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Eric Andrews	2	Gareth Langley
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Simon Svabic	6	Neil Roden
Phil Hasty	7	Paul Ashton
Simon Baldwin	8	Jason Boults
Dave McConnell	9	Simeon Hoyle
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Mark Blanchard	12	Ian Sinfield
Tommy Goulden	13	Chris Baines
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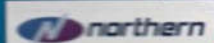
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Finalists 1973-74

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MOST TRIES

In a career - 103, J. Williams	1931-37
In a season - 31, M Billy	2000-01
In a match - 5, J. Corsi, M. Billy J. Williams, N. Brelsford	1921-22 1933, 1972, 2001

MOST GOALS

In a career - 733, W. Gowers	1922-36
In a season - 150 M. Strett	1994-95
In a match - 18, L. Birdseye	2005

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In a career - 1481, W. Gowers	1922-36
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DARREN'S VIEW

BY DARREN ABRAM -
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We welcome our great rivals Oldham today;
all our matches against them are played
with passion and pride.

As for ourselves we have had a couple of injuries Iain Marsh in particular where he had a double compound fracture of his middle finger and needed surgery.

Gary Hulse has recovered from what could have ended up a really serious incident, and credit must go to our medical team in the way they handled the situation.

***Matt Whittaker has
hopefully only tweaked
and pinched his
cartilage and has no
ligament damage.***

I would like to take this chance to give a couple of thank yous out, firstly to our great rivals Oldham, who got the news that Gary had broke his neck and on hearing this Steve Deakin and the players were in the process of having a collection for Gary and

his family, just shows what a great sport and that people do come out and help each other in their time of need,

A thank you to Danny Samuels and Ben Clarke who walked with the fans to Swinton last week again to raise money for a good cause.

The last thank you is to you fans that supported us last week, we know how disappointed you were in the way we lost against Batley and believe me it hurt the coaching staff and players, but we learnt from this and will go on learning, but your support and cheers are vital, so stay with us bring a friend and let's hear those songs.

THANKS AND ENJOY THE GAME

Darren

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TOMMY GOULDEN

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Player Profile



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PAUL ANDERSON (CENTRE/SECOND ROW); The injury nightmare Paul suffered in the last couple of years seems to be coming to an end after successfully picking up the pieces of his career in 2006. Paul managed to make 19 appearances in all competitions in 2006 with the majority of them coming from the bench. Paul scored 3 tries at vital times in the latter part of the season. Previous clubs include Leigh, Oldham, St Helens and Sheffield.

ANDREW GORSKI (SECOND ROW); Club Captain starting his fourth full season at the Club and as in previous seasons is bound to be one of the leading performers. Hornets fought off a number of clubs who were showing interest in gaining his signature, to retain his services for the 2007 season. As usual Andy was a model professional and his usual consistent self, making 20 appearances scoring 5 tries.

ROB BALL (PROP); Rob played a big part in Hornets play-off push during 2006 and has been a loyal servant to the club since his debut season of 2004. Rob has had a huge off-season and big things are expected of him this in 2007. Rob is a popular figure around the club and a fans' favourite with his no nonsense style of play. In 2006 he made 15 appearances 5 of them from the bench. Previous clubs were Wigan and Leigh.

MARK McCULLY (CENTRE); Mark suffered a huge set back at the end of the 2006 season when after suffering an injury at Hull KR it was in fact diagnosed as a ruptured medial knee ligament. Having undergone a full knee reconstruction just before Christmas the early part of 2007 will be all about rehabilitation for Mark. As usual Mark was a major contributor in 2006 making 26 appearances scoring 7 tries and 66 goals for a total points haul of 160 making him the Club's leading points scorer of 2006.

DAVID MCCONNELL (HOOKER); Dave is starting his third full season at the Club and in that time he has made himself a key component of the side. His organisational skills are exceptional; he always leads from the front and is a major asset for the club. Again Dave committed himself to the club despite interest from a host of rival National League clubs. David is a full Scottish international and is equally as important within their set up being the Scottish stand

out performer in their recent World Cup victory over Wales. In 2006 Dave made 23 full appearances collecting 7 tries along the way.

CHRIS GILES (FULLBACK); It was a clean sweep for Chris as far as the Club's end of season presentations went, which was an accurate reflection of his 2006 performances. The wonder tackle at Batley must have been one of the best ever seen in a Hornets shirt. Chris was given the opportunity to have an extended run in his favoured position of Full Back a chance he took with both hands putting in many a 'Man of the Match' performance which again caught the eye of Super League and National League clubs. In 2006 the Player of the Season made 30 appearances collecting 21 tries along the way making him the Club's leading try scoring and the player that made the most appearances.

LEE PATTERSON (CENTRE/WING); Made a successful transition from National League two scoring some fantastic tries along the way during the 2006 season. Lee played the majority of the season on the wing, which gave him ample opportunity to show his electric pace. 2006 turned out to be a good season for Lee as he became one of the team's most consistent performers. He made 28 appearances and returned a healthy 18 tries.

RYAN BENJAFIELD (PROP); Ryan made a successful return to English Rugby earning him an extended contract at the club. He was an extremely consistent performer and always made a reliable contribution last term. His professionalism around the Club and work in Local Schools also didn't go unnoticed. He made 13 full appearances last term with a further 8 from the bench collecting 3 tries.

PAUL NORMAN (PROP); A model professional in every sense of the word with his on field performances always being of a consistently high standard. An extended stay at Hornets was just reward for the effort he put in during 2006. All of Paul's 18 appearances came from the bench scoring 3 valuable tries along the way. His previous clubs were Oldham and Leigh.

CRAIG ROBINSON (PROP); Small in stature but big in heart was how most

Hornets fans described Craig during his debut season of 2006. His bustling style of play made him an instant hit with fans with Craig revelling in the environment of first team rugby. Most of Craig's off-season has been spent recovering from a hernia operation but should be fully fit come the start of the season. Craig made an impressive 20 appearances in 2006 with the majority as a substitute collecting 2 tries.

KEVIN KING (CENTRE); Darren Abram made an inspired signing when he coaxed Kevin away from Wakefield mid way through the 2006 season. His huge frame allows him to make telling breaks and also makes him devastating when close to the line. It was Abram's priority to make the deal for Kevin a permanent one during the close season. Kevin's other asset is the huge goal kicking boot he possesses which will almost certainly ensure that he will be up at the top of the charts come the end of the season. Kevin made 14 appearances during 2006 scoring 4 tries, kicking 45 goals leaving him with a points total of 106.

PHIL HASTY (HALF BACK); Another player that joined mid way through last season with Hornets capturing his signature in front of a host of waiting Yorkshire clubs from York City Knights. Phil is a quick elusive halfback that can put in devastating performances similar to the one at Widnes last season. Phil started his career at Hunslet before moving to Hull Kingston Rovers. Phil's total appearances for 2006 were 13 scoring 2 tries and 3 field goals.

ANDREW BAILEY (SECOND ROW); Joined Hornets mid way through the 2006 season as part of the deal that took Phil Farrell to Oldham in exchange. Unfortunately Andy's latter part of the season was dogged by a thumb injury which has subsequently required an operation. Andy's previous experience includes a stint in the Super League with Hull FC and a National League stint with Castleford Tigers. Despite the injury Andy made 7 appearances towards the end of the 2006 season and will be looking forward to an injury free 2007. He will be targeting Easter to make his return.

ROCHDALE HORNETS PLAYING SQUAD CONTINUED

TOMMY GOULDEN (LOOSE FORWARD); Tommy was devastated when a serious wrist injury cut short his season in 2006. This also seemed to have an impact on the team as Hornets went into a minor slump as we looked to plug the gap left by Tommy's injury. At the time of the injury Tommy was playing the best rugby of his career and had already collected 6 "Man of the match" performances. Tommy has now set his sights on picking up where he left off in 2007 and there is nothing to suggest that Tommy cannot get back to the form he showed in early 2006. Tommy made 16 full appearances in 2006 notching 6 tries along the way.

MATT WHITTAKER (SECOND ROW); Although still relatively young Matt is an experienced campaigner. Darren Abram has been a long time admirer of Matt's style of play and will hope that he can have a consistent and injury free 2007. Matt's trademarks are his pace and his ability to make breaks especially from out wide. Matt comes to Hornets after spending the latter part of 2006 at Halifax. He has played in Super League for three different clubs Huddersfield, Widnes and Castleford.

BYRON SMITH (PROP); Byron joined Hornets in the closed season from National League one rivals Halifax. Byron is another player that joins the club having enjoyed spells of his career playing in Super League with both Halifax and Castleford. Byron has a reputation for being a tough uncompromising forward. That together with his wealth of experience will be a big boost to Hornets' pack in 2007.

IAIN MARSH (CENTRE / SECOND ROW); Iain is the son of former Hornets favourite of the 70's Derek and joins the club from Batley Bulldogs. Previous to Batley Iain played for Oldham and Salford City Reds making 5 appearances for the Reds in Super League. He is equally at home at Centre or Second Row and has always had a good tries to game ratio. Iain is a full Scottish International.

GARY HULSE (UTILITY BACK); The signing of Hulse from Widnes is a massive addition to the Hornets squad with Abram admitting that he wanted to add experience to the team at Half Back and with Gary's versatility he is seen as the ideal signing. Hulse is equally at home in either half back position, Hooker or Full Back. Gary has played 62 Super League games for both

Warrington and Widnes and currently represents Wales. Gary will be eager for the 2007 season to start having missed most of the previous season through injury.

SIMON SVABIC (STAND OFF); Simon joined in the closed season from rivals Oldham and is another player that brings a wealth of experience with him. He played over 20 Super League games in his spell at Salford City Reds notching over 50 points in the process. He will be the player that Coach Abram will expect to guide the team around the field. Simon also had a spell with Leigh Centurions.

MARK BLANCHARD (SECOND ROW); Mark joins Hornets from York City Knights where he enjoyed a relatively successful 2006 having previously served Hull Kingston Rovers for a number of seasons. A strong running forward Mark always has a good try to game ratio due to his blockbusting style of running. He averaged a try every other game for York last season. Mark has also had a spell playing Country Rugby League in Australia.

BALOUAGI FAGBORUN (WING); Yet another signing with Super League credentials Balu is probably the signing that most Hornets fans will be excited at the prospect of seeing in action. Balu is likened to ex Hornets legend Henderson Gill with his sheer pace and running style. He joins the club from Huddersfield Giants where he found first team opportunities limited, however they were very reluctant to let him go. Connections at Huddersfield informed Hornets that over certain distances Balu was by far the quickest in the squad.

WAYNE CORCORAN (HALF BACK/LOOSE FORWARD); Wayne is a Rochdale lad who is delighted to have finally linked up with Hornets after having spells at Halifax, Dewsbury, Oldham and Mayfield from where he joined in the closed season. Wayne is another member of the squad who has played at Super League level in 2003 with Halifax. Wayne is a skilful talented player who is versatile, this was one of the attributes that interested Abram. Wayne can play in either of the half back positions, Hooker or Back Row. Wayne was always a stand out performer in our 5 tussles with Oldham last season. Can also kick goals.

ERIC ANDREWS (WING); Eric can be best described as a points machine having been Blackpool Panthers top points scorer for the last two seasons. Playing in a struggling

team Eric amassed an amazing 106 points for Blackpool last season and was by far the stand out performer. Regarded as one of the quickest wingers in division two he was keen to try his hand at a higher level and Hornets Coach Darren Abram was keen to give him this chance having previously worked with him at both Leigh and Chorley.

NICK JOHNSON (WING); Nick missed virtually the whole of the 2006 season at Halifax due to a serious injury that he has now fully recovered from. The previous season he was Oldham's top try scorer, form he will be hoping to repeat at Hornets having worked extremely hard during pre-season training. Nick's main assets are his sheer pace and upper body strength.

SIMON BALDWIN (PROP); Simon is probably the most experience player to join Hornets ranks during the closed season having played nearly 130 games in Super League for Sheffield, Halifax and Salford. His experience will be invaluable in what is expected to be the toughest National League campaign to date. Simon also knows his way to the try line being a regular try scorer in Super League. It was a real coup when Hornets beat off many clubs to secure his signature for the 2007 season. Hornets' fans will be looking forward to seeing his trademark line busting runs.

JON GLEDHILL (SECOND ROW); Started his rugby career playing for Morley Rugby Union Club, before he joined Huddersfield's Academy system before moving to Wakefield. Jon made the move to Hornets during the off-season and quickly earned a contract by impressing Darren Abram during pre season training. Jon is at home playing either Second Row or Prop. Jon was voted under 21 Player of the Year and Players' Player of the year at Wakefield last season.

DANNY SAMUELS (LOOSE FORWARD) A product of the highly successful Batley Boys set up he then earned a scholarship at Leeds Rhinos before moving onto Huddersfield and then Wakefield from where he joined Hornets. Danny was a regular in Wakefield's Academy last season and was on the verge of earning a full time contract at Wakefield before the change of management occurred towards the end of the season. Danny is another highly regarded young prospect with a point to prove.



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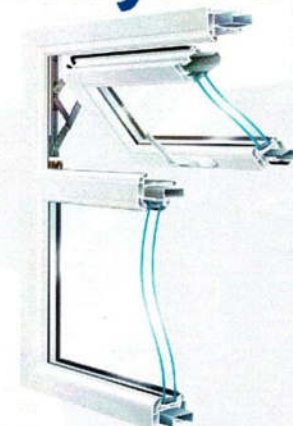
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Welcome back to everyone –Hornets would like to thank both Rafiq Arien and Nardi and Hopwood Hall College for their continued and vital support of the club. We would like to welcome as today's Main Match Sponsor – Roy and Marjorie Hindle. I hope that you have a great day. Our Associate Match Sponsor today is Thwaites and our Match Ball Sponsors for today are Interbake. The Champagne Moment will be sponsored today by The Rochdale Observer. As always your support is much valued.

COMMERICAL UPDATE;

We sold shirt number 15 to Geoff and Marlene Harrison – meaning that we now have 18 squad numbers sponsored. As always many thanks to all those people who have sponsored a squad number.

We also sold 2 more Associate Match Day Packages meaning that we only have 4 packages left to have achieved the goal of all matches having four sponsors.

The matches left promise to be real thrillers and are against Widnes, Batley, Dewsbury and Whitehaven.

Anyone wishing to be involved should again call the club.

COMMUNITY UPDATE SPONSORED WALK FOR LEUKAEMIA

This event was great success, thank you to all who took part and for the money they raised.

HORNETS QUIZ NIGHT

A big, big thank you to Steve Butterworth, Landlord of the Red Lion, Whitworth who did a fantastic job hosting our quiz night. Steve as well as

MC-ing the event he provided all the questions, pens, paper etc. and fed the all quizzers free of charge. The quiz itself was won by the "Know Nothings", captained by Craig Nagy just pipping our guests from down the road, Spellys "Swinton cheaters!" A fantastic turn out by Hornets fans had the pub full to the rafters, a superb fun event and one we must do again. All in all a great night

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

We are coming to the end of our first five-week intensive coaching course. We have been granted the opportunity to host a Junior Festival here at Spotland Stadium on the 20th May, which is a first, before our game against Doncaster Lakers. Thanks are due to the Stadium and Hornets Board of Directors for their support in making this happen.

The Royal Navy Tournament due to take place on the 11th July is now taking shape nicely with 29 of the target 32 schools signed up.

Finally we are proposing an off stadium training day for children of all ages on Sunday morning 15th April.

More details on this, and the Royal Navy tournament will follow in future weeks.



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MAYFIELD MARCH ON!!



Mayfield have progressed into the 3rd round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup after a comfortable 50-0 Victory over East Leeds.

Their reward an away draw to National League 2 surprise package Hunslet Hawks. As we found out Hunslet are no mugs and Mayfield will have to be at their very best to have any chance of a result over at the South Leeds Stadium.

Of our other open age teams Littleborough are well paced for promotion as long as they can hold their form to the end of the season.

Mayfield NWC are on the edge of the promotion places but a late charge may bring them home.

The Whitworth Spartans are a team dogged by inconsistency, on their day they can beat anyone in the Division but too often they fall to lesser clubs so mid to upper table looks on the cards.



It's hard to judge Millnrow's form as they have hardly played of late with the weather and opponents being in cups etc. Again I think mid to upper table finish is most likely.

One criticism that used to be levelled at Rugby League was the lack of opportunity to travel, well BARLA release this week of forthcoming tour dates puts an end to that old chestnut I think.



The Open Age BARLA side are to tour South Africa to help celebrate the countries 25th Anniversary of playing rugby league. The party leave on the

3rd June returning on the 17th June. Whilst in South Africa they will play four games.

On the 6th June they will play a Sables Invitation 13 followed by the First Test against South African Rhinos on the 9th June. On the 13th June they take on the South Africa U/23's before playing the Second Test against the South Africa Rhinos on the 16th June.

A BARLA Select Squad will tour Italy from the 19th June to the 25th June and will play a Test match as well as competing in a Nines Competition.



The U/21's are to Tour Kazan, Russia in July/August and will play two games whilst there.

On the 14th April the BARLA U/18 side embark on a tour of Serbia and play three games during their stay before returning on the 22nd April. They play Serbia U/21's on the 15th April, a Nines Tournament in Belgrade 18th April and a Serbia Development Team on the 21st April.

Mark Wynn



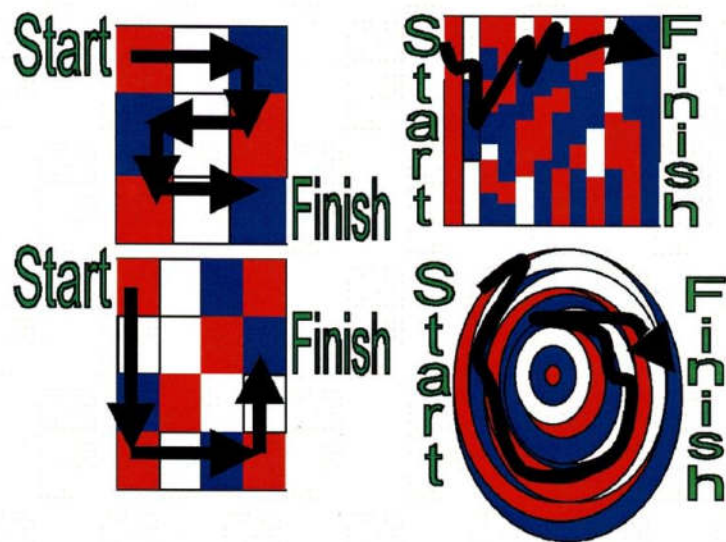
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THE **VIEW FROM ROW Z**

Last Sunday saw 15 Hornets fans, Spelly of Swinton - plus Hornets players Danny Samuels and Ben Clare - walk the ten miles between Spotland and Sedgely Park to raise money for Leukaemia Research. Having done some publicity photos at Spotland with the Northern Rail Cup, the walkers headed out towards Bamford on their trek at 9am.

The route took the walkers through Bamford, Heywood and Pilsworth, where a much needed 45 minute break was taken.

From there, the walkers went down to the A56 near Bury, then via Whitefield (and it's punishing hill) to Sedgely Park. The first group arrived at Sedgely Park at 1pm, with others following close behind.

Whilst it was a magnificent effort from all concerned, undoubted star of the day was Andy 'Pugwash' Birch. Having had a leg amputated a couple of years ago, a ten mile trek is a heroic effort - one which typifies the battling Hornets spirit and shows just how much determination our old mate has. Andy's arrival at Sedgely Park sparked a spontaneous and thoroughly deserved round of applause.

He's also been universally lauded on rochdalehornets.com's Fans' Forum. "Andy's effort was summat off this planet! Top performance from a top guy!" said walk organiser 'Spelly of Swinton'.

'mark2' quoted John F Kennedy in his praise: "... we do these things not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our

energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win."

'celtic-rune' said: "He put all of us, who didn't do the walk, to shame... Myself included", while Lol recognised the scale of the effort: "I always knew you were not just a Hornets fan but a rugby fan. But more than that you are a man."

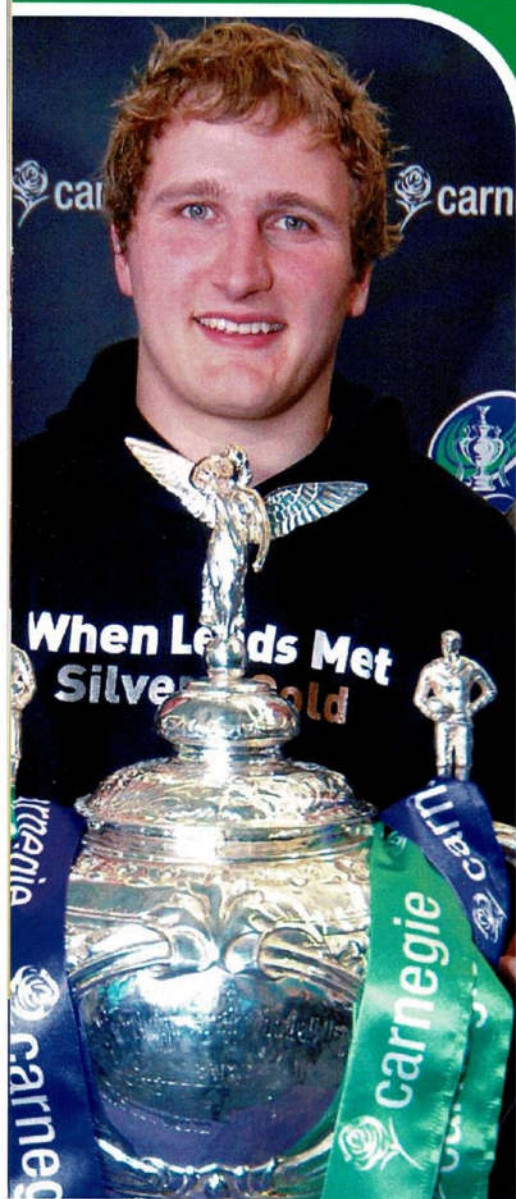
'Dave and Sue' - who also completed the walk described Andy's effort as "... a tremendous performance."

Typically, Andy was modest in his response: "Come on now, you've got me blushing," he wrote. He continued. Thanks for the testimonials but it was a day when lots of people did something to try and eradicate a disease that seems particularly prevalent in the young. Don't forget the many people who have sponsored the walkers and been very generous in the process."

The last word goes to 'The Collector' who accompanied Andy for the ten miles: "I was very privileged to walk all the way with 'Pugwash', and I have unbelievable respect for his heroic effort. A true Rochdale Hornets & Rugby League Supporter."

If you have any news, comments or opinions that you'd like to see in future programmes, please email jim@rochdalehornets.com with your articles. Enjoy the game.

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THE OPPOSITION OLDHAM ROUGHYEDS

ASHTON, Paul (half-back): Son of former Watersheddings scrum-half star Ray Ashton, Paul is fulfilling a lifetime's ambition to play for his hometown club. Though born in Widnes, he was only a few months old when his parents moved to Oldham where his father carved out a career that earned him GB tour honours in 1984 during 212 club appearances which reaped him 72 tries.

BAINES, Chris (back-row): A young forward who also did enough for coach Steve Deakin last year, while on loan from Warrington, to win a contract for 2007. He proved to be a good, hard-working forward in his first season with the Roughyeds and the experience he gained will serve him and the club well in NL2.

BOULTS, Jason (prop): One of many new boys in the Roughyeds squad for 2007, 23-year-old Jason arrived on the recommendation of two of his former Halifax team mates, Jamie Bloem and Alan Hadcroft.

COSTIN, Geno (prop or back-row): A non-quota Aussie, 22-year-old Geno is in England for the first time and hoping to make an impact in NL2. Former Halifax stand-off Carl Briggs, lined up originally to become Gateshead Thunder's new coach, planned to take Geno to

the North-East with him. When that move broke down, Briggs pointed Geno in Oldham's direction, much to the delight of coach Steve Deakin.

CRABTREE, Andy (hooker): One of half a dozen players signed by Roughyeds from Swinton Lions for 2007, Andy is eager to fulfil the early promise that earned him not only a spot on the books of Wigan Warriors but also a place in a talented Great Britain academy side that boasted several players who have gone on to big things at the highest level.

GOREY, Andy (winger): A scrum-half in his Royton Tigers days, local lad Andy became a good full-back in the former Roughyeds academy side. He was under contract on the break-up of the academy side, but he pledged to fight for a place in the first team rather than go elsewhere.

LITTLER, Craig (centre): How appropriate that Little comes next Langley in alphabetical order... for that's exactly how they have lined up, as centre and wing partners, in the Saints academy teams of the past four years. A year younger than 'Gaz', at 21, Craig was offered the chance to have another year at Knowsley Road, but he opted to sign for Roughyeds instead — and one of the reasons was

that he could continue his partnership with Langley.

RODEN, Neil (half-back): Neil has rejoined Roughyeds from Leigh after leaving the club initially to go to Batley in 2004. In his first stint with Oldham, after joining from Wigan Academy, he amassed 290 points (68 tries and 18 drop goals) in 142 appearances over four and a half seasons.

SINFIELD, Ian (back-row): Another vastly experienced forward who is returning to his hometown club. The brother of Leeds Rhinos captain, Kevin Sinfield, Ian played in the first ever Roughyeds game at Rochdale on New Year's Day, 1998. He had come initially on loan from Salford, but soon afterwards he was signed on a permanent basis, with Roughyeds paying out an undisclosed fee for his services.

STOUT, Michael (second-row or centre): Another Roughyeds signing from Swinton, Michael has a good turn of speed for a forward and likes to use it while breaking wide out — a quality that also enables him to do a stint in the centre.

TAMGHART, Said (utility): The description 'utility' perhaps fails to do justice to this French international, who has represented his country at every level, including fully-

fledged Test matches against Australia and New Zealand. He played prop against the Aussies and second-row against the Kiwis, but both he and coach Steve Deakin have confirmed that he can operate equally well at loose-forward and also in the backs at centre or wing.

WILKINSON, Alex (centre, wing): Oldham-born Alex played his early rugby with Royton Tigers and toured with GB schoolboys to Australia in 1999 and with England academy to New Zealand and Australia in 2001. Super League giants Bradford Bulls snapped him up and, while at Odsal, he had a loan spell with London Broncos, where he played six times in Super League. He then moved on loan to Huddersfield, where he added another 13 Super League games to his tally.

WINGFIELD, Lee (second-row): This 24-year-old second-row forward, signed last year from amateurs Leigh East, can also operate equally well at centre. He won many honours in the amateur game and played on numerous occasions for Great Britain. He played against France and Russia in Russia in 2003 and kept his place for international appearances against France at Carcassonne and then for the return game at Whitehaven.

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Norman Harris

The passing of the original Welsh Wizard

Former Hornets Player Coach and Oldham Centre Norman Harris has died this week in the Royal Oldham Hospital in his 90th year.

A extremely talented centre in an era when rugby league was overflowing with specialists in every position on the field, Norman came up from South Wales shortly after the second world war and spent four very good seasons at Watersheddings, before moving to Leigh then on to the Athletic Grounds, where he was player coach from 1952 to 1956.

Norman famously faced one of his own players in an International staged at Warrington in April 1953, when he played for Wales against an "Other Nations" side which

included his equally well known Hornets team mate Cec "Babe" Kelly

In more recent times Norman was better known as "Iestyn's grandad" but let us not forget that Norman Harris was a very gifted rugby league player in his own right.

Norman's funeral service and committal will take place at Oldham Crematorium on Wednesday, March 7 at 2pm.

Further inquiries to Robert Nuttall, Milnrow Road, Shaw, tel: 01706 847595.

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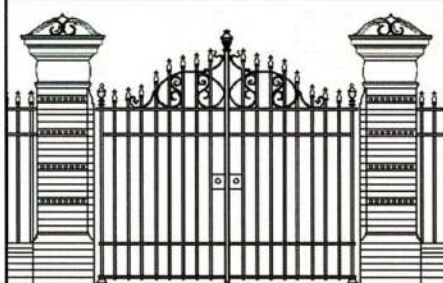
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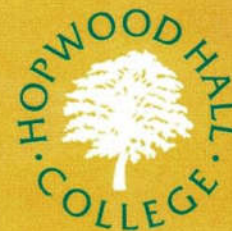
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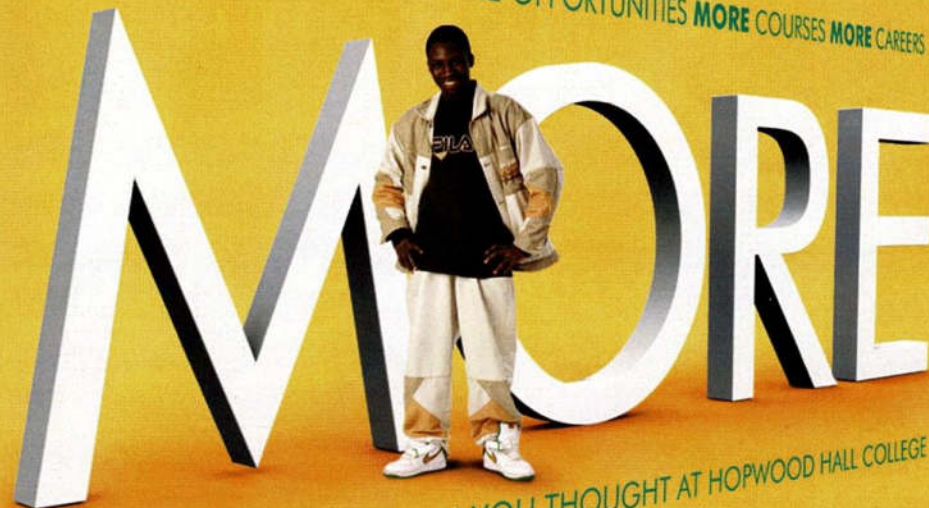


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Eric Andrews	3	0	2	0	0	8
Simon Baldwin	3	0	0	0	0	0
Rob Ball	0	2	0	0	0	0
Ryan Benjafield	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mark Blanchard	2	0	2	0	0	8
Wayne Corcoran	0	2	0	0	0	0
Balouagi Fagborun	3	0	3	0	0	12
Chris Giles	3	0	0	0	0	0
John Gledhill	0	1	0	0	0	0
Andrew Gorski	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tommy Goulden	3	0	2	0	0	8
Phil Hasty	1	2	2	0	0	8
Gary Hulse	2	0	0	0	0	0
Kevi King	3	0	0	13	0	26
Iain Marsh	1	0	0	0	0	0
David McConnell	3	0	2	0	0	8
Paul Norman	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lee Patterson	2	0	3	0	0	12
Craig Robinson	0	1	0	0	0	0
Byron Smith	2	0	0	0	0	0
Simon Svabic	3	0	0	0	3	3
Matt Whittaker	0	1	0	0	0	0

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Date	Opponents	VENUE	KO	RESULT	W/D/L	ATT
28/1/07	Hunslet Hawks	A	3.30pm	24-16	L	328
NORTHERN RAIL CUP						
11/2/07	Oldham Roughyeds	A	3.00pm	8-24	W	1,145
18/2/07	BATLEY BULLDOGS	H	3.00PM	29-30	L	971
25/9/07	Swinton Lions	A	3.00pm	14-40	W	572
4/3/07	OLDHAM ROUGHYEDS	H	3.00PM			
18/3/07	SWINTON LIONS	H	3.00PM			
25/3/07	Batley Bulldogs	A	2.00pm			
CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP						
11/03/07	Saddleworth Rangers	H	3.00pm			
NORTHERN RAIL CUP						
18/3/07	SWINTON LIONS	H	3.00PM			
25/3/07	Batley Bulldogs	A	3.00pm			
NL1						
6/4/07	Whitehaven	A	3.00pm			
9/4/07	WIDNES VIKINGS	H	7.30PM			
15/4/07	HALIFAX	H	3.00PM			
29/4/07	Castleford Tigers	A	3.00pm			
6/5/07	Dewsbury Rams	A	3.00pm			
20/5/07	DONCASTER LAKERS	H	3.00PM			
3/6/07	Leigh Centurions	A	3.00pm			
7/6/07	Sheffield Eagles	A	7.30pm			
17/6/07	BATLEY BULLDOGS	H	3.00PM			
1/7/07	Widnes Vikings	A	3.00pm			
8/7/07	Halifax	A	3.00pm			
19/7/07	DEWSBURY RAMS	H	7.30PM			
29/7/07	LEIGH CENTURIONS	H	3.00PM			
5/8/07	Doncaster Lakers	A	3.00pm			
12/8/07	SHEFFIELD EAGLES	H	3.00PM			
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