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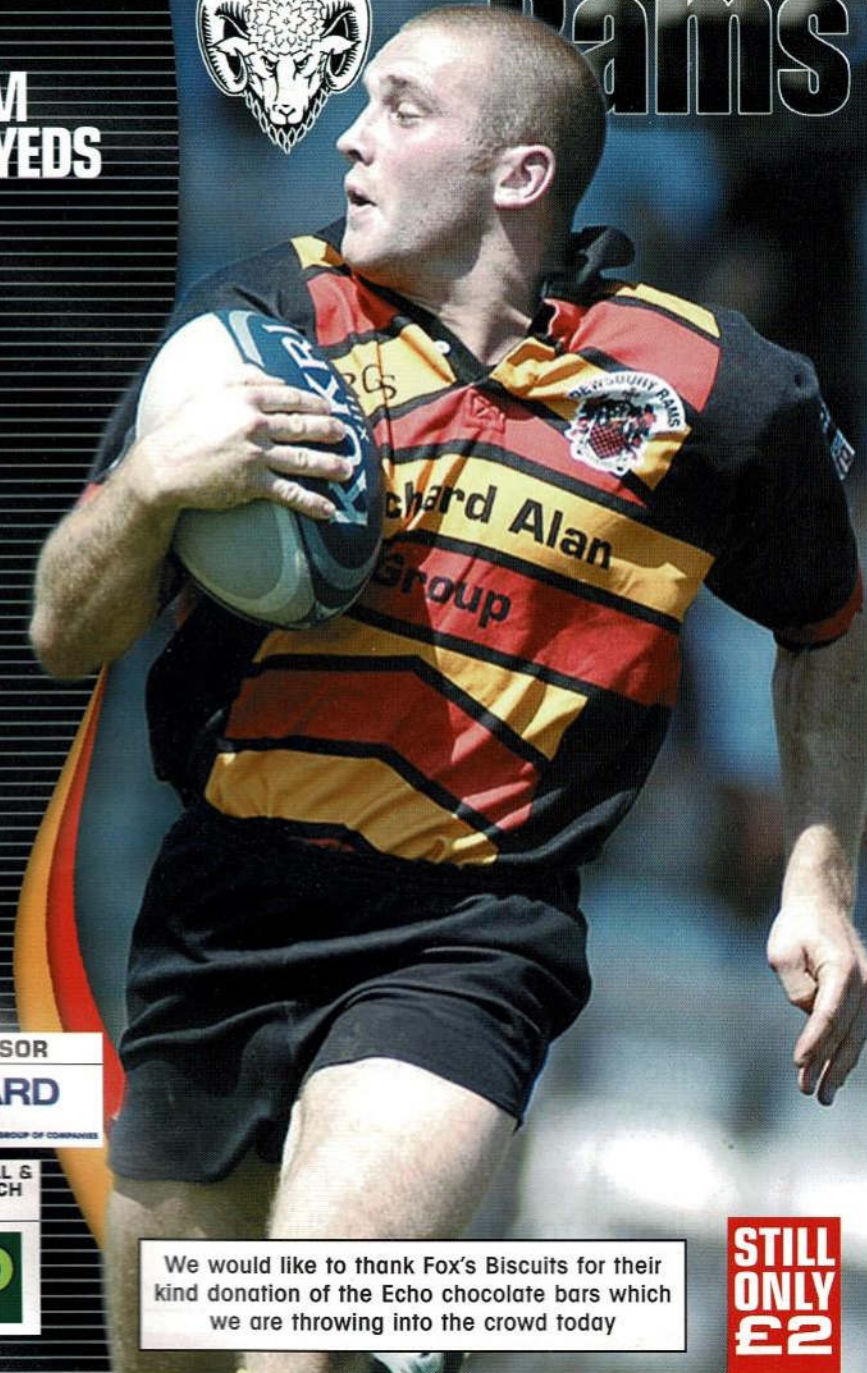
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Last Sunday a group of fans led by Greg White walked from Ram Stadium to Featherstone Rovers to raise money for the Squadbuilder fund. The club would like to formally thank all those who took part in this magnificent effort. It is a gesture greatly appreciated by the Directors, Coaching Staff and Players. On a warm Summer's day the 20 fans who took part in the walk arrived at the ground with plenty of time to spare.

A big well done to Steve, Taff, Paul, Greg, Keith, Phil, Lyndsey, Julie, Chris, Coleen, David, Claire, Karen, Sam, Sue, Kevin, Janet, Alice, Keely and Becky.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Once again, welcome to all supporters, officials and directors of Oldham RLFC, for what we all hope will be a very entertaining game.

I think everyone will agree that we have had some very disappointing results this season. Some have been deserved and been for want of effort. However, not all the games we have lost could thus be described.

I know that there is a very upbeat mood amongst the players that this run of form can and will be turned round. We saw that against Whitehaven when we could and should have won. Featherstone were there for the beating. We could and should have beaten Doncaster. And B****y ... I fear someone will get a very rude awakening very soon from the Rams.

I hope it is today.

Our home support has been very disappointing of late. I can fully understand that

people will have been annoyed at some performances this season. However, now is not the time not to come. Now is the time, for all Dewsbury supporters, to rally round and be counted (to mix metaphors!).

When we won the league two years in succession, the crowds were never great enough to sustain the structure that got us there. It is important for all those, genuinely with the future of Rugby League at Dewsbury at heart, to be there when the chips were down and not be fair weather friends - only turning up when the good times are rolling.

As I said, I think with the squad we have, and the mood they are in we just do not deserve to be in our current position.

Have a great day and let's hope that this can be the start of our road back.

Andrew Farrow
Vice-Chairman

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To say that this game could break the Rams hopes of survival is a bit of an understatement. True defeat wouldn't mean curtains, but with only two home games left after today and one of those against league leaders Salford City Reds, the Rams must get something out of this afternoon's game to boost their fortunes. Despite grabbing a point in the last game here at Ram Stadium and a very creditable performance away at Featherstone last Sunday the Rams are still two points behind Batley as the scrap to avoid automatic relegation goes on.

At Dewsbury we're all pretty much focussed on avoiding that bottom spot but Oldham are by no means safe although ironically they're also well placed to challenge for a play off

spot. At the beginning of the month things weren't looking too great for them with just six points from nine matches but back to back home wins at 34-24 against Featherstone Rovers and 31-20 against Doncaster Dragons has put them on 10 points. That's only two ahead of eighth placed Hull KR and don't forget the teams in eighth and ninth place must meet each other in the relegation play offs with only the winner safe for another year. However 10 points also has them level with Whitehaven and Doncaster Dragons who are fifth and sixth respectively and just two points behind fourth placed Featherstone Rovers. The shake up in the National League really has meant that there's still plenty to play for.

The Rams have already visited Boundary Park this season when we really didn't do ourselves justice when we were beaten 41-21 with the home pack dominating an under performing Rams outfit. One of the few, if only positives to come out of that for the Rams fans ahead of today's game is that although the Roughyeds score plenty of points they also concede a fair few as we've seen over the last couple of weeks. They've got plenty of strike power in the backs, centre Lee Doran picked up a hat-trick of tries against Doncaster last Sunday to add to the two he scored against Featherstone so clearly a man in form and one to watch. Former Leigh player Simon Svabic has also been landing quite a few goals and will relish any penalty opportunities that come his way. Player coach Steve Molloy continues to lead by example and he did much to lay the platform for the Rams defeat at Oldham. Molloy's attitude to the game has done much to impress Chairman Chris Hamilton who told The Rugby Leaguer and League Express recently "One of the main things we need is a coach that is committed to the club and we've certainly got that in Steve Molloy. That goes a long way with me."

Hamilton is proud of his club and he isn't afraid to tell people about it. A true supporter of the game he has done much to secure the club's future after their traumatic times not too long ago. He has been at the forefront of a series of meetings with the local Council about being able to remain at Boundary Park irrespective of what happens to the financially stricken soccer club Oldham Athletic who face both a

takeover and an uncertain future. The town started its affair with rugby league as far back as September 1876 when club was first formed. They played their first game a month later at a field at the rear of the Glodwick Spinning Company Mill, Gartside Street, Glodwick Lows. The players actually changed in the local pub and walked to the ground!

For many years Oldham played at the atmospheric Watersheddings ground, a ground which was 820ft above sea level and not the warmest place to spend a winter afternoon. It is now a housing estate condemned to the history books like some many grounds of the past. The present club was reformed in 1997 after the previous club flirted with Super League and ended with huge financial problems that eventually forced them to the wall.

The present club hasn't always had an easy ride. The "old" club had finished 1997 at the bottom of Super League and with Hull Sharks winning the first division relegation was a formality for a team whose season's highlight had been a 20-16 win in the World Club Challenge against North Queensland. With relegation came financial melt down and the club folded only to be resurrected by Chris Hamilton and his new board of directors. However the rugby league ruled that since the club had officially folded the "new" Oldham must start from scratch and they began life in Division Two where they finished the season fifth out of eight clubs. They were the best supported club in the division averaging 1,819 for the season and quite remarkably reached the Trans Pennine Cup Final, ample justification for the bold decision to start again. In 1999 the first and second divisions merged together and life was still tough for a team who contained Danny Wood, the current Rams player sidelined with injury. A year later and they finally began to get it together finishing in sixth and being so close to a Grand Final appearance against the Rams but losing 18-10 to Leigh in the Major Semi-Final. In 2001 they were up to fourth place and this time they did make the Grand Final but lost 24-14 to Neil Kelly's Widnes Vikings who fielded former Rams players Richard Agar, Sean Richardson and Matthew Long in their line up. Unfortunately last season they couldn't go one better and they finished in the final play off place edging out the Rams on points difference.

Ram Stadium hasn't always been the happiest of places for them. The Rams won last season's game here 30-6 and we almost snatched the points at Hurst Cross when the scores finished 22 all. The home fans need a big performance from the Rams this afternoon and with Oldham usually guaranteed a quite health away following a great game with a good atmosphere is in prospect.

Enjoy the game.

Tony Scargill

FISHERS F O R U M

Hi,

Firstly I would like to welcome all connected to Oldham RLFC in what spells out to me a typical Yorkshire vs. Lancashire clash.

The one us old ones love to play in. I don't think it has the same feeling to the young ones in the game today.

I used to get excited in the thought of going over the Pennines playing against all the top players in Lancashire. I just wonder sometimes why young lads today dread going over.

After the Whitehaven game I was pretty pleased with the performance and the good thing we got back was that never say die attitude that has been missing.

On our build up to Featherstone me and Slat's got quite excited as the team trained well and we think we put out a very good side. Unfortunately we lost 2 key players in Frank and Graham Law. So we lost our big go forward and our link between backs and forwards and this did disrupt us a lot.

But the boys did a good job and stuck in there and for about an hour I still thought we were going to win it, but a very bad referee's decision, which was blatant for everyone to see cost us valuable possession which led to them scoring.

I just hope we don't get Colin Morris again this season.

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It may be holidays for the schools but the Dewsbury Rams Development Team are still working hard.

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Frank Watene was last week asked to travel to Don Valley High School in Doncaster to teach a group of students the Maori 'Haka'. The whole day was a great success and the boys then performed for their year group the next day.

On Thursday the Rams attended a lunch and tour of the Kirkwood Hospice. We are involved in the 'Yorkshire Day' to be held at ASDA on Friday 1st August of which half the proceeds go to the hospice and the rest to the 'Air hospital' units. We hope to see you there for a day of fun from 11am.

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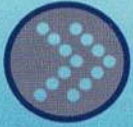
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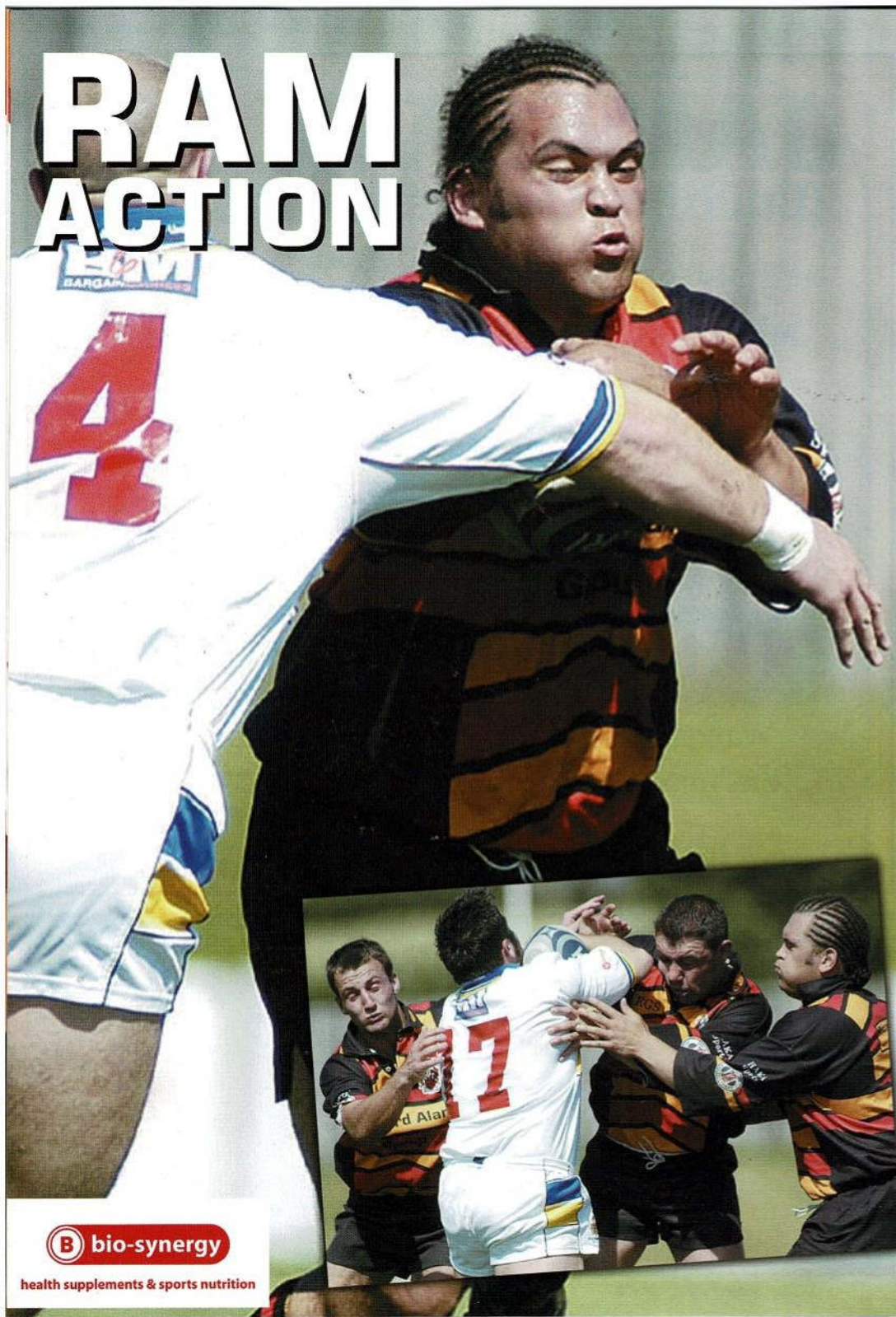
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Hello everybody and welcome back for what we hope will be our second home win of the season. I thought that the lads put up a great performance when we played Whitehaven who are a pretty good team but we could have taken both points.

I joined the band of supporters who walked all the way from Dewsbury to Featherstone last Sunday in order to raise money for the Squadbuilder. Keely our Head Cheerleader also walked there as did Becky B and Alice. Alice is only 8 years old so I don't know how she managed it. I was as stiff as a board afterwards but I am just a 'little' older!! It might have been worse had not my co-walkers make me stop and have a drink in a nearby pub prior to the game.

Before we set off we decided to do a bucket collection as we walked and managed to raise over £100 with the bucket collection alone. I've got to

give full credit to Alice for that one - I don't think anyone could refuse her. We've all had our own sponsors as well and I'm not sure how much money we will have collected until we've got everything in but I will let you know. From a personal point of view I would like to thank anyone who supported us and a big thank you to all those who took part especially to Greg who organised the whole event. I know I've said this before but I make no apologies for saying this again on behalf of the Cheerleaders. Go to any club and ask them - do your Cheerleaders help raise money, do your Cheerleaders sponsor the club and would yours walk some 15 miles to raise money for the club. I think I know the answer - we are club Cheerleaders and supporters - not just there to dance and go home!!

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Janet Roper



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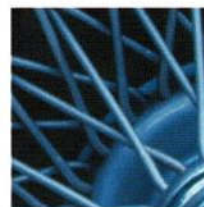
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Whitehaven	11	3	4	4	255	214	41	10
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Oldham	11	4	2	5	249	327	-78	10
Hull Kingston Rovers	11	4	0	7	200	262	-62	8
Batley Bulldogs	11	2	1	8	205	355	-150	5
Dewsbury Rams	11	1	1	9	157	387	-230	3

Rams' Leading Try Scorers

Player	Tries
Mick Wainwright	11
Billy Kershaw	7
Jimmy Elston	5
Nathan Batty	4
Frank Watene	4

Rams' Leading Points Scorers

Player	Points
Jamie Benn	69
Mick Wainwright	44
Danny Wood	32
Billy Kershaw	28
Jimmy Elston	20
Nathan Batty	16
Frank Watene	16



RGS Nathan Batty's chipped in with 4 tries so far this season

DEIGHTON'S DUG OUT

One of the main talking points this week has surrounded the unmasking of Great Britain hooker Keiron Cunningham as one of the two mystery players who failed a drugs test earlier this year.

The other being the former Huddersfield Giants player Matt Calland, who has since retired from the professional game through injury. I am truly amazed that in this modern era of regular and stringent testing that professional athletes are still willing to risk their careers.

In no way is Calland's Nandrolone offence any less serious than that of Cunningham but it's the Saints man who grabs the headlines. Understandably so as one of the most high profile players within our sport. The player was found to have traces of hormone substance HCG in a urine sample and but for 'mitigating circumstances' would now be serving a one year ban, which has been suspended. For those of you just about to tuck into a hot dog it might be a good idea to look away now! HCG, or Human Chorionic Gonadotropin to give it's full name, is not an anabolic steroid but a natural protein hormone which develops in the placenta of a pregnant woman. As grotesque as that sounds more worrying is the signal that such actions send out to the younger players within the sport. I would like to see Keiron Cunningham

now embarking on a programme of drug education workshops at grass roots level to make sure that others learn by his mistakes.

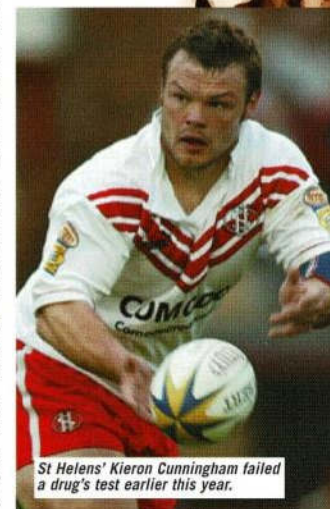
On a much lighter note Robbie Paul caused something of a stir when making his debut last Sunday as the latest player to join BBC Radio Leeds' squad of expert summarisers. He offered his thoughts on the Bradford Bulls Vs Widnes Vikings match at Odsal, but the fun really started after the game.

As the hooter sounded hundreds of Bulls fans descended on the press box armed with various pieces of merchandise for Robbie to sign. As flash bulbs exploded all around the journalists and broadcasters present were hemmed in by the delirious fans and could do nothing but gaze in awe at the scene before them. Indeed our commentator Terry Crook was a bit upset when he realised that the hoard of teenage girls fast approaching were not in fact vying for his affections.

Enjoy the game!

James Deighton

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St Helens' Kieron Cunningham failed a drug's test earlier this year.

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DATE	OPPONENT	COMPETITION	VENUE	K/O	ATT	SCORE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Jan 19th	London Skolars	NLC - Central	Away	3.00	820	W 22-10	Benn(1)(5G)	Wainwright	Chapman(1)	Redfearn	Steel	Rhodes(1)	Brough	Hicks	Oldfield	Fella	Evans	Kershaw	Parker	Elston	Hardy	Watene	Sayer	
26th	Woolston	POWERGEN CHALL. CUP - 3rd				W 34-12	Benn(4G)	Wainwright(1)	Chapman(1)	Steel	Mack	Rhodes	Brough(1)(1G)	Watene	Oldfield	Fella	Evans	Waddle(1)	Redfearn	Elston(1)	Hicks	Fahey	Kershaw	
Feb 2nd	Keighley Cougars	NLC - Central	Home	3.00	954	W 12-6	Benn(2G)	Wainwright	Chapman	Steel	Barlow	Brough	Rhodes	Hicks	Elston	Evans	Fahey	Kershaw(1)	Parker	Heptinstall	Redfearn	Watene(1)	Fella	
9th	Widnes Vikings	POWERGEN CHALL. CUP - 4th			3,100	L 6-48	Benn(1G)	Wainwright	Chapman	Waddle	Mack	Rhodes	Elston(1)	Watene	Oldfield	Fella	Evans	Kershaw	Redfearn	Heptinstall	Barlow	Hicks	Fahey	
16th	Hunslet Hawks	NLC - Central	Home	3.00	869	L 24-26	Benn(4G)	Wainwright	Chapman(1)	Hardy	Wray	Redfearn	Rhodes	Watene	Heptinstall	Hicks	Evans	Kershaw(2)	Walker	Elston	Fella	Brough(1)	Sayer	
23rd	York City Knights	NLC - East	Away	3.00	1,251	W 38-18	Benn(1)(7G)	Mack(1)	Chapman	Kershaw(1)	Redfearn(1)	Brough	Rhodes	Watene	Heptinstall	Fella(1)	Hicks(1)	Evans	Slater	Elston	Barlow	Thewliss	Sayer	
9th	Batley Bulldogs	NLC - Central	Home	3.00	1,232	W 22-18	Batty	Wainwright(2)	Chapman	Kershaw	Mack	Brough(3G)	Rhodes	Watene	Elston(1)	Fella	Evans	Hicks(1)	Redfearn	Waddle	Hardy	Fawkes	Summerscales	
16th	Keighley Cougars	NLC - Central	Away	3.00	1,111	L 2-22	Batty	Wainwright	Fawkes	Kershaw	Mack	Brough(1G)	Rhodes	Watene	Elston	Fella	Evans	Hicks	Redfearn	Walker	Hardy	Waddle	Summerscales	
23rd	London Skolars	NLC - Central	Home	3.00	495	W 35-33	Batty	Wainwright	Dyson(1)(2G)	Kershaw(1)	Mack	Barlow(1)	Rhodes	Watene	Heptinstall	Hicks	Evans	Fisher	Slater(1)	Walker(1)	Elston	Thewliss(1)(1G)	Brough(3G)	
30th	Batley Bulldogs	NLC - Central	Away	3.00	952	W 21-16	Batty	Mack	Chapman	Steel(2)	Wainwright	Barlow	Brough(1)(2G)	Fella	Heptinstall	Hicks	Thewliss	Kershaw(1)	Redfearn	Elston	Watene	Walker	Evans	
Apr 6th	York City Knights	NLC - Central	Home	3.00	650	L 24-28	Batty(1)	Wainwright	Chapman	Steel	Miles	Wood(1)	Brough(4G)	Watene	Heptinstall	Fella	Thewliss(2)	Kershaw	Redfearn	Elston	Barlow	Evans	Walker	
13th	Hunslet Hawks	NLC - Central	Away	3.30	599	W 32-31	Batty(1)	Wainwright(2)	Steel	Hardy	Miles(1)	Wood(4G)	Barlow	Watene(1)	Heptinstall	Fella	Thewliss	Kershaw	Redfearn	Elston(1)	Evans	Spedding	Oldfield	
18th	Batley Bulldogs	NL One	Away	7.30	1,245	L 10-28	Batty	Wainwright	Steel	Wood(1G)	Miles(1)	Brough	Nipperess	Watene	Heptinstall	Hicks	Thewliss	Kershaw	Redfearn	Elston	Evans	Fella(1)	Spedding	
21st	Featherstone	NL One	Home	3.00	1,200	W 26-20	Batty(1)	Wainwright(2)	Hardy	Wood	Mack(1)	Barlow	Brough(2G)	Watene	Heptinstall(1G)	Sayer	Hicks	Kershaw	Redfearn	Oldfield(1)	Fella	Spedding	Steel	
May 4th	Oldham	NL One	Away	3.00	1,198	L 21-41	Batty	Wainwright(1)	Steel	Wood(1)(2G)	Mack	Thaler	Nipperess	Hicks	Heptinstall(1G)	Fella	Thewliss	Kershaw	Redfearn	Elston	Barlow(1)	Evans	Spedding	
11th	Doncaster Dragons	NL One	Home	3.00	929	L 12-16	Batty	Wainwright	Hardy	Wood(2G)	Mack	Thaler	Nipperess	Hicks	Elston(1)	Spedding	Kirke	Kershaw	Slater	Waddle(1)	Heptinstall	Fella	Evans	
18th	Whitehaven	Arriva Trains Cup	Away	3.00	1,503	L 10-54	Mack	Miles	Wood(1G)	Hardy(1)	Steel	Barlow	Nipperess	Hicks	Oldfield	Spedding	Kirke	Parker	Evans	Redfearn	Heptinstall(1)	Mears	Thewliss	
25th	Rochdale Hornets	NL One	Home	3.00	665	L 6-60	Batty	Wainwright	Hardy	Wood(1G)	Mack	Thaler	Redfearn	Hicks	Elston	Spedding	Kirke	Kershaw	Slater	Barlow(1)	Thewliss	Fella	Parker	
June 1st	Salford City Reds	NL One	Away	3.00	1,698	L 4-76	Batty	Wainwright	Kershaw(1)	Wood	Miles	Law	Nipperess	Watene	Elston	Hicks	Kirke	Evans	Riddell	Thaler	Waddle	Spedding	Smith	
15th	Leigh Centurions	NL One	Home	3.00	983	L 12-31	Batty(1)	Wainwright	Hardy	Crouthers	Miles	Wood(2G)	Nipperess	Smith	Thaler	Hicks	Thewliss	Kershaw	Law	Elston	Kirke	Spedding	Watene(1)	
22nd	Hull KR	NL One	Away	6.00	1,402	L 12-35	Mack	Wainwright	Hardy	Crouthers(2)	Redfearn	Wood	Nipperess	Watene	Thaler(2G)	Hicks	Kirke	Kershaw	Law	Elston	Smith	Fella	Senior	
29th	Batley Bulldogs	NL One	Home	3.00	1,124	L 23-36	Batty	Wainwright	Law(1)	Crouthers(1)	Gledhill(1)	Barlow	Thaler(3G)	Hicks	Elston	Fisher	Thewliss	Kirke	Kershaw	Redfearn	Smith	Senior	Watene(1)	
13th	Whitehaven	NL One	Home	3.00	775	D 18-18	Batty	Wainwright(2)	Hardy	Crouthers	Gledhill	Benn(5G)	Nipperess	Watene	Thaler	Smith	Hicks	Kershaw	Law	Elston	Redfearn	Fella	Senior	
20th	Featherstone	NL One	Away	3.00		L 26-13	Batty	Wainwright(1)	Houles	Crouthers	Miles	Benn(2G)	Mycoe	Watene	MacDougall	Senior	Hicks	Kershaw	Law	Elston	Redfearn(1)	Smith	Fella	
27th	Oldham	NL One	Home	3.00																				
Aug 3rd	Doncaster Dragons	NL One	Away	3.00																				
10th	Rochdale Hornets	NL One	Away	3.00																				
17th	Salford City Reds	NL One	Home	3.00																				
24th	Leigh Centurions	NL One	Away	3.00																				
31st	Hull KR	NL One	Home	3.00																				
Sept 7th	Whitehaven	NL One	Away	3.00																				
14th	NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAY-OFF'S																							
21st	N. L. ONE 8TH V N. L. ONE 9TH																							
28th	NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAY OFF'S																							
Oct 5th	N. L. ONE & TWO GRAND FINALS																							
12th	N. L. ONE 8TH/9TH V N. L. TWO GRAND FINAL RUNNER UP																							
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MEET THE OPPOSITION

PAUL ANDERSON

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 block-busting 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 GB ace Kevin Sinfield. Barber was with Warrington before signing for Oldham for the start of the 2000/1 season. A promising young player who made the stand off position his own last season.

CHRIS CAMPBELL

Started as an amateur with Crossfield and joined Warrington as a 17 year old. In his first season with them he was Alliance top scorer with 26 tries from full back position. Played 10 times for Warrington scoring 3 tries. He then moved to Whitehaven where he was offered a full-time contract if he moved to the area. This was not to his liking, so before moving to Oldham had trials with Widnes. When Oldham expressed an interest, Chris quickly impressed and the deal was complete.

WILL COWELL

Played 18 times in Super League for Warrington, mostly as a sub. The 22 year old Cumbrian, a product of the prolific Kells club, he left Wilderspool to join Oldham. A full back, wing or centre, preferring full back, his chances to impress the coach will probably be as a centre or winger. Former Warrington coach Darryl van der Velde spoke well of him before the youngster was invited to join the Roughyeds.

GAVIN DODD

Former Royton Tigers youngster, who had a spell with Bradford Bulls Academy team. Fast on the break yet unpredictable at times, Dodd scored some good tries last season and made the full back position his own, pushing Mark Sibson out on to the wing. Dodd represented GB students in Australia and New Zealand and has been selected for Great Britain under 21's in the past.

LEE DORAN

Another young player in whom Oldham have a lot of confidence. A Wiganer, Lee has worked his way through the Academy and Alliance teams at Oldham and is now probably one of the first names on the Oldham 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 that squad.

PHIL FARRELL

Phil starting his fourth season with the Roughyeds, has just been appointed club captain. Played most of his rugby at 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, will not be fazed by the responsibility.

JON GODDARD

Aged 20, Jon came to Oldham on loan for the 2002 season on a 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 side, he played three times in the first team in Super League. He has recently signed a contract that will keep him at Oldham for the entire 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. Still a juggernaut weighing in at around the 18 stone mark after shedding somewhere around 2 stone during the close season. Still young by Prop standards, he has pots of potential. Used from the bench as an impact player most of last season, could play in a similar role in a formidable front row this year.

JOHN HOUGH

The first player to sign for his hometown club when Chris Hamilton and his fellow directors formed the new Roughyeds in 1997. 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 National League, a danger to any defence from acting full back. By the end of the 2002 season he had made 152 appearances for Oldham, 37 of them in the 2002 season alone. Last season saw him cross the whitewash on 10 occasions, second only to Lee Doran in the Forward try scoring charts.

GAVIN JOHNSON

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

DARRYL LACEY

Left Oldham in 2001 to play for French club Albi. Admitted that the experience had not been a happy one through unpaid wages and rugby, which is 5 to 10 years behind the game here. Was seen as one of the hottest properties around when he signed for Wigan as a 13 year old, played on the wing for Oldham 2 seasons ago. Sees himself as a full back or centre and hopes to get into the first team in that capacity. Was unlucky to receive a bad shoulder injury in an Alliance game last season, which has kept him out of action more or less, ever since.

IAIN MARSH

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, before signing for St Helens. Was Cameron Bells first signing at Barrow last season and mainly played as a centre along side Kiwi Cliff Beverly, scored 12 tries in 32 appearances. A solid defender and a very strong finisher.

STEVE MOLLOY

Ex England captain, 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 played for Featherstone, Sheffield, Warrington and Leeds, Molloy is a local lad. Made a big contribution to Roughyeds excellent end of season run in which a place in National League 1 was secured.

LINE-UPS & OFFICIALS

OFFICIALS

Referee R Connolly

Touch Judges P Meadows

DC Mallalieu

THE RAMS

	T	G	Dg	V	T	G	Dg	
Nathan Batty	☐	☐	☐	1	☐	☐	☐	Jon Goddard
Mick Wainwright	☐	☐	☐	2	☐	☐	☐	Will Cowell
Sylvain Houles	☐	☐	☐	3	☐	☐	☐	Iain March
Kev Crouthers	☐	☐	☐	4	☐	☐	☐	Lee Dolan
Paul Gledhill	☐	☐	☐	5	☐	☐	☐	Gavin Dodd
Jamie Benn	☐	☐	☐	6	☐	☐	☐	Simon Svabic
Dave Mycoe	☐	☐	☐	7	☐	☐	☐	Keith Brennan
Paul Hicks	☐	☐	☐	8	☐	☐	☐	Steve Molloy
Adam Thaler	☐	☐	☐	9	☐	☐	☐	John Hough
Frank Watene	☐	☐	☐	10	☐	☐	☐	Dane Morgan
Billy Kershaw	☐	☐	☐	11	☐	☐	☐	Chris Morley
Anthony Thewliss	☐	☐	☐	12	☐	☐	☐	Darren Shaw
Scott MacDougall	☐	☐	☐	13	☐	☐	☐	Phill Farrell
Jimmy Elston	☐	☐	☐	14	☐	☐	☐	Paul Anderson
Chris Redfearn	☐	☐	☐	15	☐	☐	☐	Neil Roden
Paul Smith	☐	☐	☐	16	☐	☐	☐	Martin McLoughlin
Tony Fella	☐	☐	☐	17	☐	☐	☐	Danny Guest

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