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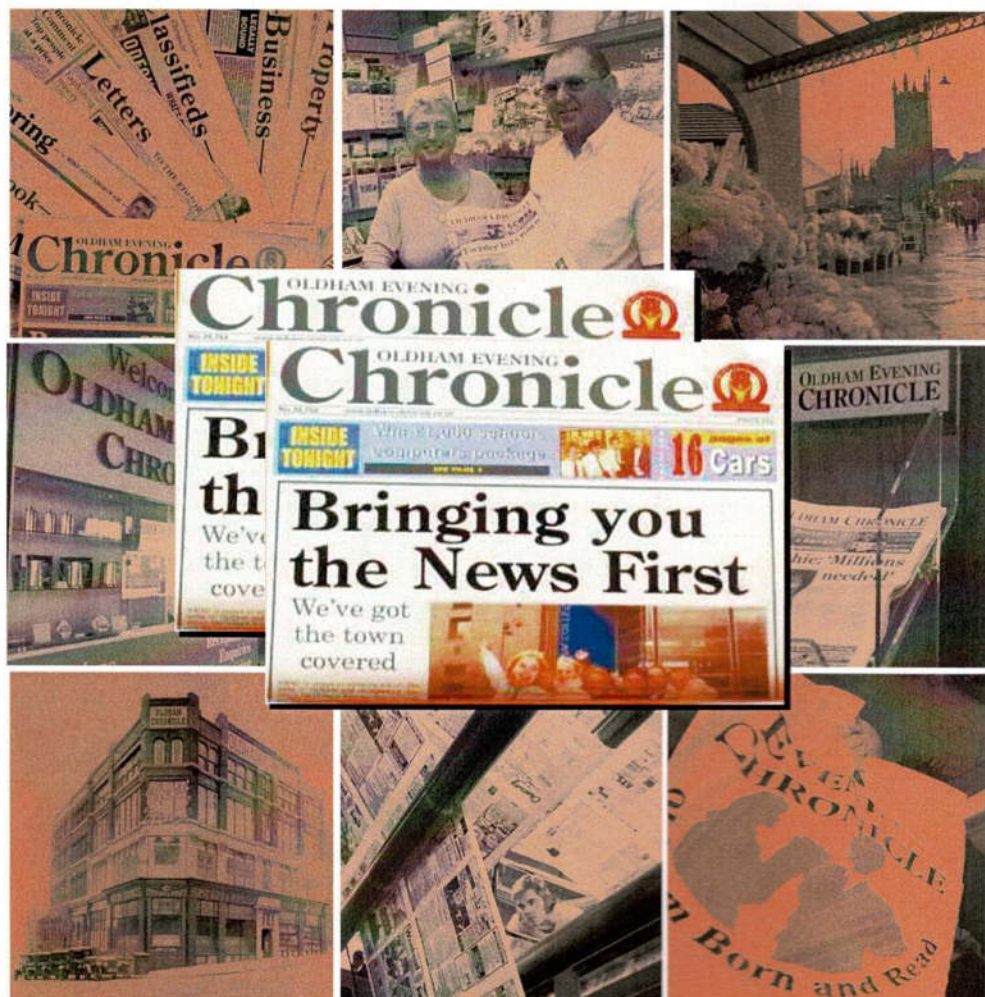
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CONSECUTIVE APPEARANCES: Phil Farrell, 67 - *April 2nd 2000 - March 15th 2002

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TRIES IN A SEASON: Nick Johnson, 25 - 2004

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TRIES IN MATCH: Mark Sibson v Wigan St. Judes, 4 - Feb 8th 2000 at Boundary Park

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

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in the chair

with Chris Hamilton

May I first of all thank those of you who attended last week's game against Saddleworth Rangers in what was a poor day weather wise to say the least.

From about nine in the morning the snow started to fall and didn't stop until the second half when the players were then coping with rain as well!

As we have stated in the press this week, if the pitch is playable and there are no safety concerns about the terraces, then the game must go ahead and that was the situation last Sunday. We should also be aware that both teams were keen to get the game on and despite the pitch being snow covered, the game was not affected by this and that was great credit to both sides.

It was probably typical of our luck that with the opponents being Saddleworth, a lot of their fans who would have come to the game were probably snowed in! We made it safely into the nest round without being too convincing but not unduly troubled either and our reward is probably a trip to Barrow on 2 April.

Today though, we return to Northern Rail action against Rochdale and we are obviously hoping to avenge the two defeats we have already suffered against them.

We are also running another child promotion today whereby up to two children can come to the game for free if accompanied by a full paying adult or OAP. This will be the latest in a number of initiatives we will be running throughout the season to increase attendances and also to help us lay the platform for a support base for many years to come.

I know a regular source of irritation is the prices that are charged for children, but as we have also stated on numerous occasions, we are unlike most other clubs in that we do not make any money from the food

concessions in the ground or the bars and our rent is the same regardless of whether there is one person in the ground or ten thousand and therefore gate income is vital if the club is to survive.

As a club we have actively encouraged the adoption of schemes such as the LHF Healthplan junior season ticket offer which is fantastic value even if you don't come to many games and we hope that with the programme we are rolling out over the remainder of the season following the successful ticket promotion for the Leeds game we can increase the number of people coming to watch our games.

As part of this programme there will be various other offers to encourage adults and juniors alike to come so look out for details in the local press and on the website.

Today will also be interesting to see how the lads react to having had a full week with "Deaks" given that they will have been in five sessions!

Our run of luck also extended to last Monday's training session when we had arranged for the players to go to Breeze Hill swimming pool following the two games the team had played last week. When they arrived they were informed that the pump for the pool was broken and therefore we couldn't use it - whatever next?

Enjoy the game

Chris Hamilton

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direct from the dug out

with Steve Deakin



The Saddleworth Rangers game despite the poor crowd because of the atrocious weather conditions threw up a lot of positives.

I thought we played some good football despite the conditions. We scored six tries, had one excellent effort at the beginning of the second half refused for a forward pass and Gareth Barber knocked-on on the line. It must be remembered that this was Saddleworth's Wembley and we were on a hiding to nothing.

Certainly we made too many errors and our completion rate was poor but this is something we can work on and I am confident that once we sort this out we can hold our own with any team in our competition. Today is an ideal opportunity to gauge in what direction we are moving as we are playing a team who are confident of and determined to be involved in the play-offs.

Derby games are always even more intense than others and Oldham-Hornets matches are certainly no exception with a lot of former Roughyeds turning out for the Hornets. Both teams will be determined to be the ones with the bragging rights at the end of eighty minutes, but one thing is certain whoever has them at 4.30 today, it will only be a for a short period, as we meet them again in the league in four week's time.

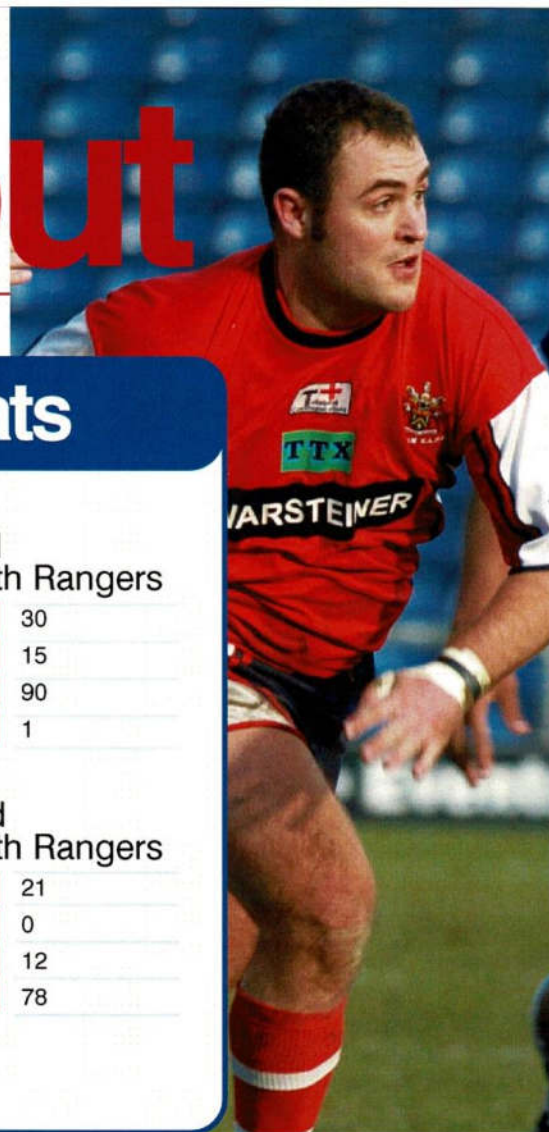
One thing I've noticed after only a short time

at the club is that some people are very quick to see the negative side of everything. If we all concentrated only on the positive a lot more we would succeed in improving things a lot quicker.

Personally I was glad the game was played last Sunday as we have now had the opportunity for a full week's preparation for today's game. One negative to come out of the game was the injury to Danny Guest. At the time of writing it looks as if he'll be out for at least four weeks but we'll be more informed by the time of today's game when he will have seen a specialist. As for our other injured players without underestimating this competition I am not going to gamble on the health of any of our players with the league season so close.

Get behind the lads,

Deaks



Player Stats



Mick Redford
V Saddleworth Rangers

Tackles	30
Hit ups	15
Metres made	90
Missed tackles	1



Lee Wingfield
V Saddleworth Rangers

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Hit ups	12
Metres made	78

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roger and out

by ROGER HALSTEAD

ARE we getting soft in our old age? Has a decade of 'summer' (loosely speaking) rugby turned us rugby league lads and lassies into a breed that those hardy fans of yesteryear wouldn't even recognise?

I confess to being as guilty as the rest. Well, not quite. My badges for 'softies of the week' go to my good friends of the local press - Matthew (Chronicle), Gavin (Advertiser) and that veteran news and sports hound of the Oldham scene, Fred, the local freelance. Let me explain. Those of you who sit near the back of the main stand may have noticed there are two areas for the accommodation of the press. One is open to the winds that howl around a ground Joe Royle once described as Ice-Station Zebra. It's a traditional press bench (you can hardly call it a box) - the sort that, in wintry Watersheddings days, soon turned boys into men.

The other is behind glass, enclosed, sometimes even heated --- and that's where you'll always find Matthew, Gavin and Fred.

Comparatively speaking, Matthew is the new boy to the Oldham scene. And Gavin is probably too young also to remember what it was like in the good old days up there at Watersheddings at a night match in January with a blizzard sweeping down from Moorside.

Just as visiting players hated it, so did visiting journalists. And some I could mention used to get Fred to cover the match for them, so much did they hate going to Watersheddings when the ground was in all its winter glory.

Jack McNamara, that highly respected and long retired rugby league writer of the Manchester Evening News (and still a dear friend) never resorted to that. He was far too tough a Kiwi, and far too dedicated to his job, to even think of it.

But even Jack, who always had a soft spot for Oldham and Rochdale Hornets, used to beg me to take issue with the Oldham committee, on behalf of the Rugby League Writers' Association, to get the Watersheddings press benches enclosed.

If Joe Royle thought this place was Ice-Station Zebra he should have tried watching a match up there with snow several feet high piled up around the touchlines and sleet sweeping down the pitch horizontally to the Hutchins Stand corner.

So Fred? No excuses for you, mate. Like me, you've seen it all up there on the Ripponden Road hill. You, of anyone, should know better than to lock yourself away in that heated box when, as last Sunday, you could freeze to death on the open bench like Ian Wilson (League Express), Brian Clarke (GMR) and I did at the Oldham-Saddleworth cup tie.

Worse still, Fred, what was all that softy talk of yours. The tie should have been postponed? Come on now. For a few inches of snow?

Remember the good, old days? When snow, ice, frost, pitch inspections and a team's ability to cope with the northern winter were part and parcel of Challenge Cup folklore.

That great Oldham side of the 1950s, then red-hot favourites to make their first Wembley appearance, once lost a tie at Leigh in

appalling conditions. Two or three weeks later, when the snow and frost had gone, they went back to Leigh and put 40 points past them.

Twenty years later Oldham were strongly fancied to beat Workington at Watersheddings in the cup. The weekend game was postponed and, come the Wednesday night, the pitch was still hard.

The referee declared it playable. Town fancied the challenge more than Oldham, and the Cumbrians pulled off a huge shock to take their place in the next round. It was all part of the drama and mystique of the Challenge Cup.

Hardly surprising, then, that the two men who represented the Rugby League at last Sunday's game -- referee Colin Morris and match commissioner Jim Smith -- wondered what all the fuss was about when Colin declared the pitch playable.

Colin, from Huddersfield, has been around a long time -- one of the most experienced referees on the list. Jim, from Halifax, also put in a marathon stint as a first-class referee before he reached retiring age.

In Colin's words, there was absolutely no reason to call off the match. The pitch was soft under the snow, he could see the markings clearly, and the Boundary Park safety officer was happy that there was no hazard to spectators.

The referee's decision has to be final: there can be no other way. Way back in time, in my early days on the Chronicle, the Rugby League used to give home clubs the power to call off a league match if they felt a pitch was unfit. The rule read: "The secretary of the home club can postpone if . . . etc, etc."

Far be it for me to suggest that club secretaries might have abused that freedom, but it was clearly wrong to place them in that position.

Oddly, the rule for cup ties was slightly different. Both clubs had to have their say, and one can only assume it was because the gate was shared.

I campaigned for years for the match referee to be sole decision-maker or, if that was not practical, for a local referee to make the judgement.

Justice must not only be done, it must be seen to be done --- and to give anybody the power to rule on pitch conditions other than the independent official is to go down a road that throws clubs and club officials open to all manner of allegation.

Last Sunday was a throwback to days long gone. It stirred the memory, filled us with nostalgia and took us back to days when Watersheddings was the coldest spot in the Northern Union --- and Fred was tougher than he is today.

Only kidding, old pal. Call it journalistic licence. You know all about that.

ROGER AND OUT.

with Ian Wilson

What a strange week we all went through up to and including the Saddleworth game!



First the postponement of the Halifax game - though maybe this was not so unexpected. Then the complete bombshell of John Pendlebury's resignation. I had just submitted my copy for last week's programme, which included the recommendation to read the excellent interview with him in Rugby League World [1] - though that interview did at least emphasise how much he is his own man, with strong views and principles. I must admit to still being mystified by the decision, though - I really can't believe that the travelling on the motorway can have been a factor, since it surely didn't come as a surprise! I must admit, too, to a considerable feeling of disappointment, since I honestly believed that he could have done a good job for us, given time and patience.

But then came the new appointment, and so quickly. Top marks to messrs. Hamilton and Whitehead here, I think, both for the timing and the quality of the decision. One cannot imagine anyone more likely to unify the RL factions in Oldham than a Deakin! There is surely no doubt, either, about Steve's coaching credentials. Let us all hope profoundly for a period of stability now; from what I understand, we have a quality technical coach, and we cannot expect any immediate miracles - but

at the same time we can hope for steady improvement in both individual and team performance.

We then had the debacle of the Halifax game itself - nothing more to be said, really. And, finally, the Saddleworth occasion. You can never accuse the club of giving its supporters a boring experience! It was such a pity that the weather conditions were as they were, since on a sunny afternoon it could have been a real celebration of the game in the town. Unlike a number of others at the ground, I felt that referee Colin Morris was quite right to allow the game to go ahead - the pitch wasn't frozen and the lines were clear; we certainly had many games played in worse conditions up at Watersheddings! However, there would surely have been three times as many spectators in attendance to enjoy the occasion if the weather had been different.

The game itself was an enjoyable one, I felt - and the amateurs certainly did not play like a side at the bottom of the Conference set-up. Of our performance, I thought the most encouraging aspect, in a way, was during the second quarter, when our handling was so bad that we had to defend for almost the whole 20 minutes. The fact that we did, and conceded only one try, is a good sign for the future. The next two matches - not to mention the next round of the cup - gives the coach a chance to begin to get the side playing in the way he would like before the real season begins. I think we all share the desire to wish his efforts every possible success.

40/20VISION

on this day

Don Yates looks back to March 19th yesteryear

In the early years of our game trial matches were a popular feature of the season. They were staged to aid selectors who had the task of choosing representative teams.

Trial matches were even played as part of the process of selecting county teams but that process ceased in 1910 although trials for tour selection continued for a further 48 years. It was on Wednesday 19th March 1958 that the final tour trial match was played. Headingley Stadium, Leeds was the scene of that trial, a match between a White XIII and a Green XIII which attracted a crowd of 4,375. Oldham had a player in each team, second-row forward Charlie Winslade with the Whites and centre Dennis Ayres with the Greens. At scrum-half for the Whites was Johnny Fishwick, a talented half-back who played for Rochdale Hornets for eleven years after joining them from Vine Tavern (St.Helens) in March 1956. The Greens won the match 41-18 with Fishwick and Ayres each scoring a try. Neither Winslade, Ayres nor Fishwick gained selection for the 1958 tour of Australasia and, in fact, only ten of the 28 players who figured in that trial, there were two substitutions, climbed aboard the plane to Australia.

The Athletic Grounds, Rochdale's headquarters for eighty-eight years from 1900, were once a superb sporting facility. Cycling, athletics and speedway racing as well as rugby league were staged there. Big crowds once flocked to showpiece events including an Anglo-Australian test match and three Challenge Cup Finals. On Saturday 19th March 1932 one of seven Challenge Cup semi-finals to be staged at that venue, Swinton versus Wakefield Trinity, attracted a crowd of 21,273. Swinton won that match 7-4. On Saturday 19th March 1955 Hornets entertained Barrow in a quarter-final Challenge Cup-tie. That match was watched by a crowd of 17,311. Hornets have not attracted a bigger gate to a home match since. Unfortunately Barrow beat Hornets 15-2 that afternoon, the Rochdale points coming from a penalty landed by centre Les Jones. Incidentally, on that same afternoon, Oldham beat Widnes at Watersheddings by 36 points to

two. Last weekend just over 2,000 spectators were present at Whitehaven to watch the attractive Challenge Cup-tie against French Championship leaders Pia. Forty-six years ago, on Saturday 19th March 1960, the biggest crowd to watch a match at Whitehaven, 18,500, assembled to watch a quarter-final Challenge Cup-tie against Wakefield Trinity. The visitors won that tie 21-10, scoring five tries in the process. Two of those tries were scored by loose-forward Derek Turner, the former Oldham loose-forward. A couple of other former Oldham players were included in the Wakefield line-up, winger John Etty and second-row forward Don Vines. On the same afternoon Oldham entertained Bramley in another Challenge Cup quarter-final. Oldham won that bad-tempered tie 8-2 with two tries from winger Vin Nestor and a goal from full-back Bernard Ganley. Just down the road at the Athletic Grounds, Hornets defeated Castleford 17-4 in a league encounter. Centres Norman Short and Bill Atherton, together with scrum-half Johnny Fishwick, scored tries and loose-forward Bernard McGurrian landed four goals.

It was on this day four years ago, Tuesday 19th March 2002, that the former British test forward, Steve Molloy, joined Oldham permanently from Batley. A couple of years previously he had played for the club during a loan period when he was with Huddersfield. Molloy stayed with the Roughyeds for three seasons and during his two spells with the club made 86 appearances and scored five tries and a dropped goal. He was appointed player-coach in July 2002, taking over from John Harbin. Molloy led the team to the Championship play-offs in 2004 when they finished fourth, their highest position since the club was reformed in 1997. After failing to gain Super League status, Molloy was replaced by Gary Mercer.

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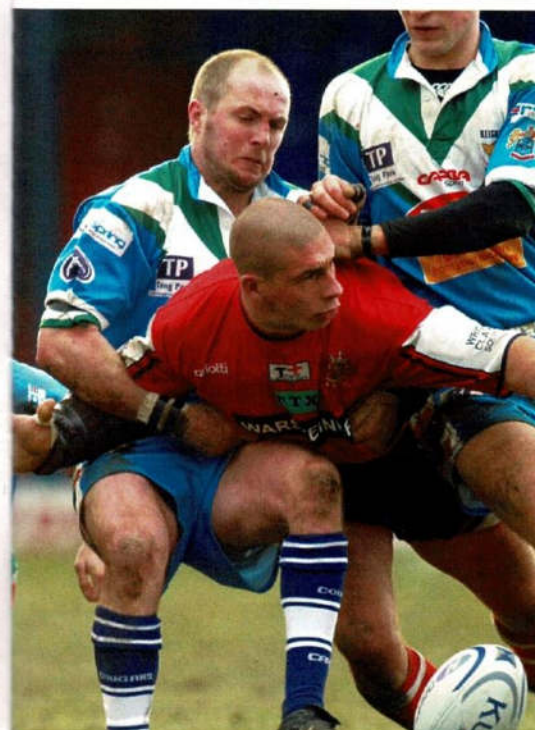
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club corner

with Nigel Marland

Well yet another eventful few days last week culminating in the atrocious conditions on Sunday, which resulted in the attendance being at least a third of what was expected.

There are many views on the pro's and con's of the game being played and one can have sympathy with all of them. Some say it was a disgrace that so many fans, especially from the Saddleworth area were unable to get to the game as the roads were so bad, others that the game was declared on too late for everyone to be able to make arrangements, that although the ground was playable the car parks etc were not fit etc, that both clubs unnecessarily lost much needed income, others that there was a danger of serious injuries.

Others argue that it was a good thing the game was played as it meant Oldham wouldn't have to play 2 games in a week again especially as Hornets would have had ten days to prepare as they had played on the previous Thursday. Another argument is that there was no

guarantee the weather would have improved by Tuesday or Wednesday.

Whatever your view the fact is that once the referee has declared the pitch fit to play on and the safety officer is happy with conditions for spectators there is nothing club's can do other than to play the game. And both of those things did

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occur. What cannot be argued with is how unfortunate that such a historic occasion was ruined by the weather. As Director, Sean Whitehead, was heard to say after the game when somebody commented on the club's bad luck, Sean replied, "We at Oldham don't have bad luck we have no luck!" And there is certainly no argument with that of late.

Hopefully the draw for the 4th Round can prove to be to our advantage and we can beat the amateurs or Barrow away from home and then draw a money-spinner of a tie in the next round. Surely things must change for the better sooner than later.

I hope you enjoy the article by Gareth Walker on our new coach that appeared in last week's Rugby League Express. I thought it merited repeating in today's programme and thank Gareth for giving his permission to use it. Don't forget if you have something you would like to say in the programme or would like to ask Deaks a question please contact me via the main office and I will certainly consider their inclusion.

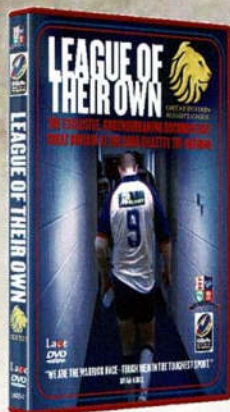
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AROUND & ABOUT

with The Heritage Trust

A round up of some of the latest rugby league books, DVD's and magazines to hit the market:



(1) Having had the winter to help dismiss from the memory the impoverished performance of the British squad during last autumn's Gillette Tri-Nation series, one would label a person either sad or masochistic who could then consider paying the £19.99 asking price for the just released, 160 minute DVD, 'LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN' a fly-on-the-wall look at the home team. To put it into a local perspective it's akin to having to twice sit

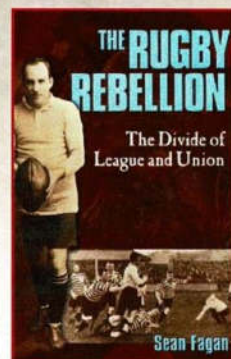
through a recording of Oldham's recent match at the Shay.

"We are the Warrior Race" Noble told his troops whilst still in base camp. There was only one thing this DVD could do from thereon in – get better (and thankfully it did).

It got under the skin. Didn't fancy it too much (I didn't enjoy RL Raw) but I've got to say the camera-work is superb and captures magnificently both pain and pressure as the national team compete for glory in the sport's leading international series. This is the first time that the RFL have allowed such a comprehensive and extraordinary behind-the-scenes approach. And it's worked. From the blood stained medical room and the emotionally charged dressing room through to the thunderous intensity of a test match, this is a truly up-close and personal account of the world's most demanding sport. Very watchable.

Did you know? Paul Johnson's hat-trick in the first match of this Tri-Nations contest was the first scored by a forward in a test match since Oldham's Bert Avery achieved the feat way back in 1910.

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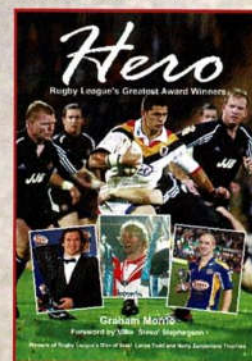
(2) In March 1907 an unsolicited letter arrived at the Queen St, Oldham offices of the then secretary of the Rugby League, Joseph Platt. It enquired if the British would be prepared to host a tour by players from the southern hemisphere. The letter written by A.H. Baskerville, was to lead to the announcement of a

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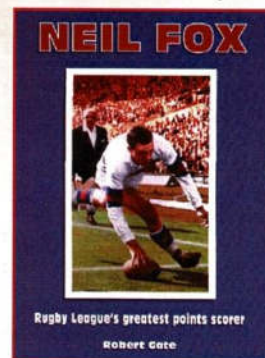
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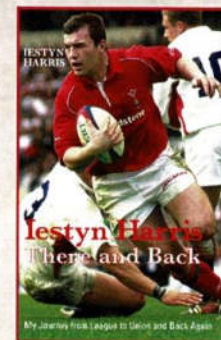
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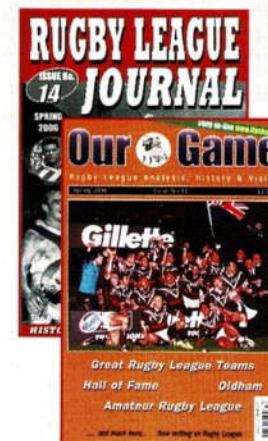
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Brian Walker

visiting today

Rochdale Hornets

Paul Anderson (SECOND ROW / CENTRE); Spent the 2005 season bravely fighting his way back from a career threatening knee injury. Previous clubs include Leigh, Oldham, St Helens and Sheffield.

Rob Ball (PROP); Rob found the consistent level of performance he was looking for during the 2005 season and became first choice prop in the Hornets front row. His no nonsense approach was appreciated by the Hornets fans and his experience was vital at certain times of the season.

Ryan Benjafield (PROP); Ryan is in his second spell in England having previously played for Hull F.C. and York City Knights. Can either play in the front or back row and comes very highly rated by the Coaches at both his previous English Clubs.

James Bunyan (CENTRE / SECOND ROW); Another player in his second spell at the club after playing the last couple of seasons at Halifax. James is another player on his way back to full fitness after having closed season surgery. Previous clubs include Doncaster and Huddersfield.

Sam Butterworth (STAND OFF); Sam's pace is electric and he is always willing to try the unorthodox and has pulled Hornets out of many a sticky situation. Sam is now in his third season at the Club and is enjoying every minute of it. For the record Sam scored 9 tries in 2005.

Chris Campbell (WING); His electric pace always puts him amongst Hornets leading scorers every season and last year he scored 14 in 22 appearances. He previously had spells with Oldham and Whitehaven.

Phil Cantillon (HOOKER); Phil showed during the latter stages of the 2005 season that he has not lost his electric pace and quick thinking that have been his trademarks over the years.

Dave Cunliffe (CENTRE / SECOND ROW); Dave was another player who didn't really

enjoy the best of fitness in 2005 but after a good pre-season under his belt he will no doubt soon rediscover the performance that made him one of the stand players of 2004

Lee Doran (SECOND ROW); Lee was voted the Club's player of the year at the end of last season, an award he richly deserved and in doing so quickly became a firm fans' favourite. He made 28 appearances in 2005 scoring 6 tries. His previous club was Oldham.

Phil Farrell (LOOSE FORWARD); A tough back row forward with an exceptional work rate Phil leads from the front at all times and is a very constructive leader both on and off the pitch. He made 21 appearances in 2005.

Matty Firth (SCRUM HALF); Matt opted for a move to National League one after enjoying a hugely successful 2005 season with Keighley Cougars. Matt will be hoping to make an immediate impact due to the injury to Lee Sanderson. In 2005 Matt scored 4 tries in 23 matches for Keighley.

Chris Giles (FULL BACK / WING); A real stand out performer for Hornets during 2005 at either Full Back or on the Wing. For the record he made 27 appearances in 2005 scoring a total of 6 tries. Played Super League for Widnes in 2004

Tommy Golden (LOOSE FORWARD); Joined Hornets in the latter part of the 2005 season from Leigh Miners Rangers amateur side. He captained his side with distinction for many years and was also part of a very successful Great Britain amateur set up touring Australia on more than one occasion.

Andy Gorski (SECOND ROW); His trademark breaks and tough tackling were very evident last season and his performances were recognised in the Club's end of season awards. He scored a very valuable 13 tries in 28 appearances in 2005.

John Hill (PROP); Used mainly off the bench John always had an impact and will again be a major component in the Hornets pack in 2006. John made 12 appearances in 2005

Casey Mayberry (WING); Casey's tries always seem to be of the spectacular variety and Hornets fans will be looking forward to tries such as the one against Workington during the 2003 season

Dave McConnell (HOOKER); Another of Hornets top performers in 2005 after signing in the close season from Leigh. David's work rate is exceptional and is at the hub of most of Hornets attacking play. David is a full Scottish international.

Mark McCully (CENTRE); Another player who enjoyed a really successful 2005 season topping Hornets points scoring chart in the process. In 2005 Mark made 26 appearances scoring 13 tries and 71 goals for a total of 194 points. Mark launched his career at St Helens before moving onto Chorley and then Leigh.

Paul Norman (PROP); Regarded as one of the most consistent front row forwards in National League one with a huge work rate ethic. A very experienced campaigner. His tough tackling style and his willingness to do the "hard yards" will quickly make him a fans' favourite.

Paul Owen (FULL BACK) Paul will be hoping to recapture the form he showed in his first spell at the Club where he was generally regarded as the best Full Back at National League one level. Paul started his career at Leeds before moving onto Keighley.

Lee Patterson (CENTRE); Lee was Swinton's top try scorer in 2005 so it was another coup for Hornets when he signed for the Club in November 2005 having previously been at St Helens and Chorley. For the record Lee scored 21 tries for Swinton last term and he was a nominee for the National League Two Player of the year award.

John Pickersgill (PROP); Another of Hornets major moves of the close season when they prized John away from Warrington Wolves. He is a player that Wolves boss Cullen believes will have a major impact on the game in years to come.

Kris Ratcliffe (LOOSE FORWARD); Spent the early part of 2005 on loan to Blackpool which gave Kris some much needed first team experience that helped him to make a really successful contribution to Hornets' end of season run in.

Craig Robinson (SECOND ROW); Hornets snatched the young second row forward from under the noses of a host of Yorkshire teams all after his signature. Was spotted by Darren Abram playing for the Wakefield academy a number of times against Leigh and was always recognised as a stand out performer.

Lee Sanderson (SCRUM HALF); Lee is recognised as being a very talented Half Back with a brilliant kicking game that will add a new dimension to Hornets play. The first major battle Lee will have to win is to regain full fitness after under going constructive knee surgery in 2005

Matt Sturm (PROP); There is no doubt that Matt will as ever be leading from the front as he has done all his career. Matt had a loan spell at Hornets in 2004. He has played Super League for Leigh, Warrington and Huddersfield

Richard Varkulis (CENTRE); His power and pace made him a formidable opponent for all teams in 2005 and he had a really consistent season.

Danny Wood (STAND OFF); His kicking game will be vital to Hornets this term and his trademark pressure clearing kicks are sure to be utilised by the Coaching Staff. Danny is a tremendously skilful player that can step off both feet and is very creative in attack. Left Hornets in 2003 for Hunslet.

journalistic license

by Matthew Chambers

SUMMER rugby – don't you love it?

Fresh from the local beer garden, spectators lazily wander into the ground wearing sunglasses, t-shirts, shorts and sandals, and bask in the heat as a free-flowing game ensues on a dewy, perfect pitch.

At least, that's the idea.

But while we may not be into the summer proper as yet, the conditions for last week's Challenge Cup tie against Saddleworth Rangers at Boundary Park were more Arctic than Algarve.

Still, while it was a shame that many potential spectators chose to turn up the heating and stay indoors, the hardy 804 who watched the game enjoyed a hard-fought contest in which Saddleworth played a full part.

There were some terrific performances on display from the local amateurs, who really shouldn't be bottom of National Conference division two given their terrific form in the cup competitions.

Veteran Emerson Jackman was at his tigerish best, young half-back Jonny Horton looks a real star of the future, and the forwards tested Oldham's pack.

But to their credit the Roughyeds, who were at war with the elements as much as a fiery Saddleworth team, battled their way through to the next round and there were a few good performers in red-and-white shirts, too.

The return of Wayne Corcoran seemed to lift the team, with the stocky stand-off's clever break creating what appeared to be a lovely second-half try for Gareth Barber – only for it to be disallowed due to a very marginal forward pass decision.

Highly rated at Halifax, if Corcoran can steer clear of serious injuries it seems Steve Deakin has a player on his hands. However, he also picked up a knock to the shoulder and is currently struggling, along with several other members of the squad.

Not only will Danny Guest be out for upwards of a month with a knee injury and a chipped bone in his leg, but fellow prop forward Ged Corcoran is now reduced to performing the half-time draw duties for another four weeks following a visit to the specialist.

Deakin is determined to get things right ahead of the start of the National League One programme, which has to be the main priority now.

Given the injury list, the club's maiden qualification for the next stage of the Northern Rail Cup can wait another year. Pride is what is really at stake against Rochdale today, and a repeat of the Spotland performance with a depleted squad – ideally, with a slight alteration to the final scoreline – will suit the Roughyeds management just fine.

Incidentally, the first league game against Hull KR will see at least 10 coaches make their way across the M62 to Boundary Park, after club sponsors laid on free transport for Robins supporters.

The big chill may have hit these parts over the last week, but you can bet that information will have Oldham's co-directors Sean Whitehead and Chris Hamilton rubbing their hands in anticipation...

Matthew



halstead's choice

by Roger Halstead

GED Corcoran was anxious to make a couple of points when I asked if he could spare a few minutes to talk about himself for this spot in the Roughyeds programme.

Point No 1 . . . he was not born in Rochdale, as is popularly believed, but in Southern Ireland. And he is proud of it: immensely proud.

Point No 2 . . . he wants to publicly thank and applaud his parents for the role they have played in bringing up himself and his younger brother Wayne.

Said Ged, soon to celebrate his 23rd birthday: "Wayne and I are always described as 'Rochdale born' and, to be honest, we find it irritating.

"I was born in Galway and Wayne in Offaly. The family moved to Rochdale when we were small boys, but we are fully-fledged Irish lads and we are so proud of it.

"I think the proudest day of my life was when I made my debut for Ireland in Dublin. To be playing for Ireland in the same set-up as Barrie McDermott and Terry O'Connor was special. It doesn't come much better than that for a lad who is so proud of his roots.

"And that brings me to Mum and Dad, Irene and Gary. Wayne and I owe everything to them. They have supported us through thick and thin. We can't thank them enough."

Ged's introduction to rugby league, when he was a lad of six or seven, was a casual affair.

The junior section of Spotland amateurs trained near his home in Rochdale and it was while showing a passing interest on a grassy bank at the side of the field that he was invited to join in.

"At the second time of asking I wandered into the middle --- and that was the start of it all," recalled Ged.

PLAYER PROFILE

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"I liked the game right away and in the next few years I played kids' rugby for Spotland, Mayfield, Milnrow and finally Royton Tigers.

"By this time I was in the under-16s and a few clubs looked at me, including Leeds, Halifax and Huddersfield. It came to a straight choice between Huddersfield and Halifax and, to be honest, I opted for Fax because the financial deal was better.

"I was to be there for six years. John Pendlebury signed me and when I got to Thrum Hall I came under the influence of Nicky Kiss, who doubled up as under-21s coach and John's No 2.

"For the most part I was happy at Fax -- Wayne was to follow me over there --- but it all went pear shaped in 2004 when I had a contractual dispute.

"I had made my debut for Ireland earlier that year and the then Leeds boss Daryl Powell came in for me. He wanted to take me to Headingley, but Halifax demanded a transfer fee and there was a bit of a wrangle.

"It all ended with me taking the option of going to France to play for Limoux and I went over there in the autumn of 2004 after the final of the European Nations tournament."

Like many English players who had crossed the Channel before him, Ged couldn't settle in French rugby.

"It was a huge culture shock," he recalled. "I was stepping down in terms of rugby standards -- skills and technique -- and then to make matters worse I broke my thumb in January, 2005 and I was out for six months.

"I wasn't happy over there, so I asked if I could come home. I got back in the Spring and when I was fit to play again in mid-summer Andy Kelly got in touch and took me to Dewsbury for the rest of the 2005 campaign."

Corcoran helped Kelly's heroes to the Grand Final against Batley at Widnes, but the big occasion was marred for him because he was concussed early on and doesn't remember much about it.

That year he was again called up by Ireland and on Terry O'Connor's recommendation he came close to joining Terry at Widnes under the Vikings' new coach Steve McCormack.

"I was interested," said Ged, "but the financial package wasn't good enough for me to go as a full-time pro, which is what they wanted.

"Part-time rugby, with a job as well, suited me better. Wayne had already signed for Oldham and I was still considering my options when the Roughyeds came in for me.



"I signed, and I've got to say I have never regretted it once. It's nice to be at the same club as Wayne -- for the second time -- and the squad is made up of a great set of lads.

"From day one, I was made to feel extremely welcome. I knew a few of the lads, like the Houghs and Alex Wilkinson, and I can't speak too highly of Keith Brennan and of the chairman, Chris Hamilton.

"It's close to home, too, and that's a big plus."

Ged is close to making his comeback after suffering damage to an eye socket and a cheekbone in the Northern Rail Cup game at Rochdale last month.

Like the rest of the players he is also adjusting to the departure of John Pendlebury and the arrival of the new boss, Steve Deakin.

He concluded: "It's a new challenge now. We've had a few sessions with Steve already and we are all looking forward to working with him.

"He's very thorough and he certainly knows his stuff."

Early this week there was a chance that Corcoran might be in the running to make his comeback in today's clash with Hornets.

"It will be up to 'Deaks', but if I'm not back this week I should be okay for the following week."

Having played four times in the green of Ireland, Corcoran has ambitions to represent his country many more times and to play his part in ensuring that the Roughyeds have a good season.

Kid brother Wayne, aged 20, also has his sights on another Irish cap.

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Good luck to the lads for today's game and we want to hear all you kids shouting.

See you soon

Carole and Janet

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SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

LUCK is not a word found in the vocabulary of Oldham RLFC. The unfortunate timing of Sunday's inclement weather contrived to ruin what should have been a very special day for rugby league in Oldham. Full credit though, to the players, officials and fans who braved the conditions to make the most of this exciting Cup tie on the d

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for the new Oldham coach

GARETH WALKER recounts a remarkable few months for Steve Deakin, who was last week unveiled as the new coach of Oldham following his sudden departure from Catalans Dragons in December



STEVE Deakin's first match of 2006 was supposed to be Catalans Dragons' historic clash with Wigan in early February; instead, he found himself taking charge of Oldham against Saddleworth Rangers in Sunday's Powergen Challenge Cup-tie. But you won't find Deakin complaining.

His sudden departure from the Dragons just before Christmas caused shockwaves in both France and England. Having been the man to build the squad that would finally take the French into the promised land of Super League, Deakin was effectively dumped a matter of weeks before their first performance on the big stage.

Now, three months on, he has dusted himself down and climbed back onto the coaching ladder at his hometown club. In a series of events almost as remarkable as his departure from the Dragons, Deakin took over at Boundary Park last Tuesday, less than 24 hours after the sudden and unexpected resignation of John Pendlebury.

So while the Catalans were taking on Leeds in Perpignan on Saturday night, Deakin was carrying out the final parts of his preparation for the Saddleworth match - a game he was originally going to watch from the club's hospitality suite, having booked to attend with his wife.

But while Deakin does not hide his disappointment at having been pushed through the Catalans' exit doors, he refuses to dwell on the matter.

"Life is too short, and I'm certainly not going to get better as a person or coach if I look over my shoulder and reflect on negative thing that

have happened to me," Deakin explained.

"Lessons can be learnt from everybody. Catalans Dragons were a part of my life. I wish the club and the players the best of luck.

"I had a lot of happy times, and a lot of happy memories there. It's the team that I put together, and it's a team that I think is capable of performing very well in Super League.

"But I've moved on from there, and my focus is no longer with that club. It's 100 per cent on Oldham Rugby League."

His departure from the Catalans also allowed him a short spell away from the game, something he has rarely been afforded during coaching stints at Chorley, Halifax, Cannes, Rochdale, Keighley, Sheffield, Huddersfield and London.

"It's been three months (since leaving the Dragons).

"I hadn't had a holiday in four years, and I was able to have two holidays with my wife. I've had time to get away from it.

"I'd like to think I've benefited from it, but I couldn't wait to jump into the car when (Oldham director) Sean Whitehead rung me."

So does Deakin feel that the Catalans can become a success in Super League, despite their difficult start?

"My word they can," he responded.

"They've got a great playing base. The problem is that Stacey Jones is such a key figure for them. With his injury it will take the other players a bit of time to adjust to someone else taking them around the park.

"It will also take a period of adjustment for the French players to back up consistently.

"But if anybody is serious about having an outstanding international competition, then we have to be patient and do everything we can to help.

"It was difficult for me watching the first game," Deakin added.

"But life's not a bed of roses - when you get knocked down you've got to get up, brush yourself off and get back into the race.

"It was just a case of waiting for the right opportunity to come along, and fortunately this one came along sooner than I expected. This job fits me like a glove."

The sequence of events that saw Deakin take over at Oldham happened "with some speed. After Pendlebury resigned on Monday night, director Whitehead phoned Deakin the following morning to ask if he would be interested in taking over. After what was initially an informal meeting, Deakin agreed a two-year contract and was unveiled at a press conference by 4.30pm that same afternoon.

"It's a club with outstanding potential," Deakin said.

"The ambition and potential of the club matches those of myself. I do want to coach Super League, and the opportunity to do that at my hometown club is the best prize that I could possibly have."

The next few weeks will present Deakin with a host of reunions. Having been on the coaching staff at Halifax, where the Roughyeds lost on Wednesday night, his first two official Northern Rail Cup games in charge are against clubs where he has been head coach - Keighley and Rochdale. Oldham's opening league match is at home to Hull Kingston Rovers, with Deakin having coached six times against Robins boss Justin Morgan in France last season.

"Every game has its own quirks, but I'm just really proud to be part of a club where I had my first recollection in 1963, watching the team get beaten by Australia.

"It's an ambition fulfilled, and I feel very proud, and

honoured and privileged to be following in the footsteps of so many Oldham people."

The new coach will carry on the 'Deakin dynasty' in Rugby League. His late brother Peter served in an official capacity at Bradford and Warrington, while brother Chris is the current coach of Oldham St Annes, and each of his five brothers played professionally at some stage in their careers.

"I'd like to think that the family is synonymous with Rugby League in Oldham," Steve said.

"I was never good enough to play professionally. I was one of six brothers and they all played pro'.

"My business is coaching, and my ambition was to do well and coach Super League. If I could do that with Oldham then it would be a dream realised."

With the Roughyeds having made a stuttering start to the Northern Rail Cup, that goal seems some way down the line, and Deakin admits more pressing matters are at hand.

"The challenge for me over the next three or four weeks is to make sure I get to know the strengths and weaknesses of my own players, and also those of our opposition. It's a great challenge, but one that I'm relishing.

"Once I know that, we can set some realistic goals. Without knowing what levels of performance we're at, it would be unfair for me to even consider setting objectives.

"It's going to be a very busy few weeks, but it's good to be back on the horse."



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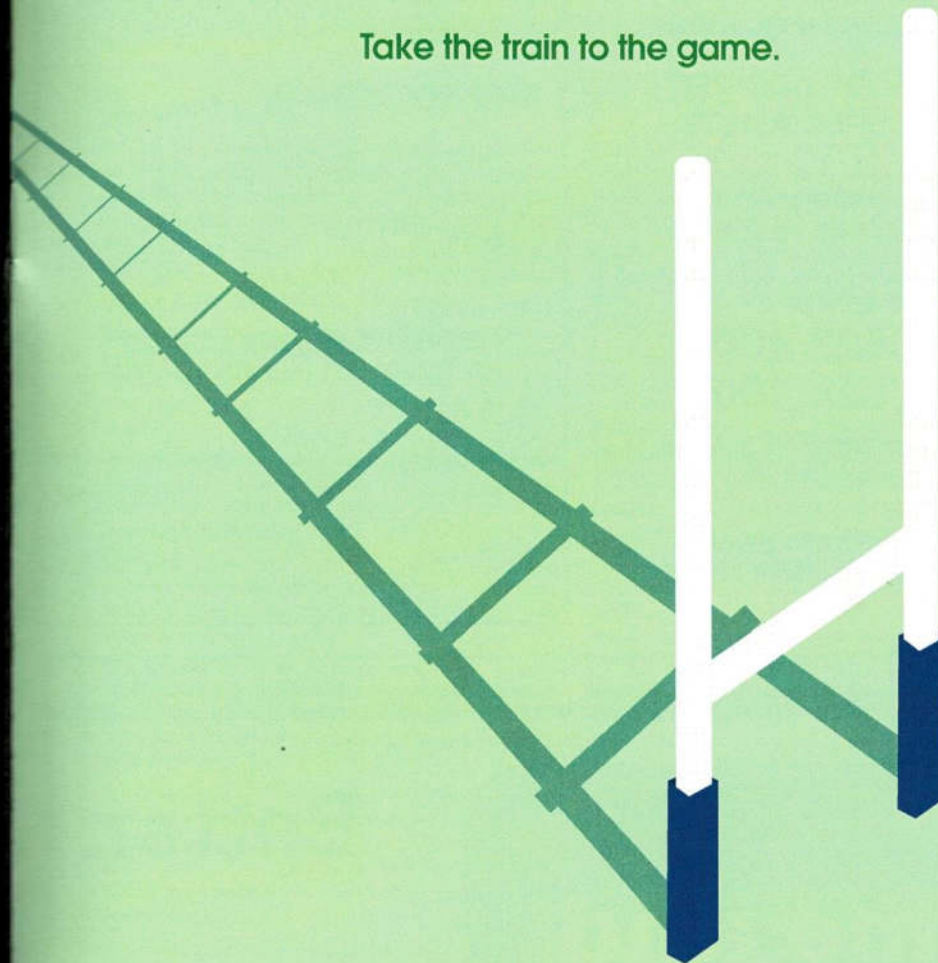
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MAGIC OF THE CUP STILL EXISTS

THERE will always be murmurs of discontent about the way the Third Round of the Powergen Challenge Cup is staged, but at least one result proved its worth last weekend.

Staging the draw so that amateur clubs are guaranteed a clash with professional counterparts is not ideal in many people's eyes.

But it allows the minnows a grand day out against more illustrious opponents - and as Thornhill Trojans win over Workington Town proved, can also lead to an old-fashioned Challenge Cup shock.

History had pointed to a possible upset, with the Trojans having knocked out Sheffield Eagles in 2000, and Town twice having succumbed to amateur opponents in recent years.

But with Town expected to be among the front runners for promotion from LHF Healthplan National League Two this season, it still came as a major surprise.

The Trojans' 16-12 at, at Dewsbury Rams' Tetley's Stadium, was built around a superb performance from the former Rochdale, Hunslet and Dewsbury hooker Richard Pachniuk, who provided a Gamestar display.

With another ex-pro, stand off Scott Dyson, contributing a crucial second half try and fullback Craig Holmes providing 12 points from a try and four goals, the amateurs withstood a late Cumbrian comeback to book their place in the Fourth Round.

Who says the Challenge Cup has lost any of its old magic?

That game was the only one where amateurs triumphed, though there was something of a shock at New River Stadium, where London Skolars beat fellow NL2 side Gateshead Thunder.

Skolars have struggled a little since the start of the season, and had suffered two heavy defeat to Welsh newcomers Celtic Crusaders in the Northern Rail Cup.

But Thunder have also flattered to deceive so far, and with prop Bobby Wallis making a huge contribution in both attack and defence, Skolars beat professional opposition for the first time in the Challenge Cup.

This weekend, it's back to NRC action for National League clubs, and with the knock-out stages coming closer, some crucial clashes are in store.

The local derby between Batley Bulldogs and Dewsbury Rams in a massive game for both clubs, while Hull KR's meeting with York City Knights should see a big crowd gather for an intriguing pointer to the NL1 season.

But arguably the biggest game comes in West Cumbria, where Workington Town host rivals Whitehaven.

Haven ground out a 10-0 win at the Recreation Ground on the opening day of the season, and with the two clubs having been caught up in a very public financial dispute last week, the game won't lack any added spice. It should be a real cracker.

* The exclusive Northern Rail Cup ratings can be found in the March edition of Rugby League World, out now

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DATE	OPPONENTS	CUP	VENUE	K. O.	RESULT	W/L	ATT
22/1/06	Rochdale Hornets	Law Cup	A	14:00	42-8	L	1,114
27/1/06	Leeds Rhino's	Friendly	H	20:00	16-8	W	3,191
15/2/06	Rochdale Hornets	NR Cup	A	19:45	18-16	L	920
19/2/06	Halifax RLFC	NR Cup	H	15:00	26-42	L	1,268
26/2/06	Keighley Cougars	NR Cup	H	15:00	25-24	W	764
8/3/06	Halifax RLFC	NR Cup	A	19:30	66-8	L	
12/3/06	Saddleworth Rangers	POWERGEN CC 3RD RD	H	15:00	32-10	W	804
19/3/06	Rochdale Hornets	NR Cup	H	15:00			
26/3/06	Keighley Cougars	NR Cup	A	15:00			
2/4/06		POWERGEN CC 4TH RD	A				
9/4/06	Hull Kingston Rovers	NL1	H	15:00			
14/4/06	Rochdale Hornets	NL1	A	15:00			
17/4/06	Doncaster Lakers	NL1	H	15:00			
30/4/06	Leigh Centurions	NL1	A	15:00			
14/5/06	Whitehaven	NL1	H	15:00			
21/5/06		POWERGEN CC 5TH RD					
28/5/06	Hull Kingston Rovers	NL1	A	15:00			
4/6/06	Halifax RLFC	NL1	A	15:00			
	POWERGEN CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER FINALS	POWERGEN CC					
11/6/06	York City Knights	NL1	H	15:00			
25/6/06	York City Knights	NL1	A	15:00			
2/7/06	Rochdale Hornets	NL1	H	15:00			
9/7/06	Widnes Vikings	NL1	A	15:00			
21/7/06	Batley Bulldogs	NL1	H	19:45			
30/7/06	Doncaster Lakers	NL1	A	15:00			
	POWERGEN CHALLENGE CUP SEMI FINALS	POWERGEN CC					
6/8/06	Halifax RLFC	NL1	H	15:00			
13/8/06	Batley Bulldogs	NL1	A	15:00			
20/8/06	Widnes Vikings	NL1	H	15:00			
26/8/06	POWERGEN CHALLENGE CUP FINALS	POWERGEN CC					
3/9/06	Leigh Centurions	NL1	H	15:00			
10/9/06	Whitehaven	NL1	A	15:00			
17/9/06	LHF Healthplan Play Offs						
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