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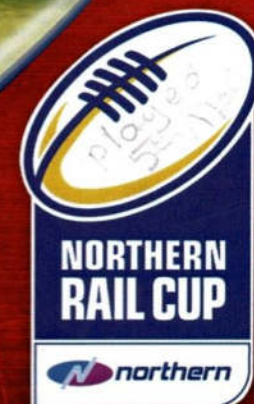
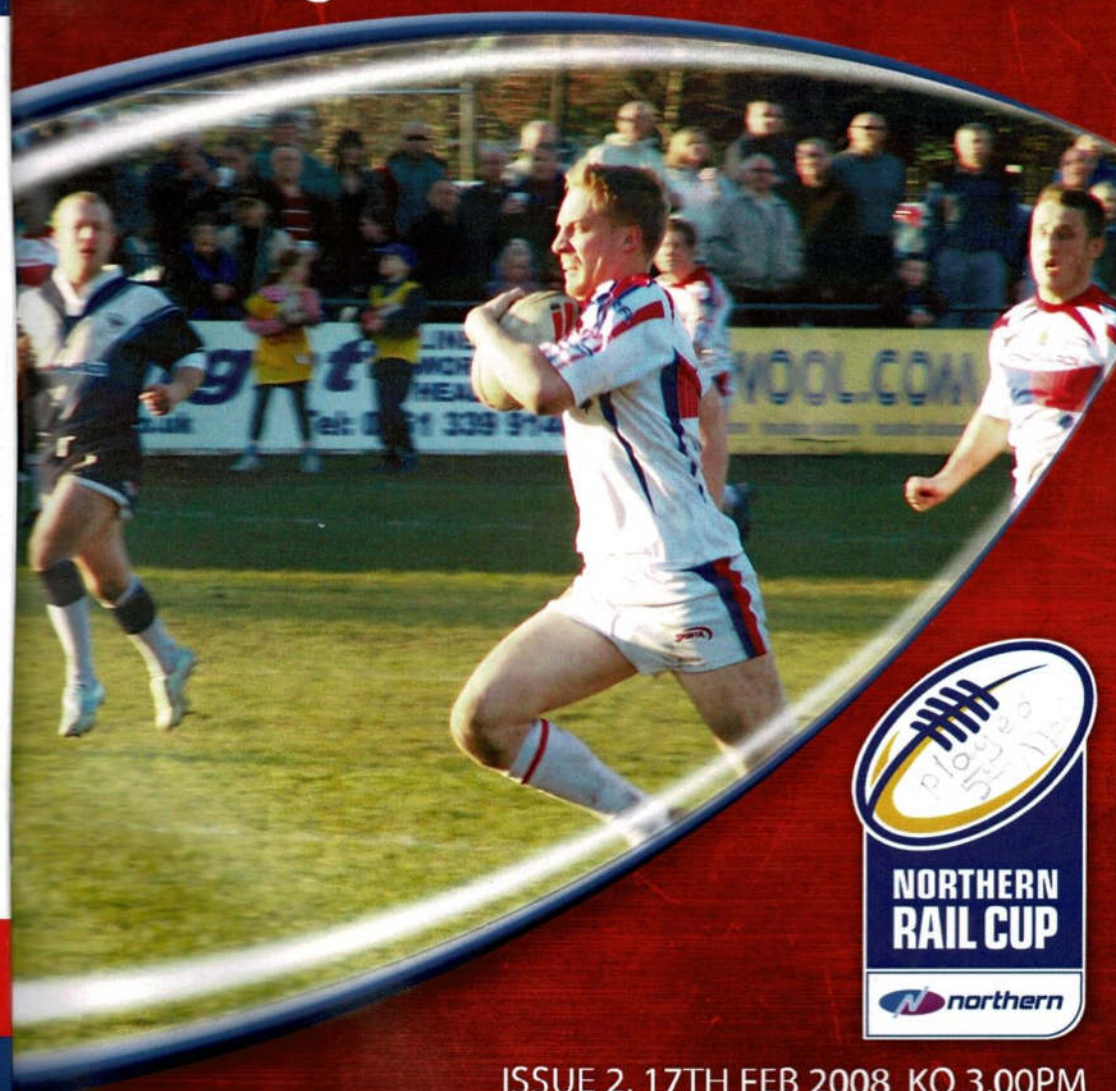
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BOBBIES VIEW

Good afternoon,

And a warm welcome to Steve Deakin and his Oldham side for today's local Derby.

Today's game will be a completely different affair to the recent Law Cup. Oldham have 4 or 5 games under their belt now and played really well against Salford last Friday and from my regular chats with Steve we are both fairly happy with where both our sides are at the moment.

However, if we are going to challenge the top sides there are a number of areas that we need to work on and we are working extremely hard on the training ground to address them. The Swinton game was one of mixed

emotions for me although I was pleased that the players demonstrated a lot of grit and determination to come back from 24-10 down at the break which showed both their character and their fitness, this was caused by our own high error rate in the first half. When we stop coughing the ball up early in the tackle count and stop giving stupid penalties away we will become a better team and finish sides off in a more dominant fashion.

I hope everybody enjoys the game.

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Craig Robinson (Prop);

During the tough times of the 2007 season Craig always led from the front, never allowing his head to drop. His battling qualities and loyalty to the cause have been rightly rewarded with Craig named Vice Captain for the 2008 season, a fitting tribute to the former Wakefield man. All Craig's 15 appearances came from the bench scoring 4 tries.

Wayne Corcoran (Half Back/ Loose Forward);

Wayne was another player that showed loyalty beyond the cause during the 2007 season. Despite requiring a shoulder operation for the majority of the season Wayne bravely played on showing immense courage which was all too lacking during 2007 but Wayne chose to fight on unselfishly delaying his operation. Wayne should be back in fitness for the start of February and will be hoping to back up 2007 with another big season. Wayne made a total of 23 appearances 12 from the bench scoring 3 tries.

Eric Andrews (Wing);

The highlight of 2007 for Eric was the magnificent solo matching winning try he scored in the Challenge Cup verses Celtic Crusaders. That try gave everyone a glimpse of just what Eric is capable of given the space and a chance to run at the opposition which in 2007 was limited. Eric has enjoyed his stay at Hornets and was only too willing to pen a deal for 2008. No-one made more appearances than Eric's 28 in 2007. He scored 10 tries in all competitions.

Danny Samuels (Loose Forward)

Danny successfully made the transition from U'21 to First Team Grade during 2007 and will now be hoping to push on and make a real impact in 2008. Danny was one of the mainstays of last year's successful U21's team making a significant contribution at that level despite suffering a number of injuries.

Todd O'Brien (Hooker)

A consummate Professional Todd found First Team opportunities limited in 2007 but got his reward for some brilliant U'21 performances by featuring regularly in the First Team towards the end of last season. Todd's leadership qualities earned him the Captain's role in the U21's last term but Todd's goal this season will be to cement a place in the First Team. Todd played the final 3

games of 2007 2 of the appearances being from the bench.

Sam Butterworth (Stand Off)

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Paul Alcock (Second Row)

Paul (25) started his career at Warrington Wolves a product of their youth system and spent four seasons there before moving to neighbours Widnes Vikings. Widnes gave Paul his Super League debut v Wakefield in 2001 and he went onto make 15 Super League appearances for the Cheshire Club. His next move took him to Swinton in 2006 having previously had a spell on loan with the Club in 2005. Moved to Hornets in Autumn 2007 citing Bobbie Goulding as the main reason for his decision to switch clubs. In 2007 Paul made 15 full appearances and a further 2 from the bench scoring 4 tries.

Andrew Marsh (Prop)

Andrew is a product of the highly successful Widnes Vikings youth set up and has also been involved with both the England and Great Britain students' Rugby League teams. Although only 19 Andrew has figured in a number of high profile matches including two Senior Academy Grand Finals and taking part in the Carnegie Students Ashes Series v Australia. His performances in these matches have now earned him a chance in the Professional ranks.

Chris Spurr (Centre)

Chris (27) has spent his entire career playing in Yorkshire before deciding to take up Bobbie Goulding's offer to refresh his career across the Pennines at Hornets. Another product of the Great Britain Students set up Chris signed professionally for Featherstone in 1997 before moving onto Batley and then York from where Hornets secured his signature. Has always featured prominently in the try-scoring column for all the clubs he has played for. Chris featured 28 times for York last term scoring a healthy 12 tries in the process.

Martin Ainscough (Standoff)

Product of the Widnes Academy Martin (22) played for both the Junior and Senior academy at Widnes and was awarded junior academy Player of the year in 2002. Another player who has played against Australia for Great Britain Students and also toured Australia in 2003. Martin also played for England Students in the World Cup that was held in Australia. With chances limited at Widnes Martin signed for Leigh for the 2007 season playing 18 times scoring 10 tries.

Mike Grady (Wing)

Mike is the type of Club man coach Bobbie Goulding enjoys having in the squad. At 26 he has already played at 7 different clubs including French outfit Albi. English clubs he has features for include Warrington Wolves, Whitehaven, York, Oldham and Warrington Wizards. Mike will feature predominantly in the under 21's were the young heads will benefit from his vast experience.

Jimmy Elston (Hooker)

Jimmy will be the Captain for the 2008 season as his leadership qualities were quickly spotted by the coaching staff. Jimmy is relishing the new challenge presented to him across the Pennines having spent the early part of his career in Yorkshire playing for Wakefield, Dewsbury and latterly with York City Knights. Jimmy's career has been a rewarding one so far having played Super League for Wakefield, made a Grand Final appearance for Dewsbury and gained promotion with York. He will be hoping to continue his successful career in Lancashire. Jimmy operated predominantly from the bench last term. His 12 full appearances were backed up with a further 17 from the bench, ending with a total of 6 tries.

Chris Foster (Half Back)

A product of Ryland Sharks Chris was taken to Doncaster by John Stankevich during the 2007 season where he impressed, turning in a Man of the Match performance against Hornets at the Keepmoat. Chris won the BARLA player of the year in 2006/07 having picked up the Man of the Match award playing against Australia u18's during the 2007 season. Chris is eager to continue his progress under Bobbie Goulding during 2008. Chris featured 6 times for Doncaster last year notching 4 tries.

David Newton (Prop)

Dave re joins Hornets after having a spell away from the club at Swinton and there is no doubt that that he returns to the Club a better player for it indeed he was very highly regarded at Swinton and they were bitterly disappointed to lose him. Dave made a Grand Final appearance for Swinton in 2006. 10 full appearances with a further 10 from the bench was Dave's record last year scoring 2 tries.

David Best (Prop)

Another player that is in his second spell at the Club having spells at Oldham and more recently Batley in between. David has really matured as a player and his power and toughness upfront will be a major asset to Hornets this season. Dave is a player who feels that he has got unfinished business at Hornets. David's appearances last term were limited to 9.

Chris Campbell (Wing)

Chris returned to the Club during closing stages of last season and was delighted to extend his stay when Bobbie Goulding was appointed coach. In-between spells at the Club Chris has been playing for the highly successful Warrington Wizards outfit. After an excellent pre-season Chris will be hoping to recapture the form he showed during the 2004/05 seasons. Chris scored 1 try in 6 appearances on his return.

Ian Sinfield (Second Row)

Ian left the Club in 2003 to join Keighley where he made the first of his two Grand Final appearances. Ian then had two highly successful seasons at Keighley before moving onto Swinton and then to his hometown team for a second time Oldham, where he was a Grand Finalist in 2007. His leadership qualities will be invaluable and his knowledge of National League two a great asset for Hornets in 2008. Ian played 24 times for Oldham last season scoring 2 tries.

Chris Hough (Half Back)

Although only in his mid twenties Chris can be best described as a much travelled seasoned pro. Along with a previous spell at Hornets Chris has played for Oldham, Swinton, Doncaster, Batley and also had a loan spell at Leigh last season. Chris has been a constant thorn in Hornets side over the years and his organisational qualities and kicking game will give Hornets a new dimension this season. Chris was mainly used off the bench last term for Swinton he made a total of 17 appearances scoring 2 tries and 3 goals. At Leigh he made 7 full appearances scoring 1 try.

Phil Farrell (Back Row)

Returns to the Club as Assistant Player Coach to Bobbie Goulding having had spells away at Oldham and Batley. Phil is extremely eager to get onto the coaching ladder and sees the position at Hornets as an excellent opportunity to do this. When called upon Phil's on field experience will be an added bonus and his input with the younger players will be typically positive. A mid season departure from Batley only allowed Phil to make 11 full appearances 1 more as substitute scoring 1 try.

Mark Brocklehurst (Centre)

An 'Oldhamer' Mark played his junior rugby at Waterhead where he was picked up by Wigan. Mark played a couple of seasons in the junior ranks at Wigan before he joined Swinton at the start of the 2007 season. He scored four tries in 14 appearances last term for the Lions.

Alex Brown (Wing)

A powerful winger who joined Keighley at the start of the 2006 season from the amateur game he was playing for the Huddersfield Sharks club. He became soon became a crowd favourite at Keighley scoring a number of long range tries which earned him the 'most improved player' award at the end of the 2007 season. Alex scored six tries in 14 starts last season. Alex was looking for a new challenge in 2008 and was delighted to become one of Bobbie Goulding's first signings.

Craig Farrimond (Back Row)

Craig played his junior rugby at Warrington Wolves where he captained their Senior Academy and gained a promising reputation earning himself a place in the Super League U 21s select squad. He has since played for Oldham and Swinton where he has been extremely unlucky with injuries over the past couple of seasons. Now fit and raring to go Bobbie will be hoping for big things from him in 2008. Craig was restricted to 4 full appearances last term with 7 more from the bench.

Andy Gorey (Wing)

An extremely quick outside back Andy spent the early years of his career at Oldham where he became a first team regular after coming through the Academy where he was coached by current Hornets U21's coach Shaun Gartland. Andy started 7 games last season for Oldham scoring two tries. He has been playing for

Oldham Rugby Union Club during the closed season.

Wesley Lawton (Hooker)

One of the four players signed in the close season from NL3 team Warrington Wizards, after a string of impressive performances when being watched by Bobbie. He comes with a reputation as a tough tackling number nine and will be looking to take his chance when it is presented to him.

Danny Shaw (Wing)

Speedy winger who was in the National League Conference team of the year last season scoring 25 tries for Warrington Wizards. Danny has age on his side being able to play in the U21's but he will be hoping to take his first team opportunity when it comes along. He will be one of the quickest players in Hornets 2008 squad.

Tom Wild (Prop)

A Scotland B international Tom was also a member of the NLC team of year last season and is now looking to make the step up to NL2 after a big pre season.

Mike Callan (Prop)

After coming through the ranks at Warrington Wolves where Mike made four Super League appearances for them off the bench in the 2002 season, he moved onto Leigh where he played in the promotion year of 2005. Mike's career then took him to Blackpool then on to Oldham. After taking a year out of the game Mike is now looking forward to making a big impact in 2008.

Mike Stout (Centre/Second Row)

Another player renowned for having a quick turn of foot, Mike has played for Swinton, Blackpool and Oldham after coming through the academy at Widnes. Mike started last season at Oldham where he scored one try in 4 appearances, he then moved on to Blackpool where he scored seven tries in 17 appearances in what was a struggling campaign for the Panthers. Mike is relishing the new challenge presented to him at Hornets.

Mark Roughneen (Full Back)

A goal kicking utility back, Mark is in his second spell with Hornets after playing in the club's academy in his early years. The fourth recruit from the successful Warrington Wizards team of last season whom Bobbie is keen to have a closer look at.

Simon Svabic

Hornets would like to extend a very warm welcome to our guests today Oldham Roughyeds and to all our supporters also to players, directors and travelling supporters we hope a great time is had by all.

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HORNETS AND MAYFIELD

Hornets boost amateur links

ROCHDALE Hornets have renewed their link-up with local amateur club Rochdale Mayfield.

Hornets coach Bobbie Goulding, the former Great Britain international, was keen to strengthen the club's association with the leading BARLA Conference Premier Division outfit.

The two clubs have worked together in the past, and as part of the link up the Mayfield Academy side played a match against Hornets' new reserve team on Wednesday February 13.

Goulding is keen that the clubs continue to work closely together, and has already had members of Mayfield's coaching and playing staff at his training sessions.

He also wants to see the town's best young amateur players get a chance in the professional game through Hornets' reserve team.

"It was something that we did the last time I was at the club," Goulding said.

"I want to have a good, close relationship with Mayfield because they are a very healthy amateur club.

"There aren't many clubs as big as them in the whole of the British amateur game at the moment, and they've got some of the best facilities I've seen at that level.

"Come the start of the season it would be great to see some of their young players coming and playing in our reserve side.

"I think we can both learn from each other and that can only be good for both clubs."



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Hi Kids welcome to our home game v Oldham

This week we have two word searches to do, one using the players' names for Rochdale and one for Oldham

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WORDSEARCH

Games to Remember

Oldham 18 Hornets 22

2nd July 2006

We don't have far to go back to remember a cracking game from two years ago. A game Oldham should have won? Or a classy Hornets outfit that won while not reaching full throttle?

The first quarter of an hour was an uninspiring slugfest: a series of Hornets one-man hit-ups terminated by Oldham prop Corcoran's resistance. And when the inevitable arrived - in the shape of a Svabic try worked straight through the guts of the Hornets defence - Hornets fans shook heads and tutted in the time-honoured fashion.

With Hornets lacking any real shape, Oldham repeated the move almost immediately: Hornets reprieved as an eagle eyed touch judge spotted a forward pass.

Then Hornets were handed a golden chance to really take a grip of the game: a 25th minute kafuffle saw Lee Patterson sin-binned for his role and Oldhammer sub David Best red-carded on the intervention of the touch judge.

However, on resumption of play, Hornets flailed and flapped as Oldham played a straightforward, simple go-forward game. Their reward came just past the half hour as - a man short - Oldham worked an overlap up the left flank for Williams to score.

Despite the numerical advantage, Hornets made little inroads and - having been forced to drop out four times in the first 40 - went in at the break 10-nil down.

The introduction of Phil Cantillon at half time gave Hornets a little more purpose. A lightning scoot from acting half sent the Oldham defence asunder, but came to nought as the support lacked his incision. Then a trademark lunge from close range looked to have done the trick, but after long deliberation by the officials it was deemed that he'd knocked on whilst grounding the ball.

Oldham responded by launching another expansive

attack, but Gorey's huge cutout pass on the Hornets 20 metre line was snaffled by the ever alert Chris Giles who out paced the defence in an 80 metre foot race to the posts. Kevin King converted. 10-6.

A raft of pedantic penalties from Mr Taberner helped settle Oldham nerves and on the hour they succeeded in creating yet another overlap up the left, this time Gorton the grateful recipient after some tidy handling across the line. 14-6 - the game slipping away.

Hornets did rally sufficiently for King to lunge in at the corner to reduce the arrears to 14-10, but almost immediately tossed away any momentum as Oldham put on a dummy runner move that unzipped their defence for Hodson to score. Five minutes remaining: 18-10: Hornets fans resigned to ignominious defeat.

But a tiring Oldham defence came up with a handling error; Giles again pounced and scored in the corner. The conversion missed: 18-14.

As Oldham teed up the kick-off, Mr Taberner signalled four minutes to play. The short kick-off was superbly read by Mark McCully; the ball worked forward in basic fashion. On the last tackle Phil Hasty hoisted a hopeful bomb. With Hornets chasers pressing, the Oldham defence allowed the ball to bounce. In a flurry of arms and legs - that seemed to include a knock-on - the ball was hacked forward by Patterson who followed up to touch down by the posts. King converted and Hornets hit the front with 90 seconds remaining.

With Hornets in possession as the clock ticked down, Oldham's weary defence transgressed; King adding the penalty to seal - and steal - the game 18-22.

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U21'S FIXTURE LIST

Day	Date	Opposition	Venue	KO	Result	W/D/L
Saturday	29-Mar-08	Workington Town	H	14:30		
Saturday	12-Apr-08	Oldham	A	14:30		
Saturday	26-Apr-08	Oldham	H	15:00		
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Saturday	17-May-08	Barrow Raiders	H	14:30		
Saturday	24-May-08	Whitehaven	H	14:30		
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Saturday	2-Aug-08	Sheffield Eagles	H	14:30		
Thursday	7-Aug-08	Dewsbury Rams	A	19:30		
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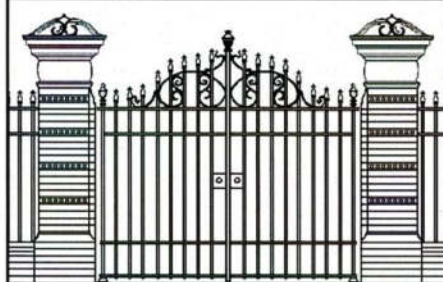
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Today, there are 248,645 registered players.

The elite competition is the Super League that includes 12 teams. Then there is the co-operative National Leagues One that has 10 teams and National League Two that has 12 teams.

There is the Rugby League Conference that includes 72 teams from all over the United Kingdom. The season starts in February and concludes in October along side the hundreds of amateur clubs that play in the winter season.

Running concurrently to the Leagues seasons is the Carnegie Challenge Cup, a knockout competition that starts with more than 100 teams and has its final at Wembley Stadium.

Each club has its own ground. International matches are scheduled for various grounds, Headingley, Wigan, Manchester, and Hull to name four.

Great Britain critics rate the 1954, 1960 and 1972 teams as their best ever. Each side was a World Cup winner.

Junior strength is vast with more than 230,000 aged between six and 18 registered. There are nearly 500 schools playing Rugby League, providing 1,274 teams.

Each year Great Britain organised the Carnegie Champions School tournament, which is the largest League competition in the world. Last year more than 25,000 children participated.

The overall standard is improving with greater emphasis on home grown talent.

Sponsorship is healthy. "engage Mutual Assurance" are the major sponsors of the Super League. Northern Rail and Gillette are also significant sponsors.

England will play an international in June 2008 against France as a warm-up for the World Cup.

When invited to name three players likely to make an impact on the World Cup, the names of Jamie Peacock, the man-of-steel front rower from the Leeds Rhinos, the 21-year-old James Roby from St Helens who is renowned for "big hits" despite his size, and Leon Pryce of St Helens, a five-eighth who declared last year he would prefer to be in Blackpool than Bondi, readily came to mind.



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OLDHAM PEN PICS

CHRIS BAINES (back-row): Signed on a two-year deal for 2008 and 2009 following the good impression he made on Roughyeds in the previous two seasons. Aged 23, he joined the club originally on loan from Warrington. Toured New Zealand with Great Britain Young Lions in 2003 after representing his country at youth level against Australia and France. A product of Wigan St Pats.

SIMON BALDWIN (prop): One of the most experienced forwards in the squad, formerly with Leigh, Halifax, Sheffield, Salford, Rochdale Hornets and Whitehaven. Having ended last season at Whitehaven and having had two spells with hometown Leigh, Simon has made his seventh move in a long career to sign a one-year Roughyeds deal. Made 127 Super League appearances, mainly in the second-row, but now widely regarded as a prop.

JASON BOULTS (prop): This 24-year-old former Bradford and Halifax workhorse was a real stalwart of the Oldham pack in 2007. He played in 25 games and for much of the season he was first-choice No 8 after producing an outstanding performance in the win at Celtic Crusaders in May. A wholehearted grafter with a huge engine, Jason never takes a backward step.

MATTY BROOKS (half-back/hooker): Joined Roughyeds last season on loan from Hull KR, scoring two tries in 17 appearances and ending the campaign with a terrific show as a substitute in the NL2 Grand Final against Featherstone at Headingley. Now a fully-fledged Oldham player on a one-year deal he will have to make the adjustment from full-time pro with Rovers to part-time footballer with Roughyeds. Turned pro for Bradford, then on to Hull KR. A native of East Hull.

DARYL CARDISS (utility back): Aged 30, this hugely experienced utility back has played for Wigan, Halifax, Warrington and Widnes. Joined Wigan from Hunslet Boys Club in 1994. Made a total of 142 Super League appearances and scored 46 tries in the elite competition. Enjoyed a fine stay at Halifax, for whom he scored 39 tries in 99 outings.

JAMES COYLE (scrum-half): Now contracted to Roughyeds until November, 2009, this talented 22-year-old joined the club from Wigan midway through last season and made an immediate impact. His 14 appearances yielded six tries, but it was the vast number of tries he made for others that underlined his real potential. Another product of Wigan St Pats, he was a shooting star in Wigan's academy system before spending the whole of the 2006 season on loan at Widnes.

TOMMY GOULDEN (back-row): Equally at home in the second-row or at loose, 26-year-old Tommy was a key member of the Rochdale Hornets pack in 2006 and 2007, having been signed from amateur rugby in Leigh by Bobbie Goulding in 2005. Leigh born, he picked up every possible honour as an amateur,

including captaincy of BARLA Great Britain, before turning pro for Rochdale.

TOMMY GRUNDY (back-row): Aged 22, Leigh-lad Tommy is one of the younger members of the Roughyeds squad. Can play equally well in any of the back-row spots as well as centre. Turned pro for Warrington as an 18-year-old, then played for Leigh and Blackpool before returning to his hometown club, Leigh, for 2006 and 2007. Joined Roughyeds on a two-year deal.

DANNY HALLIWELL (centre): One of eight new signings, 26-year-old Leigh-born Danny was on loan at Leigh, from Salford, last season and he has also worn the colours of Halifax, Warrington and Wakefield. Can play anywhere across the back division and, like many of his Oldham colleagues, has considerable Super League experience. His 43 top-flight outings comprise three for Wakefield, 10 for Wigan, 25 for Halifax and five for Leigh.

SIMEON HOYLE (hooker): Edinburgh-born Simeon is half-way through a two-year contract with Roughyeds. Aged 26, and formerly with Keighley Cougars and Halifax, he is a hooker of the old school, tough in defence but with an ability to make things happen from dummy half. In 2003 he helped Keighley to win promotion to NL1 by beating Sheffield in the NL2 Grand Final.

PHIL JOSEPH (utility): Turned pro with Huddersfield Giants and, as a teenager, played 14 Super League games for the Giants in 2004. Moved to Swinton Lions in 2005, scored 11 tries in 29 games, and was named NL2 player of the year. Suitably impressed, Hull KR signed him on a two-year deal, but after one season at Craven Park he left the Super League-bound Robins to join Halifax, from whom Oldham signed him on a two-year contract.

GARETH LANGLEY (wing): Pacy, and a good finisher, 'Gaz' joined Roughyeds prior to the 2007 season after five seasons 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. In 30 games for Oldham last season, he scored 13 tries and kicked 35 goals for a points haul of 122.

CRAIG LITTLER (centre): Aged 22 and, like Langley, a product of the St Helens Academy system. Both played several seasons at Knowsley Road and developed a fine understanding as a centre-wing partnership. Craig headed off to Australia on an extended holiday at the end of last season, but he signed a new two-year deal on his return after proving to coach Steve Deakin and his staff that he had kept himself in good shape while he was away.

RICHARD MERVILL (prop): Formerly with Halifax and Keighley, Richard had a superb season in his first for the Roughyeds in 2007. Walked off with two major awards at the end-of-year Awards

Night and was rewarded with a two-year contract for 2008 and 2009. Suffered a broken hand in one of his early games in 2007 and was similarly unlucky in the build-up to the 2008 campaign when he dislocated an elbow in training. There will be no complaints from the fans if he bounces back this year like he did last.

MICK NANYN (centre): A points machine -- one of the best goalkickers in the English game -- Mick has starred for Swinton, Rochdale Hornets, Whitehaven and Widnes and has smashed club scoring records wherever he has been. He took the Widnes record off Jonathan Davies in 2006. He played 29 games for Widnes last season, scoring 28 tries and kicking 161 goals for a points haul of 434. Also has the distinction of having played in each of the last four NL1 Grand Finals, two for Whitehaven and two for Widnes.

PAUL O'CONNOR (full-back): A Great Britain Students International, Widnes-born Paul played briefly on loan for Oldham in 2006, then returned in 2007 on contract having let it be known to the club that, in the May, he would be leaving for a pre-arranged sabbatical in the southern hemisphere. He had a great first half of the season but he didn't play again for the club until he reappeared in the first pre-season friendly of 2008 at Leeds. Having signed a new two-year deal he is set fair for a long association with the Roughyeds.

LUCAS ONYANGO (wing): A real flier, aged 26, Lucas grew up in rugby union in his native Kenya. Has played for Sale Sharks, Manchester and Leigh in rugby union, and Widnes Vikings in League. He had a great season for Oldham in 2007 when he scored 18 tries in 23 outings only to damage a shoulder at the end of the year. He entered the 2008 season waiting for an operation on that shoulder and was expected to be sidelined at least until the start of the NL2 campaign at Easter.

ROB ROBERTS (back row): Joined Roughyeds in late July, 2007 and landed a match-winning drop goal at York in a 15-14 win on his debut. Played Super League with Hull, Halifax and Huddersfield and also represented several clubs in the National League. Known as 'Two Bobs' - for obvious reasons -- he put his career back on track with Oldham after a difficult time at Leigh and revelled in his new responsibilities as captain.

ADAM ROBINSON (back row): A tough-as-teak young Yorkshireman, Adam played much of his early rugby at Wakefield. Aged 21 he turned down Featherstone in order to sign for the Roughyeds last year from Doncaster. A product of the Stanley Rangers amateur club in Wakefield, Adam thrives on his defensive duties but his first campaign in an Oldham shirt was cut short by a shoulder injury on which he had an operation. He is determined to bounce back, having signed a new two-year deal.

NEIL RODEN (stand-off): Neil rejoined Oldham from Leigh in 2007 after leaving the club initially to go to Batley in 2004. In his first stint here he scored 280 points (68 tries and 18 drop goals) in 142 games over four and a half seasons. He has overtaken Mark Sibson as the 'new club's' leading all-time try scorer. Last season, he was an influential midfield organiser, playing in all 34 games and forming a more-than-useful half-back pairing in the second half of the season with his fellow Wiganer James Coyle.

LEE SANDERSON (half-back): One of the unluckiest players in the game, Lee is currently on extensive rehab after a major knee reconstruction -- and it wasn't the first time he had been under the knife. Extremely talented, and a gifted footballer and goalkicker, his father, Mark, played for Rochdale Hornets and his uncle, Ian, was a hooker at Oldham in Watersheddings days. Lee has previously played for Leigh, London, Rochdale and Barrow.

WARREN STEVENS (prop): Yet another vastly experienced performer with more than a century of Super League outings on his CV. This former Warrington and Leigh stalwart was playing with Blackpool last season on a match-to-match basis when Roughyeds boss Steve Deakin invited him to accept a more permanent arrangement with the Roughyeds. He played only a handful of games at the back end of last season, but Deaks has a load of faith in him as underlined by his new two-year contract.

MARCUS ST HILAIRE (wing/full-back): A star with Leeds Rhinos, Huddersfield Giants and Bradford Bulls, 30-year-old Marcus has joined Oldham on a two-year deal. He played 24 Super League games last season, 2007, representing Bradford 19 times on the wing, once as a substitute and four times as fullback when deputising for Michael Platt. His record speaks for itself -- 39 tries in 111 outings for Leeds; 37 tries in 74 games for Huddersfield; and 14 tries in 39 games for Bradford.

SAID TAMGHART (back row): A French international, Said has represented his country at every level, including full Test matches against Australia and New Zealand. Came under the influence of Oldham coach Steve Deakin when both were at UTC, better known now as Perpignan-based Catalans Dragons. Said was popular with fans in his first season at Oldham when he made 29 appearances, most of them coming off the bench as an impact forward.

LEE WINGFIELD (utility): Played for Great Britain at amateur level in Russia, France and Australia, but desperately unlucky with injuries since he turned pro for Oldham on a two-year deal for 2006 and 2007. In top form early last year until he broke a hand and then suffered a serious knee injury against Swinton in his first game back. Currently on rehab after an operation, but hoping to be fit to make his comeback in the next few weeks.

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Paul Alcock	2	0	0	0	0	0
Eric Andrews	2	0	0	0	0	0
David Best	1	0	0	0	0	0
Craig Bower	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mark Brocklehurst	1	1	1	0	0	4
Alex Brown	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sam Butterworth	0	2	0	0	0	0
Mike Callan	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Campbell	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jimmy Elston	2	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Hough	1	0	0	0	0	0
Andrew Marsh	0	2	1	0	0	4
David Newton	2	0	0	0	0	0
Craig Robinson	0	2	0	0	0	0
Ian Sinfield	2	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Spurr	2	0	2	0	0	8
Mike Stout	1	1	0	0	0	0
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AMATEUR SCENE

Welcome to this edition of Amateur Scene where we look at Rochdale newest side The Rochdale Swarm Tag Rugby League Club!!

The Swarm came about as a result of the work done by Hornets Development Officer, Mat Gartland. During last summer Mat started a "touch" rugby league competition for local player and supporters to keep fit or to try their hand at the game for the first time. A group of Hornets Supporters got together and after a couple of training sessions entered the "touch" comp, and to say the only three or four had ever played the game before they acquitted themselves remarkably well. After a few weeks the touch comp came to an end and everyone thought, that would be that till next summer. But Mark Wynn spotted an advert for a Supporters Tag Rugby League Festival at Featherstone in the October. Phone calls, texts and emails were made and it was decided to enter the Tag Competition. The Tag Tournament was played at the Chris Moyles Stadium (Post Office Road) with teams from Wigan, Wakefield, Leeds, Featherstone, Dewsbury, Leigh, Halifax and Hull along with ourselves. All the teams in the tournament had played Tag before over several seasons apart from us but we performed with credit and avoided the wooden spoon! So we came away happy. What we didn't know was that the teams who played Tag had just done it on an ad hoc basis arranging friendlies over the season. But they had made up their minds to formalise themselves into a Merit League, which we were invited to join. We had had such a great time at both the touch and tag comps that the idea of joining a league was thought by all to be a great idea, and so on Thursday the 31st of January 2008 the newly named Rochdale Swarm Tag Rugby League Team joined the "Scrum Down Under" sponsored Tag Merit League at the RFL's West Yorkshire House, Huddersfield.



some of the inaugural teams from the Tag Merit League

In preparation for the upcoming Tag season Training will resume on Sunday the 2nd of March 12 Noon (EVERYBODY WELCOME) then Tuesday the 4th of March 6pm till 7pm then move to 7pm till 8pm from Tuesday the 1st of April. The venue will be Firgrove playing fields, Milnrow. Our opening fixture is against the FevNet Rovers, over at Featherstone possibly at the Chris Moyles Stadium or Featherstone Lions home ground, on Saturday the 15th of March with a 2.30pm kick off. Anyone who wants to get involved with the Swarm either as a player, helper or just supporter can contact the Swarms secretary Maria Wynn at email maria.wynn@ntlworld.com or telephone 07879028345. More news on the Swarm will appear soon in Amateur Scene along with the Swarms fantastic new logo designed by Jim Stringer.

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NRC	17-Feb-08	Oldham	H	15:00			
NRC	24-Feb-08	Swinton Lions	H	15:00			
NRC	29-Feb-08	Oldham	A	20:00			
NRC	14-Mar-08	Salford City Reds	A	20:00			
NL Two	21-Mar-08	Oldham	H	15:00			
NL Two	24-Mar-08	London Skolars	A	15:00			
NL Two	30-Mar-08	Workington Town	A	15:00			
NL Two	13-Apr-08	Gateshead Thunder	H	15:00			
NL Two	27-Apr-08	Oldham	A	15:00			
NL Two	5-May-08	Hunslet Hawks	H	15:00			
NL Two	11-May-08	Keighley Cougars	A	15:00			
NL Two	16-May-08	Barrow Raiders	A	19:30			
NL Two	23-May-08	Doncaster RLFC	A	20:00			
NL Two	1-Jun-08	York City Knights	H	15:00			
NL Two	8-Jun-08	Blackpool Panthers	H	15:00			
NL Two	15-Jun-08	Swinton Lions	A	15:00			
NL Two	22-Jun-08	Doncaster RLFC	H	15:00			
NL Two	29-Jun-08	Hunslet Hawks	A	15:00			
NL Two	6-Jul-08	Keighley Cougars	H	15:00			
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