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Head Coach: Gary Thornton

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Head Coach: Gary Mercer

No.	NAME	T	G	DG	No.	NAME	T	G	DG
1	Craig Lingard				1	Gavin Dodd			
2	Mark Sibson				2	Rob Mills			
3	Iain Marsh				3	Alex Wilkinson			
4	Shad Royston				4	Jon Goddard			
5	Adrian Flynn				5	Nick Johnson			
6	Neil Roden				6	Marty Turner			
7	Barry Eaton				7	Carlos Mataora			
8	Dane Morgan				8	Rick Bibey			
9	Darren Robinson				9	Gareth Barber			
10	Joe Berry				10	Dana Wilson			
11	Sean Richardson				11	Mark Roberts			
12	Gary Shillabeer				12	Tere Glassie			
13	Mark Toohey				13	John Hough			
14	Matt Pennington				14	Chris Hough			
15	Paul Harrison				15	Simon Haughton			
16	Tim Spears				16	Simon Svabic			
17	Will Cartledge				17	Adam Sharples			

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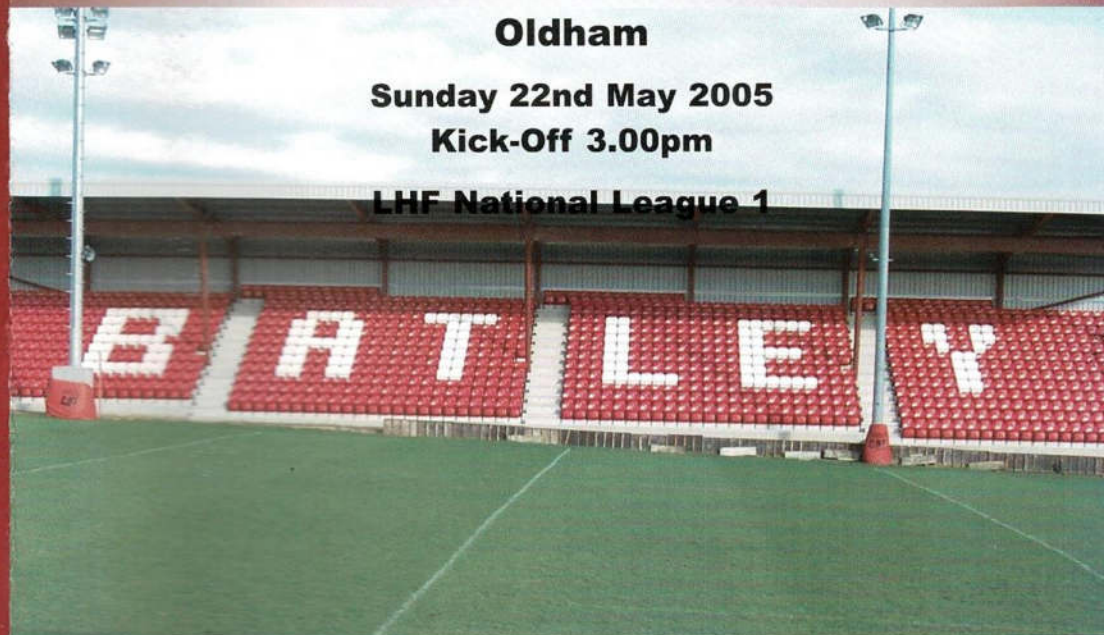
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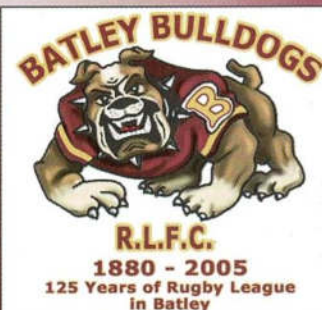
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Welcome to the Mount



IN THE CHAIR

Kevin Nicholas – Chairman

Welcome today to our friends from Oldham. After we both lost last week we will be seeking desperately for a win today.

We're having a family fun day today thanks to members of the supporters club so let's hope the weather is fine and everyone enjoys themselves before, during and after the game.

Oldham's financial woes are well publicised whereas ours as yet are not so well known outside of Batley. We are looking to plug a black hole of at least £25,000 as best we can. Short term, we have no prospects of financial help from Kirklees but longer term there is a glimmer of hope. We are looking at all ways of raising money by improving income streams to the club but it's not easy.

The change in adult admission prices will be a small help but that mainly arose from our supporters meeting where it was suggested that instead of charging £2 for a seat transfer, we should charge £12 in and people can sit down, as this was similar to most other clubs. We have not gone the whole way as concessions and children prices have not increased but they can now sit in the stand at no extra cost and adults have only gone up £1 – an actual decrease in the seated price! Please now feel free to use our seated stands which give an excellent view.

We are in negotiations with the cricket club and bowling club for small rents which do not reflect what we put into the Mount Pleasant site to maintain it. Look at the new tarmac car park used by bowlers and all the cleaning and painting we do to



benefit everyone – bowlers, cricketers and us alike. We can no longer do it for 'free' and we are not being unreasonable. Hopefully we can resolve it amicably but it will be resolved one way or another with some benefit to us.

On the rugby front we went to Doncaster and scored 28 points but we lost. It was a good performance in many respects. We should have won but for our errors and a couple of wrong refereeing decisions, although, to be fair, they were made after consultation with the touch judges. There is no point in crucifying individuals - who I am sure are not happy with themselves - but we need to put it behind us and cut out these silly errors which amount to charitable gifts to the opposition. So let's get behind our team and all our players and let's see what we can do today.

After today, good luck to Oldham in their taxman difficulties. I am sure they will work out a solution for rugby league in Oldham and we will see them at their place in August.

Enjoy the game
Kevin

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The GT Eye View from the Coach

Last weeks performance at Doncaster was a marked improvement on our last visit to Belle Vue. The result was a big disappointment because I thought we put a lot of effort into the game, and apart from a couple of unforced errors and some questionable refereeing decisions, we could have come away with the result. It was similar to the Rochdale game, when we worked real hard and matched them for long periods of the game - only to come away with nothing. When you look at the playing budgets of both those teams and ours, I thought we had done more than match them on their own turf.

We have been ravaged by injuries to key players, which has seriously affected our performances over recent weeks. Unfortunately we don't have the strength in depth to cover these absences, nor do we have the resources to bring in new faces to cover this. Because of this we have not won as many games at this stage of the season as I would have liked. However, our luck has to change soon. David Rourke should be back to fitness now his ankle injury has been sorted, and we are hoping Martin McLoughlan is not too far away. Craig Wright has struggled all season, and hopefully a couple of weeks rest should help his injuries recover. I'm confident that when we can pick from full strength we are a match for any team in this division.

Anyway last week is behind us now, and we can only look forward to the next game. Today we welcome Gary Mercer and his Oldham team to the Mount. I think their problems off the field are well documented, and I for one hope that Chris Hamilton and his board can get them resolved - Oldham are a proud and famous club, and I think Rugby League needs teams with their history in the game.

Wish us luck and I hope you enjoy the game and go home happy.

Gary.

Tails From The Doghouse

The new replica shirts have gone down a storm and sold extremely well. There are plenty remaining though and in most sizes so call in and try one today.

Today we have a small number of "Limited Edition" baseball caps which have just arrived. There are also plenty of Polo's, scarves and a few tankards remaining and why not treat yourself to a Bulldogs wig for the family fun day!

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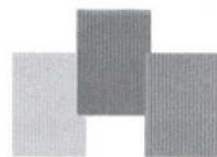
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THE MOUNT SCENE

By Club Historian & Programme Editor - Laurie Grailey.

The last home game against Featherstone Rovers proved to be a major disappointment - my day only got better when I found out that Dewsbury Rams had lost 74 - 12 at York City Knights and whilst it did not help our situation it amused me no end! What did not amuse me was our pathetic performance at Swinton Lions in the Northern Rail Cup Tie - No excuses will be offered by me for attempts of this nature.

Last Sunday at Doncaster proved to be unlucky as an under-strength Batley team fought back well in the second half only to lose out late on (a ground that has seen many Batley below par performances in recent years incidentally). At least pride and hope for the future was restored on this occasion.

Today's task is simple - nothing less than victory will suffice. Over to the boys to produce the required business.

The stats position for 2005 Season currently stands as follows:

Goal Kicking - Barry Eaton has landed 50 placed goals from 70 attempts. This equates to a 71% success rate.

Try scoring - The leading try scorer's for season 2005 so far are Craig Lingard with 7 followed by Adrian Flynn and Neil Roden with 6 each and then Shad Royston who has registered 5.

Points scoring - Barry Eaton has currently scored 113 points from 14 games played in season 2005 for an average of 8.07 points per game.

Consecutive appearances - Barry Eaton has currently appeared in 79 consecutive matches with Sean Richardson standing in second place on 16.

Tries scored so far this season - 56.

Goals / Drop goals scored so far this season - 51.

Points scored so far this season (all games, currently 11 played) - 325.

Tries conceded so far this season - 64.

Goals / Drop goals conceded so far this season - 54.

Points conceded so far this season (all games) - 366.

Consecutive games scored in - Barry Eaton has currently scored in 5 consecutive games.

Penalty count - So far this season stands at 127 to Batley and 120 to our combined opponents. The total at Doncaster was 2 - 3 in the Dragons favour.

Attendances - For home games this season totals 6,289. The average home crowd (All official games) is 898. (7 home games to date). The average home league crowd (2 games) is 768. Aggregate home gates total 1,535.

Coaching Record - The coaching duo of Gary Thornton and Paul Harrison have returned a 43% success rate with six victories from fourteen matches so far in Season 2005.

Laurie

Who Let The Dogs Out?

A warm welcome to OLDHAM



To date Batley and Oldham have met 90 times in competitive matches. Batley have won 32 of these encounters and Oldham have won 47 with 11 games ending in a draw. In total Batley have scored 932 points and Oldham have scored 1,313 points.

Over the years several players have represented both clubs, these include; John Etty, Jackie Pycroft, Terry Gorman, Jason Clegg, Hugh Gumbs, Joe Naidole, David Gibbons, Anthony Gibbons, Chris North, Mick McCone, Mick Parrish, Gary Lord, Craig Richards,

John Clarke, former New Zealand International Mike Kuiti, Steve Molloy, Chris Hough, Mick Parrish, Mark Sibson, Martin McLaughlin, Neil Roden, Iain Marsh and Dane Morgan.

The last meeting between the 2 clubs took place on 15th August 2004 at Mount Pleasant with Oldham running out victorious by 18 - 34 having led 6 - 16 at halftime before a crowd of 886.

Teams: Batley - Nathan Graham, Bryn Powell, Shad Royston, Danny Maun, Adrian Flynn, Dean Lawford, Barry Eaton (3 Goals), Chris Molyneux, Mark Cass, Steve Hill, Sean Richardson, Andy Spink (3 Tries), Mark Toohey.

Subs: Ryan Horsley, Paul Harrison, David Bates & David Rourke.

Oldham - J.Goddard (1 Try), Dodd, I.Marsh, J.Roper (5 Goals), N.Johnson (1 Try), N.Roden, I.Watson (1 Try), P.Southern, K.Brennan, M.McLoughlin, L.Doran, D.Morgan, P.Farrell (1 Try).

Subs: G.Barber (2 Tries), A.Sharpley, M.Elswood & S.Molloy.



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GARETH BARBER: Now one of the longer serving Oldham players, local lad Barber began his rugby league career at Warrington and joined the Roughyeds in the early days of the Mike Ford era. Basically a stand-off, but also able to play at hooker in the 'new' game, Gareth has played more than 100 senior games for his home-town club. He holds the club record for the most points in a single match - 26 from three tries and seven goals in a 47-12 defeat of Dewsbury at Hurst Cross in April, 2002.

RICKY BIBBY: Former Wigan and St Helens prop. Signed for Oldham just before the start of the 2005 season. He has also had a spell on loan at Leigh, for whom he played in a National League first division grand final. Aged 23, he has more than 50 Super League appearances behind him and he has the rare distinction of having won a Challenge Cup winners' medal for Wigan against St Helens and also for St Helens against Wigan.

GAVIN DODD: Favourite position, full-back, but also able to play centre and wing. Played mainly wing in the last two seasons because of the outstanding form at No 1 of Jon Goddard. Strong runner, quick too and capable of scoring tries from deep inside his own half. Made his debut five years ago and has an excellent try-scoring record - 44 in 110 senior appearances.

TERE GLASSIE: The most experienced of Oldham's three new Cook Island internationals. 27-year-old Tere has played all over the park in his years in Australia. These days he will operate mainly at prop or second-row. Auckland-born, he has lived in Australia for most of his life and has played at various levels in various competitions in New South Wales. Recommended to Oldham by ex-Kiwi Test star Kevin Iro after he helped Cook Islands to a Pacific Cup victory over NZ Maoris in the final of the 2004 competition.

JON GODDARD: Walked off with all Oldham's major player-of-the-year titles in 2004 after a brilliant season. Was also named as one of the LHF Healthplan National League first division's top three full-backs. Played in 32 of Oldham's 33 games that season and was man of the match in many of them. A Castleford lad, he signed originally for his hometown club, but he joined Oldham three seasons ago and he has never looked back after being switched from centre to his favourite No 1 job.

SIMON HAUGHTON: Formerly with Wigan Warriors and then Orrell RU Club, Simon won many medals and honours with the crack Wigan side, often playing second-row alongside Denis Betts and matching Betts in the try-scoring charts. Joined Oldham in mid-December, 2004 and was certainly Mercer's highest-profile capture. He played mainly in the backs with Orrell, but Mercer plans to use him as Wigan did - as a wide-running second-row forward with a thirst for tries.

JOHN HOUGH: A hooker, John is unique in Roughyeds folklore. He made local rugby league history in early December, 1997 when he signed for the newly-formed club as a free agent from Warrington Wolves to become the Roughyeds' first ever signing. Since then he has been a magnificent servant which was rewarded in November, 2004 when he was offered and accepted a three-year contract to take him up to retirement. He has played in 194 senior games for the Roughyeds - more than any other player.

NICK JOHNSON: An old-style winger who loves to hug the touchline. Oldham-born Nick played in all 33 Oldham games in 2004 and scored 26 tries to set a club record for most tries in a season. Formerly with Bradford, last season was his first full campaign with the Roughyeds and he got off to a flier by scoring 15 tries in the first 13 games. In a purple patch last March and April he scored ten tries in five games against Warrington (cup), Chorley, Rochdale twice and Swinton.

CARLOS MATAORA: Another Cook Islands international. Like Tere Glassie and Dana Wilson, he played in the Pacific Cup campaign for the Cooks, who beat Tonga and Fiji on their way to the final in which they conquered the Maoris. Another

Kevin Iro recommendation, this 21 year old can play hooker, loose-forward or half-back, a very versatile performer of whom exciting things are expected in 2005.

DAMIAN MUNRO: Son of Geoff Munro, who made a name for himself with the old Oldham Bears club as a high-scoring and strong-running wing. Damian scored 32 tries for Leigh in 2003, mainly from the wing, and proved to be one of the most exciting finishers over distance outside Super League. He has come 'home' to Oldham to play essentially in the centre and there are some who feel he could rival Johnson this year in the race to become the club's top try scorer.

MARK ROBERTS: Mark impressed at Oldham while on loan from Warrington at the end of the 2004 season. The management, and Mercer, had no hesitation in going for him again for 2005, this time on a more permanent basis. Like all the other senior players, with the exception of John Hough, he is on a one-year contract. Mark proved his value last year and he is expected to have a good season in the back row of the pack.

ADAM SHARPLES: Another young prop, Adam gave up a promising future in swimming to concentrate on rugby league. He toured Fiji, Auckland and Australia with NW Counties under-16s in 2001 and has come on in leaps and bounds since, already possessing more than ten senior outings. Dedicated, and a hard worker in the gym and the training field, he is currently battling back to fitness after suffering a recurrence of a knee injury in pre-season. A student of sports science at Alsagar College, Crewe.

SIMON SVABIC: Stand-off Simon began his career with the old Oldham club, moved on to Salford and then Leigh and then came back to Oldham for the start of the 2003 campaign. Now in his third year with the club, he is a midfield tactician with good hands, a rugby brain and a kicking game.

MARTY TURNER: A 23-year-old New Zealander, Marty is the club's overseas quota player for 2005. He will operate at scrum-half and will have the additional responsibilities of goalkicker. It will be his job to take the team around the field. He has played most of his rugby in Australia and comes to Oldham on the recommendation of his fellow Kiwi and Widnes coach Frank Endacott. The tip was so strong that Mercer felt he had no alternative but to unload Aussie forward Dane Morgan to make way for his playmaker on the quota.

ALEX WILKINSON: Another former Royton Tiger, Alex signed for Bradford as a youngster and he has a fair bit of Super League experience under his belt, having played out on loan for London Broncos and Hull FC, for whom he later signed permanently. Full time rugby and physiotherapy studies at Huddersfield didn't mix so he got his release and signed for his home town club, where his father used to be the club doctor. Younger brother also played for the Roughyeds until injury put paid to his hopes of a career in the sport.

DANA WILSON: A 21 year old prop from the southern hemisphere, Dana was born in Auckland of a Cook Islands mother and a Samoan father. He played for the Marist club in Auckland and then, last year, moved to Australia to play for a club in the Manly competition on the outskirts of Sydney. He made a big impression for the Cooks in the Pacific Cup and the Cooks manager, Kevin Iro, felt he was ready for the next stage of his development - a trip to the UK to try his hand with Oldham in the National League.

ROB MILLS: 26 year old local amateur from Shaw Rhinos who impressed on wing in game against Oldham. Prolific try scorer in amateur game. Signed on trial.

GARY MERCER (head coach): One of the most consistently good and honest forwards of the past 20 years. Record proves his durability - 21 Tests for New Zealand, ex-captain of Leeds, former player-coach of Halifax. Won most of the honours available after spells with Bradford, Warrington (twice), Leeds (twice) and Halifax. Was No 2 and then head coach at Castleford last year and now coaching at National League level for the first time.



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From the Archives

by Laurie Grailey

**9th December 1990 – Regal Trophy Round 2 –
Batley 20 Oldham 16 HT 4 – 10
Att 2054**

On a snow bound pitch Batley produced the shock of the round in knocking out their First Division opponents from across the Pennines with a stunning hat-trick of tries by player-coach Keith Rayne.

Despite being behind at halftime 4 – 10 and playing up the slope in the second half the Gallant Youths stuck to their task despite giving a huge weight deficit against the massive Oldham pack and in the later stages tempers were fraught as Andy Williams and Charlie McAllister were sin binned and Oldham's Australian loose forward John Cogger was dismissed for fighting.

Time was running out as Batley planned one final assault on the Oldham line and Rayne forced his way over for the match clinching score. The final hooter led to wild celebrations in the Batley camp.

This win resulted in Batley travelling to Widnes in the Quarter Final and being featured on ITV's 'Scrumdown' programme.

**Batley - Gls Stainburn 2 Tries Rayne 3 Child
Oldham - Gls Platt 2 Tries Lord, Russell,
Round**

Teams – Batley: James Hamill, Gary Thornton, Paul Marshall, Simon Wilson, Andy Williams, Michael Booth, John Stainburn, Keith Rayne, Neil Hartley, Mark Speight, Howard Bailey, Sonny Whakarau, Mark Fortis.

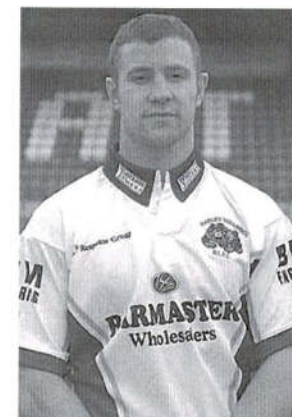
Subs: Paul Rees & Darren Child.

Oldham: Duncan Platt, Norman Francis, Tony Anderson, Richard Irving, Paul Lord, Brett Clark, Mike Ford, Austin Donegan, Richard Russell, John Fairbank, Paul Round, Charlie McAllister, John Cogger.

Subs: Duane & John Fieldhouse.

Spotlight on MARK TOOHEY

Date of birth	16.6.1982
Nationality	British
Place of birth	Dewsbury
Place of residence	Batley
Marital status	Single
Family details	None
Height	6 Foot
Weight	15 Stone
Nickname	Toohy
Preferred position	Stand off / Back Row
Previous clubs	None
Honours gained	NFP Under 21's
Career highlight	Putting pen to paper for Batley
Career low point	None
Most respected player (current)	Andy Farrell
Most respected player (Past)	Ellery Hanley
Hardest tackler faced	None
Hardest player to tackle	None
Greatest influence on career	Dad
Most memorable game and why	Leigh Semi Final Play-Off
Favourite ground	Mount Pleasant
Worst ground	Post Office Road
Favourite other sports	Football
Greatest playing strength	Defence
Any other interests	Films / Music
Worst rule in the game	None
Best coach	Gary Thornton
Favourite drink	Tea
Favourite food	Chicken
Favourite type of music	Embrace
Favourite holiday spot	Majorca
Favourite actor	Denzil Washington
Favourite movie	Kill Bill
Favourite TV	Little Britain
Greatest dislike	None
Ambitions within the game	Make it to the top!!!
Life after rugby	Work & Family
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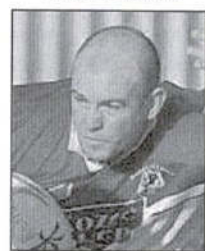
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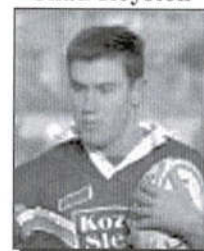
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Date	Comp.	Opponent	Score	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
13.2.2005	N.R. Cup	Doncaster Dragons (H)	28-22	788	Sibson	Stokes	Marsh	Royston	Flynn T	Roden 2T	Eaton 6G	Wright	Lythe	Rourke	McLoughlinT	Morgan	Toohey	Spears	Shillabeer	Cartledge	Richardson
20.2.2005	N.R. Cup	Dewsbury Rams (A)	22-32	1311	Beard	Stokes	Marsh	RoystonT	Flynn	Roden T	Eaton 3G	Wright	Lythe T	Berry	McLoughlin	Morgan	Toohey T	Horsley	Spears	Cartledge	Richardson
27.2.2005	N.R. Cup	Sheffield Eagles (H)	28-16	492	Lingard T	Stokes T	Marsh	Royston T	Flynn	Roden	Eaton 4G	Wright	Lythe	Rourke	Richardson	MorganT	Tohhey	Beard	Harrison	Spears	Horsley T
4.3.2005	N.R. Cup	Sheffield Eagles (A)	34-6	875	Lingard 3T	Stokes	Marsh	Royston	O'Regan T	Roden	Eaton 7G T	Wright	Berry	Rourke	Richardson	Morgan	Toohey	Horsley	Cartledge	Spears	Shillabeer
13.3.2005	PCC Rd 3	St Gaudens (H)	40-14	569	Lingard	Lister	Marsh T	Royston T	O'Regan 3T	Roden T	Eaton 6G	Wright	Berry	Rourke	Richardson T	Morgan	Toohey	Lythe	Spears	Cartledge	Shillabeer
20.3.2005	N.R. Cup	Doncaster Dragons (A)	0-54	804	Lingard	Flynn	Marsh	Royston	O'Regan	Roden	Eaton	Wright	Lythe	Rourke	Richardson	Morgan	Toohey	Horsley	Spears	Cartledge	Shillabeer
25.3.2005	N.R. Cup	Dewsbury Rams (H)	12-10	1234	Lingard	Stokes	Marsh	Royston	Flynn	Roden T	Eaton 2G T	Wright	Berry	Cartledge	Richardson	Morgan	Toohey	Sibson	Lythe	Shillabeer	Harrison
29.3.2005	NL 1	Rochdale Hornets (A)	25-26	646	Lingard	Stokes 2T	Marsh	Royston T	Flynn T	Toohey	Eaton 4G D	Wright	Lythe	Berry	Richardson	Morgan	Horsley	Sibson	Robinson	Shillabeer	Harrison
3.4.2005	PCC Rd4	Leigh Centurions (H)	8-25	1671	Lingard	Stokes	Marsh	Royston	Flynn 2T	Toohey	Eaton	Wright	Lythe	Berry	Richardson	Morgan	Horsley	Sibson	Spears	Shillabeer	Harrison
10.4.2005	NL 1	Barrow Raiders (H)	50-30	588	Lingard 2T	Stokes	Marsh T	Royston	Flynn T	Roden	Eaton 7G	Rourke	Lythe	Berry	Richardson	Morgan2T	Toohey	Sibson	Spears	Robinson 2T	Harrison T
17.4.2005	NL 1	Halifax (A)	16-38	1715	Sibson	Stokes	Marsh	Royston T	Flynn	Roden	Eaton 2G	Wright	Lythe	Berry	Richardson	Harrison T	Toohey	Lingard	Rourke	Robinson	Spears T
24.4.2005	NL 1	Featherstone Rovers (H)	10-18	947	Sibson	Stokes T	Robinson	Royston	Flynn T	Roden	Eaton G	Wright	Lythe	Berry	Richardson	Morgan	Harrison	Lingard	Cartledge	Spears	Rourke
1.5.2005	N.R. 1/4Final	Swinton Lions (A)	24-40	689	Lingard T	Stokes	Sibson 2T	Beard	Flynn	Roden	Eaton 4G	Wright	Lythe	Berry	Richardson	Morgan	Toohey T	Robinson	Cartledge	Harrison	Shillabeer
15.2.2005	NL1	Doncaster Dragons (A)	28-35	653	Lingard	Sibson T	Marsh T	Royston	Flynn	Roden T	Eaton 4GT	Morgan	RobinsonT	Berry	Richardson	Shillabeer	Toohey	Pennington	Harrison	Spears	Cartledge
22.5.2005	NL 1	Oldham (H)																			
5.6.2005	NL 1	Hull KR (A)																			
12.6.2005	NL 1	Whitehaven (H)																			
26.6.2005	NL 1	Castleford Tigers (A)																			
3.7.2005	NL 1	Rochdale Hornets (H)																			
10.7.2005	NL 1	Barrow Raiders (A)																			
24.7.2005	NL 1	Halifax (H)																			
31.7.2005	NL 1	Featherstone Rovers (A)																			
7.8.2005	NL 1	Doncaster Dragons (H)																			
14.8.2005	NL 1	Hull KR (H)																			
21.8.2005	NL 1	Oldham (A)																			
4.9.2005	NL 1	Whitehaven (A)																			
11.9.2005	NL 1	Castleford Tigers (H)																			



Tricky Tie Next For Bulldogs

We have another week off next Sunday and then the following week, 5 June, make the trip along the M62 for the very difficult tie at Hull Kingston Rovers.

The Robins have had a very strong start and are hotly fancied to finish in a high play-off position so The Bulldogs will have to be at their best. An entertaining tie is guaranteed.

The Supporters Club are running a bus to the game, you can book with Roy Barron on 01924 478886 or if you plan to drive, follow the M62 eastbound to J38 where it joins the A63 which joins Clive Sullivan Way on the approach to Hull. Stay on this road over the twisting flyover past the City Centre and Marina. Continue straight on at the traffic lights in the middle lane over Myton Bridge.

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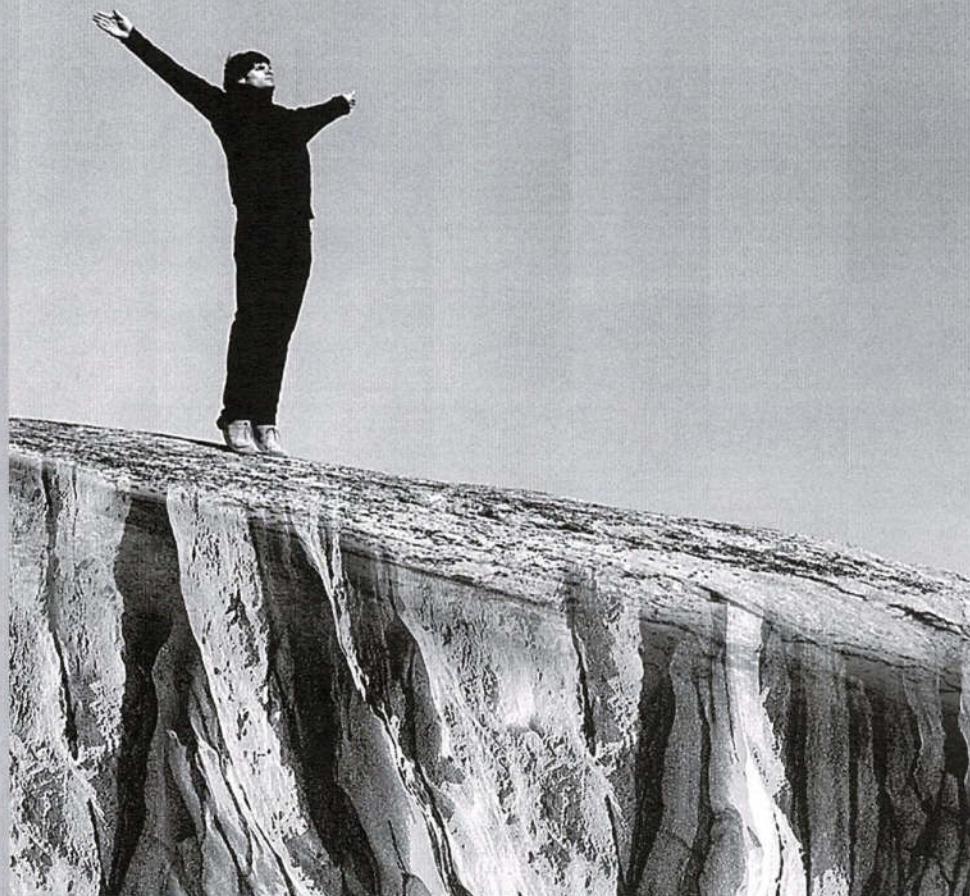
A massive thank you goes from everyone at the club to the tireless workers of The Supporters club for their efforts in organising today's family fun day.

There will be live entertainment behind the Bulldog Bar after the game with local singing star Jade Helliwell and a fabulous Brass Band, along with games, races and all sorts of competitions going off. Hopefully the weather is good and we can all have a good laugh at each other later on !!



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The Rugby League Challenge Cup Winners were Leigh who defeated Leeds 24 – 7 with Syd Hynes becoming the first Rugby League player to be sent off at Wembley.

Mount Pleasant 1971 Revisited

Batley finished 28th from a 30 team Northern Rugby League.

Leading goal scorers were Keith Toohey with 18 and Dave Secker with 17. Leading try scorers were Urek Piwinski with 7, Geoff Marsh and George Standidge both with 5.

Mainstays of the team were Phil Holmes, David Brooke, Alan Edwards, Phil Doyle, John Fox and Jack Thomas.

Coach for a third and final time was Dave Cox.

Notable performances were the 15 – 5 win at Halifax, the 9 – 8 win at Hunslet, 17 – 12 home defeat of Doncaster and 13 – 4 home defeat of Whitehaven. In addition a 7 – 7 draw with Dewsbury and a 12 – 12 draw at Workington Town.

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Player
Milestones**

Mark Toohey requires 2 more appearances to total 100 for Batley (including 22 sub appearances) and 8 more points to reach 100 for the club.

Joe Berry (left) requires 2 more appearances to total 50 for Batley (this includes 21 sub appearances).



Craig Lingard requires a further 5 tries to overhaul Harold Nunn and move into 3rd place in the all time try scoring list. A further 18 tries will see 'Linnies' overhaul Glen Tomlinson and become the club's all time record try scorer.

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Study Centre Update

At the fun day after the match we will begin recruiting for this year's summer school. We want it to be open to the fans first, as we are focussing on the Bulldogs' history. The programme will be based for children and young people ages 7 - 16 years old, as a variety of activities will take place. The main aim is to put all the things we do onto the Nowthen.org website. Come and find us (Sarah and I will probably be near the parachute!) after the game to sign up. The activities run for the first two-week of the summer holidays and we need the children to attend both weeks as there is a set programme of events.

This term we have pupils from Boothroyd, Fieldhead, Carlton, Headfield, Leaside and Batley Boys. We have new IT programmes for the pupils as well as outdoor apparatus for when we are outside. You might get to see some of the items in action later this afternoon.

This year we will be again presenting at the National Conference, which is next week at Stratford-Upon-Avon. It's great to shout out about our centre to others who are based in much bigger clubs. Jeanette, Asif and I will be attending, representing both Batley and Dewsbury Study Centres. It's a grand occasion to learn from others and will be giving out our expertise out too!

I have just finished a large evaluation report for Children's Fund which will help to promote our work to the big agencies such as Children's Fund, DiES, Kirklees and any other potential funders.

Here's to a great game and a fun time afterwards!



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24.4.1897	St Helens (Headingley)	Won 10 - 3	1.10.1958	Wakefield Trinity (Away)	Lost 13 - 21
23.4.1898	Bradford (Headingley)	Won 7 - 0	2.9.1981	Yorkshire Cup Semi Final	Lost 3 - 40
13.4.1901	Oldham (Fartown)	Won 9 - 2	10.5.1992	Sheffield Eagles (Away)	Lost 22 - 36
27.4.1901	Warrington (Headingley)	Won 6 - 0	15.5.1994	Stones Bitter Premiership	Lost 4 - 19
12.1.1909	Tour Match Australia	Won 12 - 5	14.5.1995	Huddersfield (Home)	Lost 6 - 13
27.11.1909	Huddersfield	Lost 0 - 21	19.7.1998	Oldham (Home)	Won 28 - 12
8.4.1911	Wigan (Fartown)	Lost 2 - 4	15.9.2002	Doncaster Dragons (Away)	Won 27 - 14
27.1.1912	Tour Match Australia	Won 13 - 5	22.9.2002	Featherstone Rovers (Away)	Won 32 - 30
9.11.1912	Leeds (Home)	Won 18 - 2	29.9.2002	Oldham (Home)	Won 26 - 16
23.11.1912	Hull (Headingley)	Won 17 - 3	6.10.2002	Leigh Centurians (Away)	Lost 28 - 35
14.11.1914	Hull (Away)	Lost 0 - 7	8.6.2003	Salford City Reds (Away)	Lost 6 - 68
15.11.1919	Leeds (Away)	Lost 5 - 16	11.10.2003	Sheffield Eagles (Home)	Won 36 - 14
26.10.1921	Tour Match Australia	Lost 7 - 33			
18.11.1922	Leeds (Away)	Won 28 - 0			
2.12.1922	York (Headingley)	Lost 0 - 5			
10.11.1923	Huddersfield (Away)	Lost 9 - 10			
26.4.1924	Oldham (Home)	Won 38 - 0			
3.5.1924	Wigan (Broughton)	Won 13 - 7			
8.11.1924	Hull KR (Away)	Won 10 - 8			
22.11.1924	Wakefield Trinity (Headingley)	Lost 8 - 9			
14.9.1929	Tour Match Australia	Lost 5 - 27			
13.10.1937	Leeds (Away)	Lost 5 - 10			
4.11.1947	Tour Match New Zealand	Won 19 - 18			
10.10.1950	Castleford (Home)	Drew 2 - 2			
13.10.1950	Castleford (Away)	Lost 9 - 13			
16.10.1951	Tour Match New Zealand	Lost 13 - 20			
8.10.1952	Featherstone Rovers (Away)	Won 8 - 4			
15.11.1952	Huddersfield (Headingley)	Lost 8 - 18			

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RECORD SCORE

82-4 v. London Skolars (Home) 23.2.2003

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

RECORD DEFEAT

2-70 Home v Leigh 24.11.1985

9-78 Away v Wakefield Trinity 26.8.1967

GOALS

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

SEASON - Barry Eaton (146) Inc 2 Drop Goals 2004

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) 1896-1912.

CONSECUTIVE PLAYING & SCORING

(INDIVIDUAL) Barry Eaton (70) 19.1.2003 - 13.3.2005

INDIVIDUAL CLUB HONOUR - Richard Price played & scored in every first team game in season 1998. (23 games)

Barry Eaton played and scored in every first team game

in 2002-2003 (35 games) & Season 2004 (30 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 successful 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 v.France

ENGLAND UNDER 21's

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

IRELAND Martin McLoughlin v England 7.11.2004

SCOTLAND: Joe Berry v. Ireland 26.10.2003 &

v. France 9.11.2003. Nathan Graham v Wales

24.10.2004 & v. Ireland 29.10.2004

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.

NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE REPRESENTATIVE

MATCH: Andy Spink v New Zealand 'A' (At Leigh

2.11.2003)

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 - 1896-97,

1897-98 & 1900-01.

YORKSHIRE CUP WINNERS - 1912-13.

YORKSHIRE CUP RUNNERS UP - 1909-10,

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

YORKSHIRE R.U. CUP WINNERS -1884-85.

YORKSHIRE R.U. CUP RUNNERS UP - 1892-93.

YORKSHIRE SENIOR CUP RUNNERS UP ('A'

TEAM)- 1981-82.

RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

- 1923-24.

TRANS PENNINE CUP WINNERS - 1998.

DIVISION 2 PROMOTION - 1998.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

2 RUNNERS UP - 1994-95.

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE WINNERS - 1898-9 &

1923-4.

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE RUNNERS UP -

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

ALLIANCE DIVISION 2 EAST CHAMPIONS

('A' TEAM) - 1991-2.

ALLIANCE DIVISION 2 CUP RUNNERS UP

('A' TEAM) - 1991-2.

ALLIANCE CUP RUNNERS UP ('A' TEAM)

(26.9.98) - 1998.

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Rugby Talk

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THE disappointing attendances at the last two rounds of the Powergen Challenge Cup have certainly provided food for thought. I think it's fair to say that the Hull-Bradford game was the first 'blockbuster', certainly in pitting sides from the top echelons of Super League against each other, but despite the fact that it was a televised match, Hull would undoubtedly have been disappointed with a 10,000-ish crowd.

The following day, Salford vs London was always going to be a test of the BBC production team in their brave attempts to make it look like the massed burghers of Manchester were remotely interested in proceedings. If the people in the stands were indeed passionate about the matter – and they were – their heroes on the paddock didn't particularly emulate their mood; not on that occasion at least.

And it hasn't just been a one or two off. The Leeds Rhinos, who we'd begun to think could fill Headingley for a touch and pass session on a Wednesday afternoon, have struggled to drag fans into see their cup games. So what's the problem? Has the public turned off the idea of a midsummer Challenge Cup?

Timing's not the main concern to me – at least not in terms of the season.

It may be that a Saturday afternoon no longer appeals to families who have other things to do – in Hull FC's case at least, a certain Hull City AFC might have been an alternative draw at that time of day.

The TV factor might be a consideration too.

Despite the growth of Sky's popularity, a BBC terrestrial live broadcast will still multiply the viewing figures by as much as twenty-fold. And that, compounded by what I think is the bigger problem, is at the root of the woe.

Super League has been a marketing sensation in building its family audience, and has cleverly done it on the back of the season ticket. That's still a considerable outlay, but one which diehard fans can budget for.

Suddenly the same family can be asked to stump up the thick end of sixty-quid to watch a cup game, because their season ticket status means nothing. Lump the car parking, a programme, lottery ticket, hot dogs and a couple of drinks all round on top of that and a family of four can be waving bye-bye to the best part of a ton (pause for deep intake of breath).

Meanwhile with the way the sport is polarizing between the haves and have-nots, there's little dramatic anticipation in a Leeds-Pia, or St Helens-York fixture. Not a hundred sovereigns' worth anyway. Or at least not for everyone.

It's something the chief execs of the game might do well to ponder on for next year's Cup.

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