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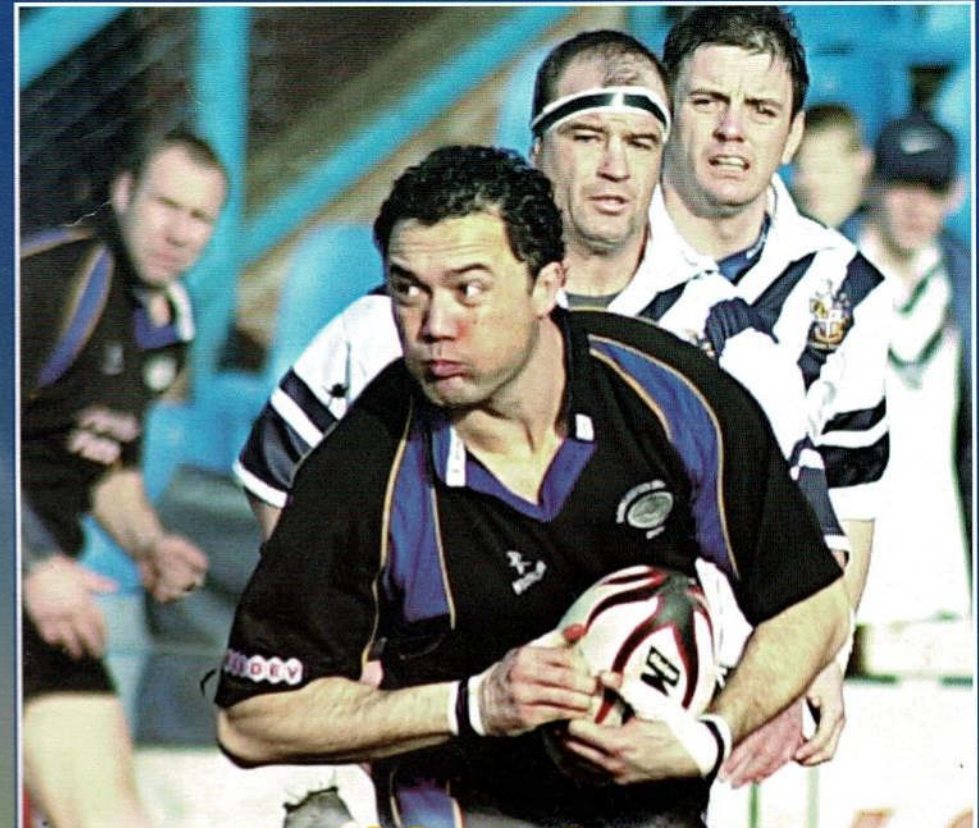


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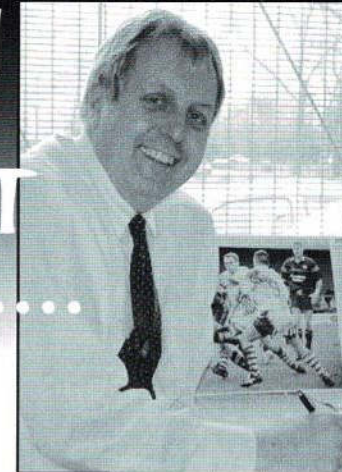


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FROM THE FRONT DESK....



Good Afternoon,

Well last weekend was quite a good one for Doncaster, with our neighbours the Rovers getting back in the Football League on Saturday, our Academy team beat Sheffield Eagles 41 - 18 away, with the icing on the cake on Sunday with the first team gaining the first league win of the season in a hard fought game at Dewsbury.

Let's hope the improvement continues today against our visitors Oldham, who always prove tough opponents. To continue on a positive note, last week at Dewsbury the team contained five Doncaster lads aged 21 and under. The Academy had thirteen local lads in the seventeen players for the game at Sheffield. With four of them already having played first team rugby, and quite a few who will be knocking on the door soon, the long term future looks good.

To help continue this trend the club are having talks with the Rugby League with a view to putting a Scholarship system in place and form a Junior Academy team (Under 18's).

Whilst this means increased cost to the club, I think that it's a small investment for a big future.

Finally I would like to thank you all for your support, which as usual has been first class. Long may it continue.

Enjoy the game - Ray Green

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It was a great relief for everyone at the club to see the players collect their 1st win of the season at Dewsbury last week, lets hope it's the start of many.

The winners of the Breathing Fire Club Draw at the Rochdale game were S Scholes who won Directors passes to Oldham on July 20th and Brian Rumney whose prize is a meal for 6 with the players after the Salford match on May 25th, I hope you both enjoy your prizes.

The Academy lads played and won at Sheffield last week to record their 3rd straight win this year, the Dragons scored tries from Moxon, Southgate, Green and Sykes with Wayne Green kicking 8 goals and a drop goal to win 41-18.

Welcome to all from Oldham.

Keep cheering - John Garside

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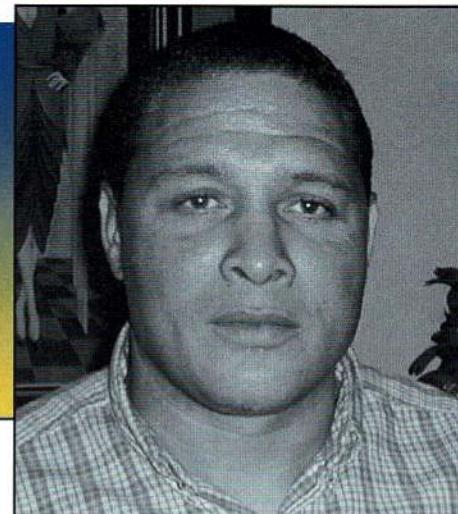
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VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT...



There has been some real character building over the past three weeks due to the two defeats inflicted on us, but thanks to the win at Dewsbury last Sunday, we have now got points on the board.

We remain positive and are working hard and that is a testament to the players and what they want to achieve.

Some of the things we are getting right and some things that we have to work on because the harder you work the sweeter the reward. It has been a disappointing start to the season in National League One but we never fire a minute through that it was going to be easy. We are certainly not there yet but we are making steps in the right direction.

We do have a lot of kids in the side and they are beginning to come of age none more so than Dean Colton who scored a great try and could well have finished with a hat-trick. All these youngsters are willing to learn and we are slowly finding out about as I said earlier, the character of the team, which we know, is there.

I do hope that today we will have a big following as I want to tell you that from the top of the club right to the bottom we are getting things right and we are starting to see the fruits of our labours. It is another big game today and we do want to come away with another two points.

Hopefully we can build on last week's performance which was for me the first that I have won at Dewsbury as a coach so that was nice and I want it to continue both home and away. We have set goals for the season and we will not stray from them so I ask you to get behind us all the way.

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NEWS & VIEWS FROM THE WORLD OF RUGBY LEAGUE

After the euphoria of the Challenge Cup Final, its been back to the 'bread and butter' weekly rounds of Super League and National League matches.

In Super League, the Leeds Rhinos dropped their first league point when held to a 24-24 home draw by the fast improving Wigan Warriors who due to a spate of injuries to senior players are currently reliant on a crop of impressive youngsters. The Rhinos however remain in pole position having been the latest visitors to come away victorious (32-14) from London Broncos current home Griffin Park where Tony Rea just can't buy a win at the moment! The Bulls remain the Rhino's nearest challengers with 14 points from 8 games (3 points adrift of their rivals but with a game in hand) having most recently beaten Castleford Tigers 30-10 at Odsal. At the wrong end of the table, Wakefield Trinity Wildcats pulled 2 points clear of Halifax after a sensational 16-10 victory at St. Helens. The men from The Shay looking like they are in for a long hard season having recorded just one Super League win in nine outings, their latest result being a 38-8 home defeat at the hands of Warrington Wolves.

In National League One, the pre-season favourites Salford City Reds have now dropped three points, having already been held to a draw at Whitehaven, they slipped to a 18-16 defeat at Featherstone Rovers before bouncing back to cruise past Oldham 44-12 last weekend. Leigh Centurions currently lead this division with 8 points (4 wins from 4 matches) with Rochdale Hornets (also unbeaten) in second place with 6 points from 3 matches.

In National League Two, the early pacesetters are Keighley Cougars (the only unbeaten side in the division) who have won all four games played and have a two point lead from three teams, Sheffield Eagles, Barrow Raiders and Hunslet Hawks who each have three wins from four matches.

The Dragons had a successful time last weekend with wins for both the Academy team and the First team. On Saturday, the Under 21s visited the Hillsborough Arena to play Sheffield Eagles and completed a quickfire double with a 41-18 victory - A 100% record so far with Oldham being defeated in between the two 'results' over Sheffield. After two defeats at the hands of Featherstone and Rochdale, the senior team needed a morale-boosting win at Dewsbury on Sunday and got it, but only just! A last minute Dean Colton try converted by Johnny Woodcock securing a 16-12 win at the Ram Stadium after having trailed 8-0 at half time and 12-10 entering the final 60 seconds.

The Arriva Trains Quarter Finals take place today with Salford at Barrow, Batley at Hull KR, Featherstone travelling to Leigh (a repeat of last weekends NL1 clash) and Whitehaven entertaining Dewsbury.

Enjoy your Rugby League - GARY FOX

JOHNNY WOODCOCK



TODAY'S VISITORS...

PAUL ANDERSON

Paul signed from Leigh Centurions for the beginning of the 2003 season. His preferred position is centre threequarter but is not at a loss in the second row. A burly build enables him to make a try out of sheer strength. Was Leigh's leading try scorer the season before last, and is well known for his blockbusting runs. His previous clubs include St Helens and Sheffield Eagles.

JASON CLEGG

Signed at the formation of the new club from Bradford Bulls, Jason is a bustling, go forward prop, who has become a fans favourite. He has the stamina to put in a full 80 minutes if required, a rare thing for a prop in the modern game. After many rumours that the 2002 season was his last he delighted the Roughyeds faithful when it was announced he had put pen to paper for another season.

GARETH BARBER

A 21 year old Oldham born Half back who was reared on rugby with his best pal, Leeds and Great Britain forward Kevin Sinfield. When Sinfield signed for the Rhinos, Barber signed for Warrington, but returned "home" to Oldham before the start of the 2000/2001 season. A promising young player who made the stand off position his own last season, was selected for the NFP under 21 squad who beat the Super League under 21's in 2001.

CHRIS CAMPBELL

Chris started as an amateur with the Crossfield club and then joined Warrington as a 17 year old. In his first season he was the Alliance top try scorer with 26 tries from the full back position. He played 10 games for Warrington in Super League, mainly as a winger and scored 3 tries. He moved to Whitehaven on a full time contract with Paul Cullen. Whitehaven offered him a new contract if he would move into the area. This was not to Chris' liking and he had trials with Widnes, but the lack of an Alliance side meant he felt his opportunities would be limited. This is when the Roughyeds moved in. Chris, the son of ex referee David Campbell, trained with the Roughyeds and instantly impressed the coaching team and a deal was completed.

WILL COWELL

Cowell has played 18 times in Super League for Warrington Wolves, mostly as a substitute. The 22-year-old Cumbrian, a product of that prolific provider of rugby league players, Kells, he left Wilderspool permanently to join Oldham originally on a one-year contract which he has recently extended for another year. He plays full-back, wing or centre, preferring full-back his chances to impress the coach will probably be as a winger or centre. Former Warrington coach Daryl van de Velde, spoke well of Cowell before the youngster was invited to join the Roughyeds.

GAVIN DODD

The former Royton Tigers youngster, who later had a spell with Bradford Bulls academy team, Has new people to do battle with for the number 1 shirt this season after the departure of Mark Sibson. Fast on the break, yet unpredictable at times, Dodd scored some good tries for the team last season and made the full back position his own forcing Sibson out to a wing berth. Dodd represented G.B.

students in Australia and New Zealand two years ago, and was selected in the GB under 21 squad last season.

LEE DORAN

Another young player in whom Oldham have a lot of confidence. A Wiganer, Lee has worked his way through the Oldham academy and alliance sides and is now probably one of the first names on the first team sheet each week. Good pace and robust defence give him all the assets required to make a top class second row forward. Showed up well in the NFP under 21's, in 2001. One of five Oldham players in the squad.

PHIL FARRELL

Phil starting his fourth season at Oldham has just been appointed as club captain. Played a lot of his rugby with Oldham at second row but it looks like he will fit into the loose forward role this season, a position his older brother Andy fills for Wigan. One of the youngest captains in the league he will not be phased by the responsibility.

JON GODDARD

Aged 20, Goddard came to Oldham on loan in the 2002 season on the high recommendation of Graham Steadman, Castleford boss. Goddard was reared in Castleford youth and-schools rugby before going to The Jungle to play for the academy side. During his two seasons in their Alliance team he has played three times in Super League, against Wakefield at home two seasons before last and against Bradford and London, both away, in 2001. He has recently signed a contract that will keep him with the Roughyeds for the 2003 season. Although a young novice when first thrown into the first team he has developed well and made the transition from a full back to a very competent centre.

DANNY GUEST

One of the Roughyeds originals. Danny returned to the club three seasons ago, and has signed a contract to keep him at Oldham for the whole of this season. Danny is still a Juggernaut weighing in somewhere around the 18 stone mark, after shedding somewhere around the 2 stone mark during the close season. Still young by Props standards he has pots of potential. Used from the bench as an impact player most of last season, I can see him playing a similar role in a formidable front row this year.

JOHN HOUGH

The first player to sign for his home town club when the new Roughyeds were formed by Chris Hamilton and his fellow directors in the autumn of 1997. He has just signed a new contract to take him to the end of the 2004 season.

On his day one of the best hookers in the NFP a danger to any defence form acting half back. At the end of the 2002 season John had made 152 appearances for Oldham, 37 of them in the 2002 season. Last year saw him cross the whitewash on ten occasions second only to Lee Doran in the forward try scoring charts.

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CHRIS IRWIN

Another player signed from Leigh Centurions at the end of the 2002 season. Chris is happy on the wing or at full back. He has natural pace and will be a great asset to the Oldham back line where ever he is chosen to play. Gained experience with the Centurions at playing at the top level of the NFP.

GAVIN JOHNSON

A back row forward who can also fill in at centre or wing. Oldhamer, Gavin spent two seasons at Odsal in the Bradford Academy side and made the occasional appearance for the Bulls in the Alliance championship. Spent almost a season earning his Oldham spurs in the Alliance team before signing a two-year deal in September 2001. Gavin has recently broke into the first team as a second row and scored his first senior points with a try against Keighley.

DARRYL LACEY

The 20 year old left the club at the end of the 2001 season to play rugby league for the French club Albi. Darryl admitted the experience had not been an entirely happy one through unpaid wages and rugby that is five to ten years behind the game here at home. Darryl, who was seen as one of the hottest properties around, when he was signed by Wigan as a thirteen year old, played on the wing for Oldham two seasons ago. In discussions with the press immediately after signing his new contract, he made it clear however, that he sees himself as a full back or centre and hopes to get back in the first team in that capacity. Was unlucky to receive a bad shoulder injury in an alliance team game which kept him out of action for most of last season.

IAIN MARSH

Iain is a 22 year old goal kicking centre or winger signed from Barrow Border Raiders. Iain a St Helens lad played for Salford for 5 years including some Super League appearances. Then went to St Helens the season before last. He was Cameron Bells first signing for Barrow last season, and mainly played as a centre alongside kiwi Cliff Beverley, and scored 12 tries in 32 appearances. A solid defender and very strong finisher. He is the biggest outside back we have had at Oldham for quite some time and continues the policy of adding size strength and a mean streak to the side from last season.

MARTIN McCLOUGHLIN

Martin fits the Oldham ethos of big front row men, he can also play second row. Signed from Barrow at the end of the 2002 season, during the year with the cumbrian club he twice managed to get his name into the NFP form team of the month.

JOE McNICHOLAS

One of the original 1997 Roughyeds, wingman Joe scored 16 tries from 34 appearances last season, which forms part of 97 total appearances and 34 tries for the club. Fast off the mark and good on his feet, in his stay with the Roughyeds he has competed for places against the likes of Danny Arnold and Joey Hayes but he always shows great character when out of the team in his endeavor to win back his first team shirt.

STEVE MOLLOY

The experienced 33 year old Steve Molloy, ex England captain. Molloy who signed for his second spell at Oldham from Batley Bulldogs was the obvious choice as player coach when the previous coach left mid season. A front row forward who has also played for Featherstone, Sheffield, Warrington, Huddersfield and Leeds, Molloy is from Oldham and indeed had a loan spell with us at the end of the 2000 season and made a big contribution to our excellent end of season run.

DANE MORGAN

Dane Morgan is a leviathan of a man, standing at 6'5" and weighing around 17 and a half stone, the 24 year old second row or prop forward has a brilliant pedigree. He has played for North Sydney and was a try scoring member of the World Club Championship winners Melbourne Storm who beat St Helens for the title. Dane has come to Britain with an ambition to play in Super League, hopefully he can achieve this ambition with the Roughyeds. Already in games this season he has shown he is not a forward you can take liberty's with.

CHRIS MORLEY

Chris is the older brother of Great Britain's Adrian. Like his brother Chris is a no nonsense second row forward. He was signed from Leigh Centurions to start the Roughyeds 2003 campaign. Chris has the size and mean streak to stiffen up the Oldham back row.

PAUL NORTON

Paul (Knocker) Norton fits into the unsung hero bracket. His tireless work rate often has him top of the tackle count, and he will take the ball up all day long given the chance. Signed from the unfashionable Chorley Lynx it was definitely a major gain for Oldham. Plays mainly as a prop forward but has also been used in the second row, he has signed an extension to his contract to keep him with the club for 2003.

NEIL RODEN

Signed from his own town club Wigan, the son of Wigan's chief scout now has the scrum half jersey to himself, after winning the accolade of Players Player of the Year in 2002. He has shown improvement in the three seasons with the Roughyeds and is one of the best scrum halves outside Super League.

DARREN SHAW

Darren was signed from Salford City Reds after their relegation to NFP 1. he is a highly experienced second row or prop forward, who's previous clubs include Sheffield Eagles where he won a Challenge Cup winners medal, Castleford, Bribane and London Broncos as well as Canberra Raiders. Darren has been a firm favourite with fans at which ever club he has been at.

RYAN STAZICKER

Stazicker, a Wiganer, was playing for amateurs Ince Rose Bridge after leaving Swinton before he joined the Roughyeds for trials in mid 2002. Impressive Alliance team performances earned him a couple of substitute spots in the senior side. He is a strong running second row forward with a high work rate, and should suit the Roughyeds needs nicely. Signed for the 2003 season after ending 2002 with a serious arm injury.

SIMON SVABIC

Simon is another one of the players signed from the Centurions at the end of the 2002 campaign, although his career started in Oldham with the now defunct Bears. A stand off half of great guile will be an important play maker in the Roughyeds armoury for this year.

KEITH BRENNAN

Keith is a product of Amateur Rugby League in the Oldham area, playing for both Higginshaw and Shaw Rhinos before signing for his home town club. Scrum Half is his preferred position but he has filled in in many places, most notably as hooker whilst deputising for John Hough. Brennan decided to hang up his boots at the end of the 2002 season, but after the start of the 2003 campaign the lure of Rugby League was too much to resist, and Keith signed on again this time on amateur forms.

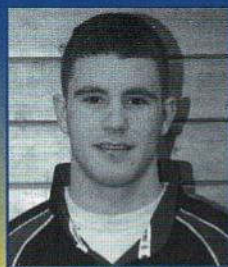
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The Dragons' next appearance at Belle Vue will be next Sunday May 25th when they entertain The Salford City Reds, Kick-Off 3pm. The Reds were expected by some pundits to dominate Division One in 2003, perhaps going through the campaign unbeaten following their relegation from Super League, but a draw at Whitehaven and a defeat at Featherstone a fortnight ago has already ended that theory.

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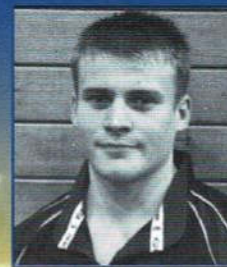
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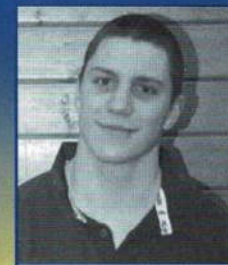
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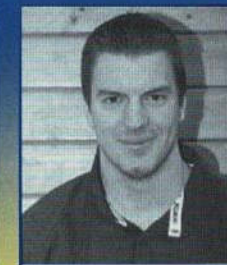
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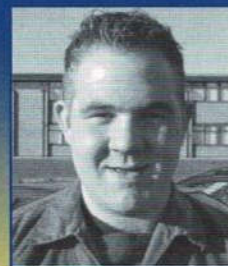
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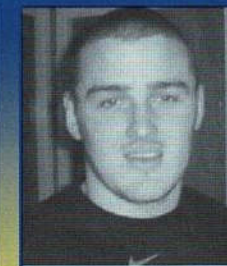
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23rd	Featherstone Rovers	Away	Won	37-24

March

9th	Hull Kingston Rovers	Away	Won	21-8
16th	York City Knights	Away	Lost	20-34
23rd	Keighley Cougars	Home	Won	42-12
30th	Hull Kingston Rovers	Home	Lost	32-34

April

6th	Featherstone Rovers	Home	Won	26-24
13th	Sheffield Eagles	Home	Won	38-30

NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE

April

18th	Featherstone Rovers	Away	Lost	44-18
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May

4th	Rochdale Hornets	Home	Lost	28-44
11th	Dewsbury Rams	Away	Won	12-16
18th	Oldham	Home	3 pm	
25th	Salford City Reds	Home	3 pm	

June

1st	Leigh Centurions	Away	3 pm	
15th	Hull Kingston Rovers	Home	3 pm	
22nd	Whitehaven	Away	3 pm	
29th	Featherstone Rovers	Home	3 pm	

July

13th	Batley Bulldogs	Home	3 pm	
20th	Oldham	Away	3 pm	
27th	Rochdale Hornets	Away	3 pm	

August

3rd	Dewsbury Rams	Home	3 pm	
10th	Salford City Reds	Away	3 pm	
17th	Leigh Centurions	Home	3 pm	
24th	Hull Kingston Rovers	Away	3 pm	
31st	Whitehaven	Home	3 pm	

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MATCH PREVIEW

After the relief of the Dragons first win last week the Dons now have a foundation to build on and kick start their National League One campaign.

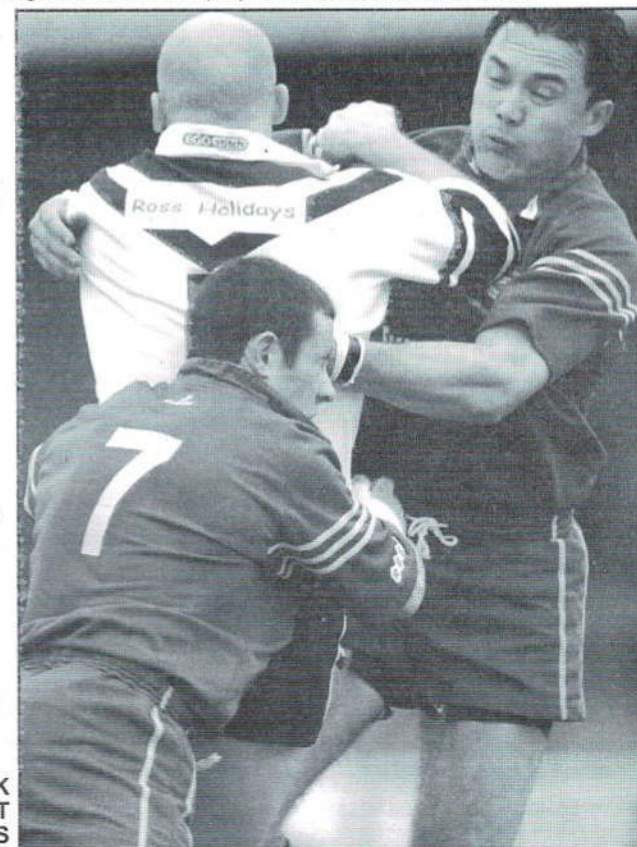
It was, in my memory, the first win the Dragons have ever picked up at Ram Stadium, and considering the horrendous conditions and the brutal mood in which the game was played it was in retrospect a very good win indeed. Made all the more important following the previous 2 disappointing defeats in which the Dragons defence had looked weak at best. Despite going 8 - 0 down at the interval confidence was still high because both teams had been having chances and the Dons were able to come out in the second half with the wind and rain at their backs to finish up 16 - 12 winners.

So further away from the bottom we go and straight into another big game against Oldham who visited Salford last Saturday and came away having felt the sharp end of a 44 - 12 beating. With the division already looking ominously close and a number of teams wallowing around on 2 points this is again another 4 pointer with both sides keen to make sure that game in hand counts for points in the bag.

Such is the closeness of the league at this early stage that despite what many will rightfully call a disappointing start to the season a Dragons win today would see them move up to 5th place in the league and into the play off area at this early stage

(a convincing win by 23 or more points would even see them leapfrog Featherstone into 4th). Although similar results will do the same for Oldham as well so both sides have a lot to play for. Matches against Oldham in recent years have proven to be topsy-turvy affairs with either side being capable of winning it right until the death. Last season was no different with the only time the 2 teams met in the league ending in a 22 - 22 draw with Chris Ross scoring a dramatic last second equaliser in the corner and Johnny Woodcock narrowly missing the conversion that would have given Doncaster both league points.

Having lost their opening league game against Oldham's derby rivals Rochdale the Dragons will also be looking to ensure they pick up their first home win at the former fortress Belle Vue.



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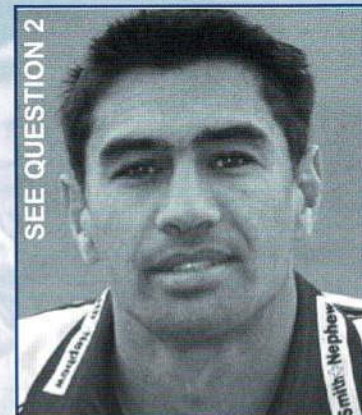
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HALF-TIME QUIZ

1. Which Club play their home matches at Derwent Park ?
2. From which Club did Hull sign Kiwi International Richie Barnett ?
3. Who is the current Coach of Warrington Wolves ?
4. Which National League Three team are from Bradford ?
5. Which showpiece match will take place on 18th October 2003 ?



SEE QUESTION 2

BREATHING FIRE MEMBERSHIP CLUB

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SUPPORTERS' NEWS

SCAWTHORPE BRANCH

Well done to the lads for Sunday's victory at Dewsbury. It was so nice again to see that local talent has been given a chance to shine – well done "China"

Welcome to our friendly rival supporters from Oldham for today's NFP1 game. Have a good day

COME ON YOU DONS - DAVE

THORNE BRANCH

At long last! That's the first time I have seen a Dragons side win at Dewsbury – let's hope this kick-starts our season.

It is good also to see that Jamie Fielden is trying to sort out our matchday entertainment.

Well done also to the Academy side winning at Sheffield. Shame it clashed with the Rovers game. Finally, well done Rovers. Let's hope their success rubs off on the Dragons over the next couple of seasons.

Paul Margrave

AWAY TRAVEL

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ATT	DATE	AGAINST	VENUE	RESULT
2500	7.5.55	HULL	AWAY	LOST 7-61
1500	18.5.63	YORK	HOME	LOST 5-6
*2479	18.5.65	HUDDERSFIELD	HOME	LOST 3-13
659	15.5.79	BATLEY	AWAY	LOST 10-23
323	9.5.82	KEIGHLEY	HOME	LOST 2-26
3330	11.5.86	LEIGH	AWAY	LOST 24-46
3238	15.5.94	LONDON	HOME	LOST 6-16
1205	19.5.96	HUNSLET	AWAY	LOST 18-42
510	18.5.97	ROCHDALE	HOME	LOST 8-22
585	17.5.98	YORK	HOME	LOST 8-29

*The match against Huddersfield was played at Tattersfield in a 'bottom 14 teams' play-off competition following two previous home victories against Batley and Blackpool Borough. This competition was only played in the season 1964/65

SENIOR ACADEMY UNDER 21 FIRST DIVISION FIXTURES 2003

April	
12th	Sheffield Eagles
19th	Barrow Raiders
May	
3rd	Oldham
10th	Sheffield Eagles
24th	Oldham
31st	Barrow Raiders
June	
14th	Sheffield Eagles
29th	Sheffield Eagles
(12.30pm)	
July	
12th	Barrow Raiders
19th	Oldham

Home matches (shown in bold type) played at Thornians with 2.30 pm kick-off.)

HALF-TIME QUIZ ANSWERS

TODAY'S ANSWERS:
1. Worthington Town 2. London Broncos 3. Paul Cullen
4. Dudley Hill 5. Super League Grand Final

WHO THE HELL WAS ST. GEORGE ANYWAY?

WAY HEY!!!!

Well done lads on the first win of many last week, hard fought and well deserved and a real treat for the expectedly good following of Dragons fans. Keep up the good work.

Welcome all to this rearranged game in which both teams have proved the benefit of getting knocked out of the Arriva Trains Cup in the first round by not having to play this game on a Wednesday night...we didn't really want to win it anyway did we??? Hope its another cracker and now that the long-ball football season has finished (well done to the Rovers by the way) hopefully our crowds might get up again because the 800-odd against Rochdale was, to be quite honest, dire. I know I'm preaching to the converted here but it makes you wonder why 11,000 people would rather watch football than Rugby League without actually being part of some asylum outing.

I see Mark Aston has thrown a bit of a hissy fit at Swinton this time. Swinton apparently complained about Sheffield's decision to play on Friday night and not Sundays because it is a semi-professional sport and players have work and struggle to get to the games. It was explained that Don Valley was used for something more lucrative that attracts more people on a Sunday (rumours that it is a freshly painted wall slowly drying have neither been confirmed nor denied). But he didn't just leave it there...apparently he added to the end something along the lines of everyone knowing Swinton's ground is not up to standards anyway...which does seem a wee bit petty to me.

A number of you will have seen that the top 10 Dons of all time were announced in the last fanzine and we are now nearing the end as we look for you to vote for who you think from the list has had the greatest influence on the Dons history for one reason or another.

The nominations are (in alphabetical order) Audley Pennant, David Noble, Don Brooks, Jamie Bloem, John Desmond, John Sheridan, John Wright, Len Tattersfield, Tony Fisher and Tony Kemp. All you need to do is email us at [HYPERLINK "mailto:email@whothe.freeseerve.co.uk"](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:email@whothe.freeseerve.co.uk) email@whothe.freeseerve.co.uk with your vote, or hand your vote in to the Dons office or to any of the fanzine sellers to make your vote count.

So here's hoping we get our second win today and make it a streak and I'll see you all again here next week when we host Salford.

Jemmo

ON THE ROAD WITH THE DRAGONS

The Dragons' next away game is on Sunday, June 1st when they visit the Leigh Centurions.

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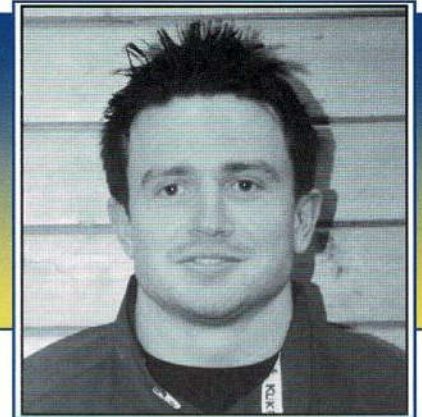
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TALKING WITH DRAGONS...



No. 6 MARTIN OSTLER

Frustration must be the optimum word in the Martin Ostler dictionary at the moment. He's wanted to play for Doncaster Dragons since last July but injury has prevented him from doing so. The second-row man is currently sidelined with a stomach and groin injury after having had a second operation to try and rectify the problem.

"When I first got the injury which was diagnosed as a stomach tear and groin injury, I went to the Hull Royal Infirmary and they said they could see nothing on the scan. But later on I went private and it was revealed that I had the injury. I maybe tried to come back a bit too quickly and that has now resulted in me being sidelined for another lengthy period after having a second operation and yes - it is frustrating".

Martin, now 22, is a product of the East Hull club. He played his youth rugby there and also at Minehead Astra. He then moved onto Hull Academy under the coaching of Steve Crooks, playing with his now Doncaster team-mates Johnny Woodcock and Craig Lawton.

"But the team broke up", Martin continued, "and I was looking round for another club. I looked at the possibility of going to York but I didn't really fancy that and rang Craig to see about getting a trial with the Dragons and that is what happened".

He does get great support from girlfriend Tracy who helps him get around as he has failed his driving test twice although lifts to training, when he isn't injured usually come from Maea David or Shaun Leaf.

Martin, a caravan technician, has signed a one year contract at Belle Vue and "I just hope that injuries will allow me to take part in some of the season at least. I get on great with the lads and in Ray Green and Singe there are two real characters". Hopefully things will improve and Martin will be able to get some game time under his belt but until such time he will have to sit, frustrated, on the sidelines waiting for the opportunity to arise...



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PLAYER	A	S	T	G	D	PTS
S ARCHER	1	-	-	-	-	-
T ATTER	1	-	-	-	-	-
T BUCKENHAM	-	2	-	-	-	-
A BURLAND	-	2	-	-	-	-
D COLTON	5	11	4	-	-	16
M DAVID	3	5	-	-	-	-
P EDWARDS	13	1	2	-	-	8
G EVERTON	-	2	-	-	-	-
J FIELDEN	1	3	-	-	-	-
C FORSYTH	5	9	-	-	-	-
P GLEADHILL	13	1	6	-	-	24
M GOLDEN	11	-	3	-	-	12
W GREEN	1	1	-	3	-	6
P GREEN	16	-	5	-	-	20
G HANDFORD	15	1	1	-	-	4
C HEMMINGS	2	1	2	-	-	8
B HEPI	3	2	2	-	-	8
C HORNE	9	-	3	-	-	12
S IRVING	15	-	9	31	-	98
C LAWTON	11	4	3	-	-	12
S LEAF	3	7	2	-	-	8
J LEE	13	-	7	-	-	28
P MANSSON	12	-	7	-	-	28
M MOXON	15	-	1	-	2	6
A MUFF	1	1	-	-	-	-
C ROSS	14	-	9	2	1	41
J WALKER	6	10	4	-	-	16
M WALKER	14	1	5	-	-	20
J WOODCOCK	5	-	-	22	-	44

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