in that league again and had to work their way into Super League the hard way by becoming champions of the First Division in 1996 as well.

Oldham finished in 8th position in the 1996 Super League and thus retained their place in the elite Division for 1997 when we resumed our fixtures against them. We beat them 35-26 here at the Willows but we lost at Boundary Park by 19 points to 10.



Salford prop David Young goes on the attack watched by Garry Jack. (Reds v Oldham 1983/84 season)



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CHRIS' PROFILE

Name: Chris Charles
 Date of Birth: 7-3-76
 Place of Birth: Hull
 Height: 5'10"
 Weight: 15 stone
 Marital Status: Single
 Children: None
 Job Prior to Playing RL: Electrician
 Player Most Admired As A RL Professional: Gavin Miller
 Favourite Film: Saving Private Ryan
 Favourite Food: Chicken
 Favourite Singer / Band: Goldplay / Beautiful South
 Hobbies Outside RL: Playing golf
 CAREER
 Positions Played: Loose Forward/Second Row
 Amateur Clubs: Hull Boys Club
 First Professional Club: Hull KR
 Other Clubs: None
 Club Honours: 2nd Division winners 1996, Silk Cut Plate 1997
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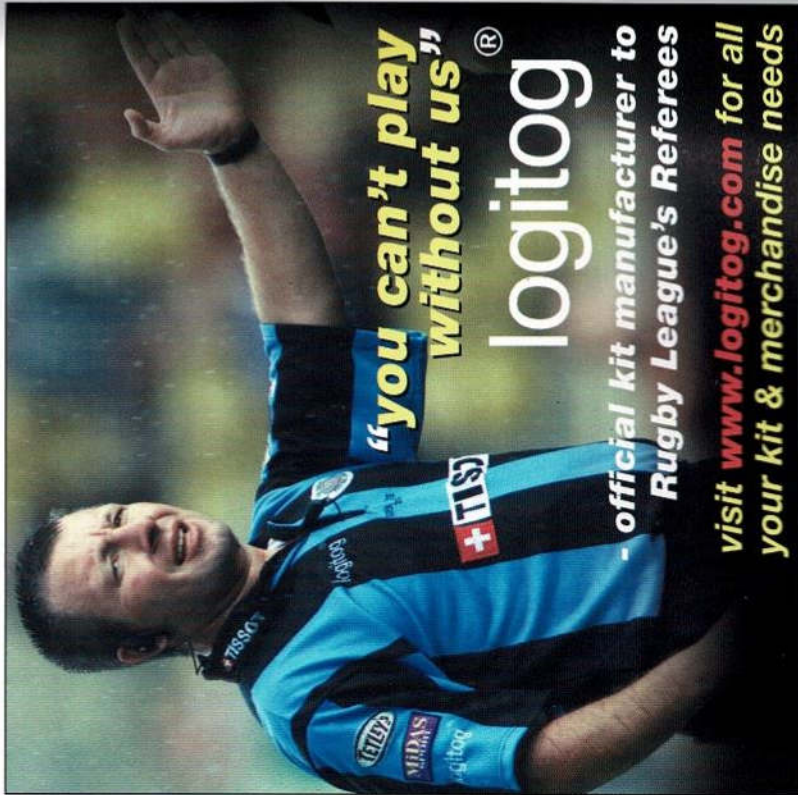
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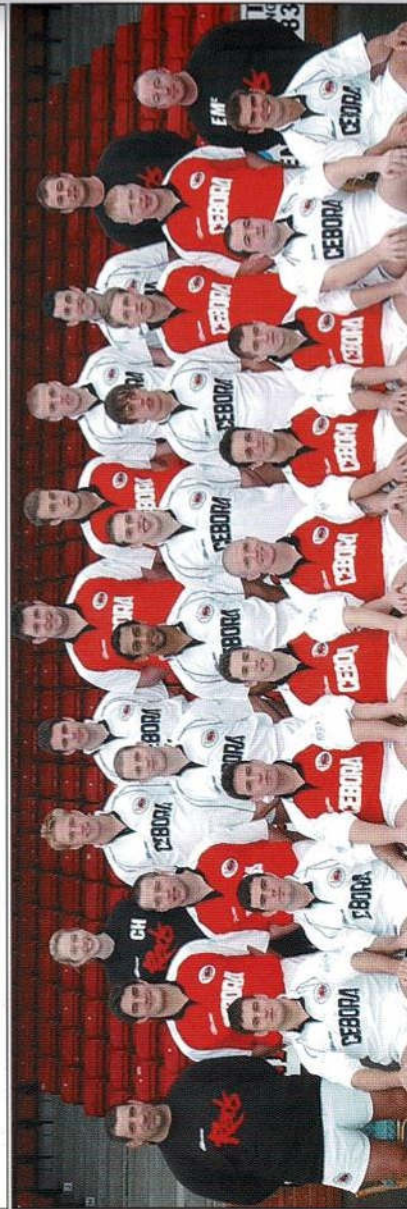
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Name	Season 2003				Career Total			
	App	Sub	T	Pts	App	Sub	T	Pts
Malcolm Alker	13	-	12	48	139	1	39	157
Danny Arnold	9	-	2	8	35	14	15	60
Simon Baldwin	12	-	2	8	12	-	2	8
Danny Barton	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
Neil Baynes	7	5	1	4	79	27	7	28
Cliff Beverley	13	-	14	56	13	-	14	56
Steve Blakeley	5	3	4	118	229	14	76	1778
Radney Bowker	4	1	2	8	4	1	2	8
Chris Charles	10	1	6	26	10	1	6	26
Gavin Clinch	11	-	4	48	11	-	4	48
John Clough	-	1	1	4	-	1	1	4
Andy Coley	10	2	2	8	29	26	7	28
Karl Fitzpatrick	1	2	4	16	1	2	4	16
Jason Flowers	12	-	10	40	12	-	10	40
Andy Gorski	-	7	-	-	-	9	-	-
Gareth Haggerty	2	5	-	-	2	5	-	-
David Highton	-	12	5	20	4	17	7	28
Paul Highton	7	6	1	4	81	56	11	44
Alan Hunte	11	-	13	52	31	2	22	88
Andy Kirk	7	-	8	32	7	-	8	32
Stuart Littler	12	-	10	40	87	13	32	128
Neil Lowe	11	2	3	12	11	2	3	12
Lee Marsh	5	4	3	32	8	8	3	32
Michael Platt	7	-	2	8	10	-	3	12

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Preparations for the start of the league campaign are well under way both for the team and for the rest of the club. It would have been nice to kick start the campaign with a home match, but a Good Friday trip to Whitehaven is one I'm looking forward to. It's been a funny year so far. The Winter break was much shorter than we've been used to but I think everyone has adapted quickly to the changes that relegation brought about. Life is National League One is certainly very difficult to

Super League! Those of you who have been "homeless" for the last few matches can get ready to return to your spiritual home on Easter Monday - Yes, I'm pleased to report that our beloved "Shed" will be ready for action against Batley! We're sorry for the delay, and hopefully those of you who occupy the terraces in the Popular Stand won't have been inconvenienced too much by the renovation work. We've had a busy week with media activity and the launch of National League 1 and 2 took place

here at the Willows on Thursday. All 20 teams were represented with their coaches and a member of playing personnel. Although there is always fierce competition on the pitch, off the field and at events like this we are afforded an opportunity to catch up with our counterparts and exchange information and news in a friendly forum. The biggest news of the week has to be the proposed new stadium development. As you are probably aware by now, an application was submitted for planning

Cheers, Carolyn

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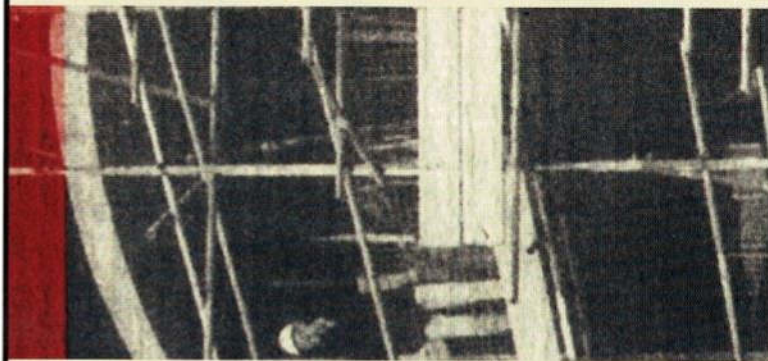
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Gareth Haggerty on the charge at Rochdale Hornets

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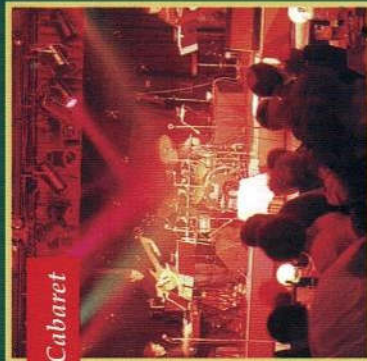
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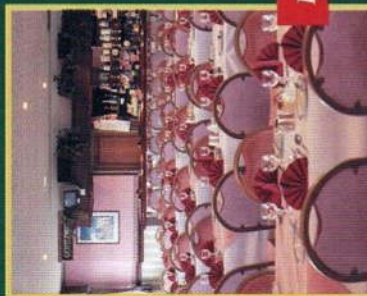
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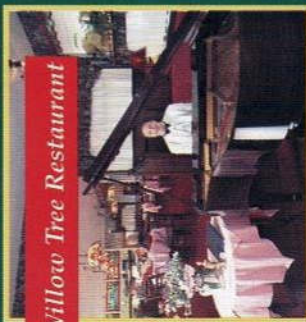


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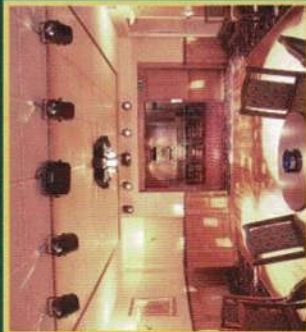


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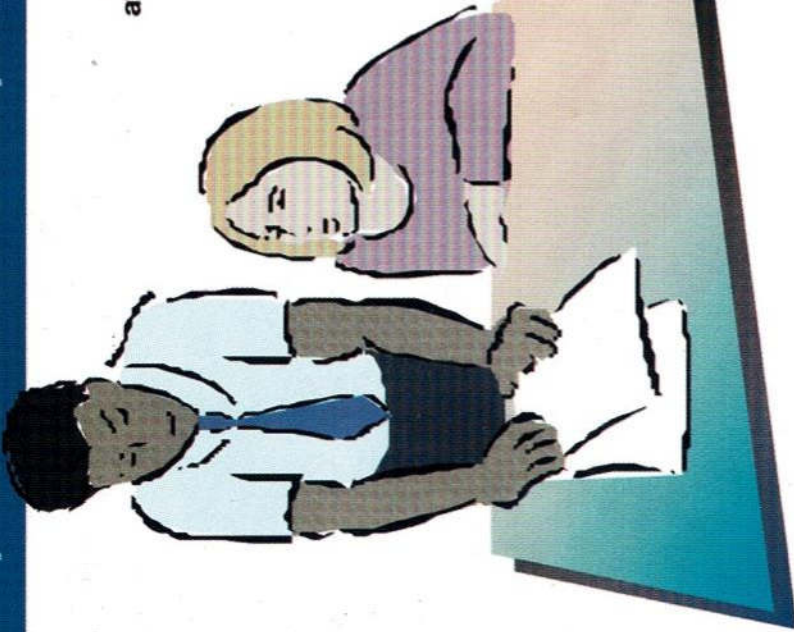
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Bradford Bulls 98

Tries: Moore (3); Pryce, K (2), Reardon (2), Noble (2), Smith, Andy (2), Johnson, Bridge, Western, Smith Aaron, Colley, Ferres, Tordoff **Goals:** Bridge (9), Western (4)

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Try: Llewellyn, **Goal:** Turner

Half Time: 44-6

The last thing a weakened Salford side wanted was to have to go to a fortress-like Odsal and meet the Bradford Bulls head on, but that is what they did and the result was a comprehensive 18 try mauling. The Bulls showed their intention early, with Chris Bridge opening the scoring in the first set of tackles and from then on it was one-way traffic. The highlight for the Reds was a sole try from Dave Llewellyn converted by Danny Turner. The highlight for the Bradford crowd was a barnstorming 75 metre touchdown from prop Richard Moore to complete his hat trick! On the back of a commanding performance from Moore and his fellow forwards, the backs showed their class, with Karl Pryce, Stuart Reardon, Andy Smith and Ben Noble collecting a pair of tries each. Nicky Johnson, Chris Bridge, Ben Western, Aaron Smith, Andy Colley, Brett Ferres and Victor Tordoff all got in on the act with a try each. Bridge and Western adding nine and four goals respectively.

ACADEMY UNDER 18's GRADING PHASE

London Broncos 34

Tries: Warrincy (2); Turner (2); Adebisi; Williams. **Goals:** Montero (5)

Salford City Reds 32

Tries: Hartley (3); Brown; Walsh; Bamford. **Goals:** Hartley (3). **Drop Goals:** Foley (2)

The growing strength of the game in the capital was underlined by this result, though it hung by a thread and the thickness of Dave Montero's goal kicking boot! Rob Warrincy and Aaron Turner were the major strike players for the Broncos with two tries each, Adebisi and Johnny Williams chiming in with one each. In a game which was always tight, A Hartley hat trick looked as though it was going to pull the game Salford's way and there were touchdowns also for Walsh, Bamford and James Brown. When things got really tough, Lewis Foley came up with a couple of drop goals, but in the end they were just not enough and London emerged triumphant and hugely encouraged.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT SENIOR ACADEMY GAMES v HALIFAX HAS BEEN SWITCHED TO THURSDAY 17th APRIL AT OVENDEN PARK RU GROUND.

Under 18's Fixtures 2003

April 5th	London Broncos	1.00pm	L 34-32
April 13th	Keighley Cougars	12.30pm	Home
April 27th	Leigh Centurions	2.30pm	Away
May 3rd	St Helens	2.30pm	Home
Under 21's Fixtures 2003	Wigan	2.30pm	Home
March 1st	Widnes Vikings	2.30pm	W 30-20
March 6th	Hull FC	7.30pm	P-P
March 12th	Hull FC	7.30pm	W 23-12
March 19th	Hull KR	7.30pm	W 66-32
March 26th	Castleford	7.30pm	W 36-32
April 3rd	Bradford Bulls	7.30pm	L 98-6
April 9th	Hull FC	7.30pm	W 30-22
April 17th	Hull FC	7.30pm	Away
April 30th	Fatherstone	7.30pm	Home
May 10th	Wigan	2.00pm	Away
May 14th	Huddersfield Giants	7.30pm	Home
May 21st	Wakefield	7.30pm	Home
May 28th	St Helens	7.30pm	Away
June 11th	Leeds Rhinos	7.30pm	Home
June 19th	Huddersfield Giants	7.30pm	Away
June 26th	Leeds	7.30pm	Away
July 9th	Bradford	7.30pm	Home
July 16th	Warrington Wolves	7.30pm	Away
July 23rd	Widnes Vikings	7.30pm	Home
August 1st	Hull KR	7.45pm	Away
August 6th	Wakefield	7.30pm	Away
August 13th	Warrington	7.30pm	Home

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SENIOR ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Wigan	6	6	0	0	303	46	12
2 Leeds	6	6	0	0	264	74	12
3 Bradford	6	5	0	1	285	92	10
4 Warrington	7	5	0	2	213	232	10
5 Salford	6	5	0	1	191	216	10
6 Halifax	7	4	0	3	178	175	8
7 St Helens	7	3	0	4	170	260	6
8 Wakefield	6	2	0	4	157	196	4
9 Huddersfield	7	2	0	5	149	200	4
10 Widnes	6	2	0	4	138	182	4
11 Featherstone	6	2	0	4	124	212	4
12 Castleford	6	1	0	5	156	206	2
13 Hull	6	1	0	5	124	250	2
14 Hull KR	6	0	0	6	106	219	0

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MATCH REPORT

BY DARRELL PLATT



Rochdale Hornets 16
Salford City Reds 44
Arriva Trains Cup
Sunday 6th April 2003



Salford continued their unbeaten Arriva Trains fixtures with this comfortable 44 points to 16 victory at Spotland, despite a plucky display from the Hornets side.

The home side showed up strongly in the opening exchanges and after Pachniuk had gone close, Watson put up a high kick to the wing that saw Hunte spill the ball for BILLY to nip in and score. A good goal from former Salford scrum half WATSON gave Hornets a shock 6-0 lead after only ten minutes play. However, within four

minutes the Reds were on level terms, Clinch put up a neat kick to the wing for HUNTE to touch down and BLAKELEY added the conversion (6-6). Two minutes later BLAKELEY left the Hornets defence in his wake as he raced away to score but unfortunately his attempt at goal struck

the near post (6-10). Salford had the bit between their teeth now and in the 24th minute CLINCH went over for a solo effort and BLAKELEY added the extras (6-16). The referee had to speak to Price for flattening Flowers with a high tackle. In the 41st minute a chip and chase by Clinch set up David Highton to put HUNTE in at the corner for a try, converted by BLAKELEY via the far post (6-22), eight minutes later Alker had to leave the field

with a gash above his eye, closely followed by Flowers who damaged his hand with a try saving tackle on Roper. In the 51st minute Kirk made a great break to send CHARLES in for a try converted by BLAKELEY (6-28). Seven minutes later DAVID HIGHTON beat 3 men to score a solo remaining David Highton provided the pass for CLINCH to score and BLAKELEY added the conversion to complete the scoring.

TEAMS

ROCHDALE HORNETS:

Mayberry, Nanyin, Bunyan (t), Roper, Billy (2t), Doherty, Watson (2g), Grundy, Pachniuk, Rogers, Larder, Smith, Ball. Substitutes (all played): Ayres, Wallace, Price, Long.

SALFORD CITY REDS:

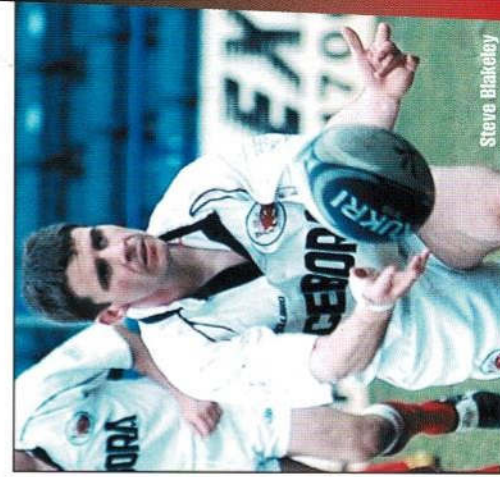
Flowers, Hunte (2t), Kirk (t), Beverley, Arnold, Blakeley (t, 6g), Clinch (2t), Baynes, Alker, P Highton, Baldwin, Marsh, Charles (t).

Substitutes (all played): D Highton (t), Lowe, Coley, Haggerty.

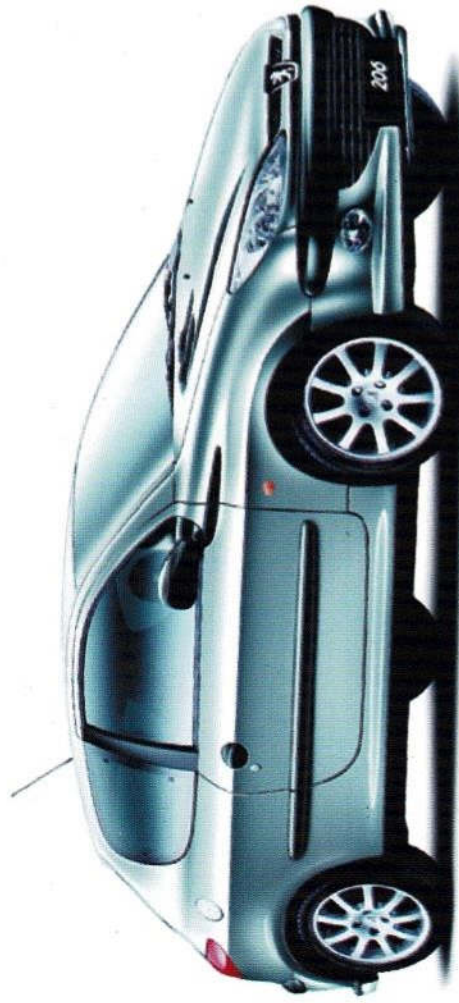
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Attendance: 1067

Referee: S Ganson



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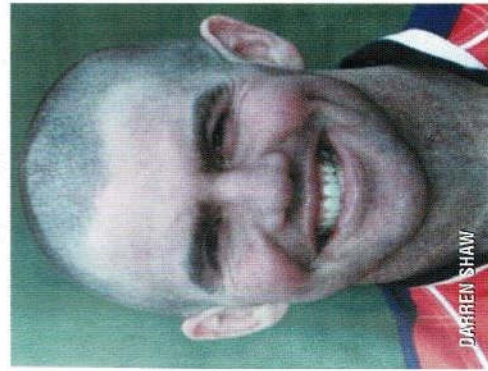
Player/Coach STEVE MOLLOY is a seasoned campaigner who has done it all at the highest levels of R.L. The front rower began his career at Warrington and also had spells at Leeds, Featherstone Rovers, Sheffield Eagles and Batley Bulldogs. a Down Under tourist in 1996, he has represented GB, GB U21s and England.

season. On the other flank could be **JOE McNICHOLAS** who was signed from Spotland Rangers ARL club in 1997.

Centre **PAUL ANDERSON** was another close season signing from Leigh while **JONATHAN GODDARD** is a former Castleford utility back who joined the club at the start of the 2002 campaign. Also in contention for a place in the threequarters is ex-Barrow Raiders player **IAIN MARSH** who originally turned professional with Salford from the Widnes Tigers ARC club. He made his debut for the Reds in 1998 and went on to play 4 matches for us. Another former Salford player is Oldham born **SIMON SVABIC** who began his professional career with his hometown club prior to joining the Reds in 1998. A goalkicker, he moved on to Leigh before rejoining Oldham. Top points scorer for Oldham last term was

At full back we can expect to see the reliable **GAVIN DODD**, who has also had a short spell at French club Lezignan. Last season he made 12 appearances for Oldham. Winger **CHRIS IRWIN** was at Leigh last season where he scored 11 tries in his 23 appearances. He scored Oldham's try in our match at Boundary Park earlier this

GARETH BARBER who was virtually an ever present last season and the stand off could be partnered by former Wigan player **NEIL RODEN** who was joint top try scorer with Mark Sibson in 2002. Up front with Steve Molloy could be Aussie **DARREN SHAW** who was released by Salford at the end of last season. A real grafter Darren has had spells with London Broncos, Sheffield Eagles and Castleford whilst



DARREN SHAW



CHRIS MORLEY

Down Under he played for Brisbane Broncos and Canberra Raiders.

Another Aussie, prop **DANE MORGAN** has created a big impression since coming to Oldham. Former Warrington hooker **JOHN HOUGH** was virtually an ever present last term and he has been at Oldham for the past 5 years. Second row **CHRIS MORLEY** is a Welsh RL international who was signed from Leigh during the close season. Also played for Salford. Former Wigan Academy player **MARTIN McLOUGHLIN** was signed from Barrow Raiders during the close season. Captain of the side is loose forward **PHIL FARRELL** who is the youngest brother of GB captain Andy. Also in contention for a place are hooker **ANTHONY MURRAY**, second row **RYAN STAZICKER** and scrum half **KEITH BRENNAN**.

A BRIEF HISTORY

A founder member of the breakaway Northern Union, Oldham's history goes back to September 1876 when the club were formed at a meeting in the Prince Albert Hotel.



Their first ground was a field at the rear of the Gladwick Spinning Company's Mill the players having to change in the nearby Shakespeare Hotel and the very first game played there was against Stalybridge on October 21st 1876. A move to the sloping ground at Clarksfield preceded the switch to the site at Watersheddings where the opening game against Swinton on September 28th 1889 unfortunately ended in defeat in front of a 7000 gate.

On that occasion Oldham sported a new strip of red and white hoops, a sharp contrast to the previous colours of black and amber. When the "split" occurred in 1895, Oldham were one of the pioneer members and in that managerial season, they finished fourth behind Manningham, Halifax and Runcorn (a powerful side in those days). Two seasons later Oldham were Champions of the Lancashire Senior Competition. In 1899,

they won the N.U. Challenge Cup, beating Hunslet by 19 points to 9 at Fallowfield, Manchester and in doing so they became the first Lancashire club to lift the trophy.

Although Oldham have subsequently won the Challenge Cup in 1925 and 1927 and been runners up on four occasions, they have never appeared at Wembley. Oldham's glory days came in the 1950s when they were the king pins of the league. In that period they were constantly high up in the table and in 1956-57 they ended the season with a commanding six points lead over Hull, a side they also defeated in the

Championship Final. Their 15-14 victory was achieved at Odsal, in front of 62,000 spectators. Oldham won the league the following season and went on to land a hat trick of successive Lancashire Cup Final victories. During 1957-58, Bernard Ganley set up a new goalkeeping record with 200 for Oldham and 19 for GB. Other well known stars of that period were internationals. Frank Pitchford, Syd Little, Charlie Winslade, Alan Davies, Derek Turner, Ken Jackson and Ike Southward, who was a record £10,650 signing from Workington Town.



IKE SOUTHWARD

The first floodlit match at Watersheddings took place on October 26th 1965 when GB Under 24s beat France by 12 points to 5.

In 1969-70 the club suffered a set back when they were relegated, the team failing to secure a victory in five months of rugby! Oldham bounced back with a couple of Division Two Championship and Premiership wins but they have not won a major trophy since 1958-59 when they landed the Lancashire Cup. They moved ground to share with the local soccer team at Boundary Park and have since played at Hurst Cross the home of Ashton United Football Club. However, they have now returned to Boundary Park and hopefully a stable base for the club.

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activity amongst our children. Levels of childhood obesity have risen dramatically over the last 10 years and many young people are adopting an increasing sedentary lifestyle. There is a danger that children are storing up health problems for

the future. By encouraging the children to take part in the "Fitbods" activities we are putting the play back into the playground. Today's half time display shows some of the games we've been playing in the "Fitbods" sessions.



DRILL OF THE WEEK

The "field" for this game is set up as shown in the diagram.

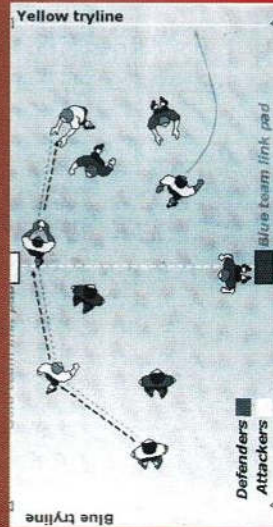
Rules

Each team has 2 attackers, 2 defenders and 1 player who is positioned on a "link pad" who can join the attack when he receives the ball. The attackers must stay in their team's attacking half and

similarly the defenders must stay in their team's defensive half. Passes can be made in any direction.

Refer to the diagram. Here the play was started with the ball being given by the coach to the yellow (defensive) players on the left. They have worked the ball to the yellow link player who has joined the other two players (attackers) to contest a 3 v 2 and attempt to score the try.

Once the try is scored, the blue defenders on the right immediately take possession of the ball and try to work their passes to the blue link man so as to set him free to join the two



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North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Whitehaven	9	9	0	0	319	110	18
Chorley Lynx	9	4	1	4	213	220	9
Barrow Raiders	9	4	1	4	197	239	9
Workington Town	9	1	0	8	129	303	2
Gateshead Thunder	9	1	0	8	178	415	2

East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Featherstone Rovers	9	6	0	3	277	159	12
Doncaster Dragons	9	6	0	3	242	165	12
Hull Kingston Rovers	9	6	0	3	230	202	12
York City Knights	9	4	0	5	210	240	8
Sheffield Eagles	9	2	0	7	141	273	4

West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Salford City Reds	9	8	1	0	526	92	17
Leigh Centurions	9	6	1	2	263	181	13
Oldham	9	4	1	4	256	228	9
Rochdale Hornets	9	4	1	4	242	241	9
Swinton Lions	9	1	0	8	98	392	2

Central

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dewsbury Rams	9	6	0	3	200	177	12
Batley Bulldogs	9	5	0	4	312	139	10
Keighley Cougars	9	5	0	4	224	160	10
Hunslet Hawks	9	5	0	4	174	205	10
London Skolars	9	0	0	9	127	417	0

SO FAR THIS SEASON

Highest Score: Salford City Reds 100 Gateshead Thunder 12

Highest Attendance: 4445 Leigh v Salford

Lowest Attendance: 176 Gateshead Thunder v Salford

MOST TRIES IN A GAME

5 by Neil Turley (Leigh) v Swinton
4 by Mal Alker (Salford) v Swinton
4 by Chris Spurr (Batley) v Sheffield Eagles
4 by Craig Lingard (Batley) v Sheffield Eagles
4 by Matt Firth (Keighley) v London Skolars

MOST GOALS IN A GAME

14 by Steve Blakeley (Salford) v Gateshead
13 by Steve Blakeley (Salford) v Gateshead
11 by Barry Eaton (Batley) v London Skolars
10 by Steve Blakeley (Salford) v Swinton

MOST POINTS IN A GAME

38 by Neil Turley (Leigh) v Swinton
34 by Steve Blakeley (Salford) v Gateshead
28 by Steve Blakeley (Salford) v Gateshead
22 by Barry Eaton (Batley) v London Skolars

RECENT RESULTS

Chorley Lynx 31 Leigh Centurions 22
Dewsbury Rams 24 York City Knights 28
Doncaster Dragons 26 Featherstone Rovers 24
Gateshead Thunder 42 Workington Town 12
Keighley Cougars 21 Hunslet Hawks 8
London Skolars 12 Batley Bulldogs 56
Oldham 68 Swinton Lions 14
Rochdale Hornets 16 Salford City Reds 44
Sheffield Eagles 33 Hull KR 26
Whitehaven 44 Barrow Raiders 14

TOP TRIES

13 by Cliff Beverley (Salford)
13 by Jamie Stokes (Featherstone Rovers)
12 by Craig Lingard (Batley)
11 by Mal Alker (Salford)

TOP GOALS

51 by Steve Blakeley (Salford)
46 by Barry Eaton (Batley)
39 by Darren Holt (Whitehaven)
30 by Simon Szebic (Oldham)

TOP POINTS

118 by Steve Blakeley (Salford)
92 by Barry Eaton (Batley)
85 by Darren Holt (Whitehaven)
77 by Neil Turley (Leigh)



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Firstly I must thank everybody who was involved in the celebrity football match on March 28th. A lot of hard work was put into the evening which raised over £11,000 for the Forever Reds. A special thank you goes out to Sam Boardman whose constant hard work was the backbone of the event. Thank you Sam. We couldn't have done it without you.

The Forever Reds will now have a place you can visit on matchdays to ask any questions you may have. The classroom which is at the side of the players tunnel will be open from 2pm to 2.45pm every home matchday. It is a good opportunity to join the 1000 club and help the Reds.

Thursday 17th April sees a race night in the Willows Tavern starting at 8pm and all are welcome. The event has been organised by Paul Parkin, so I would like to thank him for his efforts and hope that many of you will attend the evening. Our next major event takes place on Thursday 24th April and is a must for all Reds supporter. The "Fans Night" sees many of the Reds stars involved in a number of acts and routines that may not take them to the West End, but

will certainly give us all something to remember. The Red Hot Flames will also be performing on the night with a number of new routines. The highlight of the evening could be the Abba tribute! The event kicks off at 7pm and admission, which is pay on the door, will be £5 adults, £3 concessions and £12 for a family ticket.

Thank you to everybody who has supported us so far. We have currently raised £38,000 for the Reds, but need more help from the Salford supporters if we are

to reach our target of £150,000 by the end of the season. Our next meeting will be straight after the Batley game on Easter Monday. All are welcome, so please come along and find out how you can help us reach our goal.

And finally, this Wednesday 16th April, Forever Reds Chairman Malcolm Crompton, Press Officer Danny Gray, Steve Simms and Malcolm Alker will be appearing on the rugby league hour on BBC Radio Lancashire (103.9, 95.5 & 104.5 FM) to speak about the Forever Reds and the Salford club. The show starts at 7pm and the full hour is dedicated to the Reds.

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REDS UNVEIL STADIUM PLANS

Salford City Reds today unveiled their plans for a proposed new stadium on vacant land in Barton. The futuristic £35 million development is the product of four years planning work and a formal planning application has been

submitted to the City council today. Top architects, Arup, who have also been responsible for Cardiff's Millennium stadium, Sydney Stadium and the City of Manchester Stadium are working on the project. The City Of Salford stadium will

be a highly visible new landmark for the City, with over 200,000 people passing the site every day over the M60 Barton flyover. The 20,000 capacity stadium itself will house a 200 bedroom hotel, conference and banqueting facilities and

62 corporate hospitality boxes. In contrast to many other modern stadia it will not be an all seater facility but will contain an approved "safe standing" area to house the faithful army of fans who currently occupy the terracing at the

the club can compete financially with any other team in the sport. The scheme also includes a shopping mall and casino, and additional road, rail and

metrolink extensions are likely to serve the site, thus creating more investment for the area. City council Chief Executive, John Willis said "In principle, the council is keen to support any development that will bring new investment and

opportunities to Salford." "We understand what the club is trying to achieve in keeping professional sport alive in this city in a brand new stadium which is also available to local people. This sort of new facility will benefit the City in all kinds of ways." Salford Chairman John Wilkinson said "This is further proof that Salford is leading the way when it comes to exciting and innovative plans that benefit the City and its residents."

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LAST STOP - QUARTER-FINALS!

By GARETH WALKER of RUGBY LEAGUER & LEAGUE EXPRESS

The Arriva Trains Cup pulls in at the last station of its group stage journey this weekend. And there are several fascinating permutations as to which sides will progress to the quarter-finals.

Only three teams are currently mathematically certain of making the last eight - Whitehaven, the only team with a 100 per cent record, plus Salford and Leigh from the West Group. A total of nine teams are vying for the remaining six places.

The West Group is all sewn up, but in the North, both Chorley and Barrow have a chance of following 'Haven' into the knockout stages.

The Lynx's stunning defeat of Leigh last weekend has given them a genuine chance of progression. They are currently second in the North, level with Barrow but 35 points better off in the points difference stakes. Today, the Lynx travel to take on Workington while Barrow entertain Gateshead. It could hardly be more delicately poised.

In the East, Featherstone Rovers, Doncaster Dragons and Hull KR are all tied on 12 points from their nine games,

and in theory any two of the trio could go through.

Featherstone look favourites, with the healthiest points difference.

But they face a tricky trip to in-form York, while Doncaster are at home to South Yorkshire rivals Sheffield and Hull KR will be widely tipped to see off the challenge of London Skolars. The Robins will be looking for a big win as points difference could be all-important.

Even more intriguing is the Central pool, which sees four teams currently vying for the two qualification places. Dewsbury are top with 12 points, while Batley, Keighley and Hunslet all have ten.

Crucially, the quartet all play each other - Batley host the Cougars while Dewsbury travel to Hunslet. The only way the Rams could be eliminated is if they lose by more than 27 points, but that possibility cannot be totally ruled out against a Hawks side that beat Super League Huddersfield at the South Leeds Stadium not so long ago.

Confused? Hopefully not, but if you are, the current tables and today's fixtures might help. Enjoy the game - whatever the permutations of the result.

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EAST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIFF	PTS
Featherstone Rovers	9	6	0	3	277	159	118	12
Doncaster Dragons	9	6	0	3	242	165	77	12
Hull Kingston Rovers	9	6	0	3	230	202	28	12
York City Knights	9	4	0	5	210	240	-30	8
Sheffield Eagles	9	2	0	7	141	273	-132	4

WEST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIFF	PTS
Salford City Reds	9	8	1	0	526	92	434	17
Leigh Centurions	9	6	1	2	263	181	82	13
Oldham	9	4	1	4	256	228	28	9
Rochdale Hornets	9	4	1	4	242	241	1	9
Swinton Lions	9	1	0	8	98	392	-294	2

CENTRAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIFF	PTS
Dewsbury Rams	9	6	0	3	200	177	23	12
Batley Bulldogs	9	5	0	4	312	139	173	10
Keighley Cougars	9	5	0	4	224	160	64	10
Hunslet Hawks	9	5	0	4	174	205	-31	10
London Skolars	9	0	0	9	127	417	-290	0

NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIFF	PTS
Whitehaven	9	9	0	0	319	110	209	18
Chorley Lynx	9	4	1	4	213	220	-7	9
Barrow Raiders	9	4	1	4	197	239	-42	9
Workington Town	9	1	0	8	129	303	-174	2
Gateshead Thunder	9	1	0	8	178	415	-237	2

FIXTURES

Doncaster Dragons v Sheffield Eagles	3:00 KO
York City Knights v Featherstone Rovers	3:00 KO
Leigh Centurions v Rochdale Hornets	3:00 KO
Salford City Reds v Oldham	3:00 KO
Batley Bulldogs v Keighley Cougars	3:00 KO
Hunslet Hawks v Dewsbury Rams	3:30 KO
Barrow Raiders v Gateshead Thunder	3:00 KO
Workington Town v Chorley Lynx	3:00 KO
Hull Kingston Rovers v London Skolars	3:00 KO
Swinton Lions v Whitehaven	3:00 KO

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TRACK

with Darrell Platt



Salford shone as brightly as the weather in the early stages but it was Oldham who had the first chance to put points on the board. However, Platt pulled his penalty attempt wide. In the 10th minute, the Willows fans had reason to cheer when **HADLEY** crossed in the corner following good work by Fell but Kerry was off target with his conversion attempt (4-0). Five minutes later the Reds defence was caught offside and this time **PLATT** kicked the resultant penalty (4-2). After 20 minutes Salford increased their lead

when Fell sliced through the Oldham rearguard to set up a try for **GIBSON** and **KERRY** added the extras (10-2). Both sides were treating the fans to some fine open rugby and danger man **MCALLISTER** scored a solo try for the visitors by the posts leaving **PLATT** an easy conversion (10-8). This try did not deter Salford though and Sherratt and Fell combined to send **BIRKETT** in for an unconverted effort (14-8). Another break by Fell resulted in a **BURGESS** try augmented by a **KERRY** goal (20-8). Oldham hit back when Pyke out

thought the home defence to give a lovely pass to send **ROUND** behind the posts and **PLATT** added the conversion (20-14). After the break, a couple of penalty goals from **PLATT** made the score 20-18 for the Reds. It was too close for comfort now but **BROWN** dropped a goal on the hour mark (21-18). Two minutes later though Oldham took the lead for the first time when **MARTYN** scored from a Clark pass and **FORD** added the goal (21-24). With six minutes to go Cassidy put **BURGESS** over for a try and **KERRY** added the goal to sink Oldham.

TEAMS

Salford:

Gibson (t); Evans, Birkett (t), Williams, Hadley (t); Fell, Kerry (3g); Sherratt (t), Lee, Whiteley, Bradshaw, Blease, Burgess (2t). Subs: Brown (dg) (for Whiteley), Cassidy (for Fell).

Oldham:

Platt (5g); Irving, Fox, Henderson, Lord; Clark, Ford (g); Pyke, Russell, Fieldhouse, McAllister (t), Round (t), Duane. Subs: Martyn (t) (for Foy), Newton (for Fieldhouse).

Half Time: 20-14; Attendance: 4236; Referee: D Carter (Widnes)



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FIXTURES & RESULTS SEASON 2003

Date	Opponents	Venue	KO	Result	F-A	Att.	Referee
DECEMBER 2002							
Sunday 29	Halifax (friendly)	Away	1.00	Lost	12-28	1713	S. Presley
JANUARY 2003							
Sunday 19	SWINTON LIONS (Arriva Trains Cup)	HOME	3.00	Won	58-6	3334	A. Klein
Sunday 26	TOULOUSE (Powergen C.C. 3rd ROUND)	HOME	3.30	Won	26-10	1590	C. Morris
FEBRUARY							
Sunday 9	Barrow Raiders (POWERGEN C.C. 4th ROUND)	Away	2.00	Won	22-6	1392	P. Taberner
Sunday 16	Leigh Centurions (Arriva Trains Cup)	Away	3.00	drew	20-20	4445	R. Laughton
Sunday 23	ROCHDALE HORNETS (Arriva Trains Cup)	HOME	3.00	Won	58-16	2346	B. Thaler
Friday 28	Hull KR (POWERGEN C.C. 5th ROUND)	Away	7.30	Won	12-2	2533	R. Silverwood
MARCH							
Sunday 9	Oldham (Arriva Trains Cup)	Away	3.30	Won	62-4	2839	P. Taberner
Sunday 16	ST. HELENS (POWERGEN C.C. Quarter Finals)	HOME	3.00	Lost	6-54	5717	R. Smith
Wednesday 19	Gateshead Thunder (Arriva Trains Cup)	Away	7.30	Won	90-8	176	S. Nicholson
Sunday 23	GATESHEAD THUNDER (Arriva Trains Cup)	HOME	3.00	Won	100-12	1653	B. Thaler
Sunday 30	LEIGH CENTURIONS (Arriva Trains Cup)	HOME	3.00	Won	22-10	3099	I. Smith
APRIL							
Wednesday 2	Swinton Lions (Arriva Trains Cup)	Away	7.30	Won	72-0	954	J. King
Sunday 6	Rochdale Hornets (Arriva Trains Cup)	Away	3.00	Won	44-16	1067	S. Ganson
Saturday 12	POWERGEN C.C. SEMI-FINAL (1)						
Sunday 13	OLDHAM (Arriva Trains Cup)	HOME	3.00				
Sunday 13	POWERGEN C.C. SEMI-FINAL (2)						
Good Friday 18	Whitehaven Warriors (NL)	Away	3.30				
Easter Monday							
Saturday 21	BATLEY BULLDOGS (NL)	HOME	3.00				
Saturday 26	POWERGEN C.C. FINAL						
MAY							
Sunday 4	Featherstone Rovers (NL)	Away	3.00				
Sunday 11	OLDHAM (NL)	HOME	3.00				
Sunday 18	N.L. CUP QUARTER-FINAL						
Sunday 25	Doncaster Dragons (NL)	Away	3.00				
JUNE							
Sunday 1	DEWSBURY RAMS (NL)	HOME	3.00				
Sunday 8	N.L. CUP SEMI-FINAL						
Sunday 15	Rochdale Hornets (NL)	Away	3.00				
Sunday 22	Leigh Centurions (NL)	Away	3.00				
Sunday 29	WHITEHAVEN WARRIORS (NL)	HOME	3.00				
JULY							
Sunday 6	N.L. CUP FINAL						
Sunday 13	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS (NL)	HOME	3.00				
Sunday 20	Batley Bulldogs (NL)	Away	3.00				
Sunday 27	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS (NL)	HOME	3.00				
AUGUST							
Sunday 3	Oldham (NL)	Away	3.30				
Sunday 10	DONCASTER DRAGONS (NL)	HOME	3.00				
Sunday 17	Dewsbury Rams (NL)	Away	3.00				
Sunday 24	ROCHDALE HORNETS (NL)	HOME	3.00				
Sunday 31	LEIGH CENTURIONS (NL)	HOME	3.00				
SEPTEMBER							
Sunday 7	Hull Kingston Rovers (NL)	Away	3.00				
Sunday 14	NATIONAL LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL (1)						
Sunday 21	NATIONAL LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL (2)						
Sunday 28	NATIONAL LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL (3)						
OCTOBER							
Sunday 5	NATIONAL LEAGUE GRAND FINAL						



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