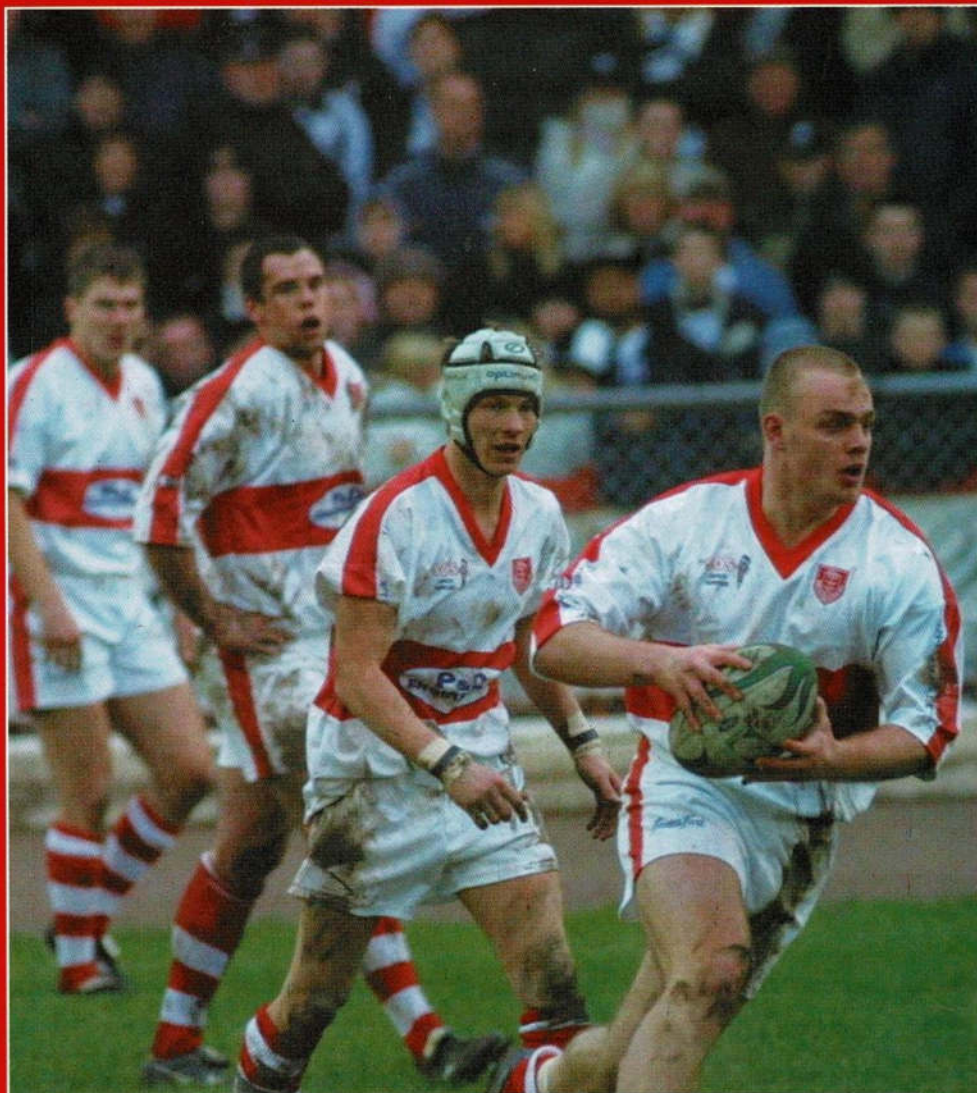


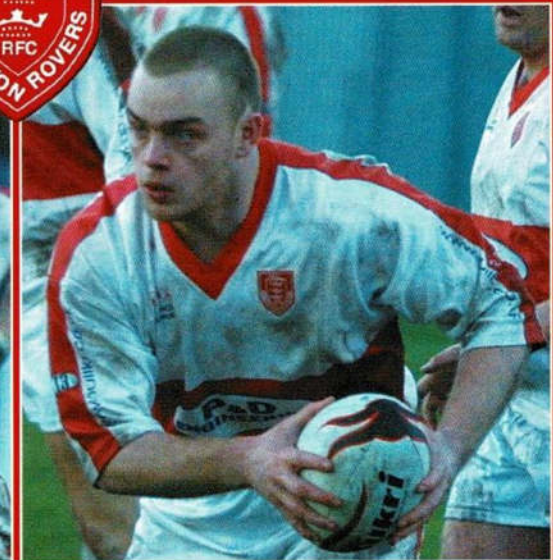
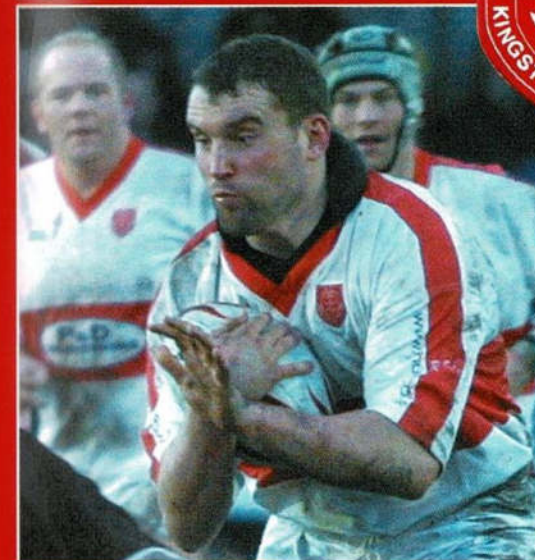
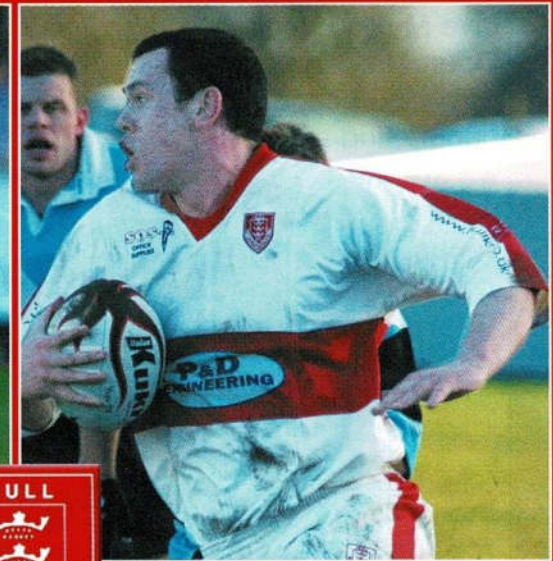
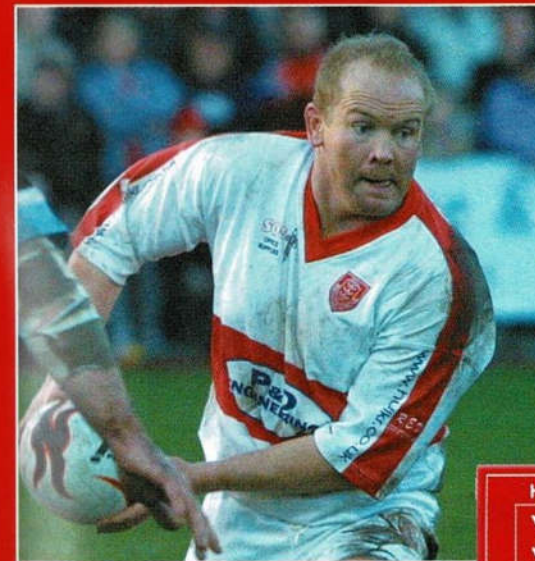
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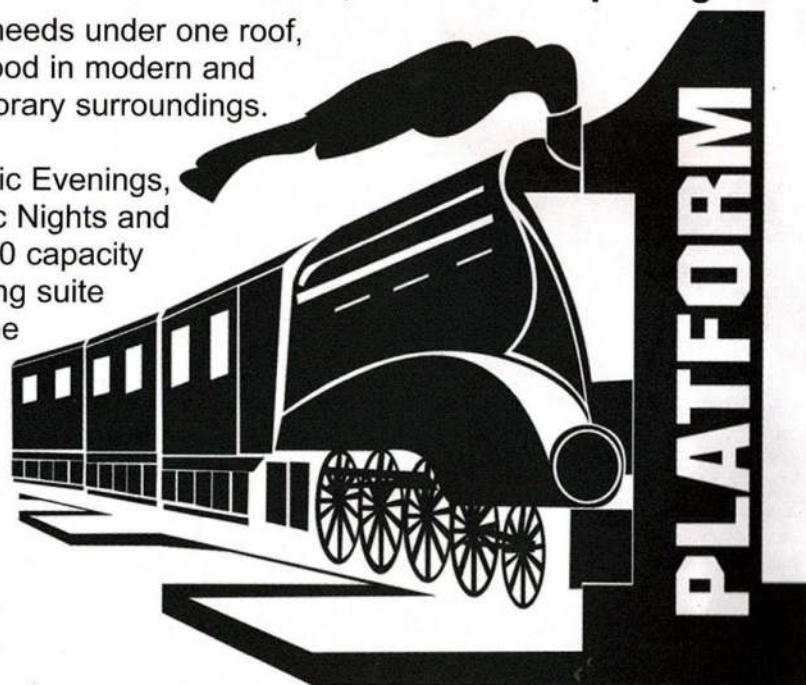
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**CHAIRMAN'S
WELCOME**

First of all, a big welcome to Makali Aizue after his arrival from Papua New Guinea to be here with us at Craven Park.

I have three wishes for him, that he soon settles into what must be a vastly different life in a new country, that he enjoys his rugby with us and that with some intensive coaching, he will prove to be as big a success for Hull Kingston Rovers as 'Stan the man' did. He will need all of our support and knowing the fans here I'm sure he will both receive and earn it.

Gutted, robbed and cheated would be very mild descriptions of the way I felt after the Featherstone match last Sunday. Our team played with real spirit, commitment and determination, displaying some great individual attacking skills and support to the hilt for each other in defence. To be robbed almost at the final whistle, as a result of a dubious pass, was heartbreaking for everyone who made the journey to the Lionheart Stadium.

Our luck must take a turn for the better soon and the decisions and results must start to go our way - for a change. On a better note, I was really pleased when our Academy registered their first win, on Friday May 23rd against Featherstone. It was a close game with the score line standing at 35 - 32 at the end. The team have been playing good rugby yet have lost, however, the Academy boys put up a superb performance and stuck to their task - right the way through the game - but this time, they got the result they deserved. Congratulations are due to Len Casey, Mike Potts and Jimmy Walker, who have kept the team's morale high and kept them motivated and focused - so come along to their games and watch the first team players of the future. Give them your support - they deserve it.

Thanks to everyone involved in the Trials Game held on Saturday, 24th May. My particular thanks go to those who organised the event, which went very well, as they gave up their time to supervise and evaluate almost forty players. We had a good turnout and so thanks are also due to all of the players who came along and put themselves in the shop window. Not everyone will be successful, but we intend to hold trials again in the future, so don't despair if you didn't get the call this time, come along and give it another go next time. Good luck to those selected to train with the club, I hope that they can make the professional grade. The road to making it as a professional rugby player means a lot of sacrifices have to be made, a great deal of commitment has to be given, it requires self discipline and high motivation. Those who are willing to give it their all can be sure of a place in our first team if they can stick to it.

Red and White Forever - Colin McNicol

**ROVERS' NEXT AWAY GAME**

The Robins next away game is in a fortnight, Sunday, June 15th when they visit the Doncaster Dragons. The teams have already played each other twice this season in the Arriva Cup Competition. The Dragons enjoyed a 21-8 victory at Craven Park before Rovers gained revenge at Belle Vue with a nail-biting 34-32 success. And with both teams continuing to improve after early season problems, another exciting clash looks assured. For all fans planning to travel to Belle Vue, the directions are as follows: M62 to Junction 35 (M18) to Junction 4. Follow signs for Doncaster Racecourse/ Belle Vue - Doncaster Rovers' Ground.

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CLUB NEWS

CURRENT AFFAIRS WITH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE - NICK HALAFIHI



I am sure that you have all noticed our 'new look' programme with new advertising, additional editorial and up to date photographs.

The Photographs have been provided by the club's new official photographer, Anthony Foster who is a freelance photographer and has already prepared various items of work for the club including not just the game day pictures but also other newsworthy items such as Makali's press conference.

With this in mind I would like to welcome Makali to the club, and am delighted that all the hard work in bringing him here has finally paid off. I think Makali will be able to offer Steve a wide running second rower, judging from his U-21 display last Friday he is certainly strong and fit but also comes with that typical Papua New Guinea trait physical toughness, I wish him luck and admire his courage for travelling all this way to play the great game of Rugby League without his family.

It has also been remiss of me not to welcome two new associate directors, John North and Graeme Cooke. Both John and Graeme have been offering invaluable support within the marketing, media and accountancy fields respectively. Thank you to both colleagues for all your assistance of late, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you over the last few months.

My personal thanks must also go to Dave, Kate and Kelly of Platform 1. The club recently held the press conference for Makali Aizue there and what a fantastic couple of hours it was. There was even some television coverage on BBC's Look North programme later in the evening, which hopefully is an indicative sign that off the field, progress is certainly being made...

MAKALI WITH DANIELLE LEDGER (LEFT) AND RACHEL LAMB



I also hope that you have all been keeping your eye out in the Hull Daily Mail and that you have seen the adverts which I have been placing in the paper from time to time. Here is my latest advert and I sincerely hope to see you there...

Thanks to the Clixby boys for ensuring the grass always looks neat and for cutting the trees in preparation for the new fence being erected. And finally, please note that although the club has already a number of Weddings, Funerals and other functions allocated for the summer months it is still taking bookings for all of its' function rooms.

MEET THE ROBINS AT PLATFORM 1

JOIN THE PLAYERS AT PLATFORM 1 ON HEDON ROAD FOR A PLAYERS EVENING TO REMEMBER...

As part of their new 'On the Road' experience the Robins players will be visiting different places in and around the city to raise awareness and help to market the 'Craven Park' club in the local community.

This Sunday, June 1st will see the First Team and Under-21 players join together for a great night at one of club's biggest sponsors, Platform 1 on Hedon Road.

The evening will start at 9 p.m. and go through the evening with a late bar until 12 a.m.

There will also be an opportunity for supporters to sit and chat to the players and chance their luck in a raffle which includes a players' signed shirt as the main prize.

The evening should really be one to remember and the Board members, players and staff will all be present so I would encourage you to pop down and ask those questions, meet those players and enjoy a really great evening...



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TEAM TALK WITH COACH STEVE LINNANE

A big welcome to the players, officials and supporters of the Oldham club here today for what should be an excellent game of rugby league football.

I must also give a big thank you to our own supporters who over the last few weeks have been magnificent and also very patient and hopefully we can repay that loyal support with a win. The team is heading in the right direction and we are on the way to turning things round.

Today will certainly not be easy against an Oldham side that had a big but not unexpected win over Leigh last week. I have said from the outset that National League Division One is a very tough tournament and you only have to look at recent results in Doncaster running Salford close last weekend, the Oldham result as I have already mentioned and earlier in the season Featherstone getting one over Salford. Once we get a run of three or four consecutive wins under our belts and that is all it will take, then we will be up there vying for a play-off place.

Hopefully we can get through a full eighty minutes without being on the end of some contentious decisions going against us and pick up the league points.

I would like everyone at the club to give a big Craven Park welcome to our recent signing Makali Aizue who will start today on the bench but that is not to say that he will not have a massive impact and do both himself and Hull Kingston Rovers proud. Thank you for your continued support.



Steve Linnane

ROVERS NEXT HOME GAME

ROVERS V DEWSBURY RAMS - SUNDAY JUNE 22ND. KICK-OFF 6PM

Rovers next home match will be in three weeks' time when they entertain the Dewsbury Rams. Like the Robins, Dewsbury - who will probably include ex-Craven Park favourite Richard Slater in their line-up - have managed only one win from their opening five league matches and are currently bottom of the table.

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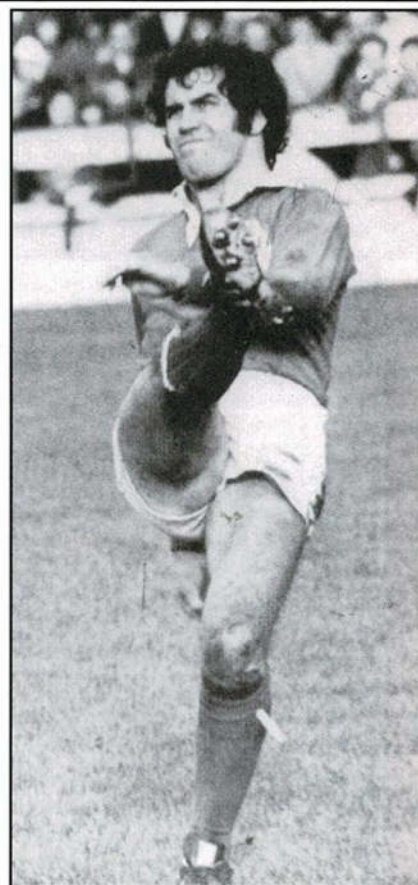
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ROVERS' HALF-TIME QUIZ

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE TEAMS?

1. Andy McNally recently joined Castleford Tigers from which National League One club?
2. Which club has recently denied their ground was in danger of being closed down over safety fears?
3. At which club is businessman John Wright the Chairman?
4. Which club play their home games at Boundary Park?
5. Which club does Steve McCormack coach?
6. Which club did Sky TV pundit 'Stevo' win a Championship Medal with in 1973?
7. Which club has the worst attack in National League One, having scored only 65 points in 5 matches?
8. Mark Toohey has been named in the National League One Squad to face their Super League counterparts - which club does he play for?
9. The legendary David Watkins holds the most goals in a career record for which club?
10. Mick Nannyn is the National League One leading goalkicker with 24, which team does he play for?

DAVID WATKINS - SEE QUESTION 9



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JANUARY

19th	York City Knights	ATNC	Away	W	26-36
26th	Siddal - CHALLENGE CUP RD. 3		Home	W	28-0

FEBRUARY

2nd	Featherstone Rovers	ATNC	Home	W	20-0
9th	Rochdale Hornets - CHALLENGE CUP RD. 4		Away	W	20-27
16th	London Skolars	ATNC	Away	W	8-24
23rd	Sheffield Eagles	ATNC	Home	W	30-24
28th	Salford City Reds - CHALLENGE CUP RD. 5		Home	L	2-12

MARCH

9th	Doncaster Dragons	ATNC	Home	L	8-21
16th	Featherstone Rovers	ATNC	Away	L	44-20
23rd	York City Knights	ATNC	Home	W	32-14
30th	Doncaster Dragons	ATNC	Away	W	32-34

APRIL

6th	Sheffield Eagles	ATNC	Away	L	33-26
13th	London Skolars	ATNC	Home	W	86-0
18th	Leigh Centurions	NL1	Home	L	17-28
21st	Rochdale Hornets	NL1	Away	L	29-18

MAY

4th	Whitehaven	NL1	Away	L	26-2
11th	Batley Bulldogs	NL1	Home	W	16-10
18th	Batley Bulldogs	ATQF	Home	L	12-16
25th	Featherstone Rovers	NL1	Away	L	14-12

JUNE

1st	Oldham	NL1	Home		
15th	Doncaster Dragons	NL1	Away		
22nd	Dewsbury Rams	NL1	Home		
29th	Leigh Centurions	NL1	Away		

JULY

13th	Salford City Reds	NL1	Away		
20th	Rochdale Hornets	NL1	Home		
27th	Whitehaven	NL1	Home		

AUGUST

3rd	Batley Bulldogs	NL1	Away		
10th	Featherstone Rovers	NL1	Home		
17th	Oldham	NL1	Away		
24th	Doncaster Dragons	NL1	Home		
31st	Dewsbury Rams	NL1	Away		

SEPTEMBER

7th	Salford City Reds	NL1	Home		
14th	NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS				
21st	NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE 8th vs NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE 9th				
28th	NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS				

OCTOBER

5th	NATIONAL LEAGUES ONE & TWO - GRAND FINALS				
12th	NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE 8th/9th vs NATIONAL LEAGUE TWO GRAND FINAL RUNNER UP				

Key: ATNC - Arriva Trains Cup. NL1 - National League One

TODAY'S VISITORS

JON GODDARD

Aged 20, Goddard came to Oldham on loan in the 2002 season on the high recommendation of Castleford boss, Graham Steadman. 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 transission from a full back to a very competent centre.

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.

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.

GARETH BARBER

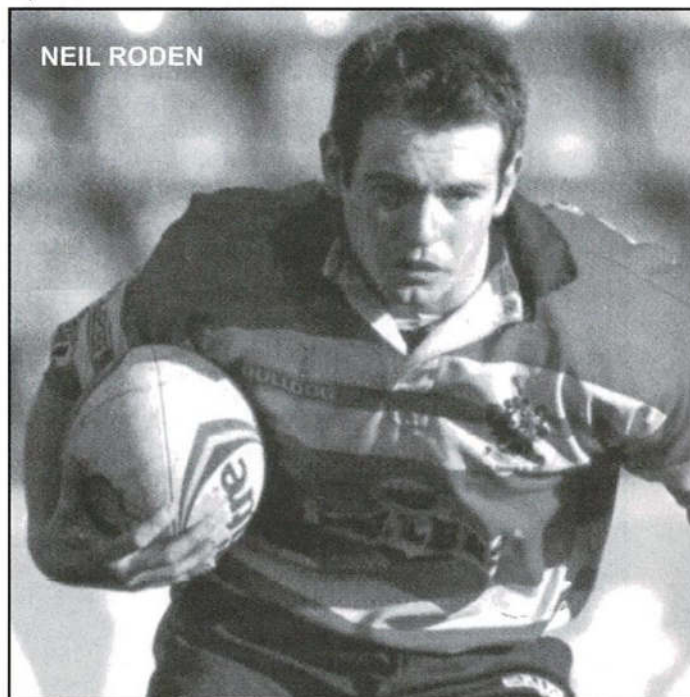
A 21 year old Oldham born Half back who was reared on rugby with his best pal, Leeds and Great Britain forward Kevin Sinfield. When Sinfield signed for the Rhinos, Barber signed for Warrington, but returned "home" to Oldham before the start of the 2000/2001 season. A promising young player who made the 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.

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 one 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.

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 number sevens outside Super League.



NEIL RODEN

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, who will be an important play-maker in the Roughyeds' armoury 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.

CHRIS IRWIN

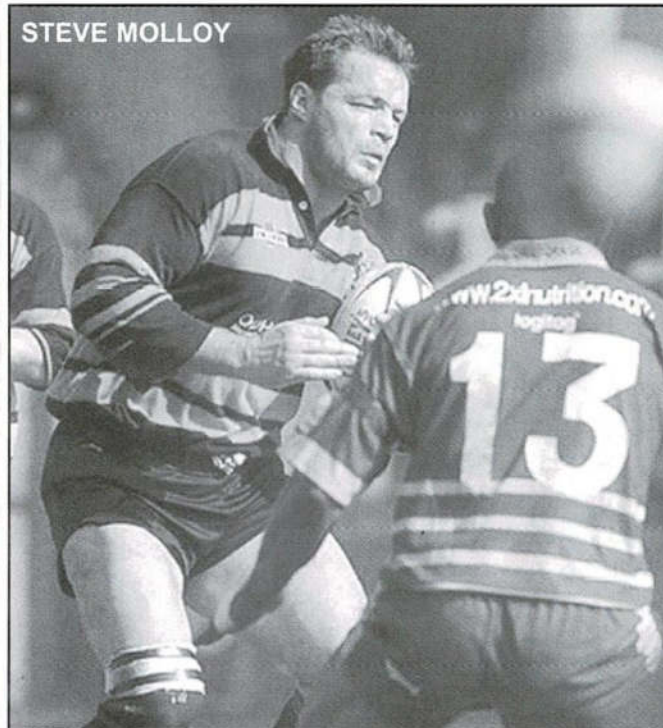
Another player signed from Leigh Centurions at the end of the 2002 season. Chris is happy on the wing or at fullback. He has natural pace and will be a great asset to the Oldham back line wherever he is chosen to play.

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STEVE MOLLOY

The experienced 33 year old, ex England captain, 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.

STEVE MOLLOY



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.

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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.

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.

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.

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 two 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.

As we are entertaining our friends from Oldham today we shall concentrate on some of the past league fixtures between our two clubs, as we've already covered Challenge Cup ties and play-off matches in previous home programmes against Oldham. In the league it was the 1967/1968 season before Rovers' came away from Oldham with any league points, this after 23 consecutive losses in Lancashire. The match that broke this sequence of defeats took place on Tuesday 3rd October 1967. The match only went ahead after strenuous efforts from the Robins' Chairman at that time, Wilf Spaven, as Oldham wanted the game postponed, as after continuous heavy rain in the area for several days they considered their Watersheddings pitch unfit. However the match referee Eric Clay agreed that the pitch was playable and the game duly went ahead.

It was the proverbial game of two halves with Oldham looking the better side in the first half due in no small part to the efforts of their pack, and this despite an outstanding display from Bill Holliday who was the Robins' best player on the night. Oldham went in at the break leading by 7 points to 2 with full back Brian Curry scoring their points and Cyril Kellett kicking a lone goal for the visitors. However Rovers made tactical changes at the interval with Phil Lowe being switched to his more normal position in the forwards, he had played left centre in the opening half, Alan Burwell moving from wing to centre and Brian Brook coming in on the wing. All this meant that Gordon Young did not reappear for the second half.

In the second period Rovers gradually got on top, as the Oldham pack seemed to tire. However it took a remarkable try from David Elliott to win the match. Oldham's full back Brian Curry made a clearance kick from inside his own quarter which Elliott took on the full, the ball coming to him at some pace, and raced unopposed to the sticks which with Kellett's conversion and a late penalty from the same player, secured the Robins a 9 points to 7 victory. Tries still worth only three points in those days.



WILF SPAVEN

The Robins had gone into the match minus Roger Millward, Chris Young and Terry Major who had all been selected to play for Yorkshire against the Australian tourists the following night. The two sides lined up as follows Oldham: Curry, Elliott, Donovan, McCormack, Murphy, Broomhead, Canning, Ogden, Smith, Wilson, Irving, Hill and Maders. Hull Kingston Rovers: Kellett, Coupland, Moore, Lowe, Burwell, Elliott, Cooper, Holliday, Flanagan, Taylor, Hickson, Mennell and Young (G) Sub: Brook. This win took the Robins to third in the league table, then made up of thirty clubs.

As to the last league draw between the two clubs we do not have to go too far back, it took place on Wednesday 17th March 1999 and was played here at Craven Park. The original fixture having been postponed due to the Craven Park pitch being unfit.

The Robins went into this match without Stanley Gene a late withdrawal due to an ankle injury and also missing Mike Dixon and David Luckwell. The first half was a very dour affair the only score being a penalty goal from Oldham forward Quinlan in the third minute.

It was nearly an hour before the first try arrived and it went to Rovers with Robert Danby creating a try for Ian Hughes to make it 4 points to 2 in the home sides' favour. Then centre Josh

Bostock scored a try for Oldham converted by ex "Roverite" Daniel Brown to put the visitors in front by 8 points to 4.

However with fifteen minutes left on the clock Chris Kitching scored an unconverted try for the home side to level the scores and with that being the last score the match it ended 8 points all.

The two teams were as follows, Hull Kingston Rovers: Smith (R); Rouse, Danby, Taewa, Wray, Kitching, Gray, Dannatt, Chamberlain, Thompson, Smith (A), Fletcher and Charles. Subs. Bibby, Harrison, Hardy and Hughes. Oldham: Minut, Meade, Leulia, Bostock, McNicholas, Crook, Brown, Casey, Hough, Clegg, Shaw, Quinlan and Martindale. Subs. Coulter, Perrett, Peralta and Prescott. The Man of the Match was considered to be Paul Fletcher and an attendance of 2,080 watched the game, the Robins having gone into the match at the top of the Northern Ford Premiership table with 6 points from 3 games.

LOOKING BACK

Going back to the 15th October 1960 the Robins' were involved in another draw with Oldham this time the match being played at Craven Park on Holdemess Road. It was one

of the rare occasions they came up against what was arguably the finest Oldham side of all time, although by the time this match was played stars such as our former player Derek Turner and Don Vines had left the club for "pastures new" at Wakefield Trinity. However they still paraded the likes of Bernard Ganley, Ike Southward, Alan Davies and Charlie Winslade in their side.

The Robins were first on the scoreboard thanks to an interception try from Arthur Bunting goaled by Cyril Kellett to put them 5 points to 0 up. However winger Ike Southward at that time on the transfer list at £13,500 scored in the corner, and shortly after he got another this one made by Johnny Noon and Davies, full back Ganley goaled the second to give Oldham an 8 points to 5 lead. Cyril Kellett pulled back 2 points with a penalty when Frank Pitchford was penalised, before on the stroke of halftime Southward completed his hat-trick with a classic move direct from a scrum. Oldham therefore went in at the break leading by 11 points to 7.

Rovers however were not to be denied and two more Kellett penalties in the second half secured the draw, the latter when Bunting was obstructed, and serious claims for a penalty try were turned down. Over 7,000 fans, Rovers best home gate so far that season watched the match.

The two sides were Hull Kingston Rovers: Kellett, Harris, Riley, Clark, Burwell, Paul, Bunting, Grice, Flanagan, Coverdale, Kingsbury, Taylor and Last. Oldham: Ganley, Southward, Davies, Noon, Patterson, Kellett, Pitchford, Payne, McIntyre, Goddard, Winslade, Duffy and Robinson. Alvin Ackerley Rovers first choice hooker had missed the game due to a bout of 'flu and in the Oldham side at No.9 was Len McIntyre later to drop a match saving goal for Oldham in the first of those three epic cup semi-finals in 1964.



Bill Holliday and Arthur Bunting (top) who were the joint winners of Rovers' Player of the Year Award in 1966 and Cyril Kellett and Dave Elliott who both celebrated ten years with the Robins during September 1966.

DAVE SHERWOOD
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JUNIOR ROBINS' NEWS

It is never too late to join the Junior Robins, pick up an application form from the club shop or contact Mark or Drew. Mark can be contacted by mail to Hull KR Junior Robins here at Craven Park or by phone on 07788 792966 (Vodafone). You can check out the latest Junior Robins photos at <http://hkr.freehome.com/index.html>. If you would like to be a mascot for an 'away' match then please give Drew a call on 707655 and the necessary arrangements will be made. There has been a lack of volunteers recently so the chances of being a mascot on Rovers' travels are quite good. Please get in touch.

We now have red Junior Robins Polo Shirts available in ALL sizes in stock priced at £10 each. Baseball caps are back in stock at only £7 each and are 100% brushed cotton. Also some good news is that the 20% birthday discount offer has now been extended to the replica shirts. Let's see as many Rovers and Junior Robins shirts in the parks and streets after school as possible - Wear them with pride. After the success of the Lightwater Valley trip, we will be going to Flamingo Land in August. However, we would like your suggestions for a night at Craven Park, maybe a disco or quiz, touch rugby etc etc. We need functions that will be fun for everyone.

Regards and all the best, Drew

Congratulations to Paul Pickering and Jamie Bovill (below left and centre) on their selection for the National League One Under 21 Squad



ROCKIN' WITH RUFUS

Hi Rufus and Rockie here, We were unlucky last week, I thought we would just do it. Nice to see my mate Craig back he's been on holiday. Have you noticed that Rockie has got another pot on? It's her third one this year. I'm going to send her for some flying lessons to stop her falling over! I think she likes one of the doctors at Hull Royal so keeps going back. Congratulations to Nikki from ASDA Kingswood who had a little boy two weeks ago. She has called him Mason and he was seven weeks early so she missed the Batley game. I'm sure you will see him at a game soon. News on Whetu, he is playing rugby again in New Zealand and is learning to lay bricks. I will keep you up to date with his whereabouts. Cheer the lads on.
Love, Rockie and Rufus xxxxx



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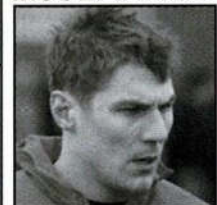
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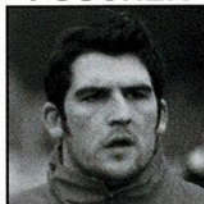
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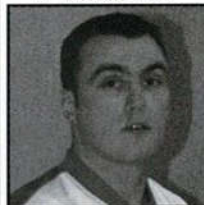
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MUCH BETTER. That was my reaction to Rovers' performance at the Lionheart Stadium last Sunday. Bearing in mind the conditions the handling was far better than in the recent past, everyone stuck to their task manfully and it was sad the Robins should have been denied a win by a try which started off with a blatantly forward pass. And that's not taking anything away from Steve Dooler's try which was a wonderful effort. Once again people drafted into the team at the last minute came up with the goods. Dave Wilson deputised for Ally McClarron and had a good game, and to say he had been out of first team action for some time Steve Cochran had a steady match at hooker, keeping things well together. New boy Makali Aizue shivered on the sidelines as his acclimatisation to the British weather continued. The man from Papua New Guinea seems to be fitting in well with his new teammates although there are occasions when it is difficult not to think it is Stanley Gene under the woolly hat.

By the time you read this there may have been some more light shed on the way Rovers will deal with the new share issue.

At the moment the least that is said about the subject the better, just let's hope it is resolved quickly so the club can go forward quickly.

One thing intrigues me however about things such as the EGM. How can our rugby league papers carry reports which bear little resemblance to the truth without being there?

One said the attempts for the club to double its shareholding had been scuppered. That was not true. The motion to double the share capital was approved by a show of hands, it was how to do it that caused the problem.

Another comment was that the move had caused a boardroom split. But it was the board which proposed the change, the opponents may have been shareholders, but they were not members of the board.

Without giving too much credit to our Black and White rivals across the river it was rather nice to see St Helens on the end of a drubbing at the KC. Indeed if you had not known you could have been forgiven for thinking it was the champions playing in Black and White and not Ian Millward's lads.

There's another tough task coming up today with the visit of Oldham, but after last weekend's battling display you would have to fancy Rovers on their home ground. If everyone puts the same effort in to their

work today as they did at the Lionheart, Rovers should pick up two more points.

Much has been said about the contribution of some of the younger players this season, and it is great to see Jamie Bovill and Paul Pickering named in the National League One under 21 side to play their Super League counterparts next month.

Both honours are well deserved, Jamie for his comeback from that potentially career threatening knee ligament injury almost two years ago, and Paul for making such tremendous progress in his first professional season. Also it was very nice to see a former Rovers academy player, Shaun Leaf, has been selected

to captain the Academic Lion Cubs (Under 18s) on their Australian tour. That really is a tremendous honour. Leaf says he would like to thank all the many people in Hull who has supported him, because he has had to raise part of the cost of the tour himself. And he is a very lucky young man to be making the tour at all. Recently on his way back from a practice match against Leigh East his car was in collision with a lorry on the M62. The car was a write-off, but Leaf and his team-mates although shaken, were unhurt.

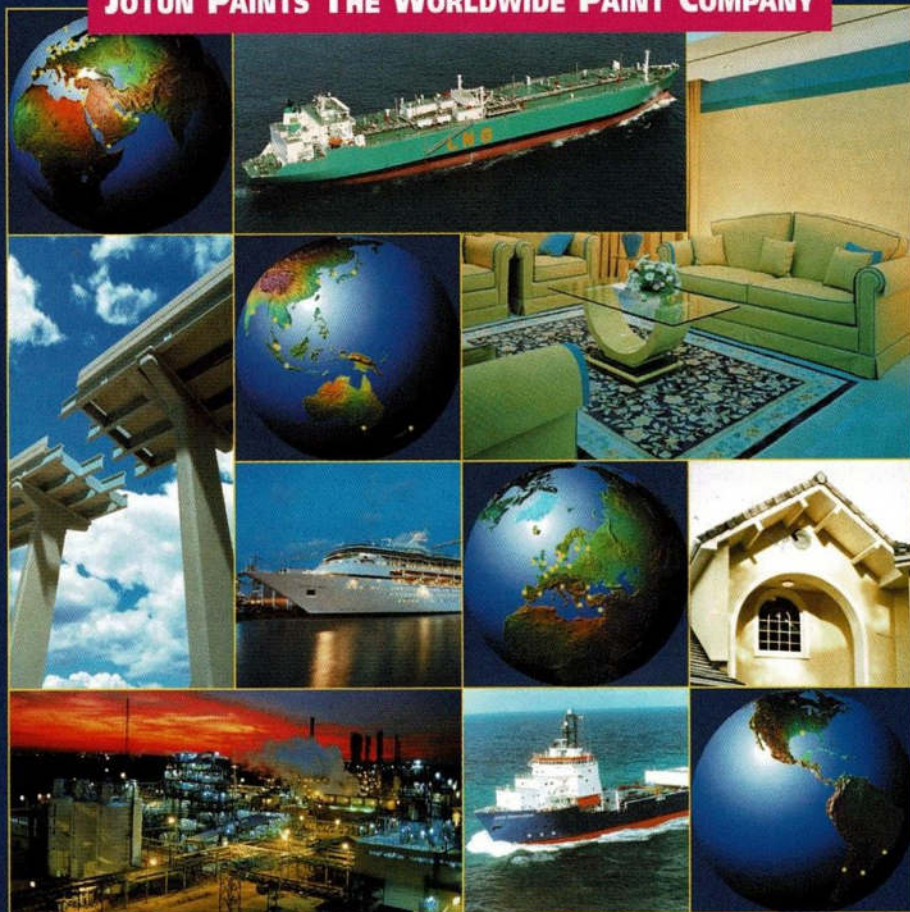
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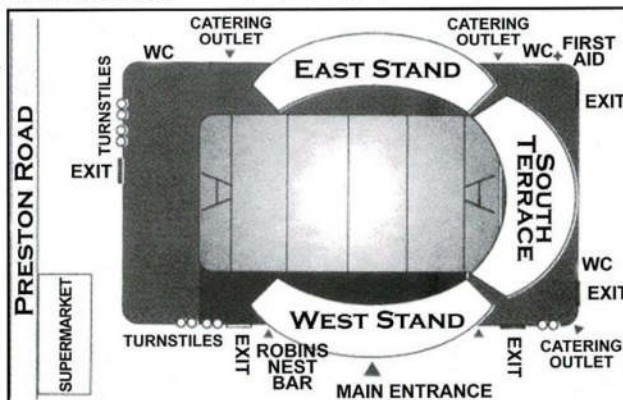
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