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Army Rugby League Team after beating Ince Rose Bridge 26 – 25 in the 2nd Rd of the Carnegie Challenge Cup on 23 Feb 08 in Wigan. 8 x current members of the Army 1st Team Squad are unavailable due to deployment on Operations in either Iraq or Afghanistan.



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Aldershot Rugby Stadium

Sunday 9th March 2008

KO 1330hrs



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ARMY RUGBY LEAGUE 1ST TEAM FIXTURES

2008

The fixtures for the Army RL 1st Team in 2008 are as follows:

- 1st Rd Carnegie Challenge Cup (H) v **Thatto Heath Crusaders**
Sat 2 Feb 08 – Aldershot **Won 34 - 12**
- 2nd Rd Carnegie Challenge Cup (A) v **Ince Rose Bridge**
Sat 23 Feb 08 – Wigan **Won 26 - 25**
- 3rd Rd Carnegie Challenge Cup (H) v **Oldham RLFC**
Sun 9 Mar 08 – Aldershot
- **SKANSKA Cup Army v Scottish Students**
Wed 26 Mar 08 – venue TBC in Scotland (A)
- **SKANSKA Cup Army v England Students**
Sat 26 Apr 08 - Aldershot (H)
- **Cheltenham 9s**
Fri 2 May 08 – Cheltenham
- **SKANSKA Cup Army v Fire Service**
Wed 28 May 08 – venue TBC Yorkshire (A)
- **SKANSKA Cup Army v BARLA GB Lions**
Wed 4 Jun 08 – Aldershot (H)
- **SKANSKA Cup Final**
Wed 11 Jun 08 – Detail TBC.
- **York International 9s Fairfax Cup**
Wed 27 Aug 08 – Headingley, Leeds
- **Inter-Services 2008 Army v RAF**
Fri 5 Sep 08 - Uxbridge (A)
- **Inter-Services 2008 Army v Royal Navy**
Wed 17 Sep 08 - Aldershot (H)
- **GB Armed Forces take part in Armed Forces World Cup in Australia** 25 Oct – 16 Nov 08



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Army Rugby League in the Challenge Cup - History

The Army caused the upset of the 1st Rd of the Powergen Challenge Cup back in 2005 when they produced a surprise victory over the National Conference Premier League giant's; West Hull ARLFC, in Hull. The Army produced one of their best ever performances to run out winners 38 - 8. The Army then narrowly lost 12 - 15 to Waterhead ARLFC in the 2nd Rd with 3 tries apiece. Waterhead went on to narrowly lose 16 - 22, to Sheffield Eagles, who actually won the Challenge Cup back in 1998, beating Wigan in the final.

The 1st Rd of the 2006 Powergen Challenge Cup, was a repeat of 2005 with the Army again playing West Hull ARLFC, but this time at home, in Aldershot Rugby Stadium. Despite the game being the first fixture played in 4 months and with only 6 of the squad from the previous year's fixture available, due to injuries and operational commitments, The Army again caused an upset, with a hard fought 38 - 18 win. The Army fell at the next hurdle losing to West Bowling ARLFC 14 - 20.

The Army failed to get past the 1st Rd of the Carnegie Challenge Cup in 2007 losing a hard fault battle against top amateur club Leigh Miners Rangers ARLFC 20 - 28, at home in Aldershot in the first game of the 2007 season.

The Army's best previous Cup run began in 1999, in our inaugural outing in the competition, where the scalps of Dewsbury Celtic and Oulton Raiders were taken, before losing to Rochdale Hornets.

In 2008 we have equalled our previous best effort in the Cup by beating Thatto Heath Crusaders 34 - 12 in the 1st Rd at home in Aldershot in the first match of our 2008 season followed by a nail biting victory against Ince Rose Bridge, in Wigan in the 2nd Rd. We were down 6 - 16 at half time but came back to a 24 - 24 score-line nearing the end of normal time. Incredibly Ince scored a well worked drop goal in the 80th minute. The Army never gave up and with the last PTB of the last set in extra time Ince conceded a penalty under the sticks, which our skipper Lee Innes coolly kicked, to produce a final winning score-line of 26 - 25.

Rugby League has only been an officially recognised sport in the Army since 1994. We have achieved a key objective in reaching the 3rd Rd of the 2008 Carnegie Challenge Cup and playing legendary pro-club Oldham RLFC, which is another milestone in the short history of Army Rugby League.

Army Rugby League Squad

LCpl Eugene Viljoen
Cpl Lee Innes (C)
Sgt Sean Fanning
Spr Peceli Nacamavuto
Spr Ben Seru
Sgt Paul Riley
Cpl Paul Greenwood
SSgt Stuart Silvester
Cpl Rob Smart
LCpl Mark Donnelly
LCpl Jali Tomasi
Pte Gareth Lodge
WO2 Pud Cowburn
Cpl Liam Garside
Pte Bruce Francis
LCpl Sirino Veresa
Pte Semi Rokotovitovi
Sgt Steve Fox
LCpl Sam Cataki
Bdr Andy Gray

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Royal Army Medical Corps
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Royal Artillery
Royal Engineers
Royal Army Medical Corps
Royal Army Medical Corps
Royal Engineers
Royal Engineers
Parachute Regiment
Royal Engineers
Royal Signals
Royal Army Medical Corps
Royal Logistic Corps
Royal Logistic Corps
Royal Signals
Royal Army Dental Corps
Royal Artillery

Manager: Capt Rich Naivalurua
Head Coach: Sgt Sean Fanning
Performance Director: Mr Mark Wells
Doctor: Capt Hayley Nutt
Head Physio: Capt Nicola Rush
Physio: Sgt Andy McKenzie
Physio: Ms Kylie Conway
Physio: Mr John Hulatt
Sp Manager: CSgt Phil Beetham
Sp Manager SSgt Gaz Tucker

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Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers



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Oldham RLFC Squad

Marcus St Hilaire
Gareth Langley
Craig Littler
Mick Nanyin
Paul O'Connor
Neil Roden
James Coyle
Jason Boults
Phil Joseph
Richard Mervill
Tommy Goulden
Rob Roberts
Tommy Grundy
Chris Baines
Warren Stevens
Danny Halliwell
Said Tamghart
Simon Baldwin
Lucas Onyango
Adam Robinson
Alex Wilkinson
Simeon Hoyle



Head Coach: Steve Deakin
Asst Coach/Conditioner: Mark Cass
Physio: Rachael Johnson

Match Officials:
Referee: B Robinson
TJ: S Mathews & B Leze

RR: P Wilson
MC: J Connolly



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Oldham RLFC – Roughyeds History

Oldham were founded in 1876 as Oldham FC and played at Gartside Street before finding a more permanent home at Watersheddings in 1889. Oldham was one of the twenty-one clubs that left the Rugby Football Union to form the Northern Union in 1895.

They were the second club to win the Challenge Cup after beating Hunslet 19-9 in 1899. Having lost in the 1907, 1912 and 1924 Challenge Cup finals, they finally won the trophy again in 1925 when they beat Hull Kingston Rovers 16-3 at Headingley, Leeds. The club's last Challenge Cup final was in 1927 when they beat Swinton 26-7 at Central Park, Wigan, their fourth consecutive final and revenge for their 9-3 defeat when the same teams met in the previous year's match.

Oldham's record attendance was set in 1912 when the visit of near neighbours Huddersfield for a league match drew 28,000 spectators. On Monday 15 September 1952, record receipts were taken from a gate of 19,370 at Watersheddings to watch Oldham take on the Kangaroo tourists. The Australians lost only one of twenty-two club matches in Britain during that tour, but came close to defeat at Oldham, where the Roughyeds held them to a 7-7 draw.

Oldham's success in the 1950s also included a Championship title - in 1956-57; the Lancashire League 1956-57 and 1957-58 and the Lancashire Cup 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58. Oldham lost 16-13 to Wigan in the 1966 Lancashire Cup Final. Oldham were Division Two champions in 1963-64, 1981-82 and 1987-88 while also winning the Divisional Premiership in 1987-88 and 1989-90.

Oldham Bears were founder members of the new Super League, but relegation came in the second year of the new summer season. The club sold Watershedding in 1997 and moved to Oldham Athletic AFC's Boundary Park stadium. After a successful 2001 season, they narrowly missed out on promotion to the Super League. On Friday 4th May 2007, Oldham took part in the first ever National League 2 match broadcast live on British television, on Sky Sports. They won 34-26 away to the Celtic Crusaders in Bridgend, having trailed by 20 points after 45 minutes. That NL2 attendance record was broken in the return fixture on Thursday, 30 August 2007 between Oldham and Celtic Crusaders, again in front of the Sky Sports cameras, when 4,327 fans turned up at Boundary Park.

Oldham Roughyeds finished their most successful season in recent years reaching the National League 2 grand final, going down to an inspired Featherstone Rovers team at Headingley.

ARMY RUGBY LEAGUE 1ST TEAM RESULTS

2007

The fixtures & results for the Army RL 1st Team in 2007 were as follows:

- 1st Rd Carnegie Challenge Cup Army v **Leigh Miners Rangers**
Sat 3 Feb 07 – Aldershot (H) **L 20 - 28**
- SKANSKA Cup Army v **GB BARLA Lions**
Wed 18 Apr 07 – York (A) **L 14 - 26**
- SKANSKA Cup Army v **Prison Services**
Wed 13 Jun 07 – Wakefield (A) **W 34 - 18**
- **York International 9s** in Fairfax Cup – Sat 14 Jul 07
 - Army 4 – Dewsbury Rams 16
 - Army 28 – Lezignan 10
 - Army 12 – Barrie McDermott's Ambassadors 16
 - Army 38 – Lyon 10
- Army v **Oulton Raiders**
Wed 25 Jul 07 – Castleford (H) **W 42 - 18**
- Inter-Services 2007 Army v **Royal Navy**
Fri 7 Sep 07 – Portsmouth (A) **W 18 - 8**
- Inter-Services 2007 Army v **RAF**
Wed 19 Sep 07 – Aldershot (H) **L 14 - 15**
- Army v **England Lionhearts**
Sat 17 Nov 07 – Aldershot (H) **W 28 - 14**



Due to considerable other commitments, not least the operational commitments that currently exist, 39 x soldiers represented the Army 1st Team in 2007 playing 7 x representative games and taking part in the Fairfax Cup, at the York International 9s. 10 x players who played during the season were not available for part of the season in 2007, due to deployment on Op TELIC in Iraq or Op HERRICK in Afghanistan.