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### BATLEY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Gary Thornton

| No. | NAME            | T | G | DG |
|-----|-----------------|---|---|----|
| 1   | Mark Sibson     |   |   |    |
| 2   | Bryn Powell     |   |   |    |
| 3   | Shad Royston    |   |   |    |
| 4   | Danny Maun      |   |   |    |
| 5   | Adrian Flynn    |   |   |    |
| 6   | Dean Lawford    |   |   |    |
| 7   | Barry Eaton     |   |   |    |
| 8   | Steve Hill      |   |   |    |
| 9   | Kris Lythe      |   |   |    |
| 10  | David Rourke    |   |   |    |
| 11  | Mark Toohey     |   |   |    |
| 12  | Andy Spink      |   |   |    |
| 13  | Ryan Horsley    |   |   |    |
| 14  | Nathan Graham   |   |   |    |
| 15  | Sean Richardson |   |   |    |
| 16  | Paul Harrison   |   |   |    |
| 17  | David Bates     |   |   |    |

### OLDHAM

Head Coach: Steve Molloy

| No. | NAME          | T | G | DG |
|-----|---------------|---|---|----|
| 1   | J. Goddard    |   |   |    |
| 2   | W. Cowell     |   |   |    |
| 3   | P. Marsh      |   |   |    |
| 4   | J. Roper      |   |   |    |
| 5   | N. Johnson    |   |   |    |
| 6   | L. Marsh      |   |   |    |
| 7   | I. Watson     |   |   |    |
| 8   | P. Southern   |   |   |    |
| 9   | K. Brennan    |   |   |    |
| 10  | M. McLoughlin |   |   |    |
| 11  | L. Doran      |   |   |    |
| 12  | D. Morgan     |   |   |    |
| 13  | P. Farrell    |   |   |    |
| 14  | N. Roden      |   |   |    |
| 15  | G. Barber     |   |   |    |
| 16  | M. Elswood    |   |   |    |
| 17  | A. Sharples   |   |   |    |

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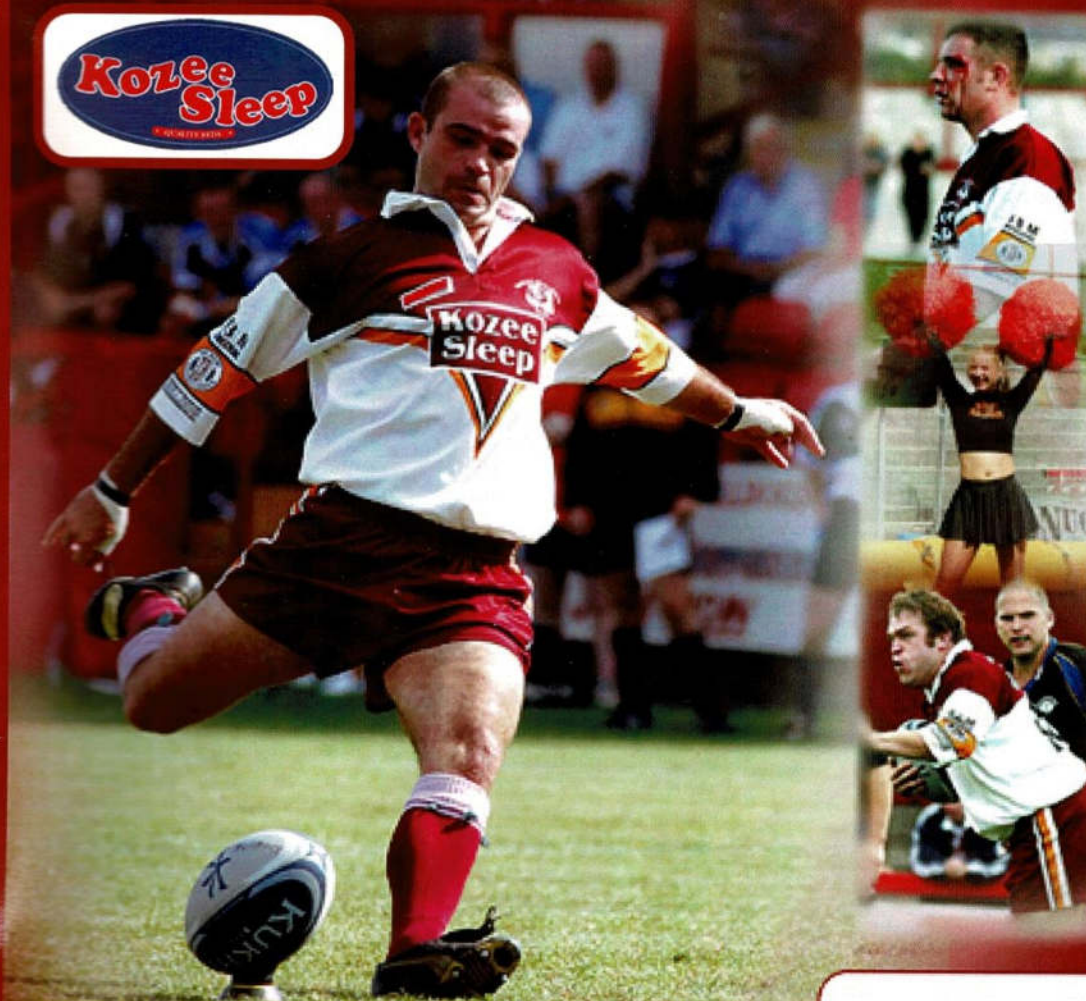
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## rugby stories



"ANDY FARRELL? I wouldn't let him on t'blooming team bus! Paul Sculthorpe? Garbage. Should pay to get in t'ground if you ask me. That Martin Offiah? He wor rubbish at everything except scoring Tries..." No, not my views at all. I write them entirely fictitiously, to illustrate the entirely subjective nature of watching rugby league. Or any sport come to that. How many fans out there think David Beckham is "an overpaid hairdresser's model", Ryan Giggs "a show pony" or Roy Keane "a pathological hacker". So what if they're Leeds or Liverpool fans? You pays your money and you buys your right to an opinion. Just don't shout it too loudly at Eric Cantona...

Farrell and Sculthorpe will go down in rugby league history as great players of their age, and deservedly so. But they will have their critics, even amongst Wigan and Saints fans. And being the consummate professionals they are ... and dozens like them ... they take the criticism on the chin. In fact, it's probably easier for them to ignore the catcalls than it is their family and friends. How many anonymous mums and dads have had to stand or sit and listen while the bloke next to them shouts a torrent of abuse at their loving son? We won't even mention poor refs ... it's a wonder the terraces aren't awash with blood, given the particularly informed - and incisive - "wit" of the average rugby league spectator.

So where does printed criticism sit in this regard? I don't suppose Messrs Farrell and Sculthorpe sit doing their scrapbooks of a Monday evening. They'd need to build an extension. At the lower reaches of sport, where the local paper tends to accentuate the positive, it's understandable that we mere mortals would want to keep a fond reminder of a glorious 80 minutes. But what if you get a right bagging from the 'neutral' observer? It's a question I hear often. This Monday's League Weekly had hardly hit the doormat when a spectator at the Saints-Salford game rang to complain at the '5' marks given to players. "Anyone keeping their feet in those conditions deserved a '7' at least," he protested.

My answer is simple and hardly scientific. This isn't the local under 9's any longer. These players are paid to play, and journalists are paid to form a critical judgement. And that doesn't mean being a PR officer for them. Just as a player doesn't have a stormer every time out, neither does a reporter produce a literary masterpiece every Monday. But he - or she - does give an honest view of what they saw. And this Monday morning, as the coaches and directors at Swinton, Keighley and Dewsbury consider the headlines, I don't reckon they'll be chalking up 8's and 9's on a mental chart of their players' performances.

The higher up the game you go, the sharper a focus is thrown on your performance. If a Super League player is described as having a shocker, it is only in the context of the company he keeps. It doesn't make him a bad player per se. And at least he can buy himself more palatable bedtime reading with his nice big pay cheque.

It can be tough at the top. But would these players rather be getting rave reviews in the Cleckheckmondsedge Weekly Chipwrapper? For now? I didn't think so. Sticks and stones and all that...

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# Welcome to the Mount



## IN THE CHAIR Kevin Nicholas - Chairman



Welcome to our friends from Oldham to today's game which is vital for both clubs to ensure a top six place rather than fighting it out with Rochdale and Halifax for the second relegation spot. Both had disappointing results, at Rochdale and Hull KR, last week and will be looking to pick themselves up.

I thought we played reasonably well at Hull KR but refereeing decisions went against us and it cost us the game. On a losing run decisions do go against you, that seems to be the law of nature so we cannot feel sorry for ourselves but we can feel aggrieved.

Liners went into hospital this week for his shoulder operation so let's hope it goes well and he can resume his try scoring feats for Batley with 24 tries needed to equal Glen's record.

The new Long Stand has made progress this week - at last. Hopefully it will continue next week so there is change before the Whitehaven game. The revised timetable is metalwork and concrete steps installation by end of September with cladding and seating by end of October. I just hope our problems are behind us and this timetable is accurate so that the stand can be open for next season or even Boxing Day - Dare We Hope!

A Rugby League ground inspection was, as expected, very complimentary but even with our new stand up to the halfway line our capacity will only be between 6600 and 7000, depending upon whether we are allowed to use the rest of the terrace. Super League criteria is an 8000 capacity and so until the full length Long Stand is complete we do not fulfil the

criteria. We are raising the issue at a RL meeting in September to try and change the criteria deadline date and help NL clubs when there are some clubs in Super League whose grounds do not fulfil the same criteria. Is that fair? - No it is Not.

I went to RL Headquarters this week on an appeal for Sean Richardson and an incident whilst he was at Leigh and we were successful but then the same day we were told "Battler" our mascot was under investigation after an incident reported by Colin Morris the referee last week. We are awaiting full details of the allegation but at least we got publicity out of the situation so that's a bonus. We are also awaiting the outcome of an investigation at the R.L. relating to the Doncaster game at home but I don't think we need to lose much sleep there over that nonsense.

Finally more painting and tidying up has gone on at the ground so thanks again to Bill Winner along with Sam, Jonno, Ken, Jimmy and the usual suspects for all the hard work and our Lottery continues to grow so that is good news.

Enjoy The Game, Kevin.

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## View from the Coach

I'm sure you will all be as disappointed as I have been about our recent slump in form. Every team in the league has a run of bad form at some time, but no-one's seems to be as devastating or as long as ours has been. Dropping out of the top 6 for the first time this season was hard to bear especially as our early season form was so good. Having said that I think our away performances have been pretty good and we have been unfortunate not to come away from Leigh, Doncaster, and possibly Hull KR with something.

However, this is a very tough league this year, and if we beat Oldham today and Hull KR lose at Whitehaven we can find ourselves back in 5th spot and things look rosy again. We have to keep focussed and look for that all important win to get us back on track. I have asked my senior players to take on that extra responsibility to get us out of this rut, and hopefully the younger guys will respond also.

Today we welcome back one of our 'old boys' Steve Molloy, and all his players, directors and supporters from Oldham RLFC. They too have had their ups and downs this season, and no doubt they will want revenge for our outstanding win against them in Blackpool back in May. Today's game throws up another situation where the winner gets into or stays in the top 6 and the loser finds themselves deeper into the relegation dog fight. Lets hope we can repeat the performance and the result from Blackpool and get our season back on the rails and push for the all important play-off phase.

Thanks for sticking with us through thick and thin.

Gary.



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## "The Mount Scene"

By Club Historian & Programme Editor - Laurie Grailey.

The Halifax home game took on the status of a real 4 pointer as far as the end of season play-off's were concerned and unfortunately we were found wanting as a more enthusiastic Halifax side completed the double over us by 20 - 39.

Last week saw the return game at Hull KR which also took on the guise of another 4 pointer. Sadly we gave Rovers a 14 point lead early in the game which proved too much to peg back and the situation is turning desperate. A win is required today. Come on boys back to the early season form.

Last Sunday 'Match Official' Colin Morris finally went too far when he sent off 'Battler' the Bulldog and baffled the entire crowd by holding the game up for several minutes whilst he did so. We never win a game when that man referees.

Welcome back to 'The Mount' to David Bates but our efforts to sign Richard Chapman from Featherstone were thwarted as they wanted one of our players in exchange, funny that really because when Danny Evans joined Featherstone earlier this season who did we get in exchange? Nobody !!

The current stats position for 2003 - 04 Season stands as follows;

**Goal Kicking** - Barry Eaton leads the way with 125 placed goals from 156 attempts. This equates to an 80% success rate. Andy Heptinstall and Danny Thomas have both missed with their solitary attempts at goal.

**Try scoring** - The current leading try scorers for season 2004 are Mark Sibson who stands on 16 followed by Adrian Flynn on 13, Sean Richardson and Shad Royston on 12 then Andy Spink on 11 followed by Danny Maun and Paul Harrison who have both touched down on 9 occasions.

**Points scoring** - Barry Eaton has so far scored 264 points in season 2004 for an average of 10.56 points per game.

**Consecutive appearances** - Barry Eaton currently leads the way with 60 consecutive appearances with Paul Harrison standing in second place on 33. 3 players have appeared in every game so far this season, they are; Barry Eaton, Sean Richardson and Paul Harrison.  
**Consecutive games scored in** - Barry Eaton has extended his scoring record to 60 consecutive matches for Batley Bulldogs which is every game he has played for the club.

**Penalty count** - For season 2004 currently stands at 194 to Batley and 168 to our combined opponents. The penalty tally against Halifax was 13 - 6 in our favour. At Hull KR it ended 8 each.

**Coaching Record** - The coaching duo of Gary Thornton and Paul Harrison return a 60% success rate with 15 victories from 25 matches so far in Season 2004.

Laurie

*Who Let The Dogs Out?*

## In Town Today

# OLDHAM

*by Laurie Grailey*

To date Batley and Oldham have met 89 times in competitive matches. Batley have won 32 of these encounters and Oldham have won 46 with 11 games ending in a draw. In total Batley have scored 914 points and Oldham have scored 1,279 points.

Earlier this season on 30th May the 2 sides met at Blackpool FC with Batley winning 44 - 20 despite being 20 - 0 down after 25 minutes. The halftime score was 20 - 16 and the attendance was 1,541.

Teams - Oldham - Goddard, Dodd, Barber, Rich (3 Goals), Johnson, Roden, Brennan (2 Drop Goals), McLaughlin, Hough, Morgan (Try), Doran, Farrell, Marsh (2 Tries).  
Subs: Svabic, Elmswood, Clayton, Brett.

Batley - Sibson, Powell (2 Tries), Spurr (Try), Maun, Flynn, Toohey, Eaton (6 Goals), Hill (Try), Heptinstall, Rourke, Spears, Spink, Horsley (Try).  
Subs: Royston (2 Tries), Harrison (Try), Molyneux, Richardson.

Over the years several players have played with both clubs, perhaps the most famous being John Etty, others include; current 'Bulldogs', Mark Sibson and Joe Naidole, Terry Gorman, Jason Clegg, Jackie Pycroft, David Gibbons, Anthony Gibbons, Mick McCone, Jason Clegg, Hugh Gumbs, Mick Parrish, Gary Lord, John Clarke, Craig Richards, Former New Zealand International Mike Kuiti (who was also first team coach at Batley) and current Oldham coach, Steve Molloy.

### Oldham RLFC bits & bats - Did you know?

On 21.1.1911 following the Runcorn v Oldham game there was a demonstration against the referee and the Oldham players who were all escorted from the field by Police and Officials. Runcorn were later fined £30 and advised to erect dressing rooms at the ground.

In 1942 - 43 Oldham, Wigan and St Helens were admitted to the Yorkshire Cup Competition (War League).

In 1958 - 59 Oldham put Derek Turner on the transfer list at £10,000 after he said that he would not play for them again because of a dispute over playing terms at Christmas. The Rugby League wrote to Oldham saying that it was time that this matter was solved because there could be a breach of agreement between club and player and a possible infringement of a league bye law. He was subsequently signed by Wakefield Trinity for £8,000 (a record fee for a forward).

### Batley RLFC - Little Known Fact -

In 1926 - 27 Halifax deducted £50 from Batley's share of their cup tie money because they alleged that Batley owed them it for a players transfer. The Rugby League ordered Halifax to pay the money as per cup rules.

## Back to School for Barry



Bulldogs Community Development Officer and World Record holder Barry Eaton will be running a junior Rugby League "Summer School" over the final few weeks of the school holidays. Three courses, each running over three consecutive days, will take place starting on Monday 16th August. The classes will run from 10am-12 noon and consist of

basic knowledge and ball skills along with games of Tag Rugby. The classes are of course free of charge open to anyone between the ages of 8 and 14. If your child wants to attend and is outside this age group it may still be possible, to enquire call Barry at Batley Bulldogs on 01924 470062.

This will be the third time Barry has held classes at Mount Pleasant during school holidays and previous occasions have been a huge success. The three day courses run Monday to Wednesday and will start on 16th, 23rd and 30th August.

## Guests From Afar

Today we welcome as Special Guests from New Zealand Selwyn & Ivy Bennett. Selwyn is Vice President of New Zealand Rugby League and a member of the International Federation. He attends today's game with Don Yates, a Rugby League

Journalist and Statistician and friend of Batley Bulldogs from Oldham, along with Chris Broadbent and Lloyd Driver, further friends of Don. We hope you thoroughly enjoy the game and our Batley hospitality.



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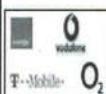
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28th January - 'Escalating violence in Cyprus' - A British Army vehicle drove through a Turkish demonstration and sparked off a serious of riots, leaving 7 dead and 100 injured.

6th February - 'Munich Air Crash' - Manchester United known as 'The Busby Babes' were on a plane that crashed whilst landing and ploughed into the airport building. Seven players were killed outright and Matt Busby and Bobby Charlton were among the few survivors.

Singles of the year were:- 'Great Balls Of Fire' by Jerry Lee Lewis, 'Jailhouse Rock' by Elvis Presley and 'Magic Moments' by Perry Como.

Films of the year were:- 'Gigi' which won 9 oscars and 'Separate Tables'.

The FA Cup winners were Bolton Wanderers, Cricket County Champions were Surrey, First Division Champions were Wolves and the Rugby League Challenge Cup Winners were Wigan.

## Meanwhile what was happening at 'the Mount'?

Batley finished 27th out of a 30 strong team Northern League Division.

Stan Thompson established a new club record with 120 goals. Leading try scorers were Joe Ireland with 12, Eric Sutton and T. O'Hara with 8 each, Jack Briggs with 5, Peter Armstead and R. Thompson with 4 each.

Main appearance makers were:- Albert Fearnley, Ian Geldard, Jimmy Lawton, Stan Moyser and George Palmer.

Highlights of the season included the 14 - 9 win at Liverpool City and the subsequent 15 - 12 home win which completed the league double, a 17 - 15 victory against Huddersfield, the 30 - 4 win at home to today's opponents Keighley, the Yorkshire Cup Round One win by 21 - 5 against Featherstone Rovers, a 23 - 7 win against Hull KR in the Yorkshire Cup 2nd Round, and the 18 - 2 victory at home to Dewsbury.

Whilst a disappointing result ultimately occurred the club actually reached the Yorkshire Cup Semi Final only to be defeated at Wakefield Trinity by 13 - 21.

## Barry Eaton ~ Record Breaker

Last Sunday at Hull KR, Barry Eaton extended his remarkable scoring run to 60 games for Batley Bulldogs (which is every game he has played for the club). This also equates to the longest individual scoring record by a Batley player throughout the club's history.

Last season on 17.8.2003 at Spotland, Rochdale Barry established a World Record of 36 consecutive successful goal kicks (subsequently extended to 38 on 24.8.2003 versus Featherstone Rovers).

On 31.8.2003 versus Oldham, Barry broke the club's all time goals in a season record and extended this to 139 (including one drop goal) later in the season.

He also played and scored in every Batley game last season, thus becoming the only player in the entire Rugby League to achieve the feat for his club last season and only the second Batley player ever to do so throughout a season (Richard Price was the other).

In addition he became only the second player to play and score in every game in a season with 2 clubs (the other player was Mick Parrish with Hunslet and Oldham).

Not surprisingly Barry was awarded the Batley Player of the Year award last season as well as the Coach's Player of the Year award.

Barry is currently only 13 more goals short of beating his own goals in a season record for Batley Bulldogs and 45 points adrift of beating Richard Price's 1997 points in a season record of 308 points. All this has been achieved in under 2 season's with the club.

*Go for it Baz!*

**Laurie**

## Spotlight on **BRYN POWELL**

|                                 |                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date of birth                   | 5.9.1979                                                                                               |
| Nationality                     | English                                                                                                |
| Place of birth                  | Leeds                                                                                                  |
| Place of residence              | Morley                                                                                                 |
| Marital status                  | Married - Esther                                                                                       |
| Family details                  | None Stated                                                                                            |
| Height                          | 5 Feet 11 inches                                                                                       |
| Weight                          | 13 Stone 7 Pound                                                                                       |
| Nickname                        | Brian                                                                                                  |
| Preferred position              | Wing                                                                                                   |
| Previous clubs                  | Hunslet                                                                                                |
| Honours gained                  | None                                                                                                   |
| Career highlight                | Going full time                                                                                        |
| Career low point                | None stated                                                                                            |
| Most respected player (current) | Gordon Tallis                                                                                          |
| Most respected player (Past)    | Ellery Hanley                                                                                          |
| Hardest tackler faced           | Lesley Vainakolo                                                                                       |
| Hardest player to tackle        | As above                                                                                               |
| Greatest influence on career    | Grandad                                                                                                |
| Most memorable game and why     | Beating Huddersfield in Challenge Cup and stopping them getting world record for most consecutive wins |
| Favourite ground                | Headingley                                                                                             |
| Worst ground                    | Dewsbury                                                                                               |
| Favourite other sports          | Golf                                                                                                   |
| Greatest playing strength       | Pace                                                                                                   |
| Any other interests             | Spending time with my wife                                                                             |
| Worst rule in the game          | One on one ball steals                                                                                 |
| Best coach                      | Karl Harrison                                                                                          |
| Favourite drink                 | Protein                                                                                                |
| Favourite food                  | Steak                                                                                                  |
| Favourite type of music         | Motown                                                                                                 |
| Favourite holiday spot          | Italy                                                                                                  |
| Favourite actor                 | Robert Deniro                                                                                          |
| Favourite movie                 | Champ                                                                                                  |
| Favourite TV                    | Bo-Selecta                                                                                             |
| Greatest dislike                | Liver                                                                                                  |
| Ambitions within the game       | To play as long as I can                                                                               |
| Life after rugby                | Work                                                                                                   |
| Any advice for young players    | Be honest                                                                                              |

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|-----------|------------|--------------------------|-------|------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.2.2004  | AT Cup     | York City Knights (A)    | 24-22 | 2039 | C.Lingard    | M.Sibson T  | C.Spurr T    | D.Maun      | A.Flynn T   | B.Eaton 4G   | M.Cass      | C.Molyneux   | J.Berry T   | S.Hill     | S.Richardson  | A.Spink    | R.Horsley      | S.Royston       | P.Harrison   | A.Rice        | D.Rourke        |
| 8.2.2004  | PCC RD 3   | Ince Rose Bridge (A)     | 42-8  | 750  | C.Lingard T  | M.Sibson    | C.Spurr      | Maun 3T     | A.Flynn     | M.Toohey     | B.Eaton 5G  | C.Molyneux T | M.Cass T    | D.Rourke   | P.Harrison T  | A.Rice     | R.Horsley      | S.Royston       | M.Bramald    | S.Hill        | S.Richardson T  |
| 15.2.2004 | AT Cup     | Doncaster Dragons (H)    | 46-26 | 815  | C.Lingard    | M.Sibson    | S.Royston 2T | D.Maun      | A.Flynn 2T  | M.Toohey T   | B.Eaton 7G  | C.Molyneux   | J.Berry     | D.Rourke   | D.Evans       | A.Spink    | R.Horsley      | A.Heptinstall T | P.Harrison   | W.Cartledge   | S.Richardson 2T |
| 22.2.2004 | AT Cup     | Featherstone Rovers (A)  | 19-20 | 1309 | M.Sibson     | M.Bramald   | S.Royston    | D.Maun      | A.Flynn T   | M.Toohey     | B.Eaton 3GD | C.Molyneux   | J.Berry     | D.Rourke   | D.Evans       | A.Spink T  | S.Richardson T | A.Heptinstall   | P.Harrison   | A.Rice        | W.Cartledge     |
| 28.2.2004 | PCC RD 4   | Bradford Dudley Hill (A) | 76-14 | 890  | M.Sibson T   | C.Spurr 2T  | S.Royston 3T | D.Maun T    | A.Flynn 3T  | M.Toohey     | B.Eaton 10G | C.Hill       | J.Berry T   | D.Rourke   | A.Rice        | A.Spink    | R.Horsley T    | M.Cass T        | P.Harrison   | W.Cartledge T | S.Richardson    |
| 7.3.2004  | AT Cup     | Dewsbury Rams (H)        | 70-12 | 868  | M.Sibson 2T  | C.Spurr T   | S.Royston    | D.Maun      | A.Flynn     | M.Toohey T   | B.Eaton 11G | C.Hill       | J.Berry 3T  | D.Rourke T | A.Rice        | A.Spink T  | R.Horsley      | M.Cass          | P.Harrison T | W.Cartledge   | S.Richardson 2T |
| 14.3.04   | PCC RD 5   | Whitehaven (H)           | 6-29  | 1186 | M.Sibson     | C.Spurr     | S.Royston    | D.Maun      | A.Flynn     | M.Toohey     | B.Eaton 1G  | C.Molyneux   | J.Berry     | S.Hill     | W.Cartledge   | A.Spink    | R.Horsley      | M.Cass          | P.Harrison T | D.Rourke      | S.Richardson    |
| 21.3.2004 | AT Cup     | York City Knights (H)    | 36-12 | 829  | M.Sibson     | M.Bramald   | S.Royston T  | D.Maun T    | A.Flynn 2T  | D.Lawford    | B.Eaton 6G  | S.Hill       | A.Hept'II   | D.Rourke T | P.Harrison    | A.Spink T  | M.Toohey       | R.Horsley       | W.Cartledge  | C.Molyneux    | S.Richardson    |
| 28.3.2004 | AT Cup     | Doncaster Dragons (A)    | 44-30 | 707  | M.Sibson T   | M.Bramald T | S.Royston    | D.Maun T    | A.Flynn     | D.Lawford T  | B.Eaton 7G  | J.Berry      | A.Hept'II   | S.Hill     | D.Evans       | A.Spink 2T | M.Toohey       | A.Leek          | P.Harrison   | T.Spears      | S.Richardson T  |
| 4.4.2004  | AT Cup     | Featherstone Rovers (H)  | 40-16 | 1007 | M.Sibson     | M.Bramald   | S.Royston    | D.Maun T    | A.Flynn T   | M.Toohey     | B.Eaton 7G  | S.Hill       | A.Hept'II   | D.Rourke   | S.Richardson  | A.Spink T  | T.Spears T     | A.Leek T        | P.Harrison T | J.Berry       | W.Cartledge     |
| 9.4.2004  | AT Cup     | Dewsbury Rams (A)        | 46-20 | 932  | M.Sibson     | M.Bramald   | C.Spurr      | D.Maun T    | A.Flynn T   | M.Toohey     | B.Eaton 7G  | C.Molyneux   | M.Cass      | J.Berry    | S.Rich'dson T | A.Spink    | R.Horsley 3T   | T.Spears        | P.Harrison T | D.Evans T     | S.Beard         |
| 12.4.2004 | NL 1       | Rochdale Hornets (H)     | 48-12 | 639  | M.Sinson 3T  | C.Spurr     | S.Royston    | D.Maun T    | A.Flynn     | M.Toohey     | B.Eaton 8GT | S.Hill T     | A.Hept'II   | D.Rourke T | S.Rich'dson T | A.Spink    | T.Spears       | A.Leek          | P.Harrison   | J.Berry       | W.Cartledge     |
| 18.4.2004 | NL 1       | Keighley Cougars (A)     | 39-22 | 1282 | M.Sinson 2T  | C.Spurr     | S.Royston    | D.Maun      | A.Flynn T   | M.Toohey     | B.Eaton 5GT | S.Hill       | A.Hept'II D | D.Rourke   | S.Richardson  | A.Spink T  | R.Horsley 2T   | A.Leek          | P.Harrison   | J.Berry       | W.Cartledge     |
| 2.5.2004  | NL 1       | Doncaster Dragons (H)    | 28-20 | 801  | M.Sibson T   | M.Bramald   | S.Royston T  | D.Maun      | A.Flynn T   | A.Leek       | B.Eaton 4G  | S.Hill T     | A.Hept'II   | D.Rourke   | S.Richardson  | A.Spink T  | R.Horsley      | W.Cartledge     | P.Harrison   | C.Molyneux    | T.Spears        |
| 9.5.2004  | NL 1       | Halifax (A)              | 14-24 | 2155 | M.Sibson     | M.Bramald   | C.Spurr T    | T.Spears    | A.Flynn     | M.Toohey T   | B.Eaton 6G  | C.Molyneux   | A.Hept'II   | S.Hill     | S.Richardson  | A.Spink T  | R.Horsley      | M.Cass          | P.Harrison   | A.Leek        | W.Cartledge     |
| 23.5.2004 | NL 1       | Hull KR (H)              | 34-28 | 1211 | M.Sibson T   | S.Beard     | C.Spurr      | D.Maun      | M.Bramald   | M.Toohey     | B.Eaton 5GT | S.Hill T     | A.Hept'II   | D.Rourke   | T.Spears      | A.Spink 2T | R.Horsley      | D.Thomas        | P.Harrison   | C.Molyneux    | S.Richardson T  |
| 30.5.2004 | NL 1       | Oldham (A)               | 44-20 | 1531 | M.Sibson     | B.Powell 2T | C.Spurr T    | D.Maun      | A.Flynn     | M.Toohey     | B.Eaton 6G  | S.Hill T     | A.Hept'II   | D.Rourke   | T.Spears      | A.Spink    | R.Horsley T    | S.Royston 2T    | P.Harrison T | C.Molyneux    | S.Richardson    |
| 6.6.2004  | ATC/4Final | Whitehaven (H)           | 16-22 | 910  | M.Sibson     | B.Powell    | C.Spurr      | S.Royston T | M.Bramald T | M.Toohey     | B.Eaton 2G  | S.Hill       | A.Hept'II   | D.Rourke   | T.Spears      | A.Spink    | R.Horsley      | A.Leek          | P.Harrison T | C.Molyneux    | S.Richardson    |
| 13.6.2004 | NL 1       | Whitehaven (A)           | 17-28 | 1853 | M.Sibson     | M.Bramald   | C.Spurr      | S.Royston   | B.Powell T  | M.Toohey     | B.Eaton 2GD | S.Hill T     | K.Lythe     | D.Rourke   | P.Harrison    | A.Spink    | S.Richardson T | R.Horsley       | W.Cartledge  | T.Spears      | C.Molyneux      |
| 20.6.2004 | NL 1       | Featherstone Rovers (H)  | 14-22 | 873  | M.Sibson T   | M.Bramald   | C.Spurr      | D.Maun      | B.Powell    | D.Lawford    | B.Eaton 3G  | S.Hill       | M.Toohey    | D.Rourke   | P.Harrison    | A.Spink    | S.Royston      | R.Horsley       | K.Lythe T    | T.Spears      | S.Richardson    |
| 4.7.2004  | NL 1       | Leigh Centurians (A)     | 22-27 | 2030 | M.Sibson     | S.Beard     | S.Royston    | D.Maun      | B.Powell    | D.Lawford    | B.Eaton 3G  | S.Hill       | W.Cart'ge   | D.Rourke T | M.Toohey 2T   | A.Spink    | S.Richardson   | M.Cass          | P.Harrison   | C.Lingard T   | C.Molyneux      |
| 11.7.2004 | NL 1       | Keighley Cougars (H)     | 30-14 | 865  | M.Sibson T   | B.Powell    | S.Royston T  | D.Maun      | A.Flynn     | D.Lawford 2T | B.Eaton 5G  | S.Hill       | W.Cart'ge   | D.Rourke   | M.Toohey      | A.Spink    | S.Richardson   | M.Cass          | P.Harrison T | C.Lingard     | C.Molyneux      |
| 25.7.2004 | NL 1       | Doncaster Dragons (A)    | 28-31 | 830  | C.Lingard 2T | B.Powell    | S.Royston    | D.Maun      | M.Sibson T  | D.Lawford    | B.Eaton 4G  | S.Hill       | K.Lythe     | D.Rourke   | M.Toohey      | A.Spink    | R.Horsley      | T.Spears        | P.Harrison T | C.Molyneux    | S.Richardson T  |
| 1.8.2004  | NL 1       | Halifax (H)              | 20-39 | 941  | M.Sibson T   | B.Powell    | S.Royston    | D.Maun      | A.Flynn     | D.Lawford    | B.Eaton 4G  | S.Hill       | K.Lythe     | S.Rich'son | M.Toohey T    | A.Spink    | R.Horsley T    | T.Spears        | P.Harrison   | C.Molyneux    | N.Graham        |
| 8.8.2004  | NL 1       | Hull KR (A)              | 18-29 | 1695 | N.Graham     | B.Powell 2T | S.Royston T  | D.Maun      | D.Lawford   | A.Flynn      | B.Eaton 3G  | C.Molyneux   | M.Cass      | S.Hill     | S.Richardson  | A.Spink    | M.Toohey       | T.Spears        | P.Harrison   | D.Bates       | W.Cartledge     |
| 15.8.2004 | NL 1       | Oldham (H)               |       |      |              |             |              |             |             |              |             |              |             |            |               |            |                |                 |              |               |                 |
| 22.8.2004 | NL 1       | Whitehaven (H)           |       |      |              |             |              |             |             |              |             |              |             |            |               |            |                |                 |              |               |                 |
| 29.8.2004 | NL 1       | Featherstone Rovers (A)  |       |      |              |             |              |             |             |              |             |              |             |            |               |            |                |                 |              |               |                 |
| 5.9.2004  | NL 1       | Rochdale Hornets (A)     |       |      |              |             |              |             |             |              |             |              |             |            |               |            |                |                 |              |               |                 |
| 12.9.2004 | NL 1       | Leigh Centurians (H)     |       |      |              |             |              |             |             |              |             |              |             |            |               |            |                |                 |              |               |                 |



## ~ ~ ~ ON THE ROAD ~ ~ ~

The next away game for The Bulldogs is the visit to Featherstone Rovers on 29th August. It's a relatively short trip if you plan to drive, Exit the

M62 at junction 32, and follow the A639 towards Pontefract. After about 1.5 miles turn right onto the A645 then after about 2.5 miles turn right at the crossroads onto the B6421. Follow the B6421 for approx. half a mile, and then turn right into Post Office Road. The ground is on the left hand side.

The week after we're away again, with another short journey over the Pennines to Rochdale. Exit the M62 at junction 20. At the roundabout turn left, following the signs for Rochdale A627(M). After approx. 1mile, by the B&Q (Sandbrook Park), turn left at the traffic lights into Edinburgh Way, following the signs for Bury A644 (A58). At next roundabout, take second exit into Roch Valley Way, signposted Blackburn B6452 (the stadium is signposted from here!). At the crossroads by the Cemetery pub continue straight on into Sandy Lane. The ground is about half a mile along, on the right hand side.

## NEXT HOME GAME



It's back to back games at The Mount now with the visit Whitehaven next Sunday. Having already beaten us 3 times this term they will be confident of a fourth victory. But Gary Thornton's men will be out for revenge in what should be another highly entertaining encounter Home advantage could be the only difference so be sure to play your part.

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| Player         | Season 2003 - 04 |        |       |         |       |        | Career Record |        |       |         |       |        |
|----------------|------------------|--------|-------|---------|-------|--------|---------------|--------|-------|---------|-------|--------|
|                | Apps             | S Apps | Goals | D Goals | Tries | Points | Apps          | S Apps | Goals | D Goals | Tries | Points |
| D. Bates       |                  | 1      |       |         |       | 0      | 3             | 6      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      |
| S. Beard       | 2                | 1      |       |         |       | 0      | 6             | 10     | 0     | 0       | 1     | 4      |
| J. Berry       | 8                | 3      |       |         | 5     | 20     | 16            | 21     | 0     | 0       | 6     | 24     |
| M. Bramald     | 11               | 1      |       |         | 2     | 8      | 32            | 3      | 0     | 0       | 10    | 40     |
| W. Cartledge   | 3                | 12     |       |         | 1     | 4      | 71            | 36     | 2     | 0       | 13    | 56     |
| M. Cass        | 4                | 6      |       |         | 2     | 8      | 181           | 117    | 0     | 8       | 54    | 224    |
| B. Eaton       | 25               |        | 125   | 2       | 3     | 264    | 60            | 0      | 263   | 3       | 8     | 561    |
| D. Evans       | 3                | 1      |       |         | 1     | 4      | 13            | 2      | 0     | 0       | 2     | 8      |
| A. Flynn       | 19               |        |       |         | 13    | 52     | 19            | 0      | 0     | 0       | 13    | 52     |
| P. Harrison    | 4                | 21     |       |         | 9     | 36     | 138           | 90     | 0     | 0       | 79    | 316    |
| A. Heptinstall | 10               | 2      |       | 1       | 1     | 5      | 38            | 2      | 0     | 5       | 3     | 17     |
| S. Hill        | 21               | 1      |       |         | 5     | 20     | 57            | 9      | 0     | 0       | 6     | 24     |
| R. Horsley     | 15               | 3      |       |         | 8     | 32     | 117           | 3      | 0     | 0       | 35    | 140    |
| D. Lawford     | 8                |        |       |         | 3     | 12     | 38            | 0      | 92    | 8       | 5     | 212    |
| A. Leek        | 1                | 6      |       |         | 1     | 4      | 11            | 10     | 0     | 0       | 2     | 8      |
| C. Lingard     | 4                | 2      |       |         | 4     | 16     | 115           | 27     | 0     | 0       | 100   | 400    |
| K. Lythe       | 3                | 1      |       |         | 1     | 4      | 34            | 2      | 0     | 0       | 6     | 24     |
| D. Maun        | 22               |        |       |         | 9     | 36     | 108           | 4      | 0     | 0       | 43    | 172    |
| C. Molyneux    | 8                | 10     |       |         | 1     | 4      | 8             | 10     | 0     | 0       | 1     | 4      |
| B. Powell      | 9                |        |       |         | 5     | 20     | 9             | 0      | 0     | 0       | 5     | 20     |
| A. Rice        | 3                | 2      |       |         |       | 0      | 3             | 2      | 0     | 0       | 0     | 0      |
| S. Richardson  | 13               | 12     |       |         | 12    | 48     | 13            | 12     | 0     | 0       | 12    | 48     |
| D. Rourke      | 18               | 2      |       |         | 4     | 16     | 66            | 7      | 0     | 0       | 9     | 36     |
| S. Royston     | 19               | 3      |       |         | 12    | 48     | 19            | 3      | 0     | 0       | 12    | 48     |
| M. Sibson      | 24               |        |       |         | 16    | 64     | 46            | 2      | 0     | 0       | 28    | 112    |
| T. Spears      | 6                | 8      |       |         | 1     | 4      | 6             | 8      | 0     | 0       | 1     | 4      |
| A. Spink       | 24               |        |       |         | 11    | 44     | 66            | 20     | 0     | 0       | 18    | 72     |
| C. Spurr       | 14               |        |       |         | 6     | 24     | 29            | 3      | 0     | 0       | 17    | 68     |
| D. Thomas      |                  | 1      |       |         |       | 0      | 11            | 2      | 0     | 2       | 5     | 22     |
| M. Toohey      | 23               |        |       |         | 6     | 24     | 60            | 21     | 0     | 0       | 20    | 80     |
| TOTALS         | 325              | 100    | 125   | 3       | 142   | 821    |               |        |       |         |       |        |

# Down Memory Lane

## by Laurie Grailey

**Sunday 18th December 1994 - Regal Trophy Round 3:  
Batley 22 St Helens 22 HT 12 - 16 Attendance 3,007**

The above occasion was the scene of a classic cup tie at Mount Pleasant, one in which gallant Batley went away with all the credit and St Helens realised how fortunate they were to fight another day.

Early on Batley took the game to their Merseyside opponents from the First Division (pre Super League days) and it was clear that 'Saints' were not going to have things their own way. Chris McWilliam squeezed his way over for an early Batley try taking 3 'Saints' defenders with him and current Head Coach, Gary Thornton added another, however 'Saints' had their noses in front at halftime by 12 - 16 but Batley had the advantage of the slope in the second half and made this count when centre, Paul Harrison ran over for 2 tries to regain the lead for Batley. Simon Wilson adding 2 goals and Andy Parkinson one.

With the light fading badly and the mud clinging conditions providing a 'leveller' Batley led 22 - 16 with time almost up when 'Saints' centre David Lyon stretched out for a try in the long stand side top corner, however, in such poor conditions it looked impossible for Bobby Goulding to level the scores with a touchline conversion, but the ball sailed straight between the uprights and sent us all for a replay at Knowsley Road the following Tuesday Night.

**Batley Team** - Darren Moxon, Gary Thornton, John Gilfillan, Paul Harrison, Steve Walker, Simon Wilson, Glen Tomlinson, Andy Parkinson, Mark Cass, Chris McWilliam, Phil Mirfin, Darren Child, Mick Cameron.

**Subs:** Tony Walton & Wayne Heron.

**Man of the match** - Glen Tomlinson.

The replay proved to be another entertaining affair with Batley leading 22 - 14 at three quarter time in front of a crowd of 4,952 before eventually losing out 22 - 50. Simon Wilson landing 5 goals and registering a try with other tries from Glen Tomlinson and Andy Parkinson.

The same 15 players took the field for the replay as had participated in the original match. The large Batley contingent in the crowd went home proud of their team's 2 gigantic efforts against the best club side in the British game. St Helens realising that they were very fortunate to escape Mount Pleasant in the original tie with a replay.

## **Batley RLFC all time top 20 goal scorers**

|     |                      |                      |
|-----|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1.  | Wharton Peers Davies | 1,288                |
| 2.  | Simon Wilson         | 1,191                |
| 3.  | George Brown         | 962                  |
| 4.  | Henry Oulton         | 953                  |
| 5.  | Jackie Perry         | 933                  |
| 6.  | Richard Price        | 923                  |
| 7.  | Phil Walshaw         | 572                  |
| 8.  | Harry Rees           | 571                  |
| 9.  | Barry Eaton          | 561 (As at 8.8.2004) |
| 10. | Keith Toohey         | 546                  |
| 11. | Glen Tomlinson       | 502                  |
| 12. | Jimmy Lawton         | 478                  |
| 13. | Trevor Oldroyd       | 460                  |
| 14. | Joe Oakland          | 417                  |
| 15. | Craig Lingard        | 400 (As at 8.8.2004) |
| 16. | Harold Nunn          | 339                  |
| 17. | Carl Gibson          | 328                  |
| 18. | Jeremy Dyson         | 322                  |
| 19. | Steve Parrish        | 322                  |
| 20. | Gary Thornton        | 316                  |

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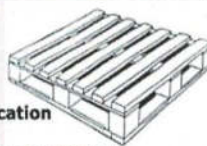
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## OLDHAM Player Profiles 2004

**GARETH BARBER** A 22-year-old goal-kicking half back who was reared on rugby with his best pal, Leeds and GB ace Kevin Sinfield. Gareth began his professional career with Warrington before signing for his hometown club at the start of the 2000/01 season. Gareth will fight to make the stand-off spot his own against tough opposition from Neil Roden, Simon Svabic and the up and coming Academy player Paul Bennett. Gareth can also play at centre.

**KEITH BRENNAN** A hugely versatile player who, although preferring scrum half can also play out half and hooker. Keith hung up his boots at the start of last season but soon missed the action and was training with the lads and in first team contention very soon. Played amateur rugby when Istyn Harris took him to Leeds Rhinos for trials. Signed for Oldham at the end of 1999 season. Missed most of 2000 with a serious knee injury.

**JON ROPER** Versatile strong centre or second row forward who has recently joined the club from Halifax as part of the deal that took James Bunyan to Halifax. Had a successful season at Rochdale Hornets last year and brings valued Super League experience to the side having previously played for Warrington and Leigh.

**WILL COWELL** Played 18 times in Super League for Warrington, mostly as a sub. This 23-year-old Cumbrian, a product of the prolific Kells amateur club left Warrington to join Oldham on the advice of former Warrington coach Darryl van der Velde. Will can play wing, centre or full back but prefers full back. Because of the good form of both Gavin Dodd and Jon Goddard, has mainly played in the wing or centre since joining Oldham. Was used mainly as a sub last season but made the wing spot his own until a shoulder injury against Leigh made him another member of Oldham's sick list.

**LEE DORAN** Still only 21 years of age, Lee is another young player Oldham have a lot of confidence in. The former Orrell St James junior also played for Swinton Lions and Widnes Vikings academy. He joined the Roughyeds when Widnes disbanded their Academy and has worked his way through the Academy and Alliance teams at Oldham and is now probably the first name on the team sheet. Has only missed one game in the last two seasons. Although basically a second row forward, Lee played at centre three-quarter for the latter part of last season and proved to be a prolific try scorer. Hoping for a great season in 2004 after representing Ireland in the World Cup. Successfully filled in as captain earlier in the season when Phil Farrell and John Hough were out through injury.

**MARTIN ELSWOOD** Tall and fast, 20 year Martin is an Oldham lad, who lives in Shaw. Played soccer in his schoolboy days and was snapped up by Oldham Athletic on schoolboy forms. When things didn't work out, he turned to rugby league, started to play for Royton Tigers and was quickly invited to the McAlpine Stadium for trials with Huddersfield. The Giants signed him on and he was there for a couple of seasons, mainly in the academy and alliance teams, until he snapped up the chance of a move to his hometown club in the autumn of 2003. Originally a centre, he now plays in the second row and that is where he sees his future.

**PHIL FARRELL** At 23 Phil is one of the youngest club captains in the game. Brother of Wigan and GB captain Andy Farrell he joined Oldham from Wigan in March 2000 where he began a remarkable unbroken run of 67 matches - an almost impossible feat in modern day rugby. Played most of his career at second row but was converted to loose forward by Steve Molloy last season. Had surgery on his shoulder in the close season but hopes to be back early in the 2004 season to lead Oldham from the front. Was voted the Players Player of the Year in 2003. Just returned after a prolonged absence with a serious shoulder injury.

**JON GODDARD** Still only 21, Jon came to us on loan in 2002 on the recommendation of the then Castleford coach Graham Steadman. Signed a full time contract in 2003 and was one of the most consistent players all season, winning the Coach's choice as Player of the Year. Jon was reared in Castleford Youth & Schools rugby before going to the Jungle. Played three times in Super League for Castleford. Played most of his rugby at Oldham in the centre, but when Steve Molloy switched him to his favourite position of full back half way through last season he thrived and made the position his own.

**NIK JOHNSON** 20-year-old winger and another Oldham born youngster returning "home" after originally signing for a Super League club, in his case Bradford Bulls. The younger brother of Oldham forward Gavin Johnson, Nick was a Great Britain academy international. Stockily built and unusually solid for a winger, Nick lacks nothing in pace. Like Lee Marsh, he played a few games for Oldham on loan at the end of last season before he got his release from Odsal and then signed for his hometown club on a one-year contract.

**MARTIN MCLOUGHLIN** 23-year-old Martin is a Wiganer and was in the same form at school as Neil Roden. Worked his way, like Neil and Phil Farrell, through the Wigan Academy and Alliance system. Was offered a contract at Wigan until the salary cap restrictions began to bite and Dean Bell pointed him in the direction of Barrow where his father Cameron was coach. After a successful season at Barrow he was the target for many clubs for 2003 but chose Oldham. After recovering from a nasty knee injury he had a good second half of the season and is proving to be a strong and powerful front row man. Still works at Wigan RFLC as part of the development and projects team.

**LEE MARSH** Not entirely a new face to Roughyeds fans because he played for Steve Molloy's men in the last five games of the 2003 season while on loan from Salford City Reds. A product of the amateur game in St Helens, Lee was wanted by Whitehaven, and his former Salford coach Steve McCormack, when he was released by the City Reds at the end of the 2003 season. He had enjoyed his time with Oldham last summer, however and chose instead to sign a one-year contract with the Roughyeds. Play anywhere, Lee is at home in several positions but he lists loose forward as his favourite with stand-off close behind.

**STEVE MOLLOY** Oldham's Player-Coach is a vastly experienced front row forward. He had a loan spell for his hometown club in 2000 and then joined the Roughyeds from Batley in March 2002. Was the obvious choice as Player-Coach when John Harbin left in July 2002. Has captained England and was in the 1996 GB party that toured New Zealand. Has played for Featherstone, Sheffield, Warrington, Huddersfield and Leeds. Is looking to this season to capitalise on all he learned in his first full season as a coach in 2003.

**DANE MORGAN** Oldham's big Aussie prop or second rower joined the Roughyeds in February 2003 and has recently extended his contract until the end of the 2004 season. He has a burning ambition to play in Super League and has represented West Tigers, North Sydney and Melbourne Storm for whom he scored a try when they defeated St Helens in the World Club Championship at the JJB Stadium. He hit a rich vein of form at the end of last season and proved to be one of the best off loaders of a ball outside of Super League. Recently married, he lives in Oldham and works part-time for the local newspaper, the Oldham Evening Chronicle. Was voted the Junior Roughyeds Player of the Year in 2003.



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## STUDY CENTRE UPDATE

Pupils who attended the first week of summer school did various activities both on the pitch and in the classroom. One of the focuses of the week was working with the Powerful Partners team, which includes ex professional rugby player Basil Richards. The main aim was to pilot a storybook and activity book about anger management; and getting pupils to realise what anger is and how they could control their own anger in situations they face. Basil also did team games and rugby skills with them as a reward for their hard work and feedback.

The pupils also used the computers and accessed the internet to create calendars; played English and maths games and created good luck messages to go in the changing rooms for the players to read and be inspired.

The second week of summer school was different in the way that activities were based more on art, craft and drama. They have produced self-portraits in the form of mosaics; written and performed a play and made masks for characters they have decided to be.

Here are some comments from those who attended:  
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**Helen**

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## RECORD ATTENDANCE

23,989 V. Leeds (Home) 14.3.1925.  
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## 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 - Barry Eaton (139) Inc 1 Drop Goal -  
Season 2002-2003.

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 & scored in every first team game in season 1998.

Barry Eaton played and scored in every first team  
game in 2002-2003 (35 games).

Barry Eaton equalled the record for the fastest century  
of goals from the start of a season - 17 games  
(1.2.2004 - 30.5.2004).

WORLD RECORD - Barry Eaton established a new  
World Record by landing 38 consecutive goal kicks  
between 29.6.2003 - 24.8.2003.

## 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.

### ENGLAND UNDER 21'S

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

SCOTLAND: Joe Berry v. Ireland 26.10.2003 &  
v. France 9.11.2003.

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.

### 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)  
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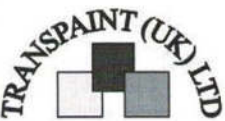
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In addition Barry requires only a further 45 points to break Richard Price's Batley points in a season record established in 1997 (308 points).

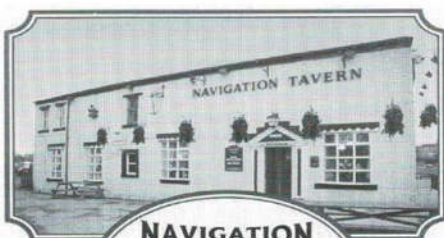
Mark Cass requires 2 more appearances to total 300 for Batley (this includes 117 sub appearances).

Sean Richardson is 2 points short of totalling 50 for the club.

Ryan Horsley requires 10 more points to reach 150 for Batley.

One further try will see Paul Harrison total 80 for the club. Quite an outstanding feat for a forward!

Danny Maun requires 28 more points to tally 200 in Batley's colours and a further 7 tries to attain 50 for the club.



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Time for a rethink  
By GARETH WALKER  
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THE draw for the Arriva Trains Cup quarter-finals will see Hull Kingston Rovers take on Doncaster for a fourth time already this season, with at least another meeting scheduled for NL1. Is it time to look at the format of the National Leagues' Cup competition?

The way the competition is structured at the moment meant that this kind of thing was always going to happen. Clubs from the same division playing in the same ATC group automatically play each other four times a season - for example Oldham and Leigh.

There is then the possibility of them drawing each other in the Challenge Cup, ATC knock-out stages and the NL1 play-offs. In theory, two teams could meet seven times in one season.

It appears to be one reason for restructuring the ATC for next year.

There are other obvious problems with the current set-up.

Kicking the year off with the ATC lessens the impact of the league season launch, and crowds have suffered because of that.

And by the end of the ATC group stages, most qualification issues have been dealt with, making the Good Friday games largely meaningless and uninspiring.

The Easter holidays should be a time of bumper attendances for clubs at this level - but many clubs missed out because of the nature of their fixtures.

Also, clubs' momentum for the new season can be quelled by playing in a group where they struggle - take Chorley for example. Instead of

a positive start to the new campaign under a promising coach, they took a fair few hammerings against NL1 sides.

So what could be done to rectify the situation?

Having a Cup competition purely for clubs at this level is vital - it gives them a trophy to aim for, and as we will no doubt see in the knock-out stages of the ATC, interest would rise significantly.

So why not have a straight knock-out competition, mixed into the National League seasons?

Clubs from NL3 could be introduced in the early rounds to give the competition a genuine national feel, and aid them in their own development.

The clubs themselves have one main problem with that - the lack of enough guaranteed home fixtures.

To counter that, why not play everyone in the league three times each, giving 27 league fixtures? A number of National League coaches have suggested that measure already.

It's not ideal, but Super League has a system where some clubs play others three times to make up their required fixtures.

There would be more high quality, balanced games taking place, with the added incentive of a knock-out cup.

The ATC hasn't attracted the crowds clubs would like, and competitive, meaningful league games would have a better chance.

It would also allow the season to start with a bang. Super League benefited massively from a big kick-off this year, with record crowds flocking to the games. Can you imagine them kicking off with a secondary competition?

Perhaps it's time for an ATC re-think.

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