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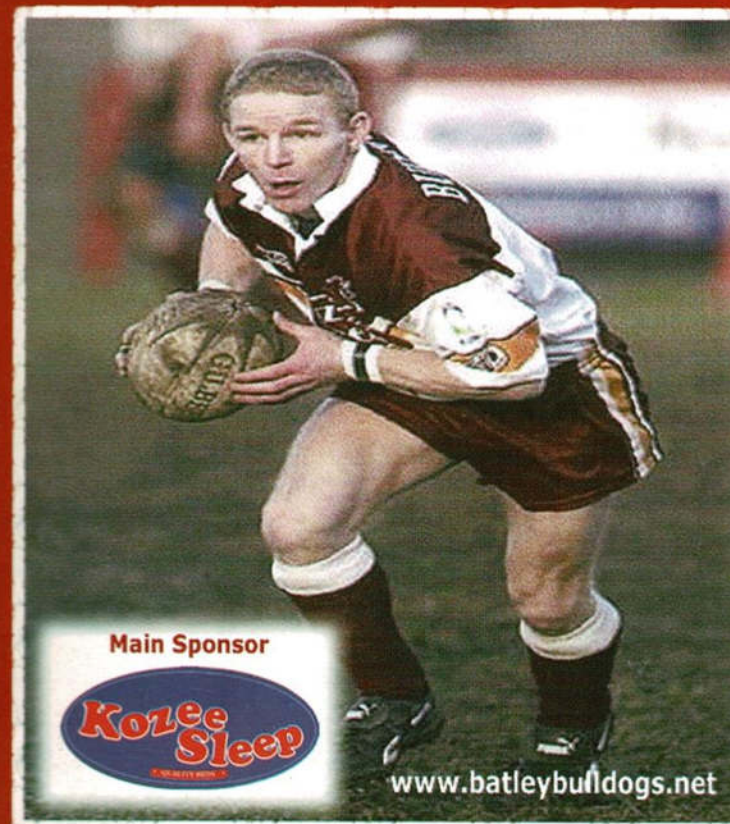
Head Coach: Paul Storey

No.	NAME	T	G	DG
1	Mark Sibson			
2	Simon Lewis			
3	Chris Spurr			
4	Danny Maun			
5	Leon Williamson			
6	Mark Toohey			
7	Barry Eaton			
8	Joe Nadiole			
9	Gavin Swinson			
10	Andy Spink			
11	David Rourke			
12	Will Cartledge			
13	Ryan Horsley			
14	Mark Cass			
15	Joe Berry			
16	Paul Harrison			
17	Craig Booth			

OLDHAM ROUGHYEDS

Head Coach: Steve Molloy

No.	NAME	T	G	DG
1	Jon Goddard			
2	Iain Marsh			
3	Paul Anderson			
4	Dan Potter			
5	Gavin Dodd			
6	Gareth Barber			
7	Keith Brennan			
8	Steve Molloy			
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Welcome to the Mount



IN THE CHAIR
Kevin Nicholas – Chairman

Welcome to our friends from Oldham for yet another tough encounter in prospect. We are both desperate to win, but we more than Oldham need the points.

What a disappointment last week after a start where I thought we played some of our best rugby of the season, to then collapse as we did before half time was pretty poor. We seem to forget at the moment that a game lasts 80 minutes but it's worse when we show what we can do, and then stop doing it. It is make or break time now as we come to the halfway mark in the season we have to stop under performing and get out of the relegation zone QUICK. I can understand the frustration amongst the supporters, but as I have said before I have no time for anonymous people having a go at the club whether it be at players, coaches or the board.

At Batley the coaches and the board are all Batley people who just want us to succeed and we will try our best. The coach picks the team and the board picks the coach so the board has ultimate responsibility.

All I ask is no abuse to anyone and if you think the board are not up to it then I for one will listen to anyone wanting to take over but make sure there is a replacement first. Alternatively just trust everyone at the club to keep

on trying to get things right, get behind the team and coach and let's stick together. We will get there in the end.

Great news today with all the new seats in the heritage stand and the new classroom more or less completed. We are waiting for Ikea to install the flooring and furnishings but things are looking good and hopefully it will be used today. On the long stand front I have contacted sport England to try to commence the stand without full funding which if agreed will mean we will start building at the top but without further funding it will end part way down. This is better than losing the grant altogether and I hope to have news within a month to start building work in September if approved. If it's not approved it will not happen, which is a shame.

I hope everyone enjoys the game today and stays afterwards for our party with the rock band Valhalla. Thanks to Simon at the White Hart for all his help and we hope to raise money for the club and enjoy ourselves. It is £3 entrance to pay for the band but those at the game obviously get in free but we will have a bucket collection as we have a new boiler to pay for.

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What can one say when one is striving to find the right formula? For the first half hour at Featherstone we performed to the game plans. One Featherstone try that should have been stopped, and to go in at half time 10-20 was very disappointing. I believe when a side goes 10 points up, it should settle down and eventually win most games.

There is no doubt about it, I am always searching to strengthen the squad and I am determined to get back on the right path. Hopefully, we will have signed Danny Thomas from Leeds and he will add something to the back division.

National League One is a tough division, when you consider we've already played the top 4 in Salford, Leigh, Rochdale and Whitehaven. We now play Oldham, Dewsbury and Doncaster. We need to grab some points as we pass the half way mark. I have confidence in the team to claw their way back into a better league position.

There is one thing for sure; it will not be for the lack of effort on my part or the team's part.

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"The Mount Scene"

By Club Historian & Programme Editor - Laurie Grailey.

The Rochdale game proved to be a major disappointment to all - A must win home game that sadly went totally wrong. Basic mistakes proved to be our undoing.

The following week and our Arriva Trains Cup Semi Final tie at Salford City Reds ended our involvement in the tournament as we were predictably outplayed by the Division's top team. A sound start degenerated into a one sided contest as Salford moved into the final against Leigh Centurians.

The serious business is now really underway and last week saw us make the short journey to the Lionheart Stadium for the local derby with Featherstone Rovers, another must win game which started off in tremendous fashion as we held a 10 - 0 lead, however, we let Rovers back in the game and eventually they took control and another 2 points went begging.

This emphasises the importance of today's game and the derby at Dewsbury next week - 2 games that we dare not lose otherwise things will be bleak in the extreme. So come on lads - wins are long overdue.

Moving on and the current stats position for 2002 - 03 Season stands as follows;

Goal Kicking - Barry Eaton has landed 83 goals from 111 attempts which provides a 75% success rate. Craig Booth missed with his only attempt at goal.

Try scoring - Leading try scorer is Craig Lingard with 16 followed by Mark Sibson, Mark Toohey and Chris Spurr who all stand on 8.

Points scoring - Barry Eaton is currently the outright leader with 174 points.

Consecutive appearances - The longest run of consecutive appearances is held by Paul Harrison who has featured in the last 42 matches. Ryan Horsley stands in second place on 32.

Consecutive games scored in - To date Barry Eaton has played and scored in all twenty two games this season. Incidentally following the Featherstone Rovers match, Barry remains the only player in professional Rugby League this season to have played and scored in every one of his team's competitive games - Well done Barry !

The only other player to feature in all 22 competitive games is Ryan Horsley.

Penalty count - The season total stands at 185 to Batley and 164 to our combined opponents. The penalty count in the Rochdale game was 6 - 3 in our favour. At Salford it ended 4 - 14 against and the Featherstone game yielded 4 to us and 5 to Rovers.

Laurie

Who Let The Dogs Out?

In Town Today

Oldham Roughyeds

by Laurie Grailey

A comprehensive report of the history between the 2 clubs, players who have played for both clubs, the most recent meeting between the teams and facts about the town of Oldham itself.

History - To date Batley have played Oldham 86 times. Batley have won 31 of these games and Oldham have won 45. In addition 10 games have ended in a draw. In total Batley have scored 840 points and Oldham have scored 1,203 points.

Appeared for both clubs - Several players have appeared for both clubs over the years here are some of them;

Backs: Probably the most famous being former Batley 'great', John Etty. Others include current Bulldogs, Anthony Gibbons, David Gibbons and Mark Sibson. In addition ex Doncaster scrum half Mick McCone, centre, Mick Parrish and wingman, Hugh Gumbs,

Forwards: Props, Jason Clegg, and former Batley club captain Gary Lord, hooker John Clarke, second row forward Craig Richards, former New Zealand International, Mike Kuiti and current Bulldog, Joe Naidole. Current Oldham coach, Steve Molloy, strangely enough represented both clubs as a player during season 2001 - 02.

Last encounter - Was on 29.9.2002 in the Northern Ford Premiership Minor Elimination Semi Final at Mount Pleasant. 2,838 spectators saw an epic struggle on a glorious day which Batley edged 26 -16 having led 18 - 8 at halftime. Dean Lawford landed 6 goals (including 2 drop goals) and tries were added by Craig Lingard, David Rourke, Glen Tomlinson and Paul Harrison.

Facts about the town of Oldham - Oldham is recognised as the greatest cotton spinning town in the world. In the centre of the town is Alexandra Park which was built in 1865. It lies in 72 acres of woodland and incorporates a boating lake and a pagoda which was built as a meteorological observatory in 1899.

The area of Tommyfield used to be famous in years gone by for holding fairs, sideshows and circuses. In the present day it is home to an outdoor permanent market - one of the largest in the North of England. In 1999 Oldham celebrated 150 years of municipal status and democratic heritages.

Famous people who were born and bred in Oldham include; Eric Sykes, Dora Bryan, Bernard Cribbins, Cannon & Ball, Sid Little, Philip Schofield, Anne Kirkbride plus the town was also home to the world's first test tube baby - Louise Brown.

Oldham Roughyeds Player Profiles 2003

Paul Anderson

Paul signed from Leigh Centurions for the beginning of the 2003 season. His preferred position is centre three-quarter 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 Halfback 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 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 Great Britain 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.

John Hough

The first player to sign for his hometown 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.

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.

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.

Martin McGloughlin

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.

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.

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.



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It is the start of another term and things are still moving forward for the Study Centre. However, our two schools this term, Staincliffe and Leaside are being very patient, as we have had to postpone the date in which their "Playing for Success" sessions start until the classroom is nearer completion. It is understandable though, that Ikea will not start any design until the building works are complete, for the health and safety of their employees. Their input will be the final phase of the works.

We will be running 2 sessions each evening, once the classroom is complete, starting with year 5 and year 6 from the schools above. This will give us the space to run sessions simultaneously. Until then we will run one session per night, so the children will be attending once a week before half term and hopefully twice a week after.

We have just been to Hinckley for our Playing for Success national conference. Here we tried hard to put Batley Bulldogs on the map at every opportunity. Jeanette interviewed Ron in front of a huge audience of other Centre managers, sports club personnel and education people. We also ran a workshop, which explained even though we are a small club compared to the football's Premiership teams who are involved; we can still provide the goods just as well. We hope this helped new Centre Managers from other small clubs not to be daunted by the likes of the fashionable clubs of the moment. The children are the most important thing in Playing for Success, and they love coming to the Centre whoever we are.... even if we were set up at Accrington Stanley!!!

With regards to the Children's Fund, the contract is not yet through, so as soon as we get one we can start planning day sessions (Playing for Success only funds after school sessions). We hope that these will be running in September.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Tracy, our Mentor Co-ordinator who got married just before Easter. We wish her all the happiness married life can bring.

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Spotlight on

MARK TOOHEY

Date of birth	16.6.1982
Nationality	English
Place of birth	Dewsbury
Place of residence	Batley
Marital status	Single
Family details	None Stated
Height	6 Foot One Inch
Weight	15.5 stone
Nickname	Toohy
Preferred position	Second Row
Previous clubs	None
Honours gained	None
Career highlight	Play-offs for Batley
Career low point	None as yet
Most respected player (current)	Paul Harrison
Most respected player (Past)	Glen Tomlinson
Hardest tackler faced	None
Hardest player to tackle	None
Greatest influence on career	Dad
Most memorable game and why	Oldham in last year's play-offs
Favourite ground	None stated
Worst ground	None stated
Favourite other sports	Football
Greatest playing strength	Tackling
Any other interests	Sport
Worst rule in the game	None stated
Best coach	Mark Fortis
Favourite drink	Tea
Favourite food	Beef
Favourite type of music	Anything
Favourite holiday spot	Spain
Favourite actor	Peter Kay
Favourite movie	1.8.7
Favourite TV	Friends
Greatest dislike	None stated
Ambitions within the game	All the way to the top
Life after rugby	Work
Any advice for young players	100% at all times

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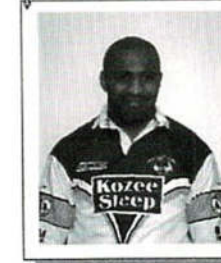
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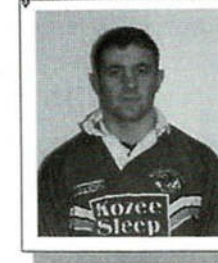
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19.1.2003	Arriva Cup	Hunslet Hawks (H)	16-8	801	Lingard	Lewis	Gibbons A	Maun	Williamson	Gibbons D	Eaton 2 G	Booth	Lythe	Naidole	Rourke T	Toohey	Horsley T	Cass	Harrison	Berry	Spink T
26.1.2003	TXU Energi CC Rd 3	West Bowling (A)	34-12	1047	Lingard 1 T	Spurr 1 T	Gibbons A 1 T	Maun	Bramald	Toohey 3 T	Eaton 5 G	Booth	Lythe	Naidole	Rourke	Cartledge	Horsley	Lewis	Harrison	Berry	Spink
8.2.2003	Powergen CC Rd 4	Wath Brow Hornets (A)	18-6	1333	Lingard	Sibson	Gibbons A	Lewis T	Williamson	Gibbons D	Eaton 3G T	Booth	Swinson	Spink	Rourke	Toohey	Horsley	Cass	Harrison T	Berry	Dyson
16.2.2003	Arriva Cup	Keighley Cougars (A)	30-12	1209	Lingard 3 T	Sibson	Gibbons A	Spurr T	Williamson	Gibbons D	Eaton 5G	Naidole	Cass	Spink	Rourke	Cartledge T	Horsley	Dyson	Harrison	Berry	Booth
23.2.2003	Arriva Cup	London Skolars (H)	82-4	577	Lingard T	North 2T	Spurr T	Lewis T	Bramald T	Gibbons D 2T	Eaton 11G	Booth 2T	Lythe	Berry	Beard T	Toohey T	Horsley T	Maun	Harrison T	Spink	SwinsonT
28.2.2003	Powergen CC Rd 5	St Helens (A)	12-38	5002	Lingard	Sibson	Gibbons A T	Lewis	Williamson	Gibbons D	Eaton 2G	Booth	Cass	Naidole	Rourke	Toohey	Horsley	Maun	Harrison T	Berry	Cartledge
5.3.2003	Arriva Cup	Sheffield Eagles (A)	8-18	731	Lingard	Dyson	Gibbons A	Maun	Bramald	Gibbons D	Eaton 2G	Naidole	Lythe	Berry	Rourke	Cartledge	Horsley	Spurr	Harrison	Toohey	Booth T
9.3.2003	Arriva Cup	Dewsbury Rams (A)	18-22	1432	Lingard	Sibson	Gibbons A T	Maun	Williamson	Gibbons D	Eaton 3G	Booth	Cass	Spink	Rourke	Toohey T	Horsley	Lewis	Harrison T	Berry	Cartledge
16.3.2003	Arriva Cup	Sheffield Eagles (H)	62-12	639	Lingard 4T	Sibson T	Spurr 4T	Maun	Williamson	Toohey	Eaton 9G	Booth	Swinson	Spink T	Rourke	Harrison	Horsley T	Cass	Gibbons A	Berry	Naidole
23.3.2003	Arriva Cup	Hunslet Hawks (A)	24-30	658	Lingard T	Sibson T	Gibbons A	Spurr	Williamson	Gibbons D	Eaton 4G	Booth	Swinson T	Spink	Rourke	Toohey T	Horsley	Cass	Harrison	Berry	Maun
30.3.2003	Arriva Cup	Dewsbury Rams (H)	16-21	952	Lingard	Sinon 2T	Gibbons A	Maun	Williamson	Gibbons D	Eaton 2G	Booth	Cass	Spink	Rourke	Toohey T	Horsley	Spurr	Harrisons	Berry	Naidole
4.4.2003	Arriva Cup	London Skolars (A)	56-12	307	Lingard 3T	Sibson T	Gibbons A T	Lewis T	Bramald T	Hough T	Eaton 8G	Naidole	Cass	Spink	Rourke	Cartledge	Horsley	Maun T	Harrison T	Booth	Hill
13.4.2003	Arriva Cup	Keighley Cougars (H)	40-16	737	Lingard T	Sibson T	Lewis T	Maun	Williamson	Toohey T	Eaton 8G	Naidole	Swinson	Spink T	Rourke	Cartledge	Horsley T	Cass	Harrison	Berry	Hill
18.4.2003	National League 1	Dewsbury Rams (H)	28-10	1245	Lingard T	Sibson	Lewis	Maun T	Bramald T	Toohey	Eaton 4G	Booth	Swinson	Spink T	Rourke	Cartledge	Horsley T	Cass	Harrison	Berry	Naidole
21.4.2003	National League 1	Salford City Reds (A)	12-54	2074	Lingard	Sibson	Swinson	Maun T	Bramald T	Toohey	Eaton 2G	Booth	Lythe	Naidole	Rourke	Cartledge	Horsley	Williamson	Harrison	Berry	Hill
4.5.2003	National League 1	Leigh Centurions (H)	12-38	1034	Lingard T	Bramald	Lewis	Maun	Williamson T	Gibbons D	Eaton 2G	Spink	Cartledge	Hill	Harrison	Berry	Horsley	Sibson	Booth	Cass	Naidole
11.5.2003	National League 1	Hull KR (A)	10-16	1000	Lingard	Bramald	Lewis	Maun	Williamson 2T	Gibbons D	Eaton G	Spink	Cass	Hill	Cartledge	Berry	Horsley	Spurr	Harrison	Naidole	Booth
18.5.2003	Arriva Cup Quarter Final	Hull KR (A)	16-12	1100	Sibson T	Bramald	Spurr	Maun	Williamson	Gibbons D	Eaton 4G	Spink	Cartledge	Hill	Rourke	Berry	Horsley	Lythe T	Harrison	Naidole	Booth
25.5.2003	National League 1	Whitehaven (A)	12-31	1443	Lingard	Sibson T	Spurr	Maun	Williamson	Gibbons D	Eaton 2G	Spink	Lythe	Naidole	Rourke	Cartledge	Horsley	Bramald	Harrison T	Beard	Lewis
1.6.2003	National League 1	Rochdale Hornets (H)	16-43	728	Lingard	Sibson	Spurr T	Maun	Williamson T	Gibbons D	Eaton 2G	Spink	Lythe	Booth	Toohey	Cartledge T	Horsley	Bramald	Harrison	Beard	McDonald
8.6.2003	Arriva Cup Semi Final	Salford City Reds (H)	6-68	1379	Sibson	Lewis	Spurr	Maun	Williamson	Toohey	Eaton G T	Spink	Lythe	Naidole	Rourke	Cartledge	Horsley	Cass	Harrison	Berry	Hill
15.6.2003	National League 1	Featherstone Rovers (A)	18-34	1182	Bramald	Lewis	Spurr	Maun 2T	Williamson	Horsley	Eaton G	Booth	Swinson	Hill	Berry	Cartledge	Gibbons A 2T	Sibson	Harrison	Naidole	McDonald
22.6.2003	National League 1	Oldham (H)																			
29.6.2003	National League 1	Dewsbury Rams (A)																			
13.7.2003	National League 1	Doncaster Dragons (A)																			
20.7.2003	National League 1	Salford City Reds (H)																			
27.7.2003	National League 1	Leigh Centurions (A)																			
3.8.2003	National League 1	Hull KR (H)																			
10.8.2003	National League 1	Whitehaven (H)																			
17.8.2003	National League 1	Rochdale Hornets (A)																			
24.8.2003	National League 1	Featherstone Rovers (H)																			
31.8.2003	National League 1	Oldham (A)																			
7.9.2003	National League 1	Doncaster Dragons (H)																			

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Captains Corner.

Today must start a winning sequence for Batley as our form, or lack of it, has put us in the bottom two in the division. Our next three games are essential to win because Dewsbury, Oldham and Doncaster are the three teams around us in the league. All our games are now real four pointers.

It is only the players that can turn our season around, as we are the ones on the field for the 80 minutes. We are all given the tools to work with at training during the week but seem to be leaving them at home come Sunday.

The players are trying everything they can to turn the club's form around and I am confident in every single one of them. As club captain I will defend all the players at the club every day of the week. Some of the criticism aimed at some of the players has been uncalled for, if you want to direct your frustration at anyone then direct it at me and then more importantly, let's get on with the main agenda, supporting the team for the full 80 minutes.

Liners.

FRANK GALLAGHER

Frank Gallagher is one of only four players who have represented Great Britain whilst being a current Batley player.

He made his Batley debut on 21st October 1922, scoring 2 tries in a 21 - 5 home victory over Oldham. He was purchased for £600 from Dewsbury - a club record fee at the time and missed the club's only ever Championship win in Season 1923 - 24 as he was touring Australia with the Great Britain Lions.

He played his last game for Batley on 14th April 1928 in a 2 - 34 defeat at Featherstone Rovers. He left the club to join Leeds.

In his time at Batley he played for Yorkshire on 8 occasions, England 7 times and toured Australia in 1924 making 3 Great Britain Test Match appearances. He became the first Batley player to tour Australia (Joe Oliver emulating the feat in 1928). Predominantly a Loose Forward, Frank turned out at Stand Off Half on the tour and reports state that he had a 'blinder'.

Batley Career Details -

142 Appearances

36 Tries

16 Goals

140 Points

Representative Honours

Represented Great Britain on 1924 Tour to Australia on 3 occasions. Played for England 7 times between 1922 - 25 and represented Yorkshire on 8 occasions between 1922 - 26.



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RECORD ATTENDANCE

23,989 V. Leeds (Home) 14.3.1925.

(Gate receipts £1,693.11s. 3d).

RECORD SCORE

82-4 V. London Skolars (Home) 23.2.2003

64-0 V. Nottingham City (Away) 10.11.1991.

GOALS

GAME - Simon Wilson (13) V. Leigh 26.3.1995.

SEASON - Simon Wilson (127) Inc 2 Drop Goals -
Season 1994-95.

CAREER - Wharton Peers Davies (458)- 1896-1912.

TRIES

GAME - Joe Oakland (5) V. Bramley (H) 19.12.1908

Tommy Brannan (5) V. Swinton (H) 17.3.1920

J. Wale (5) V. Bramley (H) 4.12.1926

J. Wale (5) V. Cottingham (H) R.L.Cup 1st Round
12.2.1927.

Tommy Oldroyd (5) V. Highfield (A) 6.3.1994.

SEASON - Jack Tindall (29) Season 1912-13.

Craig Lingard (28) Season 2001 - 02

(Post War Tries In A Season).

CAREER - Glen Tomlinson (124) - 1991 - 2 to 1995 - 6
and 2000 - 1 to 2001 - 2.

POINTS

GAME - Simon Wilson (30) V. Leigh (H) 26.3.1995

SEASON - Richard Price (308) Season 1997.

CAREER - Wharton Peers Davies (1288)

Season 1896-1912.

APPEARANCES

SEASON - John Etty (44) Season 1950-51.

CONSECUTIVE - Richard Price (103)

From 16.6.1996 to 5.3.2000.

CAREER- Wharton Peers Davies (448)

Season 1896-1912.

INDIVIDUAL CLUB HONOUR - Richard Price
played and scored in every first team game in season
1998. (The only player in the club's history to achieve
this).

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

GREAT BRITAIN-

Frank Gallagher 1922-26,

Joe Oliver 1928-9, Norman Field 1963-4,

Carl Gibson 1985-6.

GREAT BRITAIN TOURISTS -

Frank Gallagher 1924, Joe Oliver 1928.

ENGLAND -

Fred Hill 1909, George Davidge 1924,

Frank Gallagher 1923-27, Joe Oliver 1928, George

Brown 1945, Bill Hudson 1946-7, John Etty 1946-7

(Reserve to travel V.France), Bill Riches 1946-7

(Reserve to travel V.France), George Palmer 1950-1.

ENGLAND UNDER 24'S

Stan Gittins 1969.

WALES -

Will.T. Davies 1909, F.Willis 1921,

Bryn Williams 1921- 2, Harry Rees 1923-5,

Ike.J. Fowler 1926.

OTHER NATIONALITIES -

F.Willis 1921, Bryn Williams 1921,

Ike J.Fowler 1926.

BRITISH EMPIRE -

John Etty 1950-51.

ENGLAND UNDER 21'S

Peter Bateson 1953-4, Gary Graham 1953-4.

YORKSHIRE APPEARANCES (POST WAR)

Bill Riches 1946-52, Bill Hudson 1946-7, Sam

Hargreaves 1946-7, Don Burnell 1947-8, John Etty

1947-50, Norman Field 1963-4, Phil Doyle 1969-70,

Jim Naylor 1972-3, Carl Gibson 1985-6.

CLUB HONOURS

R.L.CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS - 1896-7,
1897-8 & 1900-01.

YORKSHIRE CUP WINNERS - 1912-13.

YORKSHIRE CUP RUNNERS UP - 1909-10,

1922-23, 1924-25 & 1952-53.

YORKSHIRE RUGBY UNION CUP WINNERS -
1884-85.

YORKSHIRE RUGBY UNION CUP RUNNERS
UP - 1892-93.

YORKSHIRE SENIOR CUP RUNNERS UP ('A'
TEAM) - 1981-82.

RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS
- 1923-24.

TRANS PENNINE CUP WINNERS - 1998.

DIVISION 2 PROMOTION - 1998.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION
2 RUNNERS UP - 1994-95.

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE WINNERS - 1898-9 &
1923-4.

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE RUNNERS UP -

1899-1900, 1908-9, 1921-2 & 1925-6.

ALLIANCE DIVISION 2 EAST CHAMPIONS
('A' TEAM) - 1991-2.

ALLIANCE DIVISION 2 CUP RUNNERS UP
('A' TEAM) - 1991-2.

ALLIANCE CUP RUNNERS UP ('A' TEAM)
(26.9.98) - 1998.

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Main news events of the year

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Spanish dictator, General Franco dies.

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Top selling singles of the year were:- 'Make Me Smile' (Come Up And See Me) by Cockney Rebel, 'Bye Bye Baby' by the Bay City Rollers and 'I'm Not In Love' by 10cc.

Films of the year were 'Jaws' and 'One flew over the cuckoo's nest' which was awarded an Oscar.

The FA Cup winners were West Ham United, First Division Champions were Derby County, Rugby League Challenge Cup winners were Widnes and Rugby League Champions were St Helens.

Meanwhile what was happening at 'the Mount'?

Batley finished 12th out of a 14 team Second Division.

Leading goal scorer was Peter Jameson with 46. Others to land goals included Ian Sharpe (9), Tony Dean (3), Jim Waltham (2) and Phil Holmes with one.

Leading try scorer was John Harrison with 8 followed by Steve Gott on 6, Graham Blakeway added 4 and Tony Dean, Graham Stocks and Phil Holmes all registered 3.

Major appearance makers were; Steve Grinhaff, Alan Watts, Dave Rippon, Brian Taylor, Jimmy Eyre, John Fox and Dave Brooke.

Coach was Trevor Walker and his assistant was Keith Cotton.

Highlights of a disappointing season were the doubles over Blackpool Borough 12-11 away and 11-2 at home, Doncaster 22-7 at home and 16-9 away, the John Player Trophy Round One defeat of Whitehaven by 18-9, the home defeat of York by 13-5 and the 10-10 home draw with Whitehaven.

Forthcoming Player Milestones

A further 43 goals will see Barry Eaton overtake Simon Wilson as the club's all time goals in a season record holder. Wilson landed a club record 125 goals in season

1994 - 95. Barry also requires a further 26 points to total 200.

Ryan Horsley requires a further 4 points to attain 100 for the club.

Andy Spink made his 50th appearance for the club at Salford City Reds on 8th June. This includes 10 substitute appearances.

Craig Lingard requires a further 8 tries to complete a century of touchdowns. Craig is standing in joint 6th place in the clubs all time list of try scorers. He is level with Simon Wilson and trails the legendary John Etty by one. As Craig is currently out injured no advance is likely in the foreseeable future.

Fingers On The Buzzer!

Next Wednesday, 25th June, sees a quiz night at Ram Stadium, where teams from Batley Bulldogs and Dewsbury Rams will compete against each other in an off-the-field warm up for the forthcoming Derby match.

Each of the two teams will be made up of Players & Supporters with Trevor Watson of the DEWSBURY Reporter as Quizmaster - don't miss the battle of the rivals off the field and don't forget to wear your shirt! Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start.

Rock On

Rock band Valhalla will be performing behind the Heritage Stand after today's game. The bar and catering facilities are open throughout the show which is expected to finish around 7.30pm.

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By Laurie Grailey

GRANT MIERS

Young Australian second row forward Grant Miers signed on at Mount Pleasant in 1998 following trials after impressing the club whilst appearing for Oulton Raiders in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup match against Batley on 31st January 1998. Originally from Brisbane, he had also given service with Logan City in the Central Queensland League.

He made his Batley debut against Workington Town on 26th April 1998 in a 42 - 18 victory and went on to make 14 appearances and 4 substitute appearances for the club that season registering 2 tries.

The following season saw Grant become a regular in the Batley pack alongside the likes of Tony Walton, Chris McWilliam, Graham Middleton, Gary Lord and Paul Harrison. He was sin binned in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup tie with Castleford Lock Lane and scored 4 tries that same season.

Grant eventually drifted away from the game following injury and made his final appearance on the 2nd July 2000 in a 8 - 24 home defeat against Widnes Vikings.

He will be best remembered at 'The Mount' for his tackling stints and non stop all round effort.

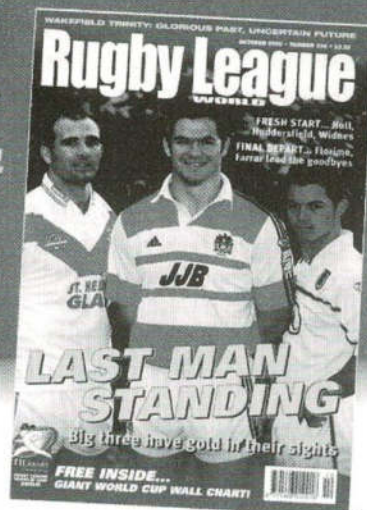
Batley career details -

51 Appearances, 12 Sub appearances, 6 Tries, 24 Points



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Rugby League World MAGAZINE

Time for TV talks outside Super League
By GARETH WALKER of
RUGBY LEAGUER & LEAGUE EXPRESS

RUGBY LEAGUE'S new television deal has certainly attracted plenty of column inches in the past week, but one important detail has been almost overlooked – where do the National League clubs stand in all of this?

Well, from the original deal put on the table by Sky that was still being mulled over as this piece is written, they would stand in exactly the same position. Sky would again hold all the rights, but as we all know, are unlikely to utilise them for anything more extensive than brief weekly highlights from one game and perhaps the NLI Grand Final.

Crucially though, when Sky hold the rights, other companies have to seek permission to televise any kind of action from this level.

In the past Sky have allowed Yorkshire Television to film their award winning series "Rugby League Raw", and in 2001 even to screen the Grand Final live on a Saturday afternoon – something that was seen as a great success at the time.

Last year, however, the game was back to Saturday evening on Sky, with much fewer viewers tuning in.

It's weekly terrestrial exposure that the game at this level needs.

Sources close to the RFL claim that they had a high-profile sponsor lined up for the National League competitions this season, but the lack of television exposure proved a real turn-off.

As a result, the National Leagues, unbelievably, have no title sponsor this year.

Even if it was simply a half-hour weekly spot on late night ITV (as "Rugby League Raw" was), it would prove immensely beneficial to Rugby League at this level.

Not only would it be easier to attract title sponsors to the competition, but also sponsorship at each individual club would be more lucrative if their team was regularly on television. Clubs would be able to put together more attractive packages for local companies.

And don't let anyone tell you there wouldn't be an audience for such a show. The figures for "RL Raw" even after 11pm, were tremendous at times.

So here's hoping that common sense prevails and the RFL ensure that the National Leagues are allowed to negotiate their own television deal and give themselves some much-needed exposure.

That may have been agreed midweek, of course. Let's hope so.

Everyone who watches the game at this level knows that the quality of action on the field merits it.

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