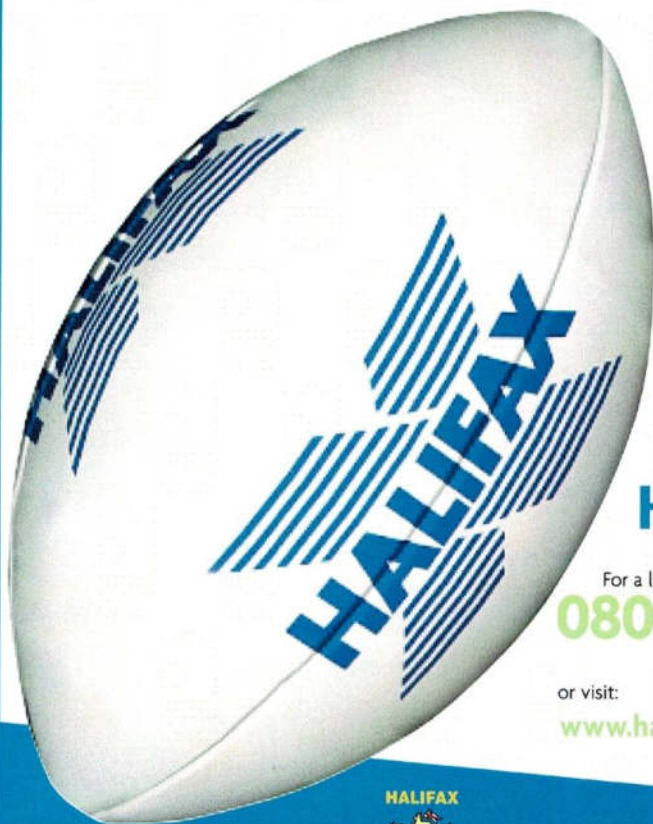


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Welcome...

What a difference a week makes!

Two weeks ago we narrowly lost to Castleford in a game which both teams gave their all and a game in which the result was in doubt until the final whistle. And even though we lost it was still an exciting game for supporters of both teams.

Then last week away to Doncaster we conspired to lose a game that we looked to have sealed up just before half time, and whilst I am not going to criticise referees, I DO NOT ever want to see a Frenchman on a pitch where we are playing a game. We as a team made plenty of mistakes that we wouldn't expect to see and from players, but it is disappointing that we always seem to be on the wrong end of the free kick tally.

Of course we are offside and yes we probably do lie on in the tackle, but other teams don't? We might expect to see a penalty count that by the end of a game is reasonably level... but that doesn't seem to have been the case recently. And lots of penalties can kill you as we have found out to our cost.

But looking forward to today's game against Oldham, it is a game that we must win if we are to have a home game in the first of the play offs.

Oldham may be close to the bottom of the table, but they are putting together some more solid performances as they fight to avoid relegation, and I am sure we will see them well motivated for today's visit to the Shay. A warm welcome to the club directors, officials, the players and the fans for a game both teams really must win, for very different reasons.

As it is the last home league game, can I say a really heartfelt "Thank You" to all those fans who've supported us through thick and thin this season. It really is great to see the number of fans who follow the team at away games... the number of times we've outnumbered the home fans this season is unbelievable and whilst it sometimes is difficult to watch some of the performances I am grateful that you guys keep on coming back. And thanks also to all those people who've spent a lot of time and effort raising funds for the club. The Friends of Fax have organised some brilliant events this year, The Supporters Trust too have helped us financially and by doing repairs and painting around the stadium, and what about the guys in the Barmy Army who this year walked all the way to Barrow? Mad or just mad keen?

Thanks to you all. You all help make Halifax the club we all know and care about. Please keep on coming and keep on helping.

We now start to look forward to next season. We have had to submit our business plan just in case we were to be promoted to Super League. We CAN meet all the requirements of the RL. Our business shows that were we to go up we could from a business perspective be able to survive. The really hard part is putting together a team that can compete in the 5 or 6 weeks that would be available to us. And at a time when current Super League sides will have finalised their contracts for the next season.

It wouldn't be easy as previous promoted teams have found out. Leigh last year are the example that any promoted side must avoid. If our game is to get stronger we need to support any club that's promoted in a similar fashion to the way that the new French side have been.

Howard Posner



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***The Thoughts
of Head Coach
Anthony Farrell***

"Today is our last match of the regular season and in comparison to last year we are in a much better position, being in the playoffs for promotion rather than playing for our place on National League 1.

Today's visitors are Oldham, coached by the former Halifax Player and Coach Gary Mercer. Whilst Oldham's league position is not good it belies their playing ability. They are a very solid team, with quick outside backs and solid go forward, so we have to be on our metal from the very first whistle.

This season has brought many high's and low's, lets learn the lessons from the low's and keep striving to constantly achieve the high's.

All the players and staff at the Club would like to thank you for your support and collectively we will aspire to a common goal, a stable and successful Halifax RLFC. Thanks."

Enjoy the game

Anthony Farrell



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It's simple. Halifax need to win today and win well.

Firstly, Anthony Farrell's side need victory over Oldham to give them a chance of snatching fourth spot in the table from Rochdale, who overtook them by beating Hull KR last weekend.

Secondly, with the play-offs just seven days away, Fax badly need to start generating the kind of momentum needed for success in knock-out football.

Because whether they finish fourth, fifth or sixth, they are going to face some pretty tough tests in the next two or three weeks.

Oldham, of course, will be looking to end their own season on a high after securing National League One rugby for another year in the face of almost overwhelming off-field problems.

Gary Mercer's side have been on the verge of financial collapse for most of the year,

Teamlisting: Gavin Dodd, Damian Munro, Alex Wilkinson, Jon Goddard, Nick Johnson, Marty Turner, Chris Hough, Rick Bibey, Gareth Barber, Paul Norman, Ian Hodson, Tere Glassie, John Hough, Carlos Mataora, Martin Elwood, Simon Svabic, Dana Wilson

Coach: Gary Mercer

yet sit just five points behind Fax going into today's game.

That says plenty about their resilience, and Mercer would love nothing more than to bring the curtain down with a victory against his former club.

It should be a fascinating encounter.



■ Carlos Mataoro



■ Damian Munro



■ Matty Turner



■ John Goddard

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BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR CLUB

On 2nd June 2005 Halifax RLFC held its second Annual General Meeting.

The fact that supporters of the Club are entitled to attend the meeting and to vote on the items under discussion as well as the election of Board Members separates Halifax RLFC from its past, and from other members of the Rugby Football League.

Achieving a broadly based membership and transparency between the Club and its supporters was one of the central objectives of the reconstitution of the Club started by Stephen Pearson in the wake of the financial problems which led to Administration and relegation from Super League.

But only 120 or so of you have joined.

How much better it would be if the Weavers was too small to host the meeting!

Halifax RLFC is a Company Limited by Guarantee. That means it costs nothing to join (except that non-season ticket holders are asked for a once and for all £10 contribution to the Administration costs). To join you sign the membership lists kept in the office. By signing you promise to pay up to £25 as your guarantee of the Club's debts. The £25 could be called in

if the Club became insolvent and was wound up while you were a member, or during the 2 years after your membership ended.

In exchange for that promise, you are entitled at least to notice of the Annual General Meeting, a copy of the Statutory accounts and directors reports, and have the right to attend and vote on the matters under discussion. But of course any member can stand for election to the Board. That can be in the categories of Employee Director (Paul Dixon elected this year), Supporters Director (David Durbin for election next year) or Sponsors Director (Don Fish for election in 2007) or as a representative of the membership as a whole (myself elected this year).

Please do join and participate in your Club.

Stephen's energy and vision is sadly missed. But we do have a clear idea of what he set out to achieve, with universal support from the Rugby League Community in Calderdale. The second anniversary of his passing coincides closely with the second anniversary of the creation of the Club he was responsible for. Please help it to succeed by participating as members in ever increasing numbers.

Michael Steele

...STADIUM NEWS...STADIUM NEWS...STADIUM NEWS...

I know that fans must be frustrated at the apparent lack of progress on the development of the ground and the East Stand in particular. Although it may seem quiet and that little is happening, behind the scenes complex discussions are continuing in our efforts to complete the Stadium for both clubs and also as a Community facility.

These discussions include talks with Calderdale Council, who as our landlords have a significant say in what happens here at the Shay. We are however encouraged by the support that the Shay Stadium Trust is receiving from the Council, and we are confident that there WILL be a partnership developed between the Stadium Trust and the Council, which will lead to a development benefiting both the clubs and also the wider community.

Our first target is to complete the East Stand and several ideas and options are under consideration, both for funding the development and for ideas in which we can best use the finished stand. Members of the Stadium Trust have been to several new stadia recently to see what works best and there are some excellent

ideas that we can "borrow" to make sure we have one of the best developments in the future.

However as you'll appreciate money is always tight and since its inception The Stadium Trust has been existing on a shoestring with minimal staffing.

Speaking of staffing, I must mention the efforts of our ground staff, Graham Osbourne and Mark Hans who week in and week out give us a pitch that is one of the best in any division of the Rugby League. When you think that the pitch is used for the equivalent of 75 matches each year, both winter and summer you realise just how much hard work has been put in.

In closing I am confident that in the not too distant future we will have a stadium that will make us all proud to say we support Halifax.

So please be patient for just a little longer and continue support the teams. We'll certainly be doing our best to support them by bringing the discussions and then the development to a satisfactory conclusion.

Geoff Butler

Commercial Corner

Good afternoon and welcome to all our sponsors and commercial partners to our last home game of the season and one that promises to be a really good game against Oldham. Times haven't been so kind recently to Oldham but despite their league position, they are still one of those teams who are difficult to beat.

Today's Match Day Hosts are Clarksons Solicitors and Michael Steele. Michael, as well as being a long term supporter on the Board here at the Club, also the Club representative on the Stadium Board charged with getting the East Stand finished and the whole Stadium developed. Michael must be one of our loyalist fans following the club home and away with his partner Glenda. So although Michael needs no welcome to the Club we extend a really warm welcome to his guests today.

Our Matchball sponsor today is another of our really loyal fans Darren Leach of Cutting Edge Carpets. Darren has sponsored just about every award at sometime this season and we really appreciate his support and hope that he and his guests enjoy today's game.

The "Courier" has been a shirt sponsor this season and we appreciate the contribution that they've given us throughout the season, not just in sponsorship, but also in publicity too. James Roberts who's their Chief Rugby Reporter is also a fan and has been very fair in his reports even when we've not played too well!

Our other Associate sponsor is Acorn Stairlifts and Joanne Kennedy, their Managing Director. Acorn is based in Steeton where there are almost 350 employees. As their name suggests they manufacture stairlifts!... to help people get up stairs... If only they could invent something to help rugby teams climb up tables! Any way a real warm Fax welcome to Joanne and her guests.

Today as you'll read elsewhere in the programme, the Halifax Independent Supporters Trust are entertaining Matt King and his family here at the game. As I'm sure many of you know, Matt broke his neck playing against the Halifax Under 18's last year and is now confined to a wheelchair. Matt is really welcome here at the game.

So to all our sponsors and guests, a really big welcome and thank you for coming along to be part of the "Fax Experience".

As we approach the end of the regular season don't forget to put this date in your diary...

Sept 21st Supporters Night and Supporters Player of the season@ Arden Road Social Club Entrance is FREE.

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Enjoy the game

MIKE RILEY

Today's Mascots



■ Matthew Bicknell



■ Matthew Walker



■ Thomas Ettenfield Nann

Matthew Bicknell,

is celebrating his 7th birthday today. "Many Happy Returns". Matthew is a pupil at Whitehill J&I School Illingworth and he plays football for Crossleys under 7's... well that is until today!... now he might have to play for the Under 8's! Matthew's favourite player is James Haley.

Matthew Walker,

is also one of today's mascots. Matthew is 9 and goes to Withinfields school at Southwram. He likes playing golf and his favourite player is Rikki Sheriffe.

And last but by no means least we have

Thomas Ettenfield Nann, Thomas is 9 and goes to Cross Lane primary School. His favourite player is Ben Black, and his main hobby is playing Rugby. On Sundays Thomas usually helps Neil Arber run the raffle in the South Stand. Perhaps today we'll have to get him selling some in the Weavers!

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We hope to be back with an article in each of the home games in the play-offs. Halifax's success in the play-offs may offer me the opportunity to share with you snippets and tantalising nuggets of information concerning the wonderfully exciting activities that have been part of the Playing for Success Summer Activities.

Since my last article, yours truly has again been involved in a variety of activities designed at helping the young people of Calderdale to make informed career/educational decisions. In partnership with Mixenden Outdoor Education Centre and the team from Positive Activities for Young People, we have worked with large groups of teenagers in helping them reach decisions that will have a marked influence on their futures.

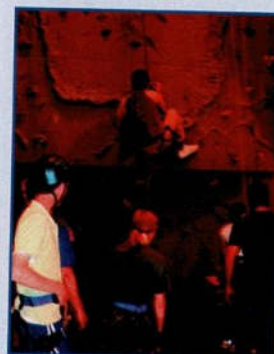
A group was taken on a residential to London on an arts appreciation week, one group mountain biked their way across the Great Glen of Scotland and following on from that I was part of a group that sailed and paddled their way along the Caledonian Canal.

This route from Fort William to Inverness involved two days negotiating the 23 mile long Loch Ness and three more days covering the rest of the 65 mile expedition. It was a remarkable achievement and those young people who took part can proudly claim to belong to a unique club of about one hundred youngsters who have completed this adventurous expedition.

Back in the real world, and the Centre is gearing itself up for the next cohort from eight more schools from within Calderdale. Our programme starts on the 19th of September and will run for ten weeks culminating in a presentation night in the Weavers on the 7th of December. If you know of any schools who want to participate in the scheme, then give us a ring on the number at the bottom of the page.

Until the next match, enjoy the game.

Mick Moffatt
Study Centre Manager



■ Last minute briefing for the mountain bike crew



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In the minutes leading up to the game, over a brew at half-time or while you're reading this after the game, have a go at the questions below.

No prizes, we are afraid, for getting all 10 correct, just the warm glow of being a Rugby League anorak.

1. Who was the leading goal kicker in season 2003?
2. Who is the former Rugby League player who appeared in the film Snatch with Brad Pitt?
3. What is the nick name of the US Rugby team?
4. Who was the St Helens player who scored the last ever try at Central Park?
5. Who was Danny Sculthorpe playing for when he signed for Wigan?
6. GAY OR DENY
7. JERK MILK AND AS
8. I'M MEAN ROUND
9. HARASSED LAMP
10. MERRY TRUANT

Today's anagrams are 5 people associated with our visitors today, Oldham. Who are they?

Answers: 1. Paul Deacon 2. Adam Fogarty 3. Tomahawks 4. Tommy Marry 5. Rochdale 6. Andy Gorey 7. James Kirkland 8. Damien Munro 9. Adam Sharples 10. Marty Turner

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Beaten Finalists	1987

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Tries	48 Johnny Freeman 1956-57
Points	362 John Schuster 1994-95
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Tries	290 Johnny Freeman 1954-67
Points	2,191 Ronnie James 1960-72
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There are those amongst our supporters who might believe that the office here at the Fax might in some ways resemble that of Ricky Gervais... not true, well not always!

Many supporters have to ring the club for tickets, sponsorships, autographs, lost property, for team information, travel arrangements, supporters events and even occasionally to complain. That's a lot of contacts for a very small office team.

We thought it might be helpful to let you see the people in the office so that you might put a face the names. These are those of us who toil daily on behalf of Halifax RLFC.



■ Sarah Morgan

Sarah Morgan has been with the Club for ever...well 9 years and that's forever here at the Fax. Sarah's the Office Manager and rules us all with a rod of iron, or biscuits, whichever works best.

She has a 16 month old son, Kai, and she's married to "Morgo" an Australian (we can't be completely perfect), who was at school with Gibbo.

Sarah sorts out just about everything in the office including finance and sorting out all the players issues, which range from losing their clothes in the Laundromat to locking themselves out of their cars.

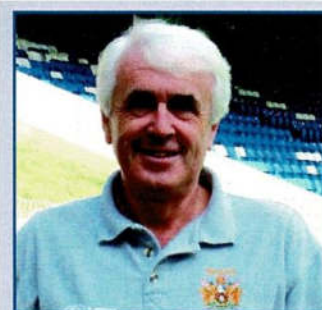


■ Ann Ogilvie

Ann Ogilvie has been with us for 18 months now on secondment from Halifax General Insurance. Sadly she'll be off back to them at the end of September.

Ann has done just about everything since she joined us, other than mow the grass, which she might have even done if the ground staff would let us on their grass! She's sold sponsorships, served meals in the Weavers on Sundays, organised our Fun Day, and even blown up footballs.

Quite how we shall cope when she goes back to the Halifax I'm not sure but we'll miss her and we all thank her for the enormous amount of work she's put in whilst she's been here.



■ Mike Riley

Mike Riley retired a couple of years ago and after doing all the odd jobs around his home and his daughters' homes, he offered his services to the club when he saw a wall that needed painting... 4 months later he now works full time in the office looking after our Sales and Marketing, does any odd jobs there are around the place and is secretary to the Supporters Trust.

He has been a god-send in the office, his enthusiasm is infectious and he keeps us all amused with tales from his working days. We never knew such things went on at the Halifax Building Society and Dell!

On match days, he must 'clone' himself, as the amount of jobs he has taken on is extensive. We're sure you will see him 'skipping' round the pitch to pass messages to the PA announcer or the music man. He takes photos of the mascots and entertains sponsors in the Weavers. What a guy.



■ Jenna Helliwell

Jenna Helliwell is the youngest member of the office team. She's our equivalent of our Page 3 girl cos we're currently trying to persuade her to model the new kit for our soon to be launched on-line shop. Jenna joined us from Halifax Town and although no transfer fee was paid at that time, we'd have gladly paid one because she's become such an important member of the team. Jenna's responsible for all the arrangements for our matchday entertainments from tickets to turnstiles and money to matchday parking. So she's really important if you want to get the best table or parking space!

She's also our technical "whiz kid", when something goes wrong with our IT (an hourly occurrence) Jenna's the one who can fix it.

I hope this gives you a feel for the people behind the names and all of us look forward to helping you enjoy the Fax Experience for years to come.



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As one season ends, the plans for the next start.

We have already selected the design for next seasons new 'home' shirt and we will be launching it sometime in October. It's a great design, by one of the Courier readers (we can't say which yet until we launch it), and it will make a great Christmas present.

As well a season ticket! My family bought me one for Christmas last year – most used Christmas present I've ever had – and yes I know there were a few 'iffy' games in there, but what about that Whitehaven game and the win against Castleford.

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So, these are just some of our plans for next season – we're also looking for Matchday Sponsors, Player Sponsors and Kit Sponsors – so there's lots of ways you can help us next season!

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Well it has been nearly a month since our last piece and there has been plenty for us to write about. We have found out an awful lot about our players and certainly seen far more of them than we would like!!!

Each year we hold a Ladies Dinner and Joan Atkinson (who organizes this fantastic event each year) asked if a few players could come to sell raffle tickets to the 160 + women that were there. We had a few volunteers – Gibson, Blackwood, Fisher, Ball and Black – who all proved to be excellent salesmen raising plenty of money. The women, however, thought the players were there for entertainment purposes also and started offering money for the lads to remove an item of clothing – which they duly did – resulting in a lot more money for Friends of Fax!! We missed seeing the finale as we were at the bar and only realised what happened when we saw a certain lady stuffing all the player's clothes she had stolen under her table!! We have been sent some fantastic pictures that have been deemed unsuitable for publication but they are on display in the office if you would like to come and visit us for a peek!!! What's a bit scary is that one player had a full wax, (I think its called a "Brazilian") before the event!!

The players had an official "bonding session" a couple of weeks ago at The Moorcock Inn that resulted in a couple of them certainly getting to know more of each other than you might expect of a couple of burly rugby players!! A certain player (whose name is associated with something they play with on a matchday) was staying at Gibbo's house after this event and Nemo offered to let him stay in his bed rather than on the floor!!! Halfway through the night Nemo found an arm snaking its way across his back only to be followed by lips on his cheek!!! Nemo woke him up shouting and player x, who's name rhymes with hall, could only apologise saying he was out of

order and he thought he was somewhere else!! The worrying thing is Nemo didn't throw him out of bed – he just told him to stay at his side of the bed!!!!

The player in question has also been getting some stick from the office last week resulting in some very red faces. He has been coming in for extra physio and has been seen parading around the pitch "topless" a few times – who is he trying to impress??? Faz or the young lady who's always watching him!

There may be a few more players running around naked next month the players have a tradition that any player who doesn't score a try over the year has to complete a naked run around the pitch!!! No names – I will let you work this out – but some players are extremely worried as it stands even if you only play one game!!! No idea when they will be doing this but if you are passing the Shay during the week call in and you never know what you might see!

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13/2/05	London Skolars - NRC	543	40-0	22-0	Tries: Haley 2, R Sheriffe 3, Black, Weisner, Goals: Jones 6
20/2/05	LONDON SKOLARS - NRC	1,329	60-12	24-6	Tries: Spink, Bunyan 2, Haley, R Sheriffe, Blackwood, Fisher, Weisner, Black 2, Greenwood Goals: Jones 5, Corcoran 3
27/2/05	Hull KR - NRC	2,227	14-21	8-14	Tries: Weisner, Larder, Goals: Lawford 3
6/3/05	KEIGHLEY - NRC	1,526	42-12	24-6	Tries: Larder, Lawford, Weisner, R Sheriffe 2, Haley, Gibson 2, Corcoran Goals: Lawford, Corcoran 2
11/3/05	CASTLEFORD LOCK LANE - PCC 3	747	76-0	36-0	Tries: Blackwood 3, R Sheriffe 3, Haley 2, Jones, Lawford, O'Brien, Gibson, Weisner, J Sheriffe, Goals: Jones 8, Corcoran 2
20/3/05	HULL KR - NRC	2,095	34-26	12-24	Tries: Blackwood, Spink, Haley, Gibson, R Sheriffe 2, Goals: Lawford 4, Bloem
25/3/05	Keighley - NRC	1,404	50-24	16-18	Tries: Weisner, Birchall, Haley 2, Gibson, Spink, Black 2, Tuilagi, Goals: Bloem 7
28/3/05	HULL KR - LHF NL1	2,474	10-11	4-6	Try: Haley, Goals: Bloem 3
3/4/05	CASTLEFORD - PCC 4	3,925	23-14	14-8	Tries: Weisner, Fisher, Bunyan, Black Goals: Bloem 3, Weisner (drop)
10/04/05	Whitehaven - LHF NL1	2,159	18-54	6-26	Tries: Fisher, Corcoran, Blackwood Goals: Bloem 3
17/4/05	BATLEY - LHF NL1	1,715	38-16	24-6	Tries: Haley 2, Larder 2, Fisher, Blackwood, Hadcroft, Bunyan Goals: Bloem 3
24/4/05	Rochdale - LHF NL1	1,201	19-22	16-6	Tries: Gibson, Haley, Hadcroft Goals: Jones 3, Jones (drop)
8/5/05	Leigh Centurions - PCC 5	3,205	20-40	8-6	Tries: Bunyan, Hayley, Fisher, Spink Goals: Jones 2
15/5/05	BARROW - LHF NL1	1,446	48-26	22-14	Tries: Fisher 2, Weisner 2, Corcoran, R Sheriffe, Jones, Spink, Bloem Goals: Bloem 6
22/5/05	CASTLEFORD - LHF NL1	3,259	16-48	6-38	Tries: Ball, R Sheriffe 2 Goals: Weisner 2
29/5/05	Doncaster - NRC QF	1,008	38-54	22-12	Tries: Gibson 3, Larder, Fisher, Haley, Spink Goals: Bloem 5
5/6/05	Featherstone - LHF NL1	1,461	38-28	8-12	Tries: Fisher, Haley, Morley, Weisner, Black, R Sheriffe Goals: Bloem 7
12/6/05	DONCASTER - LHF NL1	1,737	36-16	16-6	Tries: Fisher, Larder, Black, Haley 2, R Sheriffe Goals: Booth 2, Bloem 4
24/6/05	Oldham - LHF NL1	1,227	28-14	4-8	Tries: McDonald, Gibson, Haley, Black, Blackwood Goals: Booth 4
3/7/05	Hull KR - LHF NL1	2,565	30-38	12-30	Tries: Weisner 2, Fisher, Gibson, R Sheriffe Goals: Weisner 4
10/7/05	WHITEHAVEN - LHF NL1	1,550	60-18	34-0	Tries: Black 3, Weisner 2, Blackwood 2, Spink, Morley, R Sheriffe, Fisher Goals: Weisner 8
24/7/05	Batley - LHF NL1	1,277	26-34	14-14	Tries: Black 3, R Sheriffe, Hadcroft, Gibson, Goals: Weisner 2, Bloem 1
31/7/05	ROCHDALE - LHF NL1	1,594	25-30	19-8	Tries: McDonald, Larder, Weisner, Sheriffe, Goals: Weisner 4
7/8/05	Barrow - LHF NL1	729	12-76	4-40	Tries: Hadcroft, Sheriffe 2, Weisner, Black 2, Fisher 3, Larder, Spink, Ball 2 Goals: Bloem 11, Corcoran
14/8/05	FEATHERSTONE - LHF NL1	1,629	26-28	10-10	Tries: Corcoran, Weisner, Haley 2, Morley Goals: Weisner, Corcoran, Bloem
22/8/05	Castleford - LHF NL1	4,941	38-34	22-6	Tries: Spink 2, Blackwood, Black 2, Weisner, Reid Goals: Corcoran 2, Bloem 2, Weisner
4/9/05	Doncaster - LHF NL1	1,024	28-22	10-16	Tries: Black 3 Goals: Weisner 2, Bloem 3
11/9/05	OLDHAM - LHF NL1				3pm kick-off, The Shay
18/9/05	LHF Healthplan Play-Offs week 1				venue to be decided
25/9/05	LHF Healthplan Play-Offs week 2				venue to be decided
2/10/05	LHF Healthplan Play-Offs week 3				venue to be decided
9/10/05	LHF Healthplan GRAND FINAL				venue to be decided

NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE GRAND FINAL SERIES 2005

Week 1 Preliminary Semi Finals

18.09.05

Match A	Team 3	v	Team 6
Match B	Team 4	v	Team 5

Winners to Minor Semi Finals - Losers eliminated

Week 2 Qualifying Semi Final & Minor Semi Final

25.09.05

Match C	Team 1	v	Team 2
Winner to Final - Loser to Major Semi Final			

*Match D	Winner Match A	v	Winner Match B
Winner to Major Semi Final - Loser eliminated			

Week 3 Major Semi Final

*Match E	Loser Match C	v	Winner Match D
Winner to Grand Final - Loser eliminated			

Week 4 Grand Final

*Winner Match C v Winner Match E

Team numbers based on Final League positions - "home advantage to highest placed team throughout except final which will be played at a neutral venue with the highest placed team receiving any "home" advantage ie; kit, dressing room etc.

Service Area News

One of the major 'buzz's' that one gets is that of seeing some success come out of peoples hard work and none so than that on this years coaching and management teams.

Below is the list of Yorkshire squads picked for talent ID festivals against other counties. All four squads have Calderdale representation, following on from some seventeen selected to Yorkshire Camps across the age groups. A success obtained after hardly any wins amongst the 5 games played at each SA age group. Enhancing the basics an improvement in quality and being able to perform the coaches game plans and not just a 'win at all cost' strategy, which has been known at club level.

YORKSHIRE SELECTIONS

This year Calderdale Rugby Service Area had a record number of players selected to represent Yorkshire. Congratulations to all the coaches and the players.

Under 16 - Richard Lopag

Under 15 - Steve Mallas, Jonathon Mason, Brett Durkin

Under 14 - Josh Barlow, Steve Hargrave, Greg Firth, Pete Murphy, Edward Shaw

Under 13 - Josh Allen, Joseph Wardle, Anthony Bowman, Danny Russell, Daniel Fleming

Also as we now plan for Season 2006, talk to the Service Area and maybe we can help in some way. Many a new committee or secretaries are formed at this time of year, and may be looking for assistance. It may be all you have to do is ASK.

Boys and Girls Rugby League at Schools. As one Schools Competition finishes, another is just starting for next year. Ask your sports teacher if YOUR school is to run a girls team... maybe this time NEXT year you could have just played at WEMBLEY!!! **Need more info' ring Malc Kieley 01422 248858 / 07946 510900 or email to mk.hxrl@ntlworld.com**

Below are some pictures of this years highly successful Summer School Programme. We are putting together a Christmas schools package, with a few surprises, keep your eye out for more details of this exciting venture.



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courageous young man
his name, Matt King,
along with his family
and helpers.**

I'm sure you will remember that Matt was badly injured last year in Halifax whilst playing for the London Bronco's under eighteen team.

Our club asked Trust member and Vice Chairman Margaret Wilson to co-ordinate fund raising, and rugby league supporters from around the country managed to raise just over £20,000 for the "Go for it Matt" fund.

Matt and his family attended the World Club Challenge at the ground of Leeds United, the photo is Matt and Margaret Wilson at the venue.

When Matt is brought out and introduced to the spectators make sure you give him a great and noisy Halifax and Yorkshire welcome, and let's make that a great Oldham and Lancashire welcome too.

Just remember when we are not pleased with the way our respective teams are playing, that these players put their bodies on the line when they play this game that we love so much.

Matt King welcome to Halifax.

The Trust will be breaking new ground, as a compliment to the summer camp organised by Malcolm Kielty. Malcolm will be setting up a revolutionary system where the Trust will be setting up a new business initiative. This will be supplying qualified sports coaches to the schools of Calderdale.

I'll keep you posted on the progress that we make.

For our next members meeting on Thursday 8th September 2005 we thought we would change the format slightly, instead of having a speaker we thought we would make it more of a social night. We'll get the business out of the way then sit back to watch the Fax V Whitehaven game on the big screen.

The evening will be open to all! See you all at the Oldham game, let's get behind the team for the last league game of the season.

Regards

Malcolm Powell
Trust Chairman



■ Matt and Margaret Wilson at the venue



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So Ian when did you first start supporting the Fax?

It was the back end of the season in 2002, while we were still in Super League.

And what brought you along here in the first instance?

I thought it was about time I took on some staff after 5 years of working from 7am to 2am and decided on our current offices. I wanted to get involved with the local community in some way and spotted my office equipment supplier in the Courier. He was in a photo with Shayne McMenemy who was handing a ball to a customer. I called him to find out what it was about and he told me about his sponsorship. I told him I was interested in doing something similar and he gave me the number for Chris Murgatroyd at the club. The rest is history.

And what is it about supporting Fax that's so special?

At an away match earlier this year, I'd parked my car and was going for a pre-match pint (just the one - honest!) with a friend. We bumped into a number of fans on the way to the pub and had a quick 'hello' or stopped for a chat with loads of people I knew or who's faces were familiar. My friend turned to me and asked 'how do you know all these people?'. I wouldn't have known any of them if it weren't for supporting 'Fax'.

I'm proud of being a 'Fax fan, as many clubs, rugby and footy, have a bad reputation for a small element of their fans causing trouble. At 'Fax, we don't even have a small element (except Brewster). We have fans that any club would be proud of.

Do you follow us home and away?

The only time I miss a home match is if I'm on holiday and try to plan my holidays around the fixtures or go when the season's ended, how sad is that?

I go to most away games, but usually on the way home from my partners'. She lives in Hartlepool and if we're playing away on that side of the country I go.

What's your best memory this season?

The away match in June at Featherstone when we won 38 - 28. The terracing is close to the pitch and when the players were celebrating a try they were right up at the barriers. It was obvious they were all ecstatic when we scored and the fans went wild. It was a great match to be at.

Where in the ground do you stand/sit?

I'm not saying, just in case somebody nicks my spot. It's a good one.

And during the time you've supported the Fax who's the best/most exciting player you've seen?

I've not been a fan long enough to know who's a good player and who's bad, as you can have a good player who doesn't score many tries but is good for the team. I do know though that Rikki and James Haley both look dangerous and have me thinking that a try's on, whenever they get the ball. Ben Fisher though, in my opinion, looks like the best player we've had at the club since I started watching. I'm sure I'd be corrected by some of the long standing fans who know what they're talking about, but you asked my opinion.

So if there was something you could do to make your Fax Experience better what would it be?

When I get a cuppa from Hilda at half time, she never has any chocolate digestives. They're always bourbons, custard creams or shortcake. Garibaldi's are horrid and you can't fit a jammy dodger in the plastic cups when you're dunking.

In all the time you've supported us what's your best memory?

Doing my one man pitch invasion at Widnes. I'm sure somebody must have spiked my Bovril.

Any funny stories about the matches you've seen players you've met?

Well there was the time that I met Rikki and his partner Joanne. Watching Joanne wipe muck off Rikkis' face with a wet finger in a motherly kind of way. That didn't do much for his hard man rugby player image!



■ Ian Griffiths



■ Ian Griffiths and a Cas fan

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7. Ben Black
8. Chris Morley
9. Ben Fisher
10. Jason Boults
11. Dave Larder
12. Andy Spink
13. Damian Ball
14. Wayne Corcoran
15. Anthony Blackwood
16. Andy Hobson
17. Ryan McDonald

Oldham

1. Gavin Dodd
2. Damian Munro
3. Alex Wilkinson
4. Jon Goddard
5. Nick Johnson
6. Marty Turner
7. Chris Hough
8. Ricky Bibey
9. Gareth Barber
10. Paul Norman
11. Ian Hodson
12. Tere Glassie
13. John Hough
14. Carlos Mataora
15. Martin Elsworth
16. Simon Svabic
17. Dana Wilson

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Today is Jamie Bloem's final home league game before he retires at the end of this season.

As is the custom in his native South Africa, Jamie will leave his boots under the posts as a gesture of his retirement.

If you would care to stay behind for 5 minutes after the game it would be appreciated.