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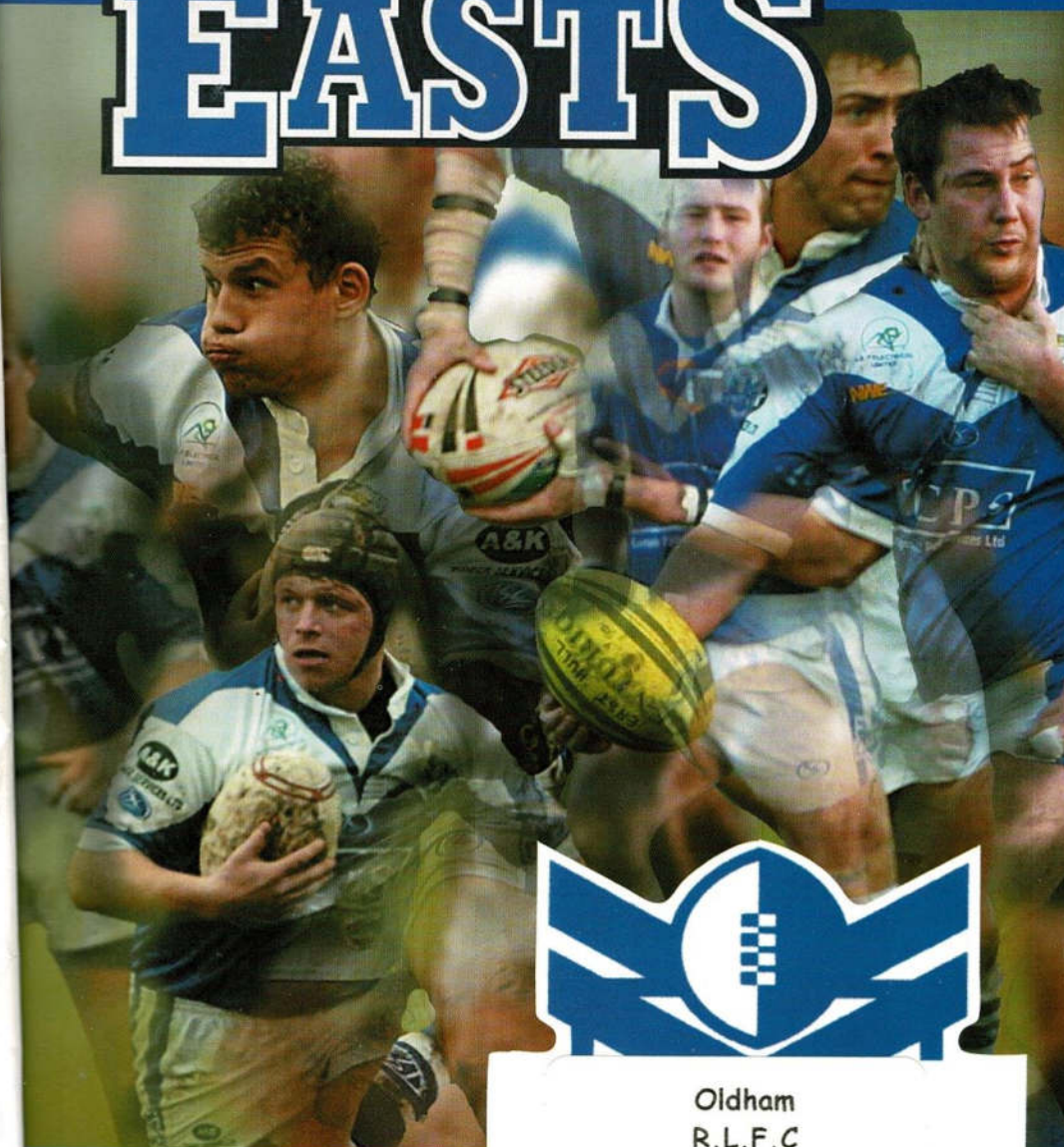
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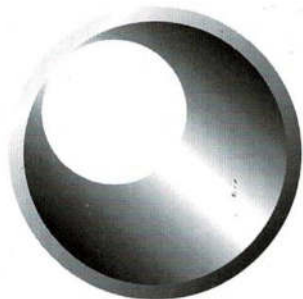
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Off the Bench

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Oldham Rugby League Club to Brantingham Park, home of Hull Ionians, who over the past few seasons East Hull have forged a great friendship with. So on behalf of East Hull, I would like to thank all the Ionians Committee for offering us the chance to use their fantastic facilities here and I'm sure as a Club we can return the favour in the future.

Moving on to today's fixture, all the coaching staff are hoping we can give a good account for ourselves. Today, we recognise that we are massive under-dogs playing against professional opposition, but hopefully all the team can enjoy the day and perform to the standard they are capable of.

The Challenge Cup is a special competition not only for the big clubs who eventually go on to win, but also for the clubs outside the top flight who get the chance to pit their wits against some of the best sides in the land. Hopefully whoever comes out of today's fixture as victors, will be lucky enough to get a home draw against Super League opposition which will bring in much needed revenue that I'm sure both clubs will be grateful for.

Finally, can I also thank you, the spectators for supporting today's cup tie and hopefully all the players involved can produce an entertaining game which you will all enjoy.

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to wish East Hull A.R.L.F.C
All the best for today's
Cup Tie.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I Would like to welcome all players, Director's and spectators of Oldham R.L.F.C to Brantingham Park for today's Rugby League Cup Tie.

It will be a pleasure to meet up again with Chris Hamilton and his Directors, who's hospitality towards an amateur team, several years ago, in the competition, was outstanding. We are today hoping to return this, but with a reversed result!!

We are in this position to yet again take on a professional team by an outstanding performance against Dewsbury Celtic, with all players digging deep and having extra training, to give us an outstanding performance on the day.

Last Saturday saw the same players concerned, travel away to Hunslet Old Boy's in the National Cup. I was not present due to holidays, but was told it was a very hard and tough encounter, played in front of a very hostile crowd. Yet again, these remarkable lads, who I am so proud to be associated with, pulled off a hard earned win, which has rewarded us with a local 'derby' tie against our old foe 'West Hull' in the ¼ finals.

Before I finish, I would like to thank on behalf on myself and the Committee of East Hull, a massive thank you to Ionians R.U.F.C for their co-operation in working with us to stage this event today. Many thanks to all concerned.

Yours in Sport
Dave Chester

East's Player Profiles

Batty, Phil (fullback): Age 25. Phil is a very elusive returner of the ball having a great season and has cropped us to score some crucial tries. Former junior international and has been a fantastic edition to East's back division.

Johnson, Martin (centre): Age 25. Martin has been a handful for most of our opposition this year. A seasoned campaigner although he is still relatively young. A former half back now producing his best rugby having changed his position to the outside backs.

Fairfield, Paul (centre): Age 26. A naturally talented rugby player. Very elusive and great feet have enabled him to score some excellent tries this season as well as creating a host of chances for others. Battled through injuries this season but hopefully can get back to full fitness and start turning performances he is capable of.

Abdul, Jason (winger/full-back): Age 27. Jason is one of the longest serving players. Had a break when signing for Hull F.C. Has played consistently well and is one of the safest players under a high ball in the team and also best cover tackler.

McGowan, Mike (winger): Age 28. Mike has battled his way back from 3 knee reconstructions and is now hoping to get back playing to the standard he was before. A pacy winger who will be looking to cement a regular place in the starting 13.

Blanchard, Gary (half-back): Age 26. Another long serving player, is now seen as a veteran of the current side. At the hub of everything the team produces, Gary leads the team round the park to great effect with excellent ball handling and astute kicking game.

Coates, Stuart (hooker/half-back): Age 24. Recent signing for East's after making switch last season from Ideal. An excellent addition to any squad, this G.B international can slot into just about any position with good effect.

Brown, Lee (prop): Age 28. Former Hull F.C with Super League experience, has been the mainstay of East's pack for the past few seasons. Generally regarded as the best amateur prop in the game, Lee is once again having a season to saviour.

Wymes, Gary (hooker): Age 26. Another player that has been with East's since the interim of the Radford period. Another G.B international, Gary is without a doubt the best line breaker in the N.C.L and has added to a fearsome defence.

Docherty, Michael (prop): Age 27. Mike is a former full time pro with Hull F.C before going onto play with Sheffield Eagles. Although a prop, Mike has the skills of a half-back and is probably one of the best players East's have had on their books.

Brindley, Luke (second row): Age 21. Former West Hull junior, who has represented GB at every level. A tough and rugged back row, this season has seen him cement his spot in the starting 13 with some awesome performances.

Madley, Ian (second row): Age 21. Another former Hull F.C academy player. An uncompromising player Ian is always in the thick of the action in both attack and defence. Never shirks and kind of challenge.

Bassett, Craig (back row): Age 27. Former Hull F.C academy player, Craig has made the step up from the backs to the forwards. An extremely tough player he leads by example and is regarded in most circles as one of the biggest hitters at amateur level.

Woodcock, Mark (back row): Age 28. Mark was a Leeds Rhinos player as a youngster and was tipped to go all the way until a series of injuries held him back. A devastating runner with ball in hand, Mark makes a big impact every time he has possession.

Lilley, Lewis (utility): Age 21. A very good footballer with an excellent defence. Former West Hull and Hull F.C has come down to East's this season and made an instant impression.

Noble, Gary (utility): Age 23. Gary has just returned to his roots after having a brief spell with Skirlough. A naturally talented player, Gary has the skills to unlock any defence and a defence to boot.

Stephenson, Lee (prop/second row): Age 21. Another recent returning player after having a stint at Ideal Isberg. A player with a big heart and a great engine Lee loves being in the heart of the action.

Cunningham, Liam (second row): Age 17. A revelation since promoted to 1st team. Tall and rangy, runs excellent lines and backs this up with sound defence. Big things expected in the future.

Painter, Shaun (utility): Age 19. Has recently signed after having a stint at Hull K.R. A very versatile player, numerous positions, who has great footwork as well as great defensively.

History of East Hull A.R.L.F.C

In 1996, Mysons changed the club name to East Hull, when our main sponsor Myson Heating pulled out of the City of Hull. It was a big decision for the committee to make, but after a lot of soul searching the change was made for sponsorship reasons.

2000/01 season, East Hull joined CMS Yorkshire Premier League, and in only our 2nd season, we were crowned Premier League Champions. We also won the Yorkshire Senior Cup and the Hull Council Cup, 3 major trophies in Yorkshire.

The 2002/03 season saw East Hull go 17 league games, 1 drawn and no defeats, 16 cup games 14 wins and 2 defeats against Oldham RLFC (Challenge Cup) and West Hull (National Cup) including beating Cutsyke Raiders 18-8 in the Yorkshire Cup Final. We went on to win the Premier League, the top four play off and the Hull Council Cup. 2003/04 season East Hull achieved one of its goals by gaining promotion into the Arriva Trains Conference League. After a great season East's ended up as league champions at their 1st attempt and gained Promotion to Division 1. In the Challenge Cup, East's surpassed all Expectations after beating The Army and The Royal Navy, we were drawn away to Swinton Lions, after trailing 14-0, East's came back to record an unbelievable 14-26 victory. In the 4th round we were drawn at home to Whitehaven, played at Hull KR (Craven Park). East's led 4-0 at half time, but eventually went down 4-14 after a tremendous effort by everyone. 2004/05 season saw East's get to play a pro side again in the Challenge Cup away to Barrow. But the biggest prize of all was attaining Promotion to the Premier League in just 2 seasons, and this was what we set our sights on when we attained National Conference status. We also won the Council Cup at Craven Park beating West Hull 40-0.

2005/06 in our 1st season in the NCL Premier League, East's ended in 5th place, gaining a top 6 play-off place, and was very unlucky to go out To Thornhill Trojans to a late drop goal 33-32. East's were invited the very prestigious York 9's in June and walked away with the trophy at the 1st attempt. Our success over the last 6 seasons is mainly down to Lee Radford with his very professional outlook and the invaluable assistance of Danny Brough, 'A' team coach Mick Collinson and Physio's Terry Holdstock, Lee Chester, Wayne Foster and Mally Lucas,

Radford ready for 'cup final'

By Rebecca Smith
and Paul Bennett

CHALLENGE CUP winner Lee Radford is dreaming of more cup glory - this time with amateurs East Hull.

Radford, who won the famous cup with Bradford in 2003, is also coach of the National Conference League Premier Division side and is excited by the prospect of playing professional opposition this weekend - National League Two club Oldham.

And the Hull FC captain believes his side are capable of upsetting the Roughyeds, who went through 2006 without a win. "It's a great tie for us and hopefully we can give a good account of ourselves and show what talent there is in the amateur game," he told League Weekly.

"I haven't seen Oldham play so it's hard to predict yet, but results certainly haven't been going their way and we have home advantage.

"We are playing professional opposition so the odds will be against us - but it's not impossible."

Radford has been coaching at the club - formerly Mysons - where he played as a junior for more five

years, and is helped out by Castleford's Danny Brough.

Even if the result doesn't go his way this weekend, he hopes the tie will boost club finances.

"Funds are always scarce in the amateur game, so events like this can prove vital," he said.

Oldham boss Steve Deakin says East Hull will be treating the third round clash with his Roughyeds like the Challenge Cup final itself.

And Deakin insists his men must be on their game this Saturday or else be in danger of being dumped out of the famous old cup.

"It's the same for any team drawn away from

home against an amateur side - East Hull will make this game their Challenge Cup final," Deakin said.

"Their players will be playing on a stage and at a level that they are not normally used to and they will be giving it their all.

"They'll be really gearing up for this game and they'll be churning out their commemorative tracksuits - this is an event for them like the cup final itself and they will be told to go out there, enjoy the game and seize the opportunity.

"They've got two quality people involved in the coaching staff in Lee Radford and Danny Brough and they will be getting

them in good shape.

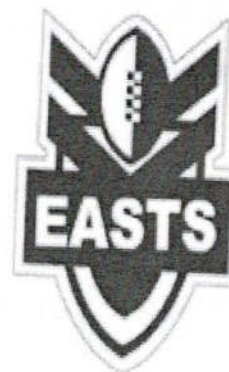
"This type of game is a potential banana skin for a lot of professional sides, and we're well aware of that."

Deakin says the key for the new-look Roughyeds side is to focus firmly on their own game.

"We've only played five games together so we're still developing as a side," he said.

"We've been focussing on ourselves rather than the opposition and that will be the same against East Hull."

The tie will be held at Hull Ionians RUFC on Saturday, with a 2pm kick off.



Lee Radford tries to brush off Danny Brough in a Super League encounter last season, but the duo will be working together to help East Hull's cause

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3	Paul Fairfield
4	Martin Johnson
5	Jason Abdul
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8	Lee Brown
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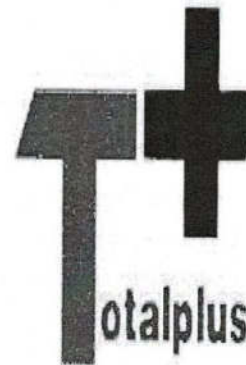
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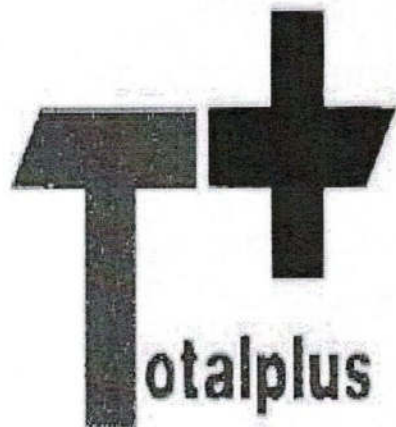
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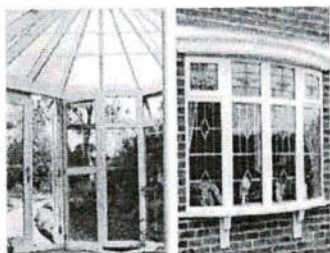
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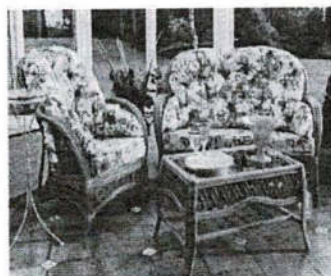
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Oldhams Player Profiles

Ashton, Paul (half back): Aged 27, Paul learned his trade at Saddleworth before playing for Halifax, Rochdale, Keighley and Swinton. Will be challenging for both half-back spots as he feels equally comfortable with both No6 or No7 on his back.

Baines, Chris (back row): A young forward who also, while on loan from Warrington last year, won a contract for 2007. He proved to be a good hard-working forward in his 1st season, and the experience he gained will serve him and the Club well in NL2.

Boults, Jason (prop): At 16 stone and 6ft 2", Jason can play his weight in the front-row, as he proved in his 2 seasons at Fax where he was ever present with 30 appearances in 2005, and then added 27 more in 2006, statistics which show he is durable as he is consistent.

Costin, Geno (prop/back row): 22 year old Geno is in England for the 1st time and hoping to make an impact in NL2. He established himself in the Queensland Cup comp with Wynnum-Manly. Has a long yearning to embark on an adventure to England, and now opportunity knocks so will make the most of it.

Crabtree, Andy (hooker): A tidy footballer with good hands and a rugby brain, the youngster has the attributes to play loose-forward as well as hooker, but it is with No9 on his back that he has accomplished most of his achievements so far.

Gorey, Andy (winger): In 2006 he became a fans' favourite with gutsy performances, capped off with a couple of length-of-the-field tries. Diminutive, but pacy, he established himself as a regular on the wing, and finished the season as the Club's top try scorer.

Sinfield, Ian (back-row): Vastly experienced forward. 'Sinny' had four seasons at Oldham, making more than 70 appearances before moving to Keighley via Rochdale then onto Swinton.

Smith, Kris (back-row/centre): 28 year old, been on the books of 4 Super League clubs, namely Leeds, Salford, London and Halifax, Big man at 6ft 4" and 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ stones.

Stout, Michael (2nd row/centre): Michael has 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.

Houston, Drew (2nd row/centre): Once a youngster linked with Melbourne Storm, Drew comes to Oldham with a reputation as a good line runner and a big hitter on the edges of the rucks in defence.

Hoyle, Simeon (hooker): Hooker of the old school, a tough and industrious operator in defence while having enough know-how to make things happen from dummy half. He headed down-under before returning to Halifax, from where he opted to sign for the Roughyeds.

O'Connor, Paul (full back): Former Ireland and G.B international at Students level, 22 year old Paul spent 2 seasons at Widnes, operating mainly in the under 21's at full back or on the wing. Pacy and with an eye for the gap, Paul has enjoyed his spell with the Roughyeds.

Langley, Gareth (winger): Pacy and a good finisher, comes after 5 years from the youth and academy set-up at St. Helens. He was Saints senior academy player of the year in 2005 and runner up to player of the year in 2006.

Littler, Craig (centre): A scorer of tries, as well as a provider. Played in France at Super League level for the Saints in the 2006 campaign.

Ogden, Mark (stand off): An accomplished player, ability to guide the side round the park from outside-half. Has never previously been outside Queensland, so his move to Oldham is an adventure in every sense of the word.

Oldham, Stuart (winger): Has good pace, and experience of the full back position. Comes with a reputation for producing excellent speed on the break with a good kick return.

Roden, Neil (half-back): A competent and highly skilled half-back, whether at No6 or No7, he shows all the know-how required for these 2 highly specialised positions.

Rogers, Wes (prop): Aged 29, appointed club Captain for 2007. Brings experience, a cool head and stability to the front row.

Tamghart, Said (utility): French international, who has represented his country at every level. Played prop against the Aussies and 2nd row against the Kiwis.

Wilkinson, Alex (centre/wing): Toured with GB schoolboys to Australia in 1999 and with England academy to New Zealand and Australia in 2001.

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