

IN MEMORIAM

Jack Grindrod

Ex-Director and Chairman
of Rochdale Hornets
and
Chairman of the
Rugby Football League
who died this week

AGED 80

A. J. LAW CUP
Some Facts and Figures

The first match took place on 7th May, 1921, finishing in an inauspicious 0-0 draw. Oldham were the first holders, winning the replay 12-2 at Watersheddings on 13th May.

Rochdale Hornets' biggest win came in 1999 when Deryck Fox's side won 48-10.

Oldham's biggest win was 53-13 in 1961.

Oldham have won the trophy outright 37 times to Hornets' 20 times.

Hornets' win in 1999 ended Oldham's longest winning sequence of 7 consecutive victories, the longest in the Cup's history.

Hornets' best run of consecutive victories was 6, between 1947 and 1952.

Oldham were the first team to win the trophy away from home, at the tenth time of asking. In those first 10 years the away team failed to reach a double figure score 9 times!

ROCHDALE HORNETS R.L.F.C.



A. J. Law Cup

ROCHDALE HORNETS

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OLDHAM

Sunday, 9th January, 2005

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Main Club Sponsor
NARDI

Associate Sponsors
ARIEN DOMESTIC APPLIANCES
BRITISH MILLERAIN
SDI GREENSTONE

Match Ball Sponsors
THE WHEATSHEAF CENTRE

DONATION £1.00
ALL PROCEEDS TO TSUNAMI APPEAL

There will be a 1 minute silence prior to kick-off in memory of Jack Grindrod and the victims of the Tsunami.

HORNETS

1. David ALSTEAD
2. Andrew SAYWELL
3. Mark McCULLY
4. Richard VARKULIS
5. Chris CAMPBELL
6. Rohn BRADDISH
7. Lee BIRDSEYE
8. Tommy HODGKINSON
9. David McCONNELL
10. Andrew LEATHEM
11. Andrew GORSKI
12. Lee DORAN
13. Phil FARRELL
14. Radney BOWKER
15. David NEWTON
16. Lee HANSEN
17. Rob BALL

OLDHAM (from)

- Gavin DODD
Marty TURNER
Craig FARRIMOND
Jon GODDARD
Alan KILSHAW
Damien MUNRO
James KIRKLAND
Gareth BARBER
Nick JOHNSON
Gavin JOHNSON
Rob BARROCLOUGH
Will COWELL
Simon HAUGHTON
Paul NORMAN
Alex WILKINSON
Danny NANYN
Simon SVABIE
Andy ISHERWOOD
Adam SHARPLES
Mark ROBERTS
John HOUGH

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Mr. P. Taberner

Touch Judges: Mr. D. Winstanley, Mr. C. Tordoff

MASCOT - Holly Withington. Aged 7.

Holly attends St. John's with St. Michael's school.

She is a member of Rochdale Olympic Gymnastics Club, and is also a member of Whitworth Swimming Club.

She watches Hornets with her dad and grandad and Holly's favourite player is Bobbie Goulding.

The Italian Job

Hornets land major European sponsorship deal.

Rochdale Hornets are delighted to announce a new major club sponsorship - the biggest in their history.

The Name Nardi - the Italian domestic appliances manufacturer - will appear on the front of Hornets' jerseys in 2005, replacing the long-standing British Millerain.

Nardi comes to Rochdale in a deal brokered by existing club sponsor Arien Distribution Ltd. Arien have taken shirt sleeve and shirt-back sponsorship for the last 2 years and Arien's Managing Director Rafiq Arien said: "We've been delighted with our relationship with Rochdale Hornets and we were only too happy to introduce them to Nardi as their route into British sports sponsorship and the profile-raising potential that it offers."

According to Hornets' chairman Ray Taylor, the deal amounts to "... a significant vote of confidence in the future of Hornets..." He went on: "This is an exciting step in the club's regeneration. We're sure that our performances on the field, the coverage they will generate and the profile of our coach Bobbie Goulding will give Arien Distribution (Rochdale) and Nardi Domestic Appliances (Italy) full value for their investment. Raf has become a good friend of the club and we are looking forward to working closely with him and with Nardi throughout the next 12 months and hopefully beyond."

Ray also paid tribute to former player and ex director Tony Pratt who played a leading part in securing the sponsorship deal.

Business development director Ann Manock said: "Association with a major international brand underlines the ambitions that we have here at Spotland. The arrival of Bobbie Goulding sparked something of a renaissance here at Hornets and we are constantly looking for ways to grow and broaden our horizons. The relationship with nardi gives us the chance to benefit from working with a company with a European focus."

"As we seek to maximise every revenue-raising opportunity, this new sponsorship deal provides a huge boost to Hornets' ambitions for the coming season. Indeed Nardi becomes Rochdale Hornets biggest ever shirt sponsor by quite some significant distance."

Arien Distribution Ltd. was established in 1979 by the 4 Arien brothers and the Company has served the people of Rochdale for 25 years.

Nardi Elettrodomestici S.p.A. are based in Milan and Venice and are major manufacturers of domestic appliances.