

Tonight's Officials

Referee: R. Connolly

Touch Judges:

P. Hewitt & D. Winstanley

Reserve Referee:

G. Maxwell



Match Mascots



Name: Sam Jenkinson

DoB: 24.10.92

School: Wardley C.E.

Primary School

Hobbies: Football and Rugby.

Favourite Player:

Alan Hunte



MATTHEW BARRETT

Matthew Barrett is 6 years old and lives in Sevilla La Nueva, a small village some 25 miles from the centre of Madrid. He moved to live in Spain with his parents when he was just 2 years old

and is now fully bilingual. He attends Antonio Sevillano Primary School. Apart from his academic studies he is a keen sportsman attending swimming classes twice a week and is a member of the Municipal Sports School which he attends three times a week.

Although Matthew is learning rugby, hockey and others sports at a basic level at the Sports School, his first love is football and he will be attending the Real Madrid Summer School in July. Today will be the first time he has attended a rugby match and is looking forward to a great day.

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TONIGHT'S TEAM NEWS

Salford City Reds v Oldham Roughyeds

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

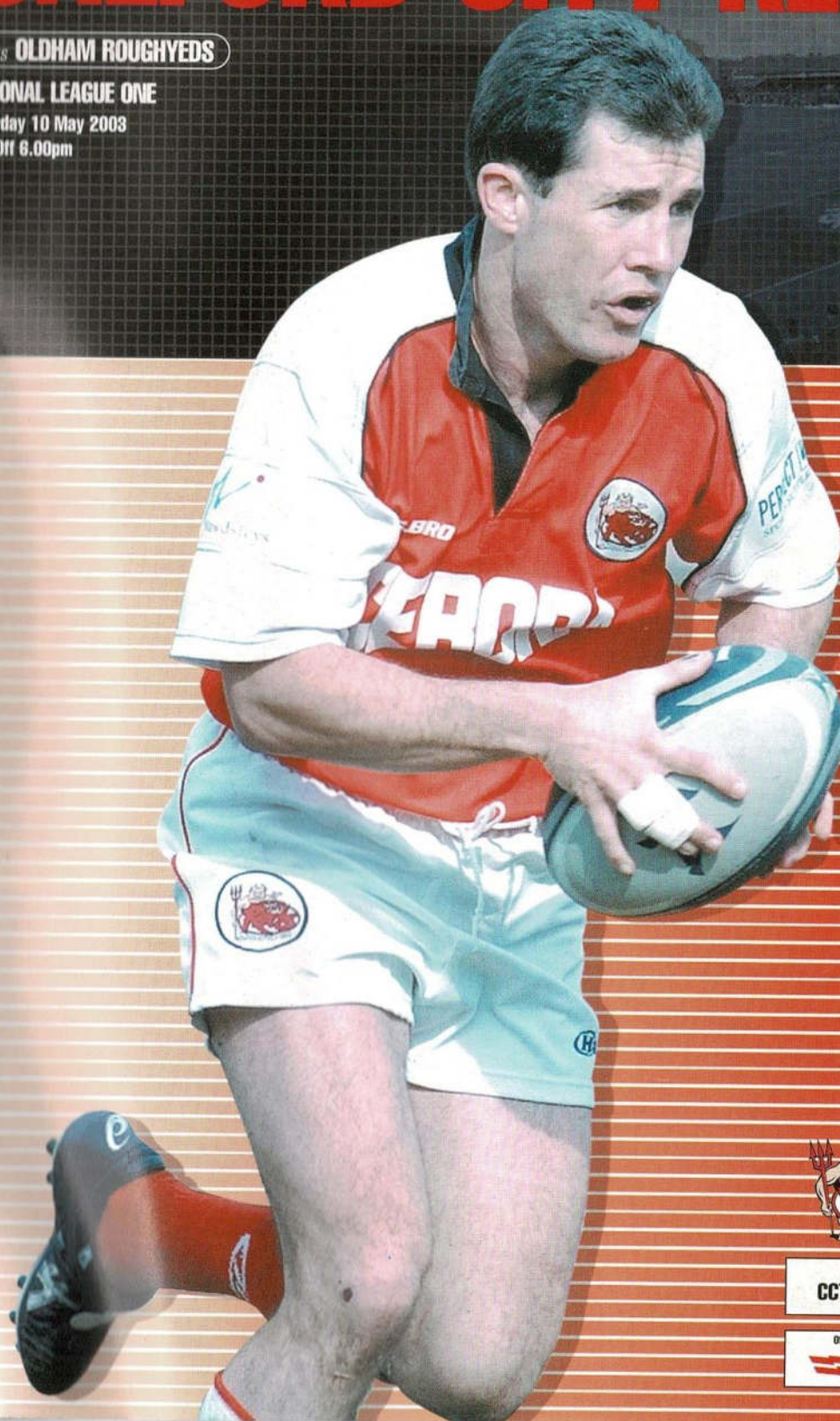
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1936-37, 1938-39, 1973-74, 1975-76

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

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1972-73

BBC2 Floodlit Cup winners: 1974-75

Centenary First Division Championship:

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Division One Championship: 1996

Division Two Championship: 1990-91

Division Two Premiership: 1990-91

Divisional Premiership: 1996

Lancashire R.U. Championship: 1892-93

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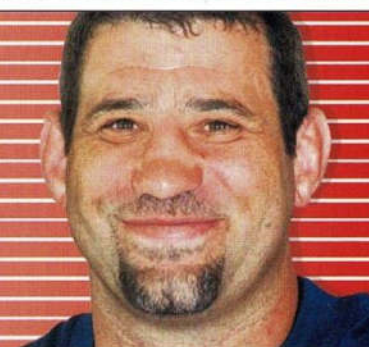
Action from our home match against Batley Bulldogs

SUNDAY
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FRONT

with Karl Harrison



Welcome back to the Willows for today's National League 1 fixture against Oldham who have won one and lost one of their two fixtures played so far.



Andy Kirk...could be back in our line up against Oldham

Today's game against Oldham gives us the chance to get back into a winning vein after a lacklustre display at Featherstone last Sunday. I was totally gutted by our performance over at Post Office Road where we got our just desserts. We did not compete to the intensity which is required especially against a team like Featherstone. I knew we were in for a tough match as they never give much away on their own ground. We trained well in the build up to the game but never got amongst them at all with the result that they bossed the middle of the park.

One or two of our lads were over in it and this defeat will serve as a wake up call to us. Time and time again I have installed in the team the thought that we have got to earn our victories. We have the quality players to do a job for us but these teams are not going to lie down. Three points from our opening three matches

is not acceptable, and there is plenty to think about regarding our approach to these matches. I expect one or two changes in the side today as we look for the right blend but late fitness tests on Neil Baynes and Malcolm Alker could dictate our line up.

**Enjoy the match
Karl Harrison**

“ WE HAVE TO LEARN THAT EVERY TEAM WE PLAY ARE OUT TO TURN US OVER ”

Karl on last week's defeat at Featherstone

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SETTING THE SCENE

with Darrell Platt



Since our inaugural encounter in the 1896-97 season, we have met Oldham on 157 occasions in league fixtures and our visitors are some way ahead of us in total number of matches won. That first occasion at New Barnes saw Oldham gain a 9 points to nil victory and they

completed the double over us later that season with an 11 points to 3 scoreline. Oldham finished second in the league whilst Salford found themselves next to bottom! The following season enabled us to get off the mark with a 10-6 home victory but it was not until the 1902-03 campaign that we gained our first

LEAGUE RECORD

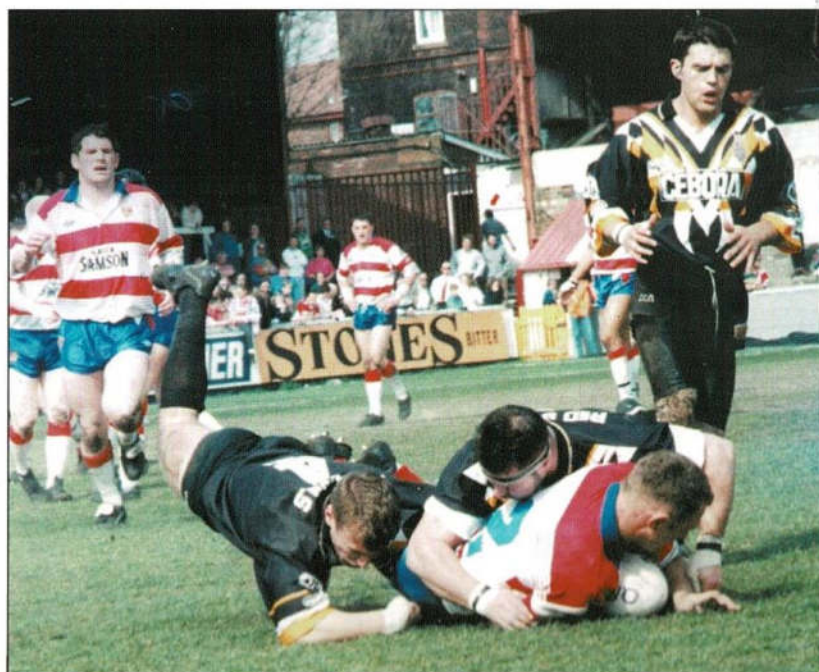
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Home	79	40	4	35	834	926
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double over Oldham. Whilst Oldham had things pretty much their own way in the 1920s it was a different story in the Lance Todd era. The past way

period saw the Roughyeds sweep all before them, especially in the 1950s.

A remarkable match took place at the Willows in 1986-87 when a total of 66 were scored, Salford edging home by 36 points to 30. In the 1988-89 season Oldham beat us at Watersheddings in a thriller by 23 points to 22 but the Reds won the encounter at the Willows by 38 points to 20.

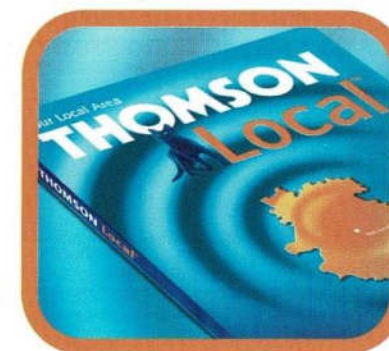
The last time we met them here in a league match was during the 1997 Super League campaign and Salford won by 35 points to 26; Steve Blakeley scoring a try to add to his 5 goals in the game.



Action from the Oldham v Salford game in the 1994-95 season

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ALAN'S
PROFILEName: Alan Christopher
Hunte

Date of Birth: 11-7-70

Place of Birth: Wakefield

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 14st 4lbs

Marital Status: Married

Children: 3 girls, Paige (7),

Morgan (4) and Eden (2)

Job Prior to Playing RL:

Student

After Turning Pro: Labourer,

Sales Rep and Financial

Advisor

Player Most Admired As A

RL Professional: Ellery

Hanley

Favourite Film: Any Given

Sunday

Favourite Food: Seafood

Favourite Singer/Band:

Mary J Bligh

Hobbies Outside RL: Golf,

DIY

CAREER

Positions Played: Full Back,

Wing and Second Row

Amateur Clubs: Eastmoor

ARL

First Professional Club:

Wakefield Trinity

Other Clubs: St. Helens,

Hull, Warrington

Club Honours: 2 Challenge

Cup, 1 Premiership, 1

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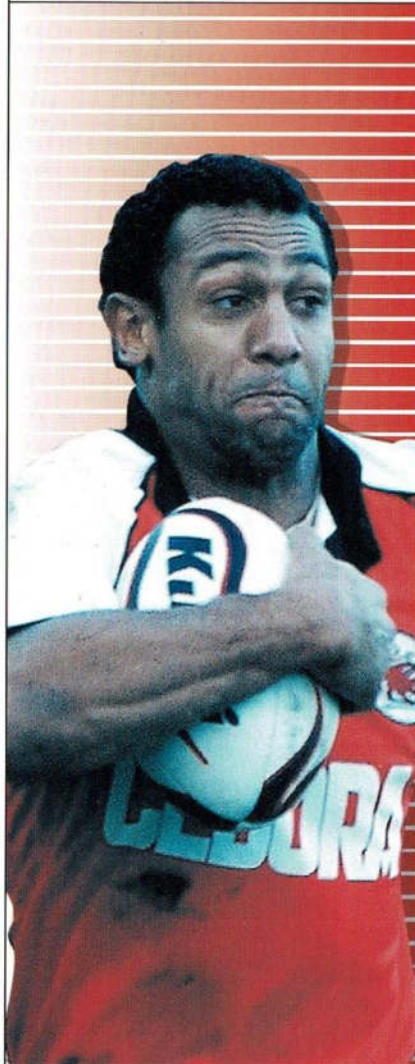
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Name	Season 2003						Career Total					
	App	Sub	T	G	D	Pts	App	Sub	T	G	D	Pts
Malcolm Alker	17	-	13	-	-	52	143	1	40	-	1	161
Danny Arnold	13	-	4	-	-	16	39	14	17	-	-	68
Simon Baldwin	16	-	3	-	-	12	16	-	3	-	-	12
Danny Barton	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Neil Baynes	10	5	1	-	-	4	82	27	7	-	-	28
Cliff Beverley	17	-	20	-	-	80	17	-	20	-	-	80
Steve Blakeley	5	4	4	52	-	120	229	15	76	734	8	1780
Radney Bowker	4	1	2	-	-	8	4	1	2	-	-	8
Chris Charles	14	1	9	10	-	56	14	1	9	10	-	56
Gavin Clinch	15	-	4	16	-	48	15	-	4	16	-	48
John Clough	-	1	1	-	-	4	-	1	1	-	-	4
Andy Coley	14	2	3	-	-	12	33	26	8	-	-	32
Karl Fitzpatrick	1	4	4	-	-	16	1	4	4	-	-	16
Jason Flowers	15	-	10	-	-	40	15	-	10	-	-	40
Andy Gorski	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
Gareth Haggerty	2	7	1	-	-	4	2	7	1	-	-	4
David Highton	-	16	6	-	-	24	4	21	8	-	-	32
Paul Highton	8	9	1	-	-	4	82	59	11	-	-	44
Alan Hunte	14	-	15	-	-	60	34	2	24	-	-	96
Andy Kirk	10	-	11	-	-	44	10	-	11	-	-	44
Stuart Littler	15	-	12	-	-	48	90	13	34	-	-	136
Neil Lowe	13	3	4	-	-	16	13	3	4	-	-	16
Lee Marsh	8	5	4	19	-	54	11	9	4	19	-	54
Michael Platt	10	-	4	-	-	16	13	-	5	-	-	20

(Up to and including v Featherstone Rovers (away))



Jason Flowers in action from our game versus Featherstone Rovers

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with Ray Hill, Commercial Manager



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Having just re-read what I put in the last matchday programme, I think I'm going to try to keep my opinions to myself - "visits to Featherstone and Whitehaven are never easy encounter," - what an understatement! Like many of you reading this, I'm a very bad loser and as I write this, the

disappointment of the loss is still hanging over me having totally ruined my bank holiday weekend! But, as they say, onwards and upwards - the prospect of today's game is enough to lift even my dampened spirits!

Off the field, we continue to try to spread the Rugby League gospel throughout the local community and I'm pleased to report that we're extending outside the immediate Salford area to schools in Bury and Manchester.

We have made a few changes to the overall schools programme and are finding that the primary schools are pleased with our new service. Maintaining the children's

interest is vital, which is why we have re-established the Junior Membership scheme. A number of out of school activities are planned, with the first events happening in the long Summer holiday - full details will appear in future matchday programmes and on the website. Details of how to join appear in the Community Page further on in this programme.

I must say a big "Well Done" to Mark Lee and his Junior Academy side - an impressive win over Wigan last weekend was great to watch, and with his hat trick of tries, John Clough showed exactly why he's been selected to represent Lancashire in the Junior Academy origin clash taking

place at Odsal tomorrow - do your best for the Red Rose John! Also congratulations to Cliff Beverley who has been named Rugby League World Magazine's National League 1 Player of the Month for April - Cliff fought off tough competition from some of his own team mates to take this award, including Chris Charles who was named as the top Loose Forward for the month.

As always the latest news and match reports can be found on the website www.reds.co.uk as well as some more light hearted stories - the Fans Night photos are well worth a look!

Cheers, Carolyn

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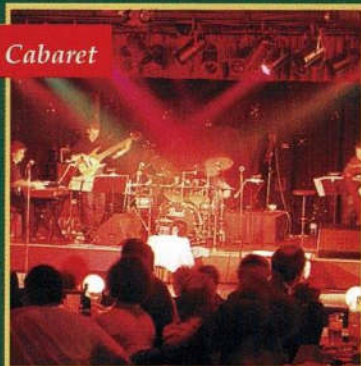
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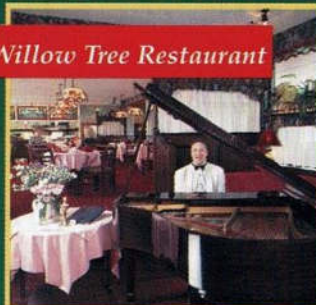
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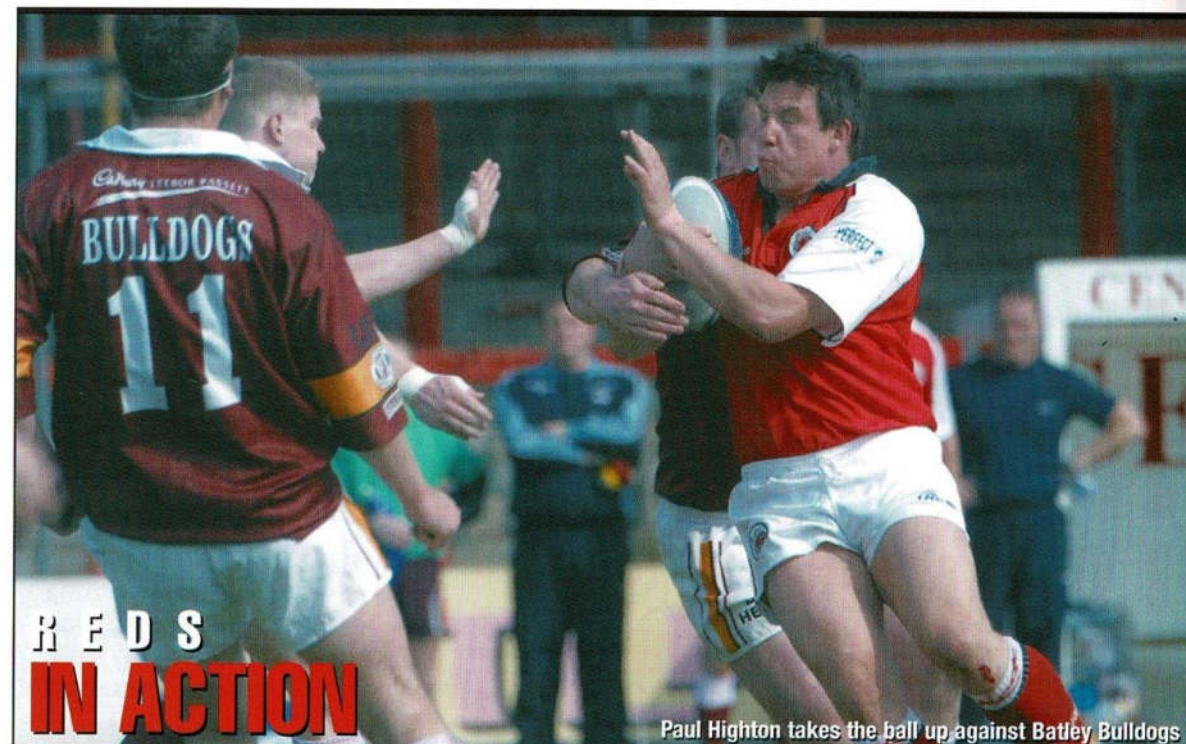
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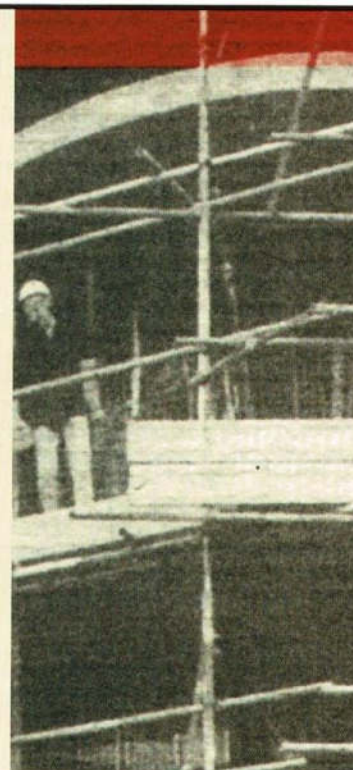
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Paul Highton takes the ball up against Batley Bulldogs

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JUNIOR ACADEMY FINISH WITH A FLOURISH

Saturday May 3rd 2003

Salford City Reds Junior Academy side won a closely fought contest at the Willows today, emerging winners 26 - 23 against Wigan Warriors.

Although both sides were not at full strength, it was a very evenly matched game, with the home side playing catch up for most of the 80 minutes.

The visitors posted their first try of the afternoon inside 10 minutes, when pacy Danny Speakman stepped clear of the Reds defence to cross the whitewash. Andrew Ballard was the next Warrior to score and he was rapidly followed by substitute Thomas Brindle. Crucially, Ballard was only able to convert one try all afternoon, and it would eventually be the more precise kicking of Reds' centre, Tim Hartley that would prove to be the difference between the two sides.

The introduction of John Clough to the match visibly lifted the Reds, and thanks to his own and Mark Stevens' tries the Reds fought their way back to trail at the interval 10 - 14.

After the restart, Ryan Mirfield capitalised on a rare Salford mistake to score, but Ballard failed to add the extras. Then John Clough led the way for the Reds' resurgence with a superb effort close to the posts, earning a straightforward conversion for Hartley. The Warriors then extended their lead to 22 - 16 when another substitute Jay Duffy found a way through the hard working Salford defence.

Sensing that this would be a close call, Wigan's full back Ballard slotted over a drop goal from a fair distance out, and at 23 - 16 the Reds' needed two more scores.

In a superb display of determined team effort, John Clough scored yet again, securing a well deserved hat trick, and Tim Hartley converted. Rather than play a supporting role, Hartley crossed for the last try of the match and ironically his own try was the only one of the match that he was unable to convert.

JUNIOR ACADEMY GRADING PHASE

Sunday 27th April 2003

St Helens 42

Tries: Langley, Lunt, Forber, Bowes, Roby, Rigby, Beech, Kenney. Goals: Hardman (5)

Salford City Reds 10

Tries: Brown, Lewis; Goals: Hartley

Half Time: 26-10

The power of the Saints front row lay at the heart of this free-scoring win over the City Reds, but it was deep into the second period before the victors could breathe easily after Salford put up stiff resistance in the opening half. James Brown had danced over for one Reds try, followed by Martin Lewis, and with a Tim Hartley goal, the visitors had given notice that they were not going quietly. But then the power of the Saints forwards kicked in, young Mark Beech and Carl Forber scoring tries to exert their dominance down the middle, and with full back Ian Harman in outstanding form, the gaps just had to appear. Gaz Langley, Robert Lunt, Gareth Bowes, Mike Roby, Neil Rigby and Ian Kenny scored St. Helens' other touchdowns, for Hardman to land a fistful of goals, but Salford were still battling hard at the final whistle in their quest to gain a place in the top division at the end of the Grading Competition.

SENIOR ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP

Wednesday 30th April 2003

Salford City Reds 30

Tries: Fitzpatrick (2), Blackburn, Fass, Clough, Bowden. Goals: Fitzpatrick (3); O'Reagan

Featherstone Rovers 14

Tries: Darley (2), Tennant; Goals: Whiting

Half Time: 18-6

Featherstone must have started their return journey from the Willows reflecting that without the contribution of Reds Man of the Match Karl Fitzpatrick, they would have come mighty close to winning this clash. Fitzpatrick's two tries and trio of goals provided all but the margin between the teams in the final analysis. John Clough, Neil Blackburn and Danny Bowden also went in for Salford and Gary O'Reagan kicked one goal to keep their side well in the play off frame even at this early stage of the season. Paul Darley scored two tries for Rovers to keep them in the game for significant periods, and Jamie Tennant also went over for Richard Whiting to goal, but Featherstone just couldn't keep up with Fitzpatrick who is really looking the part this season.

Under 18's Fixtures 2003

April 5th	London Broncos	1.00pm	L 34-32
April 13th	Keighley Cougars	12.30pm	Home
April 19th	Leigh Centurions	2.30pm	Away
April 27th	St Helens	2.30pm	L 10-42
May 3rd	Wigan	2.30pm	W 26-23

Under 21's Fixtures 2003

March 1st	Widnes Vikings	2.30pm	W 30-20
March 6th	Hull FC	7.30pm	P - P
March 12th	Halifax	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	Halifax	7.30pm	L 24-30
April 30th	Featherstone	7.30pm	W 30-14
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

Don't forget that if you are a season ticket holder, entrance vouchers for home games are included in your voucher book.

SENIOR ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Leeds	8	8	0	0	316	106	16
2 Bradford	8	7	0	1	423	126	14
3 Wigan	8	6	0	2	340	110	12
4 Salford	7	5	0	2	215	246	10
5 Warrington	8	5	0	3	223	272	10
6 Halifax	8	5	0	3	208	199	10
7 Widnes	8	4	0	4	212	238	8
8 St Helens	8	4	0	4	204	278	8
9 Wakefield	8	3	0	5	227	244	6
10 Huddersfield	8	3	0	5	201	220	6
11 Castleford	8	2	0	6	213	248	4
12 Featherstone	8	2	0	6	156	366	4
13 Hull	7	1	0	6	146	284	2
14 Hull KR	8	0	0	8	152	299	0

MATCH REPORT

BY DARRELL PLATT



Featherstone Rovers 18
Salford City Reds 16
National League 1
Sunday 4th May 2003

Salford went down to their first league defeat of the season and looked completely out of sorts against a workmanlike Featherstone side. An early attack by the Reds ended with Littler failing to take a pass from Marsh but when Rovers went to the other end Salford's

defence was caught offside and Dickens kicked the resultant penalty (2-0). Four minutes later hooker **CHAPMAN** wrong footed the Reds defence and went over from close in for a solo try but Dickens missed a fairly easy conversion (6-0). Play was quite scrappy with most of the game played through the middle, exactly where Rovers wanted it. Salford's usual flowing

football was nullified and the Reds frustration grew. However a surge by Lowe deep into home territory seemed to come to an end when he lost the ball in the tackle but the referee waved play on and Hunte snapped the ball up to send **ARNOLD** over for a try converted by **CHARLES** (6-6). In the 39th minute the Reds defence was caught offside again and **BRIGGS** landed the penalty from in front of the posts (8-6).

The Reds came out in a flurry after the interval and in the 47th minute **ALKER** stormed over for a try but Charles was wide with his effort at goal (8-10). Salford suffered a blow three minutes later though when skipper Alker limped off with an ankle injury. In the 62nd minute it was all

square again when **DICKENS** kicked a penalty goal (10-10). With nine minutes remaining **LANGLEY** cashed in on an error by Arnold to score and **DICKENS** added the conversion plus a penalty goal in the 76th minute (18-10). With a minute to go **BEVERLEY** scored a try converted by **BLAKELEY** but it was all over for the Reds.

TEAMS

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS:

Graham; Stokes, O'Meara, Brown, Flynn; Langley (t), Briggs (g); Tonks, Chapman (t), Dickens (4g), Dooler, Rice, Seal.

Substitutes (all played):

Darley, Bailey, Jowitt, Molyneux

SALFORD:

Flowers; Platt, Littler, Hunte, Arnold (t); Beverley (t), Clinch; Coley, Alker (t), P Highton, Baldwin, Marsh, Charles (g).

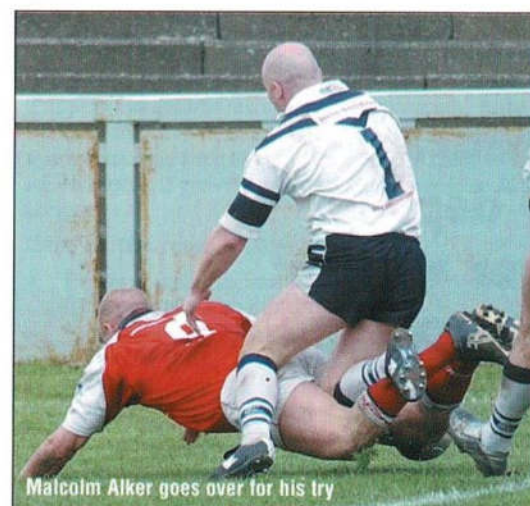
Substitutes (all played):

D Highton (for Marsh), Lowe (for P Highton), Blakeley (g) (for Platt), Haggerty (for Coley)

Half Time: 8-6

Attendance: 1616

Referee: J King



Malcolm Alker goes over for his try

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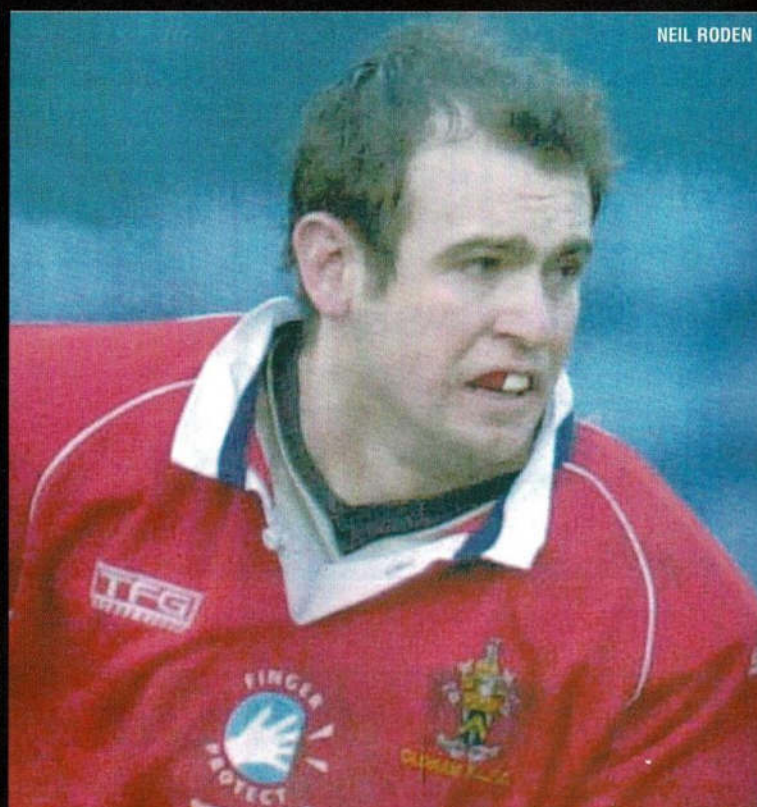
HERE TONIGHT...

OLDHAM ROUGHYEDS

It's only a month ago that Oldham were last at the Willows, and on that occasion in the Arriva Trains Cup, Salford ran out winners by 54 points to 12.

Our visitors will still be smarting from that defeat and Steve Molloy's side are sure to give us a harder game this afternoon. Steve, who is a former GB Test player and Down Under Tourist in 1996, is looking for a big season from his team and will be leading by example. His side have been beset with injuries so far but given a fully fit squad then Oldham could be a surprise package this term.

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 season. On the other flank could be JOE McNICHOLAS who was signed from Scotland 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



NEIL RODEN

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 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 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 younger brother of GB captain Andy. Also in contention for a place are second row RYAN STAZICKER and scrum half KEITH BRENNAN.

RESULTS SO FAR - NATIONAL LEAGUE 1
v Rochdale Hornets (h) L 28-33
v Dewsbury Rams (h) W 41-21

CONNECTIONS

Several players have been involved with both clubs over the years.

The legendary JAMES LOMAS spent over nine years at Salford and in that time he played in three Challenge Cup Finals and finished on the losing team on each occasion. He captained the GB side on their first ever tour of Australia in 1910 before being transferred to Oldham for a then record £300 fee. He helped Oldham carry off the Championship trophy and continued to assist them until the end of the 1912-13 season. Stand off FRANK STIRRUP who only made a dozen appearances for Leigh prior to his move to the Willows in 1947, played 78 games for the Reds before joining Oldham, who he was later to Coach.

In the sixties, Salford bolstered their side with the addition of STUART WHITEHEAD, CHARLIE BOTT and PETER SMETHURST. Whitehead began his career at Oldham in 1961 and as a second rower was the only local in the side that just failed to reach their first Wembley final in 1964, losing out to a semi final, second replay. He moved to Salford and switched to centre, helping Salford reach Wembley in 1969, only to lose to Castleford. However, he gained a Lancashire Cup winners medal with Salford in 1972 but later moved on to Rochdale Hornets. Charlie Bott, played for Oldham against the Aussies in 1963 and the Kiwis in 1965 and also assisted the Roughyeds to the Second Division Championship in the 1963-64

season.

Following his move to Salford the prop forward played for the Reds in that 1969 Wembley Challenge Cup Final. After 160 appearances for the club he emigrated to Australia in 1971. Never say die performer Peter Smethurst was one of the most respected players in the game and he served Oldham with distinction without winning any honours. He was transferred to Salford for a £3000 fee in September 1967 but when the Reds reached Wembley in 1969, he was a non playing

substitute. He always gave 100% but after making 124 appearances for Salford, he joined Leigh. In November 1991, IAN SHERRATT was transferred back to Oldham in exchange for AUSTIN DONEGAN. Scrum half STEVE KERRY left the Willows for Oldham in October 1992 after making a total of 105 appearances for the Reds in which time he amassed a total of 812 points, comprising 47 tries, 306 goals and 12 drop goals. He was the RL top points scorer in the 1990-91 season with 427 points.



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- The "batter" is allowed a count of two before he must kick the ball.

• The ball may be kicked or passed in from the "outfield". A fielder cannot run the ball in himself, but two players passing the ball together may run the ball in.

- On the first base the baseman must have his foot on the base to run the "batter" out.

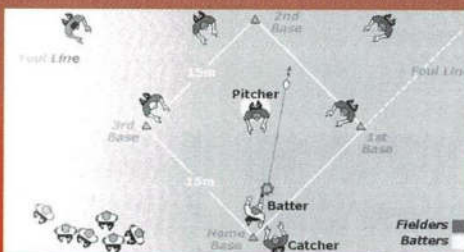
- "Batters" on 2nd, 3rd and home base must be tagged before they are out.

- A foul occurs if the football is kicked outside the foul line on the full.

- Once three "batters" are out, the fielding team becomes the "batting" team.

Variations

- Arrange a play the ball situation for the batting team at the "pitchers" spot. The ball is played then passed to the "batter".
- Add the above variation by adding a marker from the fielding team who can advance and harass the batter after the batter receives the pass.
- The size of the playing field can and should be varied depending on the age level of the players.
- The type of kick used should be nominated by the coach. For older and more powerful players, the punt kick gives the batter too much of an advantage - the grubber kick would be more suitable. If wanting to restrict the punt kick, perhaps an outer zone could be marked out so that all kicks must land within it's confines.



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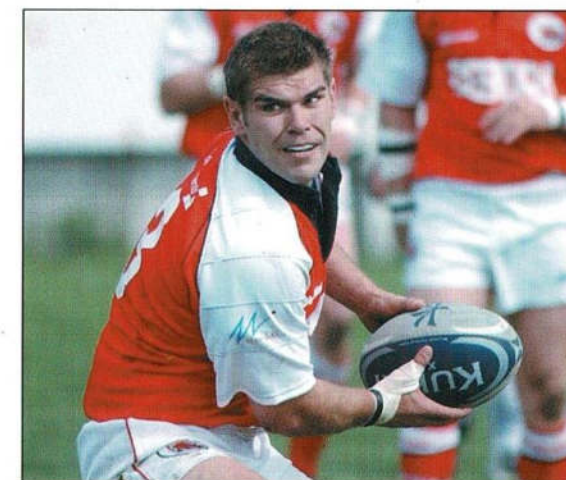


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NATIONAL LEAGUE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leigh Centurions	3	3	0	0	85	41	6
Rochdale Hornets	3	3	0	0	106	74	6
Featherstone Rovers	3	2	0	1	82	60	4
Salford City Reds	3	1	1	1	92	52	3
Whitehaven	3	1	1	1	60	43	3
Oldham	2	1	0	1	69	54	2
Dewsbury Rams	3	1	0	2	57	89	2
Batley Bulldogs	3	1	0	2	52	102	2
Doncaster Dragons	2	0	0	2	46	88	0
Hull KR	3	0	0	3	37	83	0



Chris Charles...top points scorer in National League 1

TOP TRY SCORERS

- 5: Jon Roper (Rochdale Hornets)
- 4: Cliff Beverley (Salford City Reds)
- 4: Alistair McClarron (Hull KR)
- 3: Chris Charles (Salford City Reds)
- 3: Dave Alstead (Leigh Centurions)
- 3: Dale Holdstock (Leigh Centurions)

TOP GOAL SCORERS

- 14: Mick Nanyn (Rochdale Hornets)
- 9: Chris Charles (Salford City Reds)
- 8: Barry Eaton (Batley Bulldogs)
- 8: Darren Holt (Whitehaven)
- 8: Gareth Barber (Oldham)

TOP POINTS SCORERS

- 30: Chris Charles (Salford City Reds)
- 28: Mick Nanyn (Rochdale Hornets)
- 20: Jon Roper (Rochdale Hornets)
- 20: Gareth Barber (Oldham)

RECENT RESULTS

Whitehaven Warriors 26 Hull KR 2
Featherstone Rovers 18 Salford City Reds 16
Oldham 41 Dewsbury Rams 21
Batley Bulldogs 12 Leigh Centurions 38
Doncaster Dragons 28 Rochdale Hornets 44

HIGHEST SCORE SO FAR:

Salford City Reds 54 Batley Bulldogs 12

HIGHEST AWAY VICTORY:

Doncaster Dragons 28 Rochdale Hornets 44

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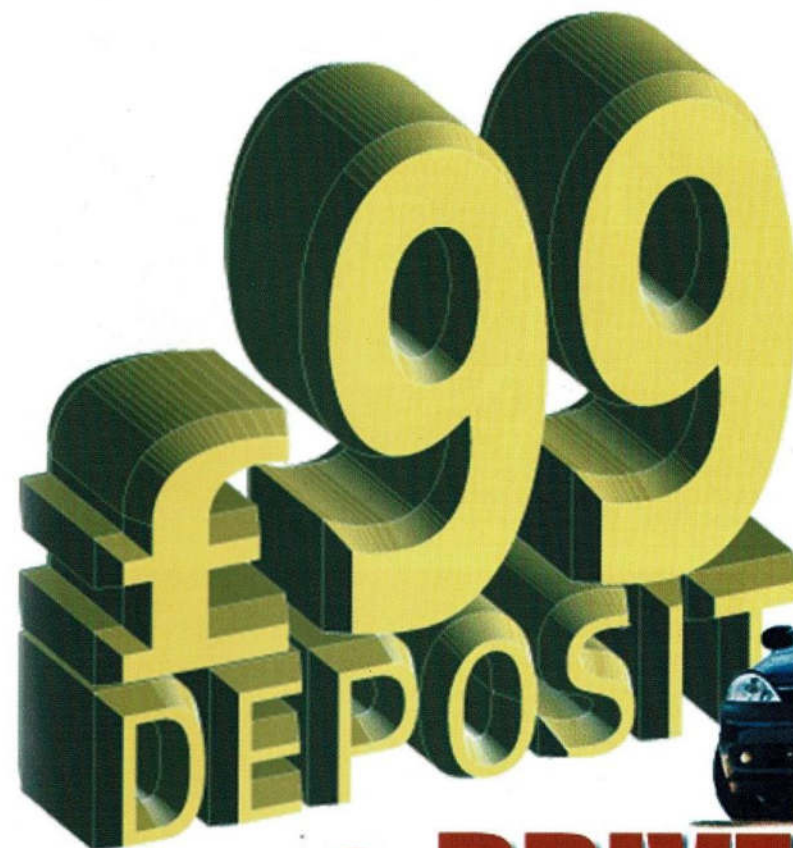


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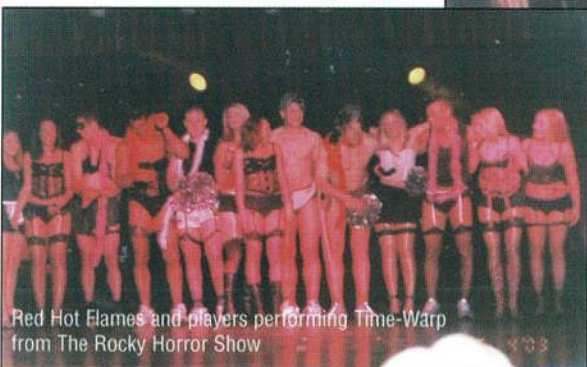
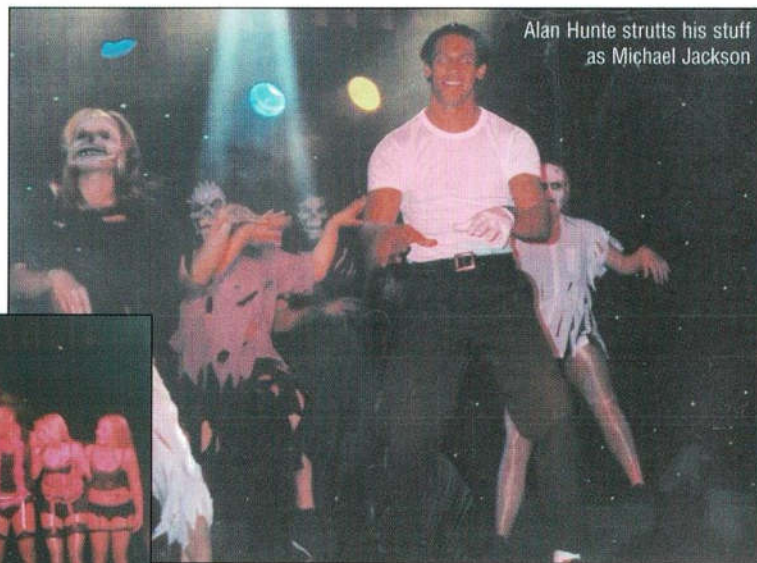
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Soft tissue mobilisation is one technique used to assist full recovery of the injury site and prevent any complications such as tight scar tissue or adhesions being formed. Massage is a basic component for soft tissue sports injury treatment and also for pre-match warm up of muscles. This is so the player is less likely to strain muscles and to

alleviate muscle cramps, increasing circulation for the game working together with stretching and a good warm up. Different types of massage are off leverage which is a guiding movement over the skin from down to up the limb to help the flow of lymph and for lactic acid to be removed. It also aids circulation and can be deep or superficial, slow or fast. Petrissage includes wringing, kneading and picking up techniques working the opposite way to offleverage. This helps healing and improves joint mobility. Tapotment is a stimulatory technique which makes a

sound over the skin, it also includes clapping and hacking. This improves the energy supply to the muscles. Other massage techniques which can mobilise ligamentous tissue is frictions. This is done with fingers or thumbs applying a deep force. Transverse frictions are applied across the lines of the ligament tissue deep under the skin. This aids the collagen fibres to heal in correct alignment, help mobilise sticky tissue and reduce the formation of scar tissue and of

course to reduce pain. All these soft tissue techniques are used and others include PNF (Proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation) and SSTM (specific soft tissue mobilisation) to help the player return to the field of play following a soft tissue injury.



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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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SENIOR COACH AWARD

Salford City Reds Development Department in partnership with Pendleton College are running a senior rugby league coach award course at the Willows on 21/22/28/29 June 2003. The Course cost is £112.00 but will be funded by the Club and the College for coaches who live or coach within the Salford area. This is a unique opportunity for coaches who already hold a club coach award to progress in rugby league. Places are strictly limited and will be given on a first come first served basis. Application forms are available from the club shop or phone John Blackburn on 0161 736 6564 for further details.

INTERNATIONAL CALL-UPS

Congratulations go to three of our Under 21s Academy team who were

selected for International honours recently in the Student Home International Tournament held in Glasgow. Danny Boden was selected for the England open age squad; whilst Neil Blackburn and Mick Griffin represented the Under 19s England team. Mick Griffin having the honour of captaining the team. Mick and Neil were grateful to Rockport for their sponsorship and support at the tournament. The Open Age squad won the tournament with the Under 19s runners up.

SPORTSMATCH HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Salford City Reds are currently midway through delivering its Sportsmatch project. The result being that eight high schools have already benefited from six weeks high intensity training sessions with

four more being introduced this term. High schools that are presently involved are:-

- Moorside High
- Prestwich High
- Ambrose Barlow High
- Wivelow High
- Hope High
- Wentworth High
- Albion High
- All Hallows High
- Irlam and Cadishead High
- Buile Hill High
- Swinton High
- St Georges High

There has been positive

feedback from every school and we look forward to our continued involvement in the coming months. The Development Department would like to wish all the High School teams competing in the Salford Schools Finals at the Willows the very best of luck. The Year 10 and Year 11 Finals will take place as curtain raisers prior to Salford City Reds Under 21 Academy fixtures on the 14th and 21st of May against Huddersfield and Wakefield.

NEWS IN BRIEF

TRAINING CAMP

Service Area Under 15s coach John Blackburn with the assistance of Development Officers George Brown and Mick Griffin put the squad through their paces recently at a days training camp in North Wales ready for their first game away on May 10th at Widnes.

SPORTS AND MEASURE EDUCATION COURSE

The Department is delivering a Sports and Measure Education Course through Sport in Conjunction with Pendleton College and Lower Kersal and Charlestown ERB.



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LEAGUE GOES TRULY NATIONAL

by MARTYN SADLER editor of Rugby League Express



They say a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, and that adage has often been applied to Rugby League. How pleasing, then, to witness last weekend's launch of the game's first-ever truly national structure. From the 'big four' riding high in Super League, there is now a defined pyramid reaching down to the grassroots in all four corners of the country. If you only ever concentrate on Super League, take a moment to study the results section in Monday's Rugby League Express. Flying the flag is Super League, followed by the new National Leagues One and Two packed with famous old traditional clubs. Then comes National

League Three, putting some relatively new Rugby League towns on the map, followed by an amazing 52 clubs in the TotalRL.com Conference taking their place alongside the BARLA regional leagues. And it looks as though the clubs outside the heartlands will, for the most part, be competitive with those in Rugby League's more established towns, with three of the the opening day's fixtures providing very tight scorelines, and two teams from the heartland going under to teams from the South and Midlands. South London's defeat of Underbank was particularly impressive, given that the Londoners had only come into the competition late on,

when Crawley Jets decided they couldn't afford the travelling. Then they had a player sent off in the first minute, but still managed to defeat the club from Holmfirth. London now has clubs in Super League, and National Leagues Two and Three. It would have been unthinkable even three years ago. Coventry's defeat of Woolston was equally impressive. The West Midlands club has already made it clear that it sees the chance of progressing via National Leagues Two and One into Super League. Next year they will be moving to a brand new stadium with a capacity of 10,000, and who is to say they won't achieve their ambition?

It all points to a great future for Rugby League, and is a great tribute to the tremendous work done by so many people for Rugby League at the grassroots in the last ten years. When you see names like Coventry, St Albans, Teesside, Hemel, and South London, you realise that Rugby League will surely never be the same again. I hope that the geographical spread of Rugby League will be noticed by the national media - and in particular the TV companies. After a tremendous Challenge Cup Final, and growing TV audiences, it would be good to see some recognition that the game is now a national, rather than a regional one.

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BACK TRACK

with Darrell Platt

OLDHAM 8
SALFORD 20
Sunday 26th
December,
Division One

Salford gained two valuable league points at a snow covered Watersheddings on Boxing Day and with Featherstone Rovers and Hull both losing, the Reds moved within striking distance of a top eight place. It was never going to be easy on a treacherous surface though, but Salford were in no mood to let this one slip and they came strong in the second half to take the spoils against a side which lacked the Reds inventiveness. However, it was the home side that seized the initiative in only two minutes when TOPPING landed a penalty goal after Salford had been pulled up for a foul on Clarke. BLAKELEY missed a kickable penalty in the 5th minute but atoned for it eight minutes later when Tauro was held down by Gibson, after making good

yardage (2-2). Oldham hit back strongly and Ford was forced to kick dead after a kick through by Crompton put the Reds under pressure. Then in the 22nd minute the home side regained the lead through another TOPPING penalty goal after Lee was penalised for 'feet up' at a play the ball (4-2). There following a bizarre accident involving full backs Jack and Gibson who traded each others kicks for position on a couple of occasions, something that had been a rarity for many year's but on this occasion the tricky conditions underfoot probably warranted it. Topping missed a penalty attempt in the 25th minute but the Reds came back to pressurise Oldham and forced them into conceding a penalty that BLAKELEY easily converted (4-4). Just

before the interval both sides threatened to score but it remained all square at the break. Within two minutes of the restart Salford took the lead for the first time in the match and it came from a bit of Gregory magic. The Reds scrum half chipped over the Oldham cover for FORD to race up and beat Gibson to the touch. BLAKELEY added a good conversion to make it 10-4 for Salford, a lead we never relinquished. We got a shock three minutes later though when Gibson's solo effort enabled JONES to dive over in the corner for an unconverted try (8-10). It was anybody's game again until the hour when WILLIAMS chipped over a static defence and followed up his own kick to score wide out. BLAKELEY landed a superb touchline kick to put the Reds back in

the driving seat again (8-16). By this time MARSDEN had replaced O'Connor and the former Oldham player forced his way over to put Salford even further in front in the 71st minute. This time Blakeley missed the conversion attempt but it mattered little as the Reds were well in command at the final whistle.



PHIL FORD

TEAMS

OLDHAM:

Gibson; Ranson, Irwin, Abram, Jones (t); Topping (2g), Crompton; Sherratt, Clarke, Goodway, Kuiti, Lindner.
Subs: Bradbury (for Goodway), McAllister (for Tupaea).

SALFORD:

Jack; Critchley, Gilfillan, Williams (t), Ford (t); Blakeley (4g), Gregory; Young, Lee, O'Connor, Forber, Tauro, Burgess.
Subs: Stazicker (for Forber), Marsden (t) (for O'Connor)
Half Time: 4-4 Attendance: 4,576 Referee: J Smith (Halifax)

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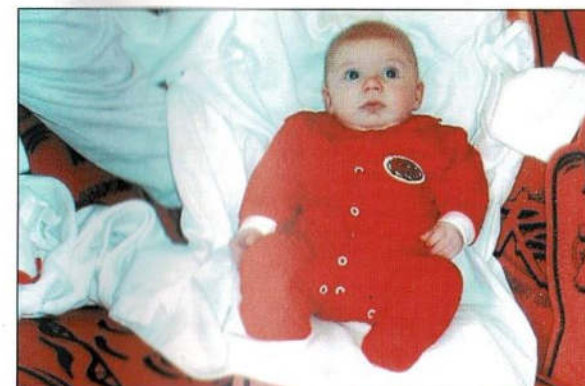
Date		Opponents	Venue	KO	Result	F-A	Att.	Referee
DECEMBER 2002								
Sunday	29	Halifax (friendly)	Away	1.00	Lost	12-28	1713	S. Presley
JANUARY 2003								
Sunday	19	SWINTON LIONS (Arriva Trains Cup)	HOME	3.00	Won	58-6	3334	A. Klein
Sunday	26	TOULOUSE (Powergen C.C. 3rd ROUND)	HOME	3.30	Won	26-10	1590	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 CENTURIIONS (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
Sunday	13	OLDHAM (Arriva Trains Cup)	HOME	3.00	Won	54-12	2162	R. Laughton
Good Friday	18	Whitehaven Warriors (NL)	Away	3.30	Drew	22-22	2136	R. Connolly
Easter Monday	21	BATLEY BULLDOGS (NL)	HOME	3.00	Won	54-12	2074	S. Nicholson
MAY								
Sunday	4	Featherstone Rovers (NL)	Away	3.00	Lost	16-18	1616	J. King
Saturday	10	OLDHAM (NL)	HOME	6.00				
Sunday	18	Barrow Raiders (Arriva Trains Cup Quarter-Final)	Away	3.00				
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 CENTURIIONS (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)						
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Sunday	5	NATIONAL LEAGUE GRAND FINAL						



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