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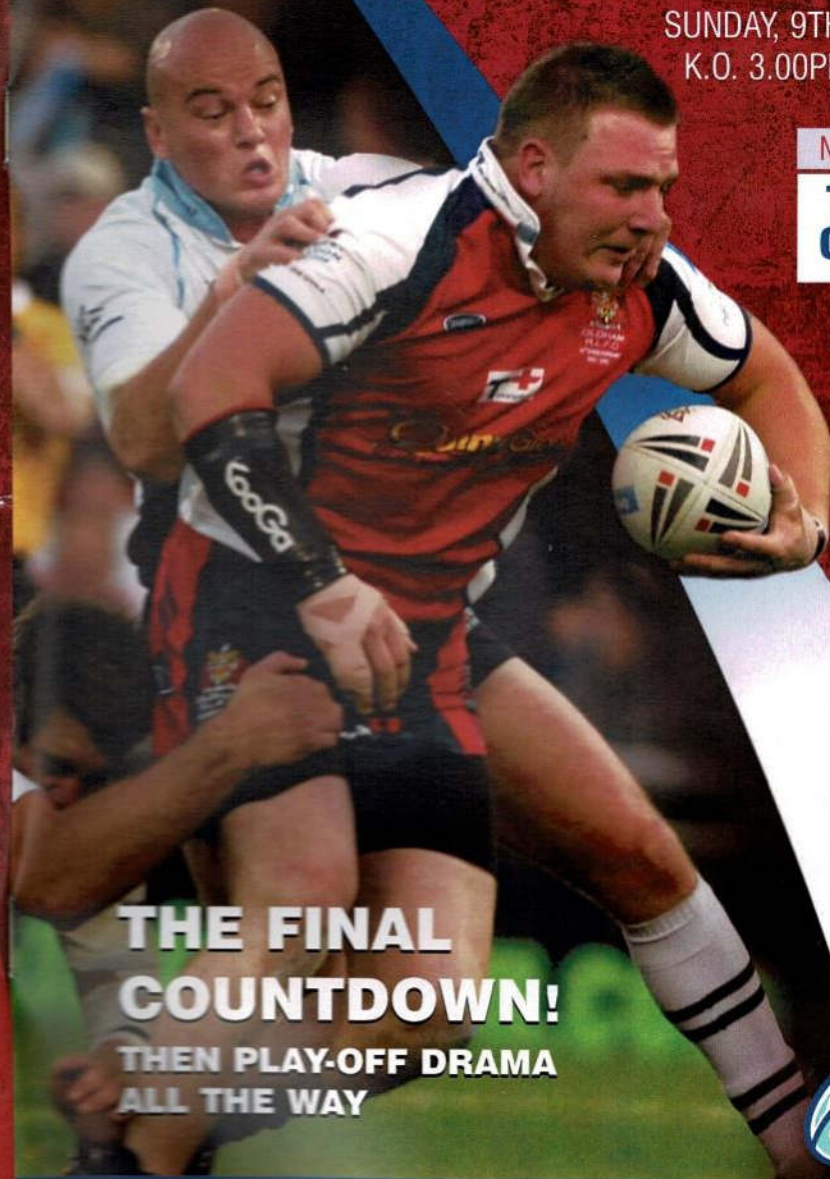
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boardroom **view**

with Chris Hamilton



Hello to everyone this afternoon for what is our last game of the regular season.

We are guaranteed fourth spot no matter what the outcome today but will be hoping that Featherstone were able

to do us a favour last night by winning by more than 12 points at Barrow and that, coupled with a win this afternoon, would see us move into third place and a much better chance in the Play Off format with only one win needed to get to the Grand Final and a second chance if you lose the first game.

Having disposed of Swinton on Wednesday, albeit not very convincingly, we need to ensure that whatever happens position wise, we win this afternoon and put down a marker for the forthcoming games.

We have not been overly convincing in our recent games and the players themselves will be the first to tell you that. What we do know however as a club with considerable experience of Play Off football is that once you are in anything can happen and the teams who find form in those games are usually the ones who do well regardless of where they have finished.

There will be plenty of time to discuss the whys and wherefores of the Play Offs after this game and it would be wrong not to congratulate the Skolars on what is undoubtedly their best season to date. They

have performed well in most games this season and their results have improved beyond recognition.

The club would no doubt confirm that the progress is not only down to this season but also to the work that has gone on for several years. There is no question that they are now well placed to kick on and build upon the success of this season.

We must not forget also that they can still make the end of year shake up and that in itself is a remarkable achievement for the club. With that in mind we must guard against ANY complacency today and go out to make a point.

We have the quality and depth of squad to impose ourselves in every match we play and we must make sure that we stitch on for eighty minutes - its no good talking about it after the game.

With your backing we can move on to the next game with confidence and your support all season has been excellent so please keep up the good work!

We will be presenting cheques to the Rugby League Benevolent Fund and Dr Kershaws this afternoon as a result of our record breaking night against Celtic the other week.

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Enjoy the game.

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deaks's coach approach

with Steve Deakin

WELL, here we are preparing for match 22 in our 22-game Co-operative NL2 season.

It's crept up on us pretty quickly in the last few weeks and it seems a little bit strange to think that, after today's game is out of the way, we will be thrust into sudden-death action by way of the play-offs.

Print deadlines, and a midweek match against Swinton Lions, meant that at the time of writing these notes our final placing in the division was unknown. One thing we did know was that we wouldn't be finishing in first or second place.

Third or fourth it will be, depending on what we did against Swinton; what the score was in last night's Barrow v Featherstone game; and what the outcome will be today when we take on a very strong and spirited London Skolars team.

In other words, when I was penning this piece, the only sure thing we knew was that at some stage we would have to win a play-off battle away from home if we are to progress to the Grand Final on October 7.

On a positive note, we have attained home play-off status to start with and that will certainly enhance our opportunities.

I would like to think that with the services of the squad we currently have available, and if we maintain the form we are currently showing, we have a realistic chance of getting the right results against any of the top-ranking clubs in the division.

Needless to say, any club which qualifies for the play-offs has to be respected but, having said that, we must be (and we are) 100 per cent confident in our own abilities to do well in any set of circumstances the play-offs throw at us.

Within the coaching staff and within the squad we feel sure that, with a little bit of luck and with a lot of hard work and good execution, we can deliver what's required in terms of playing in NL1 next year.

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That would be just and deserving reward for everybody's dedicated labours, on and off the field, on behalf of the club over the past ten months or so.

It would also reward you, the fans, for support that has been first class all season, from that very first pre-season friendly against Warrington Wolves — doesn't that seem a long time ago — on January 31, right up to the present time.

You've had a lot of travelling to do this year, to places like East Hull, South Wales, London, Workington, Barrow and Gateshead, but wherever we've been on our travels we've always had hard-core support.

Our appreciation of that support goes without saying and I can tell you the players appreciate it more than anybody because they know the positive contribution it has made in helping the team and the club to make such big forward strides in the past 12 months.

I know the levels of your brilliant support will continue through the play-offs and that, together, we can take the team to the next level and then reassess our goals in NL1.

According to Monday's League Express the Skolars have been dealt a major blow in the build-up to today's game because their excellent front-row man Richard Louw has had to return to South Africa to renew his visa.

Now, I don't know for certain whether Louw is going to play against us today, or not, but I do know that, whatever the situation, Latham Tawhai will bring to Boundary Park today a side that is well prepared and eager for the challenge.

They gave us a good run for our money down in London at the end of May and, since then, they have picked up some excellent wins, given other opponents a fright, and have got themselves into a position where they have been competing for the last play-off spot alongside Swinton and Hunslet.

It is rather ironic that, if we were to finish fourth, we would play first up whoever was in seventh spot — and that could very well be Swinton, who we played on Wednesday, or the Skolars, who we play today.

As I say, everything is no more than speculation as I write this piece, but I would just like to finish off by first thanking you, the fans, for your backing so far and then urging you to get behind us in numbers throughout the play-off series.

It starts next Sunday, September 16, and is played out over three weekends, the 16th, the 23rd and the 30th before it culminates in the Grand Final at Headingley on Sunday, October 7. It promises to be a thrilling ride. Join us on the journey.

Enjoy today,
Deaks.



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THE next coaches meeting will be at Counthill School on Monday, October 15, starting at 7pm and finishing about 9pm. It is important -- and the Service Area stresses this -- that coaches try to attend meetings every two months.

Coaches can get involved with Service Area town teams and with development camps at local, regional and national levels.

The meetings are very much hands-on for coaches with details given out about courses, seminars, lectures and the latest developments on coaching techniques and ideas.

Coaching courses coming up soon at Counthill -- Level 2 -- will be held on September 22/23; October 6; October 28 and November 25.

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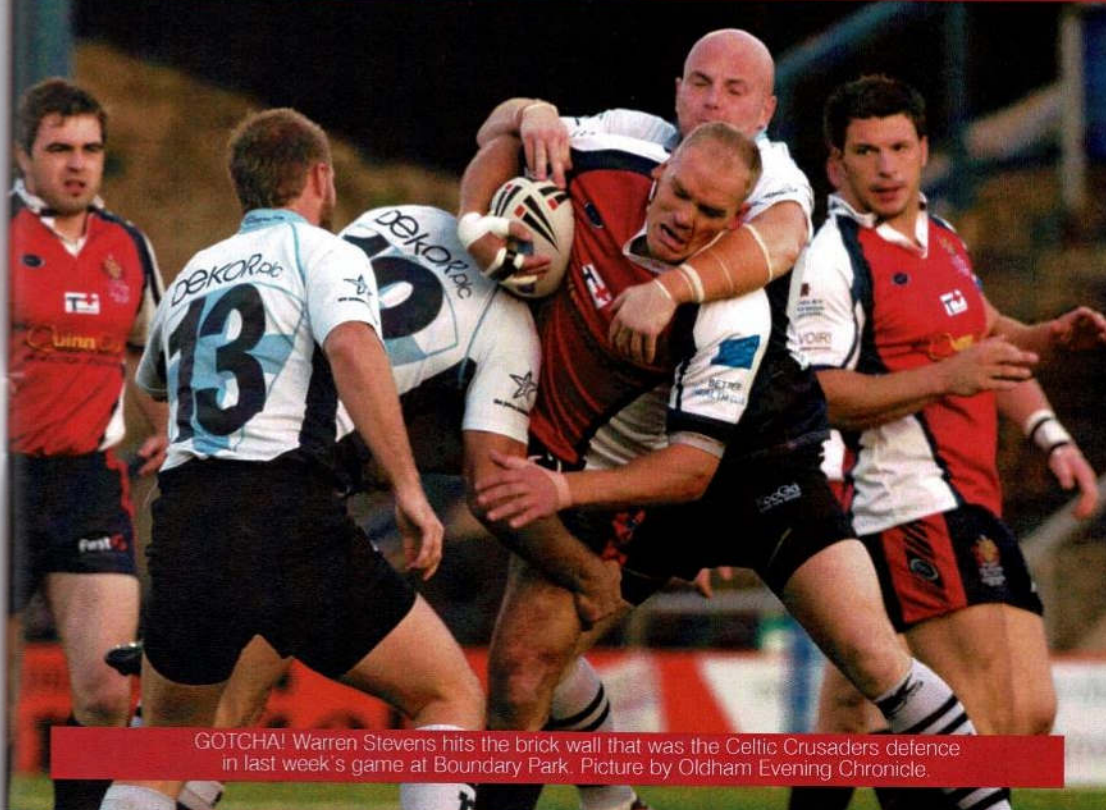
Locally, coaches are always required to help to coach and organise Service Area town teams in the under-11, under-12, under-13, under-14, under-15 and under-18 age groups. Anyone interested is asked to contact Garry Hepworth or Mike Tootill.

Skills sessions for under-13s, under-14s and under-15s (existing and new players invited) will be held on Saturdays, September 15, October 13 and November 10, while a session for under-12s will be held on Saturday, December 15.

Into 2008 and the skills session dates are as follows: Jan 12, for 12s, 13s, 15s; January 26, for 12s, 14s, 15s; February 9, for 12s, 13s, 14s; February 23, for 12s, 15s; March 8, for 13s, 14s.

Independent selectors will watch players performing for their clubs, starting soon with the kick off of the new winter season.

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GOTCHA! Warren Stevens hits the brick wall that was the Celtic Crusaders defence in last week's game at Boundary Park. Picture by Oldham Evening Chronicle.

with Geoff Cooke

cooke-ability!

The initiative shown by Oldham in staging the Celtic Crusaders game was the best thing to have happened in years. Let us hope it reaps the rewards it deserves.

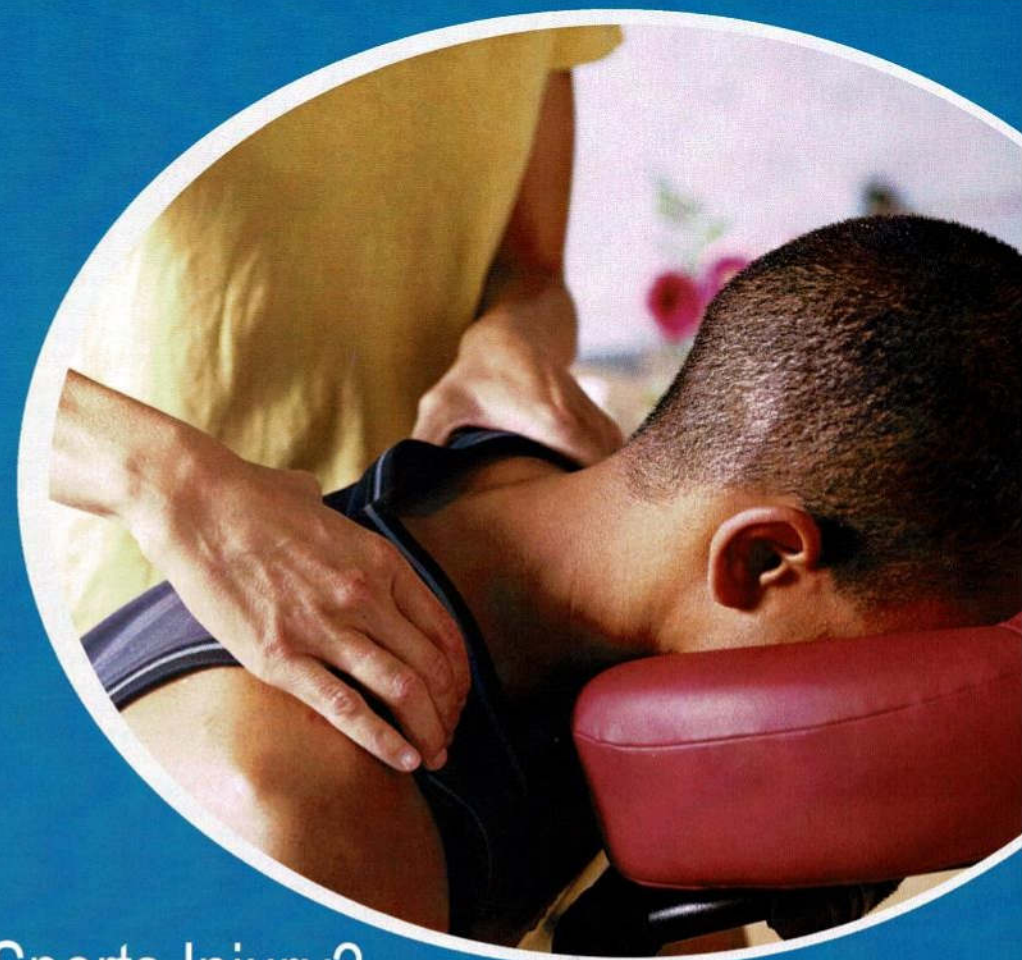
It resulted in a record N.L.2 crowd and it showcased to Sky T.V. viewers that the town of Oldham is a hotbed of rugby league.

The only disappointing aspect of the evening was that Oldham could not maintain their superb first half showing for the full eighty minutes. However, any realistic assessment of the game would recognise that full time professionalism gives the Crusaders obvious advantages. Bigger, faster, fitter and better drilled come readily to mind. Whether such full time status should be allowed in the National Leagues is a moot point. Whitehaven and Halifax have obvious problems against Widnes and Castleford in N.L.1 just as Featherstone, Barrow and Oldham have with the Crusaders in N.L.2.

That aside, and putting disappointment behind us, it may well turn out that defeat works to Oldham's advantage. Celtic Crusaders will almost certainly go up as automatic Champions now and that paves the way for Oldham to take on the rest on equal terms. This piece is written before the Swinton game last Wednesday but if Oldham have won and can win again today a third place finish is possible subject to Barrow having lost to Featherstone yesterday. My reading is that that would send Oldham to Post Office Road in the play-offs and, despite having lost twice to Rovers, I know the Oldham players and staff fancy their chances of turning them over. What's more the winner goes straight to the Grand Final. How good would that be? Here's hoping all goes according to plan.

Great idea from Ray French: play the 2008 World Club Challenge as a warm-up to the Rugby League World Cup. The only trouble is you can rest assured the Aussies will find a way to make sure it doesn't happen. Even when you give them the chance to take on our best on their own turf they still come up with excuses to avoid the confrontation. And they call us whingeing Poms: they're having a laugh!

Final thought for the season should this be our last home fixture: why not introduce Quarterbacks to rugby league? Since forward passes have reached epidemic proportions we could at least legitimise them!



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halstead's choice

by ROGER HALSTEAD

Matty Brooks will be celebrating his 21st birthday four days after this season's Co-operative NL2 Grand Final... and he's hoping that by the time he starts to party he will have already helped Oldham to promotion and come of age as a rugby league professional.

Not for this Hull lad the concerns and anxieties that afflict many of his age when they are choosing a job or a career path.

"I just want to play rugby. That's my job. Simple as that," said Matty, in a matter-of-fact manner becoming of a young man who knows what he wants and is determined to go out and get it.

"My goal is to play at the highest standard I can achieve. I've been a full-time pro since I left school at 16 and I don't see myself doing anything else. My job is to play rugby. When I go to work I'm

going training, or going to a game."

Since leaving David Lister High School in East Hull four years ago, the former Embassy Longhill youngster has worn the colours of Hull FC, Bradford Bulls, Hull KR, York City Knights and now Oldham --- all part of an apprenticeship which began when Hull FC took him under their wing at the tender age of 12.

A lad from the red-and-white half of Hull defecting to the west? Surely not. "It didn't bother me," explained Matty. "I was a Rovers fan, but even at that age I knew I wanted to be a pro rugby player and I had to do what I thought was best for me."

"Steve Crooks and Mel Harmon took me across the city and I joined their scholarship scheme. I hadn't a problem with that and I think what I learned at FC did me good."

It did no harm, for sure. Schoolboy and youth honours came thick and fast for the little lad with the big heart. He played for Humberside, then for Yorkshire and then for England Boys, first at under-15s and then at under-16s.

He had played at scrum-half for Yorkshire at under-12s, under-14s and under-16s and once he had England appearances behind him and had gone full-time with the Bulls it was of little surprise when he was picked for Yorkshire under-18s.

He followed a rugby league graduation pathway with peers like Jordan Tansey, Danny Williams and Ashley Gibson, but while they signed for Leeds Rhinos, Matty signed on the dotted line, aged 16, for Bradford.

"Jamie l'Anson, who played against us for Celtic Crusaders the other night, also went to the Rhinos," recalled Matty, "but I was drawn to Bradford because their chief scout at the time, the well-known Eric Hawley, made it clear he wanted to take me to Odsal."

"He first spotted me playing for Yorkshire against Lancashire in what I think was a Service Area festival at Ormskirk. There was another team in it as well, I think it was a combined South Wales and London select team, and Eric kept tracking me from then on."

RUGBY LEAGUE IS 'JUST THE JOB' FOR ON-LOAN MATTY

'All I want to be is a full-time pro', says Hull KR half-back

"He didn't want to get into any crossfire with Hull FC, but everything was done properly and I signed for Bradford when I was 16."

He wasn't the first player from Embassy Longhill to strike it lucky with a big club. Steve Snitch (Wakefield and Huddersfield), Paul Cooke (Hull and Hull KR) and Craig Hall (Hull) were all from the same stable in the red-and-white half of the city. Dad, Alan, took Matty along to the club when he was seven and he was to spend nine happy and fruitful years there.

The 5ft 6in, 12-stone Brooks travelled from Hull to Bradford each day with Lee Radford and he picked up many little tips about his game just from listening to the more experienced Radford.

Matty had three years at Bradford, playing first with the under-18s and then the under-21s, and picking up player-of-the-year, players'-player-of-the-year and most-improved-player awards along the way.

Yet, despite these accolades, he was called in for a chat with Bulls head coach Steve McNamara one day towards the end of the 2006 season and told that he wouldn't be offered another contract.

Matty remembers as though it were yesterday. "It was Steve McNamara's very first job as head coach, to tell me I didn't fit into his plans. It was very tricky for him. To start with, he was new to it. We had become friends when he was coaching academy sides and now he had to tell a fellow Hull boy that I didn't figure. He said it was one of the hardest decisions he had ever had to make."

Fate then took a hand. Hull KR, the home-city club club Matty supported, took him on loan while he played out what was left of his Bulls contract.

He played scrum-half in five of Rovers' last eight matches as they strode towards promotion from NL1, but James Webster returned at No 7 for the play-offs.

No matter. Rovers duly got into Super League and coach Justin Morgan offered Matty a full-time, one-year contract covering the 2007 season.

The subject of our profile played in two Carnegie Challenge Cup ties for the Robins, but with Webster such an important and influential part of the Craven Park set-up, and club captain, too, Brooks was always going to find it hard to break into the Super League side.

He never did, and ultimately Morgan called him on one side to recommend that he went out on loan in order to gain more first-team experience.

Early this season he had a month at York, but when he got the chance to come here in a loan deal to the end of the season he knew it was the right one for him.

Matty takes up the story. "York was a good little set-up," he said, "but when I spoke to Oldham it was more like what I was looking for --- a better deal and one which would enable me to stick with the Roughyeds until the end of the year."

"I talked with Bill Quinn, Chris Hamilton and Deaks and I was impressed with what they had to say, so I signed."

"My intention had been to go to a NL1 club, but that didn't happen. I have to admit, however, that the standard in NL2 is really high, a lot higher than I expected. You've only to look at last week's Celtic Crusaders match to see what I mean. It was a fantastic standard, and it was great to be part of it."

"I know they won to avenge our win down there last May, but I still think we are at least as good as anything else in this division."

Favourite all-time player? The man Matty admires most is Stanley Gene. He has been running in the tries for ever, or so it seems, but nobody knows just how old he is.

"He says he's 33," offers Matty, "but I have a match programme from 1995 and it said he was 28 then, so you're guess is as good as mine."

A couple of Matty's team mates in academy rugby at Bradford were Jason Boults and Tony Tonks, and the Hull lad played in the same 21s team as Jason and the same 18s side as Tony. Little did they know then that, a year or two on, they would be teaming up again in Oldham colours.

On the domestic scene, Matty has one brother, Danny, and one sister, Hayley, and he lives in Bradford with his girl friend Katie, a student at Leeds University.

Though recognised more as a scrum-half than a hooker for most of his career so far, Matty has frequently played in the dummy-half role since his early teens and, since coming to Oldham, he has been used more often by Deaks as a No 9 or as a replacement for No 9, coming off the bench, than as a No 7.

Indeed, Roughyeds are well blessed in that regard with Simeon Hoyle, Andy Crabtree and Matty Brooks all laying claim on the No 9 jersey.

Matty's versatility, though, came in handy at Hunslet recently when James Coyle was out injured. It was like old times for Brooks when he ran out at the South Leeds Stadium with No 7 on his back, only to suffer a dead leg in one of the first tackles of the game, and take no further part.

Last words to Matty. "I actually prefer hooker now," he said. "Scrum-half is okay, but at hooker I have my hands on the ball more than anybody else in the side."

"And that suite me just fine, just the job, because I like to be in the thick of things, and you are certainly in that when you play in the hooker's role."

PLAYER PROFILE
MATTY BROOKS

(picture by Oldham Evening Chronicle)

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News of the publication by the Oldham RL Heritage Trust of Michael Turner's new book "Kangaroos, Kiwis and Roughyeds" was announced for the first time here in the match programme for last week's game against Celtic Crusaders. It will hit the bookshelves in November just at the right time to celebrate the centenary of the first ever 'rugby league' tour to Great Britain made in 1907. The modern day Kiwis will also be here during the autumn to celebrate the feats of their ancestors by playing a three match series against the Lions.

The book will cover every match that Oldham played against touring sides and much, much more!

Michael's first book Oldham RLFC, The Complete History was huge success and is the bible for the days at Watersheddings. Recently, Roughyeds, the Story sold out in little over a week after being published, so if you want a copy of Kangaroos, Kiwis and Roughyeds (the ideal Christmas present!) - be sure to reserve it now. Don't send any money, just fill in the form below and return it to the address given. We'll let you know from where and when the book will be available.

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A brilliant panorama of Watersheddings taken during the 1933 match against the touring Australians watched by a crowd of 15,000. The mills in the background are believed to be the Waterhead Spinning and Dabbling Co (long gone) and Spring Hey.

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'Watersheddings was falling down and a flaming cold place to be in winter', but... LET'S NOT FORGET OUR GLORIOUS PAST AS WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

says John Huxley

Have you had the feeling recently that many people even within the game of Rugby League think life started with Super League? Well, that realisation has struck me forcibly in the last few months as I researched for a book about what happened to League's stars once their playing careers were over.

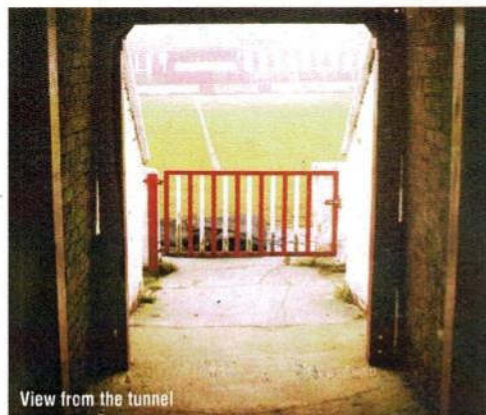
It makes you wonder whether we've all become so short sighted as to think that nothing of real significance happened in the game before 1996.

The fact is that Rugby League, and before that Northern Union, was a vibrant meaningful sport that produced heroes and villains, triumph and failure, pain and joy without ever thinking about the words Super League.

Now I wouldn't want you to think that I'm anti Super League because I'm not. What I don't like is the belief that what was achieved before summer rugby and the progression to full-time professionalism doesn't mean much.

The research I've undertaken has underlined my belief that the game was different, that's all, different.

Of course semi-professionals will play the game differently. If you train three times a week and play you're not going to be the same kind of



View from the tunnel

athlete as the one who trains virtually every day and is waited on hand and foot.

In the Co-operative National League's you can still see elements of the old fashioned game. There are competitive games between players who are fuelled by local rivalries. They don't look like the Super League boys and they don't play like them. And why should they?

While Super League is undoubtedly the public face of the sport today there's no reason why we can't still recognise the talents of players like Alex Murphy, Brian Bevan, Billy Boston, Lewis Jones, Eric Ashton, Clive Sullivan, Roger Millward, Neil Fox and a host of others.

Who can forget the great Oldham team of the 1950s or Swinton in the 1960s? And don't tell me that Wigan's wonderful side of the 1980s and 1990s that dominated the Challenge Cup for an amazing eight years wasn't an amazing phenomenon.

No, there was life before Super League and it still counts. As you get older it is natural to let your mind stray



Main entrance



Inside the scoreboard



Pavilion stand

Views of a tired looking Watersheddings

back to what went before and, while that should never detract from what is happening today, it should still be valued.

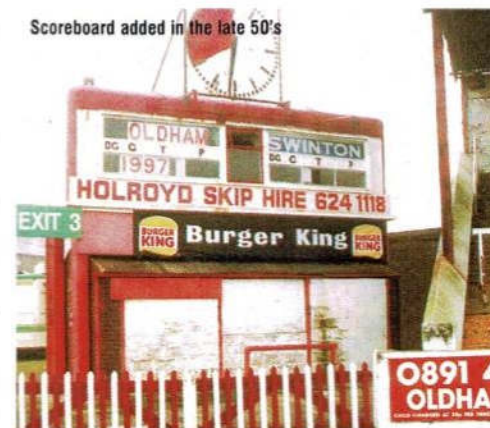
I've heard loads of people in Oldham hark back to the 'golden' days at Watersheddings. It was an evocative place, but let's not become too romantic. At the end the place was falling down and it was a flaming cold place to be in winter.

But the memory of Rugby League's traditional home in Oldham and what we went through in its death throes made us what we are today. The



Rear of pavilion stand

Scoreboard added in the late 50's



club may not be the same but with new people in charge the journey continues. Super League beckons for the brave but if Oldham ever reaches that Promised Land I do hope they won't forget their roots.

And, finally, while researching the book it was good to speak to former Oldham favourites Martin Murphy, Terry Flanagan, Phil Larder, Mick Morgan and Dave Topliss. They provided great entertainment and action during their time with the club and just finding out how they've fared since they hung up their boots has been a great pleasure.

The book will be out in time for Christmas.

with Ian Wilson

roughyeds' roar!

So the big night is over! It was great to see so many people at Boundary Park last Thursday.

Even though we didn't get the result we would all have liked, I very much hope that there is no negativity about the occasion. The club came up with an incredibly imaginative way to stage the game, and I hope will receive nothing but praise for it.

I saw a few faces as I walked up to the ground, which I hadn't seen for a decade at least - which must have been one of the club's objectives. The quality of the entertainment on offer was surely good enough to attract them back, too - even if they have to fork out a few quid to see it! In a way, the actual final result on such an occasion is not necessarily the most important factor in determining people's response, I don't think. The fact that the match was exciting and produced some quality rugby, even though we were clearly inferior to the full-time Celtic outfit for most of the second half, and that the side representing Oldham competed to the best of its not inconsiderable ability for the whole 80 minutes, is the important thing.

Of course, as always, there are lessons to be learned for the future. I would like to pick out three in particular:

1 On the field, it will do us no harm at all in the long-term to realise just where we are at currently. We probably now have a greater chance of gaining promotion this season, given that Celtic will almost certainly go up automatically now that they have beaten us,

and that Featherstone seem likely to be more beatable at Headingley than the Crusaders would have been - please excuse me for the implicit assumptions! But it is certainly no bad thing to make quite clear how much more will be needed next season and into the future if we are to have a realistic chance of performing well at a level higher than NL2. One would expect Celtic to strengthen further next season, and to compete near the top of NL1 prior to an application for a Super League franchise. That is where we surely want to be too.

2 Paradoxically, on a night when Boundary Park was perhaps as atmospheric for RL as it has ever been, it still didn't feel like a true Oldham RL stadium, did it? So the lesson that a genuinely RL-dedicated ground is a must remains central. I have no doubt too that the club's officials are bemoaning the loss of the ancillary income which would have been generated for the Roughyeds if we had been playing in our own stadium.

3 Finally, there is the lesson of what can be achieved through a well-focused marketing effort. Since a considerably increased level of regular support is vital if we are to have any chance of achieving the other objectives, it may well be the case that this is the most important immediate lesson of all. I am certain this will be taken fully on board and put at the centre of the club's ongoing plans for the rest of this year and beyond.

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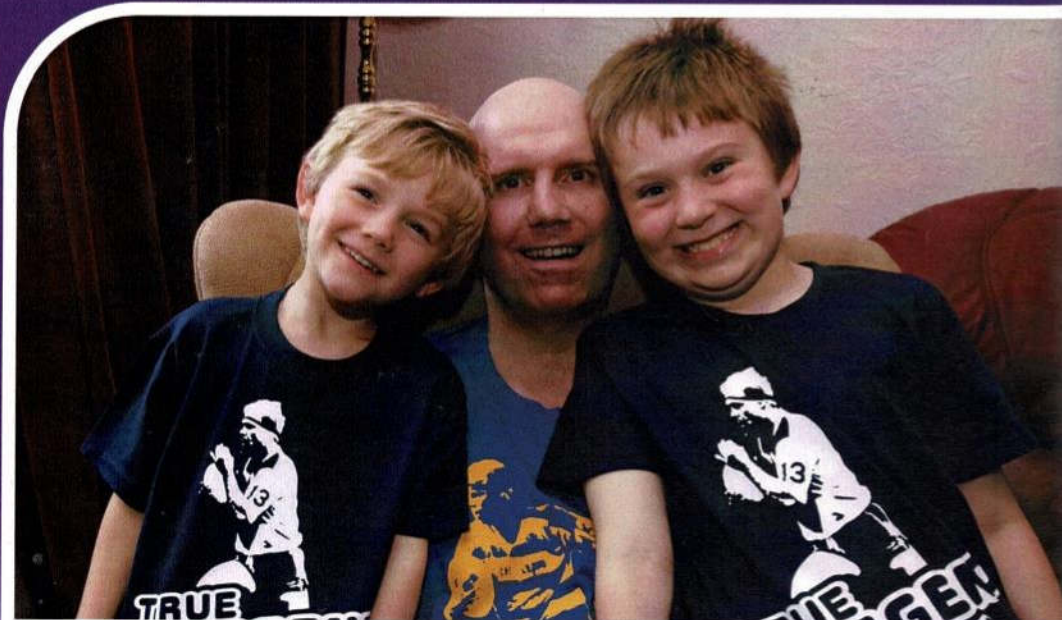
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THE MEN WHO CARRY ROUGHYEDS' HOPES AND AMBITIONS INTO 2007.

ASHTON, Paul (half-back): Aged 27, Paul learned his trade at Saddleworth before playing for Halifax, Rochdale, Keighley and Swinton. Got his big chance at Oldham in 2006, initially on a week-to-week basis, and did enough to earn a full contract for 2007. Can play at scrum-half or stand-off.

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 the latter part of 2006 and then for 2007. Toured New Zealand with Great Britain Young Lions in 2003. Product of Chorley Panthers and Wigan St Pat's.

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. Spent four years as a young pro with Bradford and then had two seasons at The Shay, missing only a handful of games.

COSTIN, Geno (prop or back-row): A 22-year-old Aussie, Geno first established himself in the Queensland Cup with Wynnum-Manly, but last year played in the same comp for Logan Souths. A rugby workaholic, he puts in overtime on defence and, in possession, always runs strong and straight.

CRABTREE, Andy (hooker): Won Great Britain academy honours in his Wigan Warriors days. Came from Swinton this year. A tidy footballer with good hands and game awareness, he can also play loose-forward. Alert and alive at dummy half.

FORD, Byron (winger): Cook Island international signed on loan from Hull KR in mid-August to the end of the season. A prolific try scorer, he totalled six in his first four outings for Roughyeds and on the strength of that was named in the Rugby League World NL2 form team for August.

GOREY, Andy (winger): A scrum-half in his Royton Tigers days, Andy became a good full-back in the former Roughyeds academy side. It was as a winger, however, that he finished 2006 as the club's top try scorer with ten --- no mean feat in a losing side.

HOODSON, Ian (back-row): Initially rejected new offer for 2007 due to work commitments, but the Roughyeds door remained open and he re-signed in March after playing the odd game or two for Tyldesley RU Club. One of the club's better performers in 2006, he always gave maximum input, even when asked to play at stand-off.

HOUSTON, Drew (second-row or centre): Once a youngster linked with Melbourne Storm, Drew had two seasons in the Queensland Cup with Storm feeder club Brisbane Norths before heading south to join Dapto whom he helped to become champions of the Illawarra competition last year.

HOYLE, Simeon (hooker): Formerly with Keighley and Halifax, Simeon is a hooker of the old school --- tough in defence yet able to make things happen from dummy half. Helped Keighley to win promotion in 2003 in the same team as Paul Ashton, Richard Mervill and Ian Sinfield.

HUGHES, Adam (centre): The massively experienced 29-year-old boasts over 150 Super League appearances during spells with Leeds, Wakefield, Halifax, Widnes and Leigh. A powerful, pacy centre who knows where the try line is, he signed for Oldham in preference to several other clubs.

LANGLEY, Gareth (winger): Pacy, and a good finisher, 'Gaz' joined Roughyeds this year after five years at St Helens. He was Saints academy player of the year in 2005 and runner-up in 2006. Played at Salford as a teenager before joining his hometown club at Knowsley Road.

LITTLE, Craig (centre): Another Saints old boy, Craig was Langley's centre for four years at Knowsley Road. A year younger, he had the chance of another year with St Helens academy, but opted to sign for Roughyeds and continue his centre-wing partnership with Langley.

MERVILL, Richard (prop): Formerly with Halifax and Keighley, Richard joined Roughyeds for 2007 after playing Down Under in the same Dapto side as Drew Houston. Suffered a broken hand in one of his early games for Roughyeds, but goes into Co-Operative NL2 action in a good seam of form.

MORTON, Gareth (centre): Accomplished goalkicker, followed his Hull KR team mate Byron Ford to Oldham on loan in mid-August. Signed until September 16, when he leaves to play RU in Italy. Former Leeds Rhinos youngster and Borders (Scotland) RU player. Dual code international.

O'CONNOR, Paul (full-back): Signed for hometown Widnes after winning students' international honours for Ireland and for Great Britain. Looked good in three loan games for Roughyeds in 2006 and returned on a more permanent basis in 2007, although he will be away for 14 weeks on a pre-arranged trip Down Under.

OLDHAM, Stuart (winger): Formerly with St Helens and Swinton, Stuart played his first serious rugby with Sedgley Park and Liverpool St Helens RU clubs before switching codes to join Saints. Had two seasons with Swinton and became one of six Lions to sign for Roughyeds for 2007.

ONYANGO, Lucas (winger): A real flier, aged 25, Lucas grew up in rugby union in his native Kenya. Has played for Sale Sharks, Manchester and Leigh in Union, and also Widnes Vikings in League. Did well at Vikings before damaging a knee. Over that now and keen to make the most of his chance at Oldham.

ROBINSON, Adam (second row): A tough and uncompromising player who relishes his defensive duties, the 20 year-old Yorkshireman turned down Featherstone in order to sign for the Roughyeds from Doncaster. Formerly of the Stanley Rangers amateur club, he started his professional career at Wakefield.

RODEN, Neil (half-back): Neil rejoined Roughyeds from Leigh for 2007 after leaving the club initially to go to Batley in 2004. In his first stint here he scored 290 points (68 tries and 18 drop goals) in 142 games over four and a half seasons. Has overtaken Mark Sibson as the 'new' club's leading all-time try scorer.

ROGERS, Wes (prop): Aged 29, and club captain. Like Neil Roden and Ian Sinfield, has rejoined Roughyeds for a second spell. Signed for Widnes as a 15-year-old, then had three years at Swinton, one here, three at Rochdale and three more at Swinton before coming 'home' for 2007.

SANDERSON, Lee (halfback, hooker): Signed in March after a difficult period with Barrow. Roughyeds paid an undisclosed transfer fee for the Leigh lad, whose uncle, Ian, was an accomplished Oldham hooker in Watersheddings days. Lee has previously played for Leigh, London Broncos, Rochdale and Barrow.

SINFIELD, Ian (back-row): Another experienced forward who has returned to his hometown club for a second stint. Brother of Leeds captain, Kevin Sinfield, Ian played in the first ever Roughyeds game at Rochdale on New Year's Day, 1998. Had four years here, then moved on to Rochdale, Keighley and Swinton.

SMITH, Kris (back-row or centre): Kris, aged 28, has been on the books of four Super League clubs, namely Leeds, Salford, London and Halifax. A product of the Eccles amateur club, he was snapped up by Leeds while still a teenager. Joined Roughyeds after four seasons at Swinton.

STEVENS, Warren (prop): A beat-the-deadline capture in August, he has made more than 100 Super League appearances, mainly with Warrington Wolves. Vastly experienced front-rower, who has also played in SL with Leigh and Salford. Signed until end of the season.

STOUT, Michael (second-row or centre): Signed from Swinton, Michael has a good turn of speed for a forward and likes to use it while breaking wide out. Played at academy level for both Warrington and Widnes. Chose to join Oldham after rejecting a Swinton offer for 2007.

TAMGHART, Said (utility): A French international, Said has represented his country at every level, including full Test matches against Australia and New Zealand. Came under Steve Deakin's influence when both were at UTC, better known now as Perpignan-based Catalans Dragons.

TONKS, Tony (prop): Roughyeds have high hopes of the 22-year-old Yorkshireman, signed from Bradford Bulls just prior to the start of the Co-Operative NL2 season. One year at Wakefield academy, then six at Bulls as a full-time pro, including last season on loan at Doncaster.

WILKINSON, Alex (centre, wing): 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. While a young pro at Bradford Bulls, he had loan spells with London Broncos, Huddersfield and Hull before going part-time with Roughyeds to continue his studies.

SKOLARS' CLASS ON PASS WITH FLYING COLOURS

by ROGER HALSTEAD

In the words of coach Latham Tawhai, the London Skolars have made "steady improvement" this year, on and off the field.

Given that in 2006 they posted five wins and a draw in NL2, their second best points return in a five-year history, and this season they have taken that record up to eight wins and a draw, the coach's overall assessment might be construed as an understatement.

More so if you consider that, away from home, the Skolars have won at Workington, Gateshead, Hunslet and Blackpool as well as picking up a couple of points with a draw at Keighley.

Add to those results four wins at home and at the time of writing these notes the London side was in the grip of a three-way battle with Swinton Lions and Hunslet Hawks to clinch the one remaining play-off spot that was up for grabs.

Tawhai, a New Zealander, can indeed look back with a great deal of satisfaction at the progress the Skolars have made since he was appointed as full-time coach before the start of last season.

In his first year, they won the award for Best Community Programme in the National Leagues, and that excellent work has continued since as Skolars play a significant role, with others, in the remarkable rugby league success story surrounding the development of the game at grassroots level in London and the South-East.

"We did particularly well in the middle part of the season," said Latham, "and, as we speak, we have an outside chance of making the play-offs if results go our way. Most of the boys have been at the club for the past three or four years.

"They are a really dedicated bunch and it's good to see them making progress. A lot of them travel significant distances to get to training and the logistics of getting around London make it tough. And that's before we start travelling to away games -- and ours really are AWAY games.

"It was a great achievement to go all the way up to Workington and win, but in reality every away game is a long haul. We have to be positive... and we look on these trips as a day out with the boys and a game of rugby league at the end of the journey to make it even better!"

Individually, perhaps the biggest success story this year concerns South African prop Richard Louw, whose performances earned him Rugby League World magazine's NL2 player-of-the-month award back in the summer.

He narrowly missed selection in the form team for August, coming in as third prop behind Neil

Lowe of York City Knights and Dave Armistead of Barrow, and has certainly been one of the stand-out front-row forwards in the competition this year.

He was playing up the road in Hertfordshire with St Alban's when the Skolars recruited him last year and he has gone on to make a big name for himself at National League level. Unfortunately for Skolars he isn't available today because he has had to go back to South Africa to renew his visa.

Winger Austen Aggrey and scrum-half Jamie Nowland were also close to form-team selection, Nowland coming in as runner-up to the outstanding Celtic Crusaders No 7 Jace Van Dijk, no mean achievement.

Stand-off Paul Thorman has also had a significant role to play in everything the Skolars have achieved this season.



Latham Tawhai

A Geordie, and brother of Super League star Chris Thorman, Paul was recruited from York City Knights at the end of last season, and Tawhai believes other players from here in the north can enjoy similar success in London.

"The environment has really improved down here," he said, "and what happened to Paul can happen to others. He struggled to find his form initially, as did most of the squad at the start of the season, but our upturn in form has coincided with his.

"His goalkicking has been superb. He's been the first to admit that at the start of the season he couldn't throw one over, now his strike rate is up about 95 per cent, which is incredible.

"We hope to keep him next season and, as one of our development officers, he's keen to stay."

The Skolars are a cosmopolitan lot, a mixture of overseas boys, northern exiles and locals from London and the South-East.

"The guys find themselves in London for a variety of reasons," explained the boss. "They come to study, to find jobs or, in the case of the overseas fellows, they often come to use London as a

base for the opportunity to look at the UK and Europe and to play rugby league at the same time.

"But we also pick up players from around different parts of England. Jermaine Coleman, for instance, was from Leeds originally and Pete Hodgkinson comes from the Midlands. As I say they are an incredibly committed bunch of blokes."

The club insists it is here for the long haul. It has short-term, medium-term and long-term plans and it intends to build, develop and progress gradually but solidly by laying down foundations and raising its profile in an area of North London dominated by soccer giants Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal.

The long-term dream is to become a second Super League club in the capital alongside Harlequins, but that is a long, long way off just yet.

"We are building steadily," said Latham, "and trying to raise the profile of the game down here, as well as hoping to attract new investment to develop the business side of things. We want to be around for a lot of years to come.

"From the financial point of view we have to stay within our means, but everyone at the club is working very hard to take it forward."

The night before the Wembley final a fortnight ago, Skolars entertained York City Knights at the New River Stadium, the game attracting a club record crowd of 1,288 and perhaps confirming that the Friday night before the Carnegie Challenge Cup final should become a regular feature of the Skolars programme in future.

The stand was heaving, and off-field activities centred around a real-ale festival and a Caribbean barbecue also went down well.

Sadly for Skolars, they suffered one of their heaviest defeats of the season, beaten 34-0. After the match, Tawhai was quoted thus in the trade press: "Our boys showed a lot of courage. Many had to do a day's work before travelling here, many of them on public transport.

"They were out on their feet. But I am not against Friday football. There was a great atmosphere and the team can hold their heads high.

"We didn't dictate when we had the ball, as we have done recently. We looked to see what the York defence would do, and they closed us down very quickly. But we will learn from this."

He will, no doubt, hope that his Skolars have learned well in their preparation for today's match at Boundary Park.



The Oldham club has teamed up with the RFL to offer one lucky person an opportunity to be part of Rugby League history.

This autumn Great Britain will play for the final time on home soil before the team switches to playing as England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland in time for next year's World Cup in Australia. As a result the three match Gillette Fusion Test Series against New Zealand will be a historic occasion.

The third of the three Tests will be staged at Wigan's JJB Stadium on Saturday, November 10. That is why the Oldham club, together with the RFL, is looking for a school child aged eight to 10 years to be one of the team mascots and walk out alongside the players of Great Britain and New Zealand just before the big match kicks off.

This superb prize also includes three tickets for each winner, one for the mascot and two for their parents or guardian.

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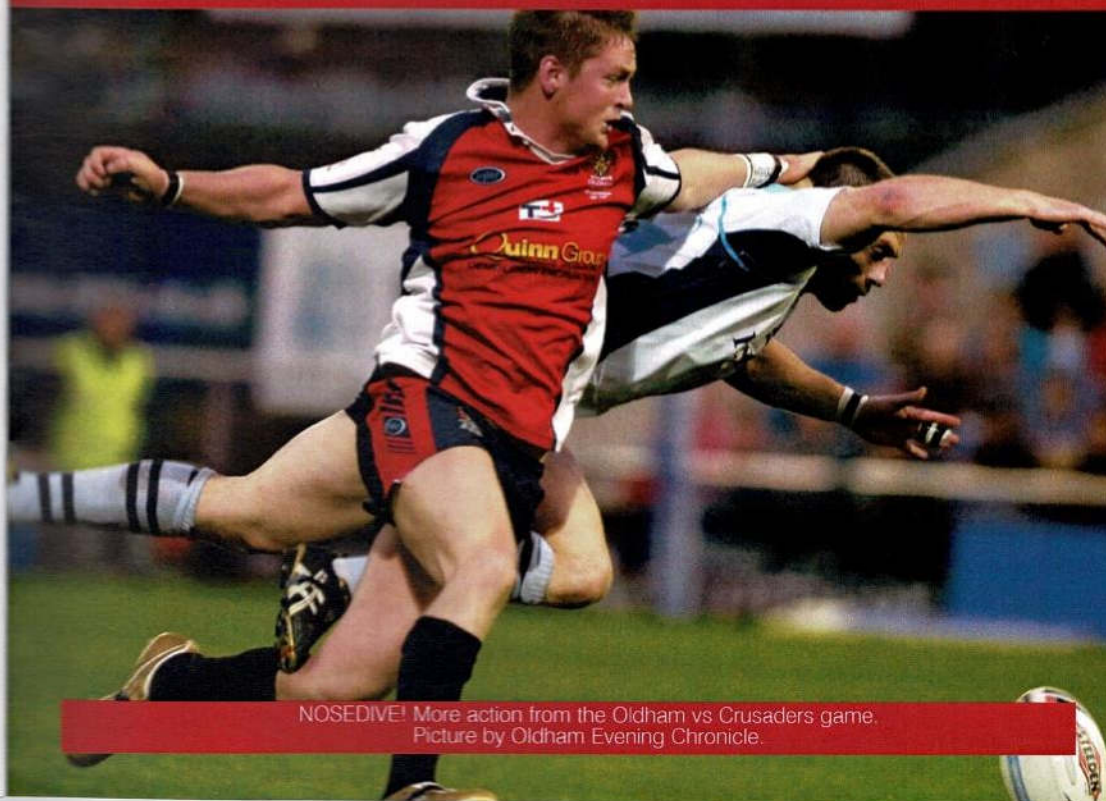
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RODEN, FORD NAMED IN FORM TEAM

Roughyeds have two players in the Rugby League World magazine's mythical NL2 form team for August, Neil Roden at stand-off and Byron Ford on the wing. Byron's hat-trick against Swinton on Wednesday took his try tally for Oldham to nine in five games.

Geno Costin was one of three strong candidates for the loose-forward spot, but he and Chris Redfearn of Keighley Cougars were pipped at the post by Tommy Haughey of Featherstone Rovers.

The magazine's player of the month was Celtic Crusaders hooker Neil Budworth, who had a great game here at Boundary Park last week.

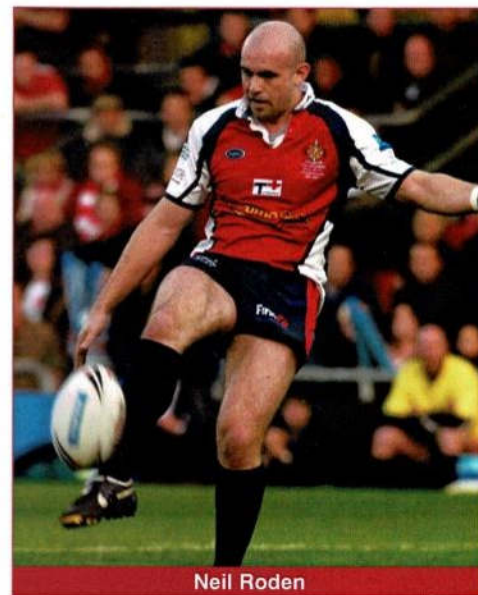
His coach, John Dixon, said of the former Wigan and London Broncos player: "He has been outstanding all year; a really consistent performer. He gets us going forward with great service and he is always the same, whether carting the ball forward or in defence."

Team: Tony Duggan (Celtic Crusaders); Byron Ford (OLDHAM), Michael Basan (Barrow), Mark Dalle Court (Celtic Crusaders), Paul Ballard (Celtic Crusaders); Neil Roden (OLDHAM), Jace Van Dijk (Celtic Crusaders); Neil Lowe (York City Knights), Neil Budworth (Celtic Crusaders), Dave Armistead (Barrow), Neale Wyatt (Celtic Crusaders), Michael Knowles (Gateshead Thunder), Tommy Haughey (Featherstone Rovers).

Others on the fringe of selection were:

Wayne English of Swinton and Khamal Ganley of Barrow (full-backs); Austin Aggrey of London

Skolars (wing); Jon Whittle of Featherstone (centre); Craig Ashall of Swinton and Joe McLocklan of Featherstone (stand-offs); Jamie Nowland of London Skolars and Barry Eaton of Keighley Cougars (scrum-half); Richard Louw of London Skolars (prop); Jimmy Elston of York City Knights and Shaun Lunt of Workington Town (hookers); Adam Sidlow of Workington Town (second-row); Chris Redfearn of Keighley Cougars and Geno Costin of Oldham (loose-forwards).



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Rob Nixon got home from holiday last Friday and, as a regular collector for the Club Cash lottery, he received through the post on Saturday morning his usual weekly envelope from Roughyeds, containing results sheets and other lottery collection material.

"I put it on one side and didn't open it until that night," he said, "but when I did open it what a fantastic surprise was in store. There was an extra envelope marked 'CONGRATULATIONS' and in it was news of my £500 win on Five Alive. I couldn't believe it. In effect, it will pay for my holiday in France. Brilliant!"

Rob, who is 51, lives in Middleton. Up to three years ago he was a soccer fan. Then he fell out with the game. "It's just money, money, money in football," he said, "and it's got to such a level that it just switched me off completely. I happened to stumble across a rugby league game on TV, I liked it, so I decided to get hooked on my local club and that was Oldham, I've been a fan ever since." And you know what they say about converts being the most passionate of all? True to form, Rob is a season-ticket holder; a Club Cash collector; and a member of Five Alive.

He goes to most home games, often with his seven year old daughter Sophie, and sometimes he gets to away matches, too.

He said: "I love following my local club and living the dream with them through their ups and their downs. That's what being a supporter is all about. I'm not interested in watching a team that's winning all the time, like one of the top Super League clubs.

"I want to do my best for my home club and whether I'm watching a match or knocking on doors collecting money for the Club Cash lottery I enjoy every minute of it because I know I'm doing my bit."

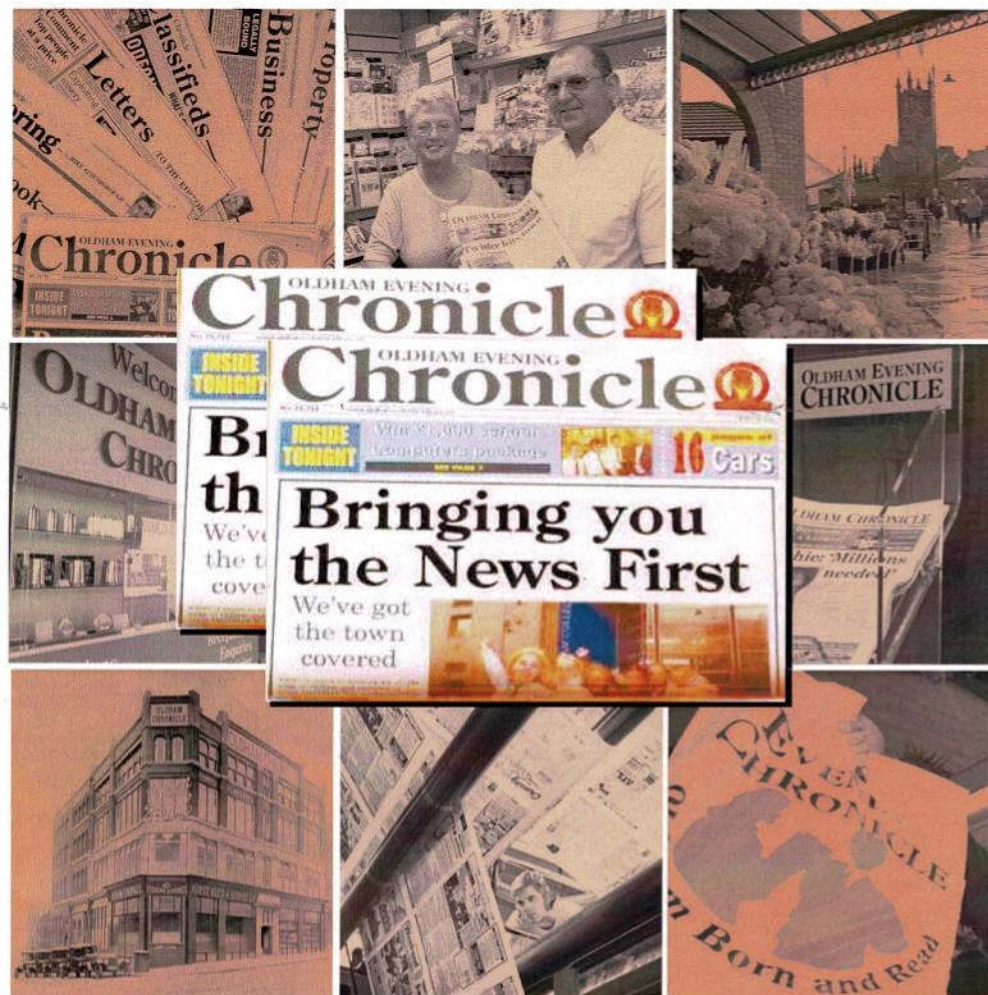
Second prize in the latest Five Alive monthly draw went to Colin Pike, who won two places in the Boundary Park hospitality suite at a forthcoming home game, and third prize (a £25 voucher for the club shop) was won by Michael Bradshaw.

Mrs E Gregg of High Crompton won the £300 first prize in last week's Club Cash draw; the second prize of £100 went to Mr Flynn of Chadderton; and there were two monthly jackpot prizes, namely a mini-European break courtesy of Travelcare won by Mrs Dronsfield of Chadderton and a meal for two at Clayton Green won by Joe Finnerly, c/o the Boltmakers, Rock Street, Oldham.

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by Matthew Chambers

AS this is the final game of the season, at least before the play-offs get underway, it presents a good chance to reflect on what has already been a remarkable campaign for Oldham.

After last season's turmoil, most supporters would have settled for a season of quiet consolidation and gradual rebuilding of the club. The beginning of a process, if you like, of re-establishing the Oldham club on solid foundations.

Instead, it has been a season of major progress both on and off the pitch.

When exiting Whitehaven's Recreation Ground after a 66-4 spanking at the end of last year, few fans would have predicted that at the same point the following season they would be witnessing an Oldham team gunning for promotion, powered on by the likes of Byron Ford, James Coyle and Rob Roberts.

Quite a transformation. And the roles that new majority shareholder Bill Quinn, along with the battle-hardened directors Chris Hamilton and Sean Whitehead and coach Steve Deakin, have all played deserve to be recognised.

As they were last week when the Sky Sports cameras illustrated to the rugby league world as a whole the hunger the town still has for the professional game.

Next season's revival of an academy team, coupled with a determination to move forward plans for a new ground to call 'home', only serves to add to what is overall a bright picture.

The only cloud on the horizon is the prospect of the removal of automatic promotion and relegation from Super League.

What would become of clubs like Oldham should the path to the top be blocked?

Personally, I see Super League's relegation trapdoor — even with the problems it presents with regard to player development, as a wave of cheap imports flood in to man the barricades of the desperate strugglers — as a positive aspect of the game.

The threat of relegation means even teams at the bottom of the table have something to play for come the end of the year, while offering the chance for teams battling away in the National Leagues something tangible to aspire to.

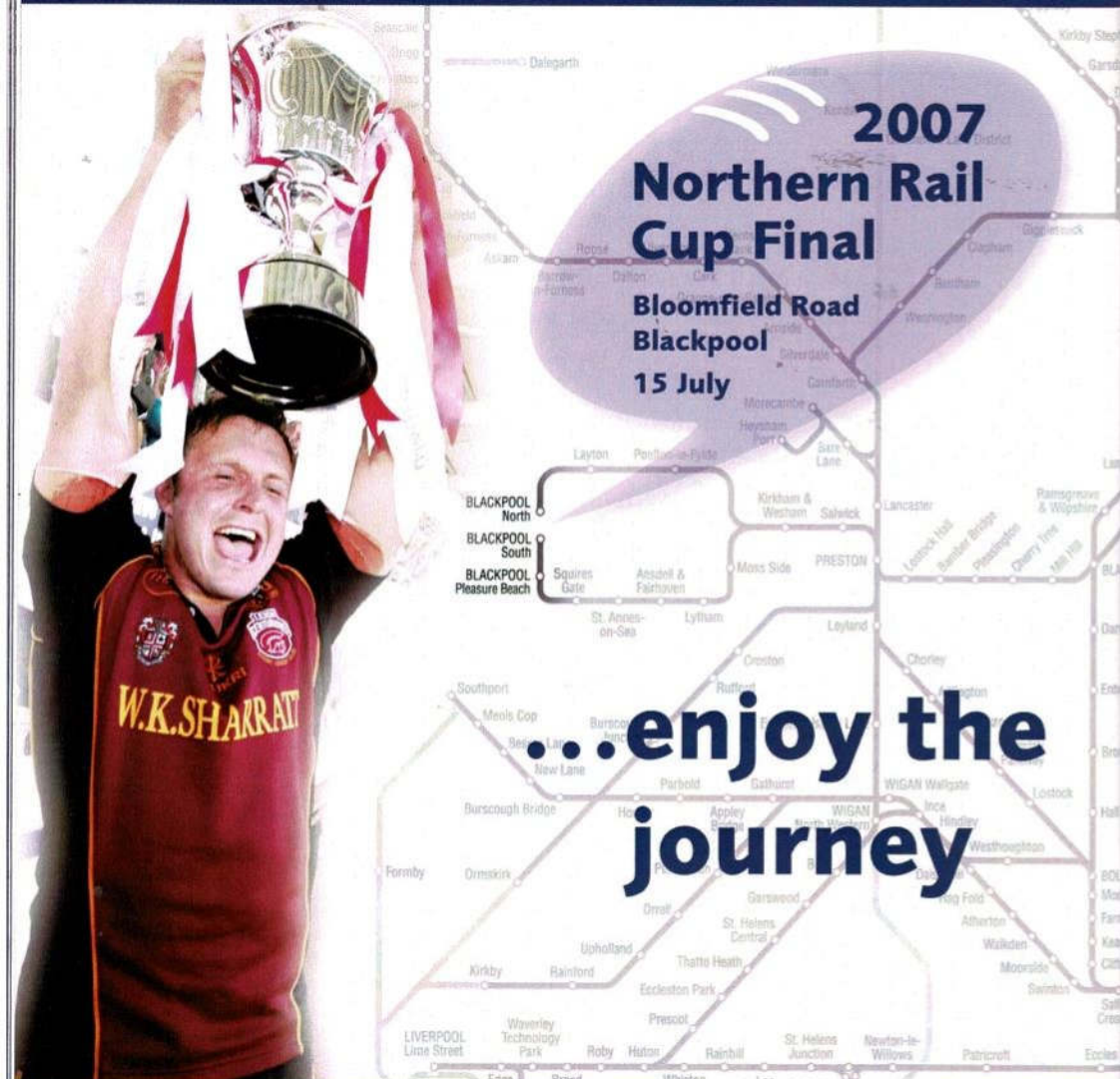
Take that away and what do you have? Stagnancy and complacency at the bottom of Super League and a lack of ambition at the top of the National Leagues.

In the RFL's mooted proposals, clubs lower down the ladder will have the chance to apply for Super League franchises on a three-yearly cyclical basis. But this has little to do with on-field achievement, which is the fundamental basis that readiness for Super League should be judged on.

Promotion and relegation is a major part of our sporting psyche and should stay, no matter what the Australians may think about it.

Matthew

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statistics

[up to and including September 5th]

NAME	PLAYED	TRIES	GOALS	POINTS
P Ashton	11	3	27	66
C Baines	22	2		8
J Boult	24			
M Brooks	12	1		4
G Costin	21	6		24
J Coyle	9	4		16
A Crabtree	24	1		4
B Ford	5	9		36
I Gordon	5			
A Gorey	10	2		8
I Hodson	18	4		16
J Hough	2			
D Houston	24	6		24
S Hoyle	23	1		4
A Hughes	12	15	9	78
G Langley	25	10	27	94
C Littler	23	6		24
R Mervill	26	3		12
G Morton	5	3	21	54
P O'Connor	14	4		16
M Ogden	5	1	10	24
S Oldham	1			
L Onyango	18	15		60
R Roberts	7	3	1dg	13
A Robinson	10	3		12
N Roden	29	10	2dg	42
W Rogers	10			
L Sanderson	8	1	20	44
I Sinfield	19	2		8
K Smith	10	5		20
W Stevens	4			
M Stout	4	1		4
S Tamghart	24	4		16
T Tonks	16	3		12
A Wilkinson	26	12		48
L Wingfield	4	1		4

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DATE	OPPONENTS	CUP	VENUE	K. O.	RESULT	W/L	ATT
31/01/07	Warrington Wolves	Friendly	Home	7.45pm	42-6	W	789
11/02/07	Rochdale Hornets	NRC	Home	3.00pm	8-24	L	1,145
18/02/07	Swinton Lions	NRC	Home	3.00pm	18-28	L	1,017
25/02/07	Dewsbury Rams	NRC	Away	3.00pm	22-32	L	819
04/03/07	Rochdale Hornets	NRC	Away	3.00pm	6-16	L	816
10/03/07	East Hull	CCC 3	Away	2.00pm	26-10	W	214
18/03/07	Dewsbury Rams	NRC	Home	3.00pm	8-32	L	622
25/03/07	Swinton Lions	NRC	Away	3.00pm	42-18	W	555
01/04/07	Keighley Cougars	CCC4	Away	3.00pm	26-16	W	1039
04/04/07	Featherstone Rovers	NL2	Home	7.45pm	12-23	L	1,162
09/04/07	Hunslet Hawks	NL2	Away	3.30pm	NEW DATE BELOW		
15/04/07	Blackpool Panthers	NL2	Away	3.00pm	40-20	W	501
29/04/07	Keighley Cougars	NL2	Home	3.00pm	32-20	W	847
04/05/07	Celtic Crusaders	NL2	Away	7.35pm	34-26	W	3441
13/05/07	Harlequins	CCC5	Home	12.30pm	6-66	L	559
20/05/07	Barrow Raiders	NL2	Home	3.00pm	50-18	W	848
26/05/07	London Skolars	NL2	Away	3.00pm	34-6	W	636
03/06/07	Workington Town	NL2	Away	3.00pm	27-18	W	1,231
10/06/07	York City Knights	NL2	Home	3.00pm	21-10	W	1,024
17/06/07	Featherstone Rovers	NL2	Away	3.00pm	18-24	L	1,587
24/06/07	Keighley Cougars	NL2	Away	3.00pm	18-26	L	969
01/07/07	Gateshead Thunder	NL2	Home	3.00pm	36-12	W	847
08/07/07	Swinton Lions	NL2	Away	3.00pm	10-17	L	956
15/07/07	Barrow Raiders	NL2	Away	3.00pm	34-26	L	1,348
22/07/07	Hunslet Hawks	NL2	Home	3.00pm	52-22	W	1,024
29/07/07	York City Knights	NL2	Away	3.00pm	15-14	W	1,064
05/08/07	Blackpool Panthers	NL2	Home	3.00pm	46-12	W	858
12/08/07	Workington Town	NL2	Home	3.00pm	44-18	W	1,034
19/08/07	Gateshead Thunder	NL2	Away	3.00pm	28-14	W	407
22/08/07	Hunslet Hawks	NL2	Away	7.30pm	42-6	W	587
30/08/07	Celtic Crusaders	NL2	Home	7.35pm	18-32	L	4,327
05/09/07	Swinton Lions	NL2	Home	7.45pm	30-22	W	950
09/09/07	London Skolars	NL2	Home	3.00pm			

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