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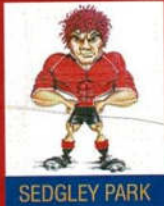
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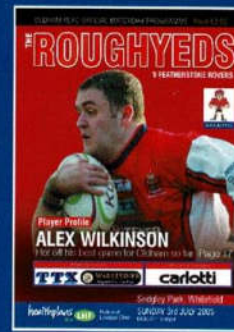
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GOALS IN A SEASON: Pat Rich, 146 - 2000-2001

POINTS IN A SEASON: Pat Rich, 320 - 2000-2001

DROP GOALS IN A SEASON: Neil Roden, 7 - 2001-2002

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Mark Sibson v Queensbury, 4 - Jan 28th 2001 at Boundary Park

David Gibbons v Chorley Lynx, 4 - Jan 30th 2001 at Boundary Park

James Bunyan v Featherstone Rovers, 4 - Apr 12th 2004 at Boundary Park

GOALS IN A MATCH: Simon Svabic v Swinton Lions, 10 - Apr 6th 2003 at Boundary Park

POINTS IN A MATCH: Gareth Barber v Dewsbury Rams, 26 - Apr 2nd 2002 at Hurst Cross

(7 goals, 3 tries)

DROP GOALS IN A MATCH: Neil Roden v Workington Town, 2 - dec 17th 2000 at Derwent Park

John Braddish v Hull KR, 2 - Dec 16th 2001 at New Craven Park

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The Chairman's Thoughts

with CHRIS HAMILTON

Welcome back to Sedgley Park for what will be our last of three games here whilst work is carried out at Boundary Park.

I am quite sure that most of you will have enjoyed the facilities and the differences in contrast to our normal home. Certainly our attendance last Friday against Halifax was considerable better than the previous one for the Rochdale game although the away support for Halifax was quite good.

We are obviously hoping to finish our "tour" with a win and in fairness to the team nobody has moaned about the situation they have simply got on with it.

The Halifax game was certainly one we could have won and the fact that they are in fourth place shows how tight the division is.

Today's opposition, Featherstone, will again come with all guns blazing and like us they will see the game as one they can win to cement their Play Off place. We have had some great battles against Fev over the years and that was typified in the first game of the season when we defied all the odds to grab a point with only fifteen men.

As you will have seen in the newspapers recently we have made the first payment to the VAT and Revenue and every time we make one of those payments it is another step towards securing the future of the club.

Without any doubt there is a lot of hard work to be done and once again we ask for your support in helping us move forward.

As you can see from the difficulties Wigan are currently experiencing on the field nobody is immune from problems and it is usually from a difficult situation that character comes through. We think we are showing ours and hopefully you will help us also.

We also need a bit of luck on the injury front as every time we play we seem to end up with one problem or another and most of the injuries we are getting are meaning fairly lengthy absences. There is no doubt that if we can get a few of the injured back it will make a big difference to the squad both in numbers and options for Gary and will enable us to improve results on the field.

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Enjoy the game

Chris

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From The Touchline

with Gary Mercer

Q&A

WITH GARY MERCER

No actual questions for Gary this week but this arrived on the website and I thought was worth an inclusion on this page. Please keep questions to Gary coming in. If you don't ask, he can't answer.

Oz Roughyed says:

Hello, not really a question this but I thought people might like to know and it could make a footnote in a programme.

Living out in Oz you would think that Oldham rugby or one of its ex players would get very little press. But last Thursday evening on Channel Nine's 'The Footy Show' one of the topic's was all about the toughest players ever.

One of the panel that evening was the South Sydney legend John Sattler, who on giving his top five gave special mention to Oldham's very own Derek Turner. Sattler went as far as to say that Turner was the toughest Pomme he had played against or with, high praise indeed from a man seen as a legend not only to his own club but to many respected people in the game and one who won everything in his era.

Michael Doyle
Sydney

Gary says:

Thanks Michael, glad to see we fans down under. Never saw him play. I'm far too young but from all accounts a couple like him would do us a world of good at the present time. I see he is a member of the club's hall of fame.

Can I give a big welcome to all Featherstone's players,

coaches, directors and speckies to Sedgley Park this afternoon.

It doesn't seem long ago that we were up at Fev. for the first game of the season with only 15 fit players and having to include Mark Roberts as one of my 3 on the bench despite him having a bad case of the "runs". Although the situation is not quite as bad now we are having some rough luck in the injury department and the loss of key players in key positions, namely Chris Hough and James Kirkland, last week certainly played a big part in a disappointing result for us.

On top of that the loss of Ricky Bibey after 17 minutes just added to our woes as there is no doubt Ricky, of late, as been very influential and has become our main go forward player. Our players do respond with Ricky on the field and he was sorely missed. Despite all of this I do think we were in a position to win the match and we had several opportunities in the first half where we took poor options. For example on two occasions in the first half we were camped out on their line and poor kicks lost us the advantage. I must say however that a lot of this was directly due to a disruption of the team structure very late in the day and after all our training sessions, owing to injury and illness.

I thought Marty Turner was fantastic in both defence and attack and he created several opportunities throughout the match that we failed to capitalise from. The more other players take some of the defensive responsibilities off his back the more we will see him flourish as an attacking player. The more we play off Marty in attack the more we will get the ball out wide and bring into play our talented three quarters.

On the positive side we never let our heads drop and fought back to just 6 points behind and could have easily been level in the later stages. The main thing was we didn't collapse as we have done in previous games and this is all credit to the lads collectively. Confidence is growing but I would like to see players making their own snap decisions at times on the field and not always turning to Keith and I for decisions. There are times when a quick decision can create a valuable opening and points.

It is vital we bounce back today after defeat and what is again required is a quality display from 1 to 17 and to get back onto winning ways. It looks as if we might have a problem at prop as I can't see Ricky being fit for this afternoon and we will therefore be very dependant on the versatility of Tere Glassie who has been playing well of late and will probably have to play a lot of the game in the front row today.

Get behind the lads, it really helps.

Gary

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**IAN
HODSON**

Halifax

24/06/05

Mins **80**
Tackles **23**
Misses **2**
Carries **14**
metres gained **36**
Average gain **2.5m**



**TERE
GLASSIE**

Halifax

24/06/05

Mins **80**
Tackles **21**
Misses **1**
Carries **10**
Positive off loads **3**
Total metres gained **35**
Av gain **3.6m**



**MARK
ROBERTS**

Halifax

24/06/05

Mins **51**
Tackles **24**
Misses **0**
Hit ups **8**
Positive off loads **1**
Total metres gained **35**
Av gain **4.3m**

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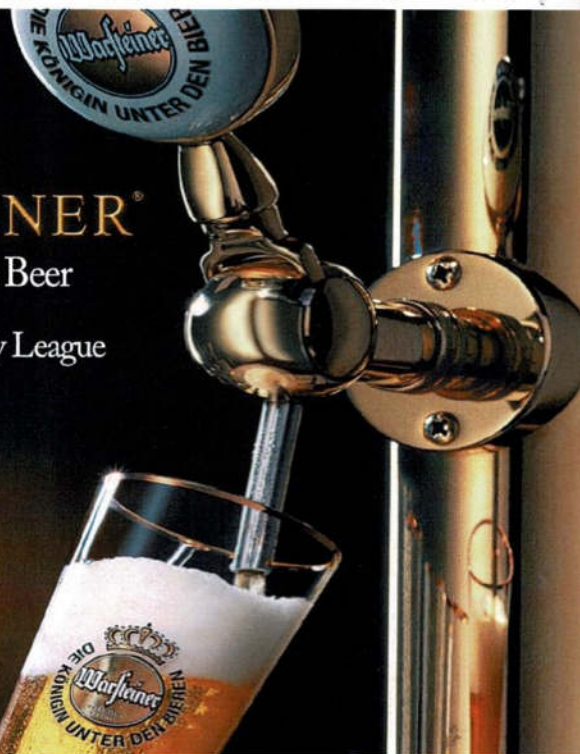
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As Ian Sees It!

So it was back to something a little closer to reality against Halifax. We certainly played much better than during the nightmare run earlier in the season, but there was no denying that we lost to a better side on the day.



The first half seemed to be impressive, and certainly the defensive effort was. But we showed some of the other faults which have plagued us for most of the season even then, and they cost us when 'Fax' turned up the heat from the moment the second half began. In particular, there was a lack of craft when on attack close to our opponents line, a failure to turn quality breaks into tries and very poor ball control. Not only was the outcome that we were only 4 points ahead instead of the 20 or so that our superiority deserved, but the energy used up in repairing the damage caused by our failure to complete sets on so many occasions surely must have been a major factor contributing to the second half beating.

All is not negative, however. The comeback effort between the 60th. and 70th. minutes showed real guts, I thought, and that can certainly be a standard to be taken into the second half of the season, which begins today. Results elsewhere are currently going in our favour, too, so that, with home games to come against 3 of the sides in the bottom half of the table with us, there is every reason to hope - nay, believe - that we can escape the dreaded bottom two places in NL1 by

the time we finish the regular fixtures on 11 September.

Turning to other matters, what a fantastic result for the future of the game - at least from the point of view of the 'expansionist' school - was Toulouse's win over Widnes. You can't see them going any further, but the profile of the game in France must have been immeasurably enhanced, not just in the short-run, but also when it comes to generating support for a second French Super League side which is a must for RL's long-term international development.

Finally, I am afraid I have to admit to feeling a bit sorry for Wigan. Not too sorry, of course; and certainly not for that nice Millward chap. But didn't Maurice look dispirited and bemused when the cameras focused on him as the Saints score mounted! Even during our lowest points - and as one whose first game was now just over 50 years ago, I have seen quite a few in my time! - we never suffered two consecutive games with an aggregate score 0-145. Developments at the JJB over the coming weeks and months will be awaited with interest!

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In Yer Face!

with GEOFF COOKE

May 1st, May 8th, May 29th, June 19th, July 17th, August 28th. What do these dates have in common? They are all days when Oldham did not or do not have fixtures. So much for Summer rugby. And if, like Featherstone Coach Gary Price or ex-Hull K.R. Coach Harvey Howard, you have the temerity to criticise the poor fixture planning entailed in this you get hauled over the coals.

Well, at the risk of getting the Oldham club in bother, let me say -as a matter of personal opinion only- that it's not good enough. In his excellent article in our last programme Brian Walker pointed out that since Super League began in 1996 attendances outside the top flight have fallen from 385,790 to 193,269. I am absolutely certain that lack of a regular pattern of fixtures -Home one week, Away the next- is a contributory factor. And I reiterate the point made because the way things are going in five years time semi-professional football as currently played in N.L.1 and N.L.2 will no longer exist. And what is most galling of all is that this is against a background of probably the highest standard of playing ability ever at the lower levels of the game. If this sounds alarmist I'm sorry but if anyone thinks Oldham are the only club to encounter financial difficulties they need to think again. In my view the game is walking a tightrope with, probably, no more than half a dozen clubs truly solvent. The R.F.L. has worked wonders to recover from the losses incurred in staging the 2000 World Cup, in promoting the Tri-nations and in agreeing an ongoing international programme which will take Great Britain to Australia in 2007 and 2008. Now let's have the same energy applied to reinvigorating the semi professional game, especially if automatic promotion is to go as this in itself will drive people away from the game.

I don't know where 'Michael James' (an assumed name) is coming from with a new book called 'The Family Game: The Untold Story of Hooliganism in Rugby League', but I hope his attempt at sensationalism falls flat on its face. The claim is that in the late '70s and early '80s hooliganism was rife in the game, small scale perhaps but rife nevertheless. Excuse me but isn't there a contradiction here? Of course Rugby League, like any other sport, has its share of idiots and there have been incidents of violence and, no doubt, still are. I can catalogue a few myself like the Oldham fan hit by a brick at Hull K.R. or the Barrow fan I saw arrested at Widnes when it was the home fans doing all the misbehaving. Much to my delight the Barrow lad escaped the local police and as far as I know got back home unscathed. Leeds fans busses attacked at the K.C. Stadium is more recent as is the after match pitch invasion by Hull fans at the then McAlpine Stadium. Similarly, given Rochdale's attitude to the recent Goulding affair at Sedgely Park, there is a nasty element at Spotland that sits directly in front of the Directors' box and is immune to the attentions of the otherwise highly officious Spotland stewards.

All of that said, to accuse rugby league and its fans of hypocrisy and creating myths around the game is arrant nonsense. The late '70s and early '80s was when I got my first car. I watched anything and everything: Hull K.R. v. Keighley in the Floodlit Trophy, Doncaster v. Batley, Bramley v. Salford in a twice replayed Challenge Cup tie, Cumbria v. Australia etc. etc. And most of all I was a frequent visitor to Hilton Park (the Leigh of John Woods and Des Drummond), the Willows (Keith Fielding and David Watkins) and Wilderspool (Steve Hesford and Bob Eccles). These three grounds were apparently unsavoury. Not on my visits they weren't! I got through a hundred games a season on occasion and my encounters with violent behaviour were non-existent. So, come off it 'Michael James' whoever you are. I hope you don't sell a single copy of your book. And if your experience was first hand you should have been locked up.



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Most club's fans contribute to their club unconsciously every other week when they buy a couple of pints in the bar before the game, a pie and cup of coffee at half time and then either celebrate or drown their sorrows in the bar after the match. (All of which brings say a couple of quid per person profit to the club) With not having our own ground or any return from catering or bars in Boundary Park this is where we miss out massively as compared to other clubs. That is why any plans to get our own ground must be a good thing and let's hope the initiative to set up a trust is successful.

In the meantime, however we must find a way of getting those "couple of quids" in other ways. It was as I was typing up the OLDHAM RUGBY SUPPORT GROUP column and reading of the generosity of the Halifax fan that it suddenly jumped out at me that we already have the answer in CLUB CASH LOTTERY. Could I afford another £1 a week to what I am already contributing to the lottery I asked myself? Yes, wouldn't be missed, especially if I pooled it all and paid by direct debit. Have I put any real effort into getting friends, relatives, and work-mates to join the lottery? No, but when I get back from holiday I will set a realistic target of 10 and ensure I succeed. Is there any other way I

could advertise the lottery by way of my other interests and hobbies? Yes I could put a direct debit form in every programme sold at the play I have directed at The Lyceum Players this week and have a poster up in the Bar.

I am sure that all of you, if you asked those self same questions would end up easily finding 10 more, including that extra quid from your own pocket. I then asked myself what that would mean to the club and the results are amazing. If just the 300 home fans that regularly buy a programme managed, as I'm certain they easily could, to generate 10 more lottery members that would generate £156,000 more a year for the club. Not only would it solve the present crisis but also ensure that it never happened again and the daft thing is it's not out of the question. In fact what I am suggesting is only the tip of the iceberg. So come on stop dreaming of winning the lottery and helping the club that way, let's help it in a realistic way. I'll report back in the Hull K R programme on my progress and when I return from holiday I expect to hear from John that Club Cash Lottery sales have soared.



Now onto the PREDICTION LEAGUE that reaches the half way point this afternoon.

PREDICTION LEAGUE ROUND 9

Some big jumps this week with Sam Hague going from next to bottom to 15th with a massive score of 28. But she was just unable to catch the month winner Chris Hamilton with 47 points overall; I bet he won't know what to do with his autographed ball! Sam and Goughie had 46 for the month. Skill may be beginning to tell as Roger and Geoff Cooke have been mirroring each other of late and both move up 9 places with scores this round of 19 and Chris has slipped into 2nd place.

Those people who have still to complete rounds 10 to 18 must do so by next Saturday 2 July. Don't forget if you entered all 18 rounds and would like to redo rounds 10 – 18 you may but this also must be by next Saturday.

1	Nigel Marland	128	(15)
2	Chris Hamilton	114	(15)
3=	Brian Walker	111	(10)
3=	M Ackroyd	111	(18)
5	Ashley Baxter	104	(11)
6	Paul Norman	103	(19)
7=	D Schofield	102	(8)
7=	T Boycott	102	(10)
9	P Gough	99	(13)
10	J Davies	97	(8)
11=	R Halstead	75	(19)
11=	G Cooke	75	(19)
13=	S McDonagh	93	(6)
13=	Paul Hulbert	93	(10)
15=	S Hague	89	(28)
15=	S Somerville	89	(12)
17	D Else	88	(10)
18	Michael Kivlin	87	(8)
19=	G Cheetham	86	(8)
19=	S Jackson	86	(8)
21	David Lord	83	(10)
22	S Whitehead	82	(6)
23=	D King	80	(4)
23=	Nick Henry	80	(9)
25=	S Crossley	77	(4)
25=	D Stevens	77	(10)
27	Ann Marie Kivlin	72	(10)
28	Susan Kivlin	71	(8)
29	John McAndrew	66	(4)
30	Janet & Carole	54	(2)

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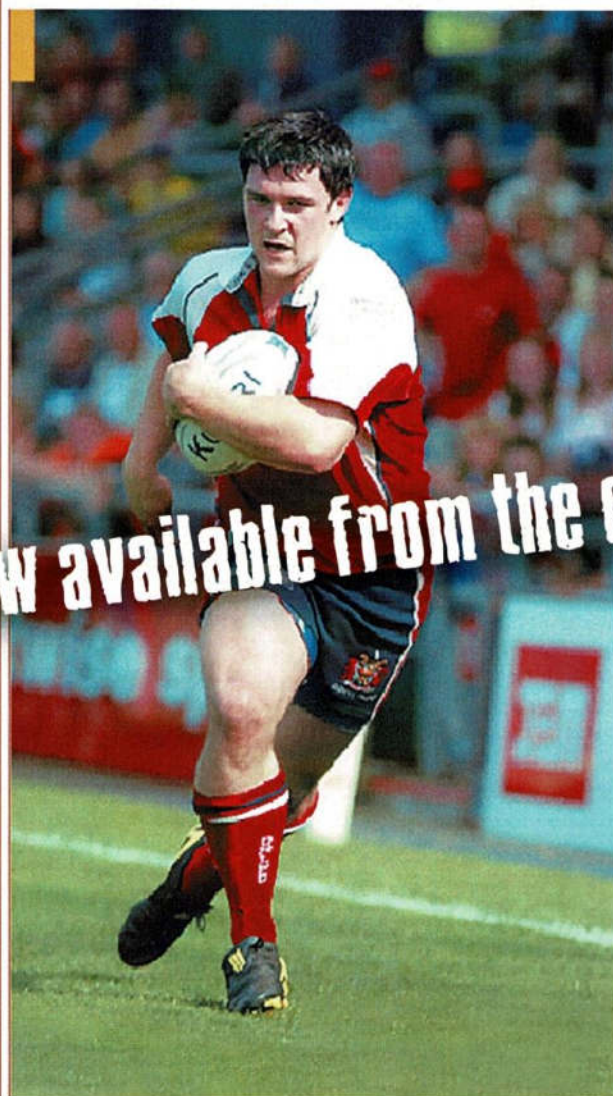
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TODAY'S OPPONENTS

Featherstone Rovers

Nathan Batty: full back. 22 year old Nathan made 16 appearances for Rovers last year scoring tries, in a season which, largely due to his courageous style saw him take his fair share of knocks

Richard Blakeway: utility player 21 year old Richard signed for Rovers from Castleford last year. Richard has a good pair of hands and is a shrewd organiser. He scored 14 tries, 4 goals and 3 field goals last year

Jimmy Carlton: prop 24 years old Jim made 25 appearances last year, 19 of them from the bench. Jim scored 2 tries last year. Expect this all action, heart on his sleeve forward to be starting more games in 2005

Steve Coulson: prop/2nd row. Steve a product of the Rovers junior system, made one appearance from the bench last year. This 18 year old oozes potential and this season should see more first team football for him

Steve Dooler: second row. Steve is a dynamic and consistent number eleven. At 27 he is a senior squad member. Steve scored 10 tries last season. Rovers are his only pro club.

Danny Evans: Utility forward. Danny, 30 is a former Rovers junior, back at his home town club after spells with Dewsbury and Batley. Danny returned to Rovers and proved himself to Gary Price with 4 games from the bench, earning him a place in Rovers' 2005 squad.

James Ford: Winger, 21-year-old winger James is an important character at Rovers off the field as well as on it. A teacher, he is heavily involved in Rovers' acclaimed community set up. James scored 5 tries in 20 appearances last year.

Adam Hayes: loose forward. Adam played in Australia, and joined the Giants on his return to the UK. His move to Rovers filled the gap left by the departure of Danny Seal and then some. Adam 23 scored 7 tries in 33 appearances last year.

James Houston: back row/prop. 21 year old James had a frustrating 2004 with injuries, making 1 appearance from the bench. 2005 sees him raring to go to make up for lost time.

Carl Hughes: halfback: 21 year old Carl is a BARLA international and joins Rovers from Stanley Rangers: his debut was a nightmare in which he broke his ankle in an under 21 game against the Cougars. Carl is another young man itching to make up for lost time.

Paul Hughes: hooker. Paul, the 20-year-old brother of Carl is in his debut season with Rovers and also joined from Stanley Rangers.

Andy Kay: hooker. Andy is 18 and from the Drighlington area. He is in his debut season from Rovers Academy.

Neil Lowe: forward. Like Danny Evans 26 year old Neil is a prodigal returned, and a former Rovers junior. His period at the City Reds didn't quite work out and he scored 6 tries in 18 appearances on loan to Rovers last year.

Andy McNally: stand off/utility. Andy returned to Rovers last year after signing from the Tigers, returning to them and then joining the Broncos. He scored 8 tries and 1 goal last year.

Danny Maun: centre Gary Price likes to sign players who have caused Rovers problems. 24-year-old Danny, a new signing from the Bulldogs is one of those players.

Craig Moss: full back/utility. Craig, 20, is another young player to come through the ranks at Rovers. He broke into the first team last year scoring 1 try in 10 games.

Richard Newlove: threequarter. 26-year-old Richard is another former Rovers junior, who tried his hand in Super League with the Wildcats. Richard scored 22 tries in 28 appearances last year.

Bryn Powell: winger Bryn, 25 is another player in his debut season Bryn has electrifying pace. He turned pro with the Hawks, moved to Salford, and finished off last season with the Bulldogs

Jon Presley: halfback. At 20, Jon is in the early stages of his career, but was given plenty of responsibility by Gary Price last year, making 22 appearances either at 6 or seven, scoring ten tries.

Dean Ripley: utility back. Dean joined Rovers from the Tigers after an initial loan period. 21-year-old Dean is a natural organiser. He scored 2 tries in eight games last year.

Nathan Sykes: prop. 30-year-old Nathan brings a huge amount of power, and experience with him after a long career in Super League with the Tigers. Nathan is a new signing for 2005, replacing Stuart Dickens.

Ian Tonks: prop: teaming up with his old front row partner at the Tigers, 28 year old Ian brings competitiveness and go forward to Rovers' front row. Ian made 28 appearances last year.

Josh Weedon: stand off. Is another player in his debut year. Josh is 21 years old and comes to Rovers from the Australian club Queanbeyan Blues on the recommendation of ex Rover Danny Baker.

Matty Wray: winger. 20-year-old Matty scored 17 tries in 32 games last year. Matty joined Rovers from the Wildcats 2 years ago.

Player Profile by Roger Halstead

ALEX WILKINSON

ALEX Wilkinson, who had a barnstorming game for Oldham in last week's defeat by Halifax here at Sedgley Park, first burst on to the local rugby league scene when he was a fifth-former at North Chadderton School.

At the age of 15 he was Oldham's only representative in the 27-strong Great Britain Schools' squad (under-16s) which played France in the early part of 1999 and then went on tour to Queensland that summer.

Eleven schools' associations had boys in the squad, with Leeds, Wigan and Hull to the fore, but Oldham and London each had one, Alex flying the flag for Royton Tigers and Oldham.

The Tigers club has been experiencing problems of late, but it has a marvellous record for producing talent and for that considerable credit should be given to the committee and, in particular perhaps, to men like Steve Bithell and more recently Graham Aitken, who have been stalwarts of the club down the years.

Graham is still battling on in the cause of his beloved Tigers. Much power to his elbow. A lot of boys in this area have cause to be grateful to him and others like him for their relentless and time-consuming efforts on behalf of clubs like the Tigers. I digress, however.

Alex, in rugby terms, grew up at that productive rugby nursery... so did several other players currently in the Roughyeds squad, among them Gavin Dodd, Martin Elsworth, Adam Sharples and Andy Gorey.

Martin headed for Huddersfield Giants, Gavin went to try his hand at Bradford and Alex initially signed for Warrington before moving on to the Bulls.

He didn't take up the sport until he was 11 and he made an immediate impact as a centre.

He caught Warrington's eye, had Bradford knocking on his door and also earned selection in an elite squad of boys who were invited to attend a course at Ampleforth College in North Yorkshire.

The son of a local doctor, Dr Ian Wilkinson (he later became the Oldham club doctor), Alex had the right pedigree because both grandfathers played professionally more than 50 years ago - Frank

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Player Profile

ALEX WILKINSON

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Wilkinson for Oldham and Batley and Ronald Murgatroyd for Salford.

In those early days, his younger brother James also played for Tigers and the Oldham town-team under-16s and he went on to sign for the Roughyeds while big brother was seeking fame and fortune higher up the rugby league ladder.

James, like Alex, was an extremely talented young man and many shrewd judges were tipping him to make a name for himself in the game before he was cruelly hit by a succession of serious injuries to shoulder and knee. It was one of the most horrific knee injuries ever seen by the medics which finally forced him out of rugby league while still in his formative years.

Alex, meantime, was progressing well. He worked his way through the Bradford academy structure and a couple of years after going to Queensland with the schoolboy team he was again heading Down Under, this time in the Great Britain academy (under-18s) squad that toured Australia and New Zealand.

As part of his apprenticeship at Odsal, the Bulls loaned him to London Broncos, where he played six Super League games.

The following season he was loaned to Huddersfield and then to Hull, for each of whom he played 13 times at the top level.

It was on the strength of his performances for Hull while on loan there that he was eventually signed by the Humberiders on a two-year contract.

He recalls: "I had four Super League outings for Hull in 2004, but I spent most of my time in the under-21s and that had a bearing on my decision to resume full-time education.

"From the rugby point of view I also wanted something different than under-21s and National League division one seemed to be the place to go.

"Oldham had inquired about taking me on loan two years earlier when I was at Bradford but at that time Brian Noble didn't think it was the right thing for me at that stage of my development.

"I was centre to Nick Johnson for Bradford academy and the under-21s. We grew up together at Odsal."

Having decided to see pastures new from Hull, he asked for his release half way through his two-year contract in order to take up a full-time degree course in sports science at Huddersfield University.

Hull KR and Batley also made offers to his agent, but at the age of 22 he had no hesitation in opting for his hometown club and thus following in the footsteps of his grandfather and his brother.

He said at the time: "Once I had decided to go part time and study for a degree I didn't really want to play for anybody but Oldham."

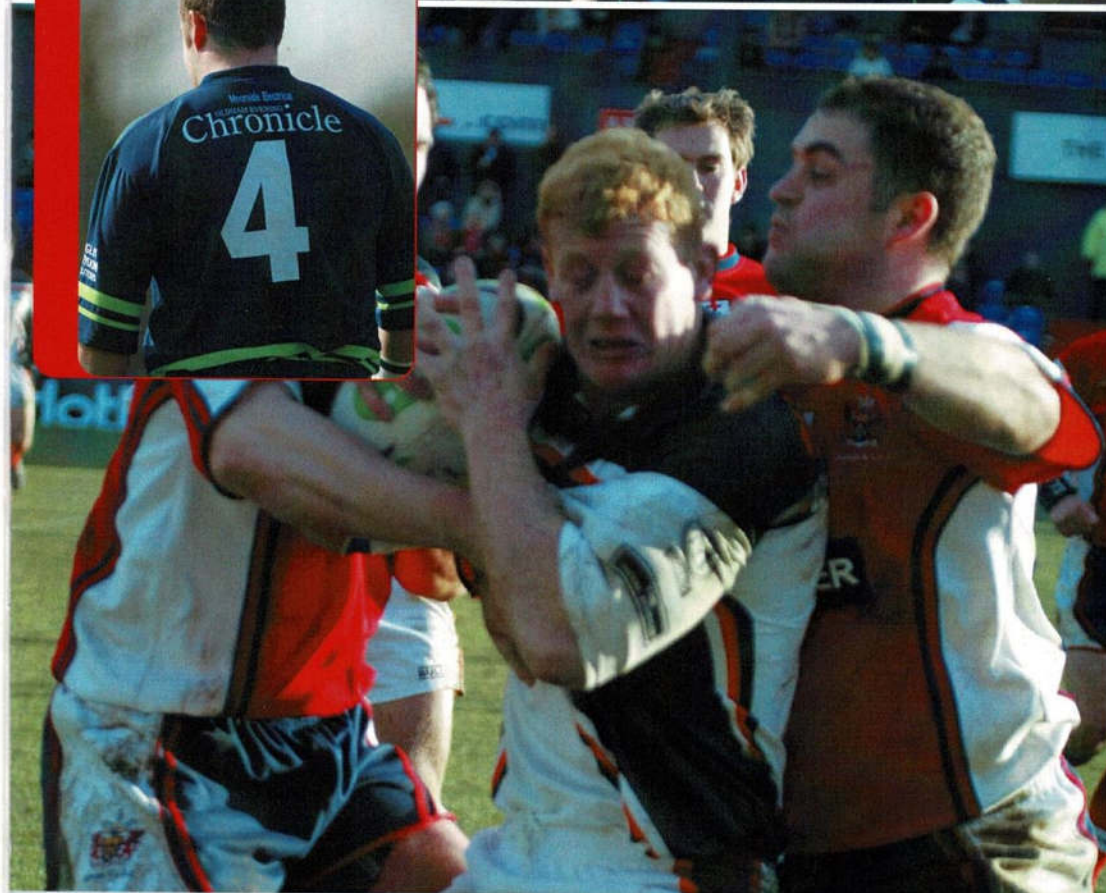
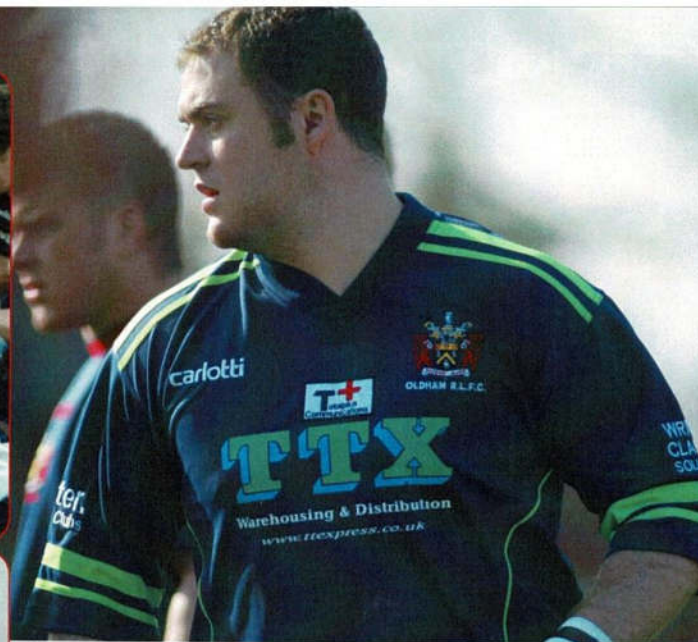
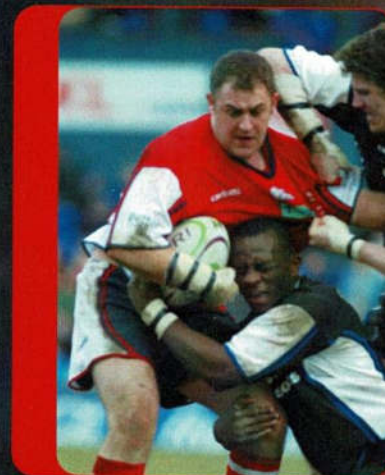
He got his wish on November 21 last year when, with nearly 40 Super League games behind him, he signed for the Roughyeds on a one-year contract.

To date he has played in 17 of the club's 20 games this season, in all competitions, and he has scored five tries. He crossed for tries in each of the recent wins against Rochdale Hornets and Barrow.

Until a few weeks ago he played left centre inside Johnson, but in more recent games he has been operating on the right inside Rob Mills or Damian Munro.

It was during one of many strong surges against Halifax in the second half last week that he did enough to put Mills over for the Shaw Rhinos' man's first try for the club and his first in professional rugby league.

Coach Gary Mercer later expressed the view that this was Alex's best game so far in the jersey of his home-town club. May it long continue as the Roughyeds strive to lift themselves up the LHF Healthplan National League first division ladder.



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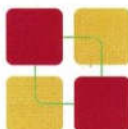
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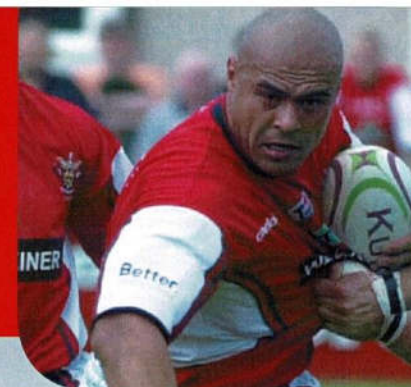
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On this day

Don Yates looks back to July 3rd yesteryear



It was on Saturday 3rd July 1954 that Great Britain defeated Australia by 38 points to 21 at Brisbane Cricket Ground. Making their test debuts for the Lions that afternoon were two 19-years old wingers, the legendary Billy Boston (Wigan) and Terry O'Grady of Oldham.

The former St.Marys junior had joined Oldham in January 1951 and went on to make 140 appearances for the Roughyeds, scoring 105 tries, before moving to Wigan in January 1957. He made six test appearances for Great Britain, five of them whilst at Watersheddings. Although he failed to score on his test debut, O'Grady played a significant part in putting Great Britain ahead after they had fallen 5-2 behind. Midway through the first half O'Grady made a long break down the wing before drawing the Australian cover and putting Leigh second-rower Charlie Pawsey in for the try which, when converted, gave the Lions a lead which they were never to surrender.

Another local player who went on to gain test status was second-row forward Herman Hilton who represented Great Britain seven times during the early 1920s. On Saturday 3rd July 1920 he was a member of the British team which lost to the Australians by 21 points to eight at Sydney Cricket Ground. That victory gave the Ashes to Australia but twelve months later they were back in the custody of the Lions who then retained them for almost 30 years. Hilton joined Oldham in November 1913 from Healey Street Adults. He stayed with the club until 1925, making 253 appearances.

This afternoon's visitors to Sedgley Park, Featherstone Rovers, have provided sixteen test players for Great Britain over the years including David Hobbs who is now a member of the Oldham backroom staff. Oldham, incidentally, have provided forty. On Friday 3rd July 1992 one of those sixteen, Paul Newlove, was at centre when Great Britain lost 16-10 to Australia at Lang Park, Brisbane. Newlove had been a try scorer the previous week when the Kangaroos were beaten

in Melbourne but he was unable to repeat that feat in this decisive third test so the Ashes remained where they have been since 1973, in the hands of the Australians. Deryck Fox, another Featherstone test representative, was a member of that 1992 tour squad although he did not play in that particular fixture.

Four years ago, on Tuesday 3rd July 2001, Scotland met France before a crowd of 3,161 at the Stade du Moulin, Lezignan. At loose-forward for Scotland that evening was Neil Lowe, the Featherstone forward, who scored the fifth of seven Scottish tries in a superb 42-20 victory. The referee of that match was Ian Smith of Oldham who gave his usual competent and unbiased performance so it came as a surprise, and a disappointment, when he came in for some unjustified criticism at the after-match function from a disgruntled French official.

It was on this day 25 years ago, Thursday 3rd July 1980, that the speedy Saddleworth Rangers utility back, Des Foy, turned professional. He joined Widnes that day although it was following his move to Oldham two years later that his professional career blossomed. He made 197 appearances for the Roughyeds and scored 96 tries including two against Featherstone Rovers when Oldham won the Second Division Premiership Final at Old Trafford in 1988. Foy, who toured Australasia with the 1984 British Lions, now lives in Ireland where he is heavily involved in promoting the game in the Emerald Isles.

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For this season the format for this page will be to take a look at players who have represented both Oldham and the opposition of the day.

from the pen of
MICHAEL TURNER

Today we welcome the Featherstone club and extend a cordial greeting to their players, officials and supporters.

One of the first players to play for both clubs was full back Walter Parkin who played once for the Roughyeds in the 1945-6 season. A more long term spell with the club was enjoyed by another full back Irving Barraclough who made 78 appearances for Oldham after signing from "Fev" in 1947. A useful place kicker, Irving once put over eleven goals in the match against Liverpool on Christmas Eve 1949.

Prop forward, Billy Harris spent time at both clubs in the 1970s as did, more recently, Iva Ropati, Shaun Irwin, Joe

Nadiole and Bryan Henare. Some of the more famous players to represent the Roughyeds and the Rovers include internationals Terry Clawson, Mick Morgan and David Hobbs, as well as the Oldham born props Steve Molloy and Leo Casey. The latter a record £100,000 signing for Featherstone in 1990.



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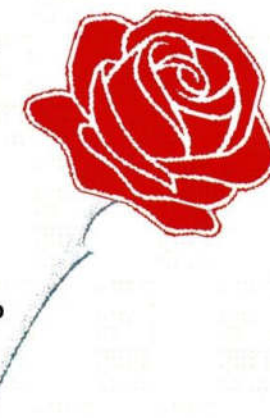
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This weekend, they face another stern test – away at second placed Dewsbury Rams.

But coach Dean Thomas, the man who has masterminded the Thunder revival, is relishing the challenge.

"We want to make the play-offs," Thomas said in the aftermath of the Skolars win.

"We've won three on the bounce and scored over 50 points in two of those wins so we're on the right tracks.

"Dewsbury will show us how far we've come and Workington will be another massive game the following weekend."

Certainly few teams will be underestimating Thunder now.

Thomas has achieved success by blending the genuine local talent that remains in the squad, with a host of shrewd captures from overseas.

One of those, the Australian fullback Wade Liddell, was rewarded for his role in the team's recent climb up the table when he was named the Rugby League World NL2 Player of the Month for June.

"I believe he's the best fullback in the competition," Thomas said.

"His anticipation at fullback, defence and safety under the high ball are all outstanding. His support play is also second to none.

"I believe he'll be playing in Super League before very long."

Thunder's clash with Dewsbury is arguably the pick of another fascinating weekend in the delicately poised NL2.

Workington Town also face a crunch home game with Swinton Lions as fifth entertains third, while Keighley Cougars will be looking to end a dreadful run at table-topping York.

Blackpool Panthers seek a second win of the campaign at home to Sheffield Eagles, while the ever-improving Hunslet Hawks travel south to face the Skolars.

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DATE	OPPONENTS	CUP	VENUE	K. O.	RESULT	W/L	ATT
09/01/05	Rochdale Hornets	Law Cup	Away	15.00	24-8	L	1,404
21/01/05	Leeds Rhinos	Testimonial	Away	20.00	22-10	L	5,196
30/01/05	Halifax	Friendly	Away	15.00	34-12	L	1,443
13/02/05	Blackpool Panthers	NT Cup	Home	15.00	22-20	W	1,446
27/02/05	Swinton Lions	NT Cup	Away	15.00	46-14	L	1,101
06/03/05	Swinton Lions	NT Cup	Home	15.00	30-37	L	1,116
13/03/05	Sharlston Rovers	Powergen CC 3rd Rd	Away	19.30	14-46	W	852
16/03/05	Rochdale Hornets	NT Cup	Away	19.30	68-26	L	1,161
20/03/05	Blackpool Panthers	NT Cup	Away	15.00	16-35	W	250
25/03/05	Rochdale Hornets	NT Cup	Home	15.30	10-54	L	1,544
28/03/05	Featherstone Rovers	NL1	Away	19.30	20-20	D	1,463
03/04/05	York City Knights	Powergen CC 4th Rd	Home	15.00	28-32	L	1,282
10/04/05	Doncaster Dragons	NL1	Home	15.00	22-44	L	1,266
17/04/05	Castleford Tigers	NL1	Home	15.00	20-32	L	2,054
24/04/05	Hull K R	NL1	Away	15.00	32-19	L	2,474
15/05/05	Whitehaven Warriors	NL1	Home	15.00	6-60	L	1,284
22/05/05	Batley Bulldogs	NL1	Away	15.00	25-18	L	792
05/06/05	Rochdale Hornets	NL1	Home	15.00	25-24	W	827
12/06/05	Barrow Raiders	NL1	Away	15.00	22-40	W	1,073
24/06/05	Halifax	NL1	Home	19.45	14-28	L	1,221
03/07/05	Featherstone Rovers	NL1	Home	15.00			
10/07/05	Doncaster Dragons	NL1	Away	15.00			
17/07/05	Northern Rail Cup Final	NT Cup	TBA	TBA			
24/07/05	Castleford Tigers	NL1	Away	15.30			
31/07/05	Hull K R	NL1	Home	15.00			
07/08/05	Whitehaven Warriors	NL1	Away	15.00			
14/08/05	Rochdale Hornets	NL1	Away	15.00			
21/08/05	Batley Bulldogs	NL1	Home	15.00			
04/09/05	Barrow Raiders	NL1	Home	15.00			
11/09/05	Halifax	NL1	Away	15.00			
18/09/05	Play Offs	NL1	TBA	TBA			
25/09/05	Play Offs	NL1	TBA	TBA			
02/10/05	Play Offs	NL1	TBA	TBA			
08/10/05	Grand Final	NL1	TBA	TBA			

Key

NT Cup - Northern Trains Cup

Powergen CC - Powergen Challenge Cup

NL1 - National League Division 1

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