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Sunday 16th March 2008

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COMING UP NEXT...

BLACKPOOL	Fri 21 Mar (HOME)	NORTHERN RAIL CUP	Sun 6 April (TBC)
KEIGHLEY	Mon 24 Mar (AWAY)	LONDON SKOLARS	Sun 13 April (HOME)
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OLDHAM ROUGHYEDS RLFC



Coach
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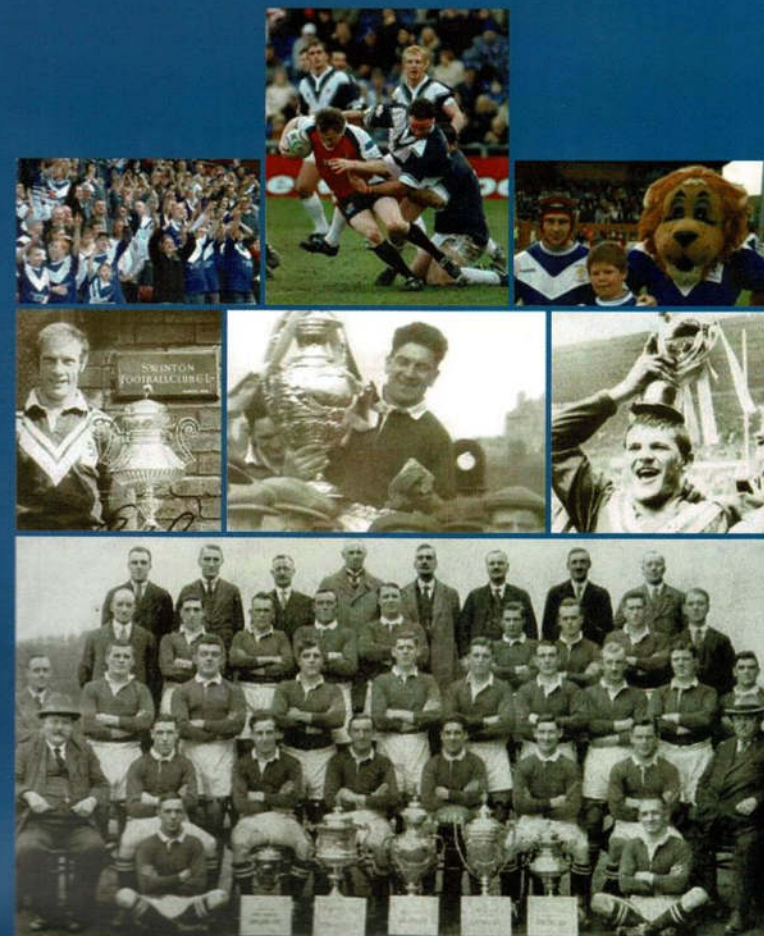
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CLUB HONOURS

ALL FIVE CUPS

Winners 1927/8

Rugby League Championship

Champions 1926/27, 1927/28, 1930/31, 1934/35, 1962/63, 1963/64

Runners-up 1924/25, 1932/33, 1939/40

Rugby League Challenge Cup

Winners 1899/1900, 1925/26, 1927/28

Runners-up 1926/27, 1931/32

Lancashire Cup

Winners 1925/26, 1927/28, 1939/40, 1969/70

Runners-up 1910/11, 1923/24, 1931/32, 1960/61, 1961/62, 1962/63, 1964/65, 1972/73

Lancashire League

Winners 1925/26, 1927/28, 1928/29, 1930/31, 1939/40, 1960/61

Runners-up 1897/98, 1900/01, 1922/23, 1926/27, 1934/35, 1938/39, 1965/66

Salford Royal Hospital Cup

Winners 1924/5, 1926/7, 1927/8, 1929/30, 1936/7

Second Division Championship

Winners 1984/85

Runners-up 1986/87, 1996

Promoted 1974/75, 1990/91

Second Division Premiership

Winners 1986/87

Runners-up 1988/89

National League Two

Runners-up 2006

BBC Floodlit Trophy

Runners-up 1966/67

Western Division Championship

Runners-up 1963/64

RFU Lancashire League

Runners-up 1892/93, 1893/94



FOR THE RECORD

Points

Career

Ken Gowers 2105
1954-73

Season

Lee Marsh 310
2005
Albert Blan 283
1960/61

Match

Greg Pearce 30 v Prescott Panthers
11 Aug 1996
Mick Nannyn 30 v York Wasps
25 Mar 2001
Bernard McMahon 29 v Dewsbury
15 Aug 1959

Tries

Career

Jim Valentine 300
1884-1901
Frank Evans 197
1921-31

Season

Jim Valentine 48
1888/89
Johnny Stopford 42
1963/64

Match

Mark Riley
6 vs Prescott Panthers
11 Aug 1996

Goals

Career

Ken Gowers 970

Season

Albert Blan 128

Match

Ken Gowers 12 vs Liverpool City
3 Oct 1957

Station Road Record

Attendance

44,621 Warrington vs Wigan
7 April 1951

Club Record Attendance

26,891 vs Wigan
12 Feb 1964

World Record Kick

77.75 yards by Martin Hodgson at Rochdale Hornets
13 April 1940

Win

90-0 vs Prescott Panthers
11 Aug 1996

Loss

10-106 vs Leeds
11 Feb 2001

Appearances

Ken Gowers 602 (inc. 8 sub)
1954-73



RECORD AGAINST TOURING SIDES

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Australia	11	4	1	6	94	141
New Zealand	5	3	0	2	64	55
Totals	16	7	1	8	158	196



As the Northern Rail Cup group stages come to a close, Paul Kidd reviews the past three matches

Good afternoon and a warm welcome back to Park Lane after three away fixtures on the run. Today we see our final Northern Rail Cup group game against our good friends from Oldham.

We have faced some terrific challenges away at Rochdale and Salford over the last three weeks, as well as a difficult trip to Cumbria last weekend against Wath Brow.

"The Cumbrians deserve a lot of credit for their display"

The first up was Rochdale, who gave us a very tough encounter with a dramatic late try from Andy Saywell clinching the victory for us. The first half was way below par in terms of the standards we have set ourselves for the season ahead, although in the second period I believe that we totally dominated the Hornets for a good period of time.

Then came the tough one away at Salford - full-timers against part-timers was certainly a big factor in this fixture. Rather than giving this as an excuse I would say that the effort and commitment was there despite the scoreline.

Next up was the Carnegie Challenge Cup tie with the amateurs from Cumbria. Again, in the first half, we let ourselves

down a little - in particular with our discipline. Having said that, the Cumbrians deserve a lot of credit for their display.

The second spell was a lot more satisfying for ourselves, producing some great support play with our attack finishing off our breaks and half breaks.

Overall, assessing the three fixtures, I am very satisfied with the commitment and character that the players are showing at the moment.

Today's visitors, Oldham, come here under some fantastic guidance and experience from Steve Deakin. This fixture over the last couple of seasons has proved to be a very competitive contest, and I'm sure that today will be no exception. Given the high standard of our opposition we must be at our very best to take anything out of this game.

Finally the club has had some sad news this week with the death of Alan Buckley. Alan played for the club for many years, and was a great figure amongst Swinton fans past and present, earning seven Great Britain test caps during his career. The news comes soon after the losses of Vince Smith and Jim Hope, and we would like to pass on our thoughts to all their families at this sad time.

Paul



FROM THE TOUCHLINE

Paul Kidd
Lions' coach



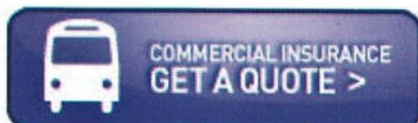
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NEWS ROOM

PAST PLAYERS REUNION

The Swinton past players annual reunion will take place this year on Sunday 11th May, when the Lions entertain York City Knights.

Once again it will be the pre-match lunch format and we look forward to seeing many faces from the clubs past.

Also on this day it is hoped to have another reunion - this time for former players of the Swinton Supporters amateur rugby league club, which was formed by the Supporters Association in the 60's, playing in the local league alongside such well known clubs as Folly Lane Juniors, Langworthy Juniors, Salford Juniors and Moorside Juniors.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of any former players, we ask that you contact Associate Director, Chris Haslam, on 0161 793 0676 for further details.

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LUNCH AND CRUNCH

Bookings are being taken for pre-match Lunch and Crunch, the next being this coming Friday at the Blackpool match. Please ring 0871 231 2111 to reserve your places.

Lunch and Crunch includes, at a cost of only £35 per head:

- Pre-match 3 course lunch with entertainment
- Stand seat
- Tea, coffee and biscuits at half time
- Match programme
- Post match presentations



SWINTON LIONS GOLF DAY

We will be hosting a **Celebrity Golf Day** including breakfast, 18 holes of golf, evening dinner with cabaret and presentations.

This will be held at Swinton Park Golf Club on Wednesday 16th July. Entry will be £200 per four person team (Ladies most welcome).

Swinton players will be competing, along with guest players from other clubs. For further details contact Martin Moana on 0871 231 2111 at the Lions office.

*Above:
Our Past Players Lunch,
being held this year on
Sunday 11th May, is always
one of the highlights
of the season*

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PASSING COMMENT

The view from Swinton

Martin Moana ponders the season so far, his hopes for the season, and his forthcoming birthday

Welcome to Sedgely Park this Sunday afternoon, and I'd like to offer a very warm reception to our opponents today; the Oldham Roughyeds.

As my 28th Birthday approaches, so too does the beginning of the season.

But first things first - today sees our last match of the group stages of the Northern Rail Cup competition. Make no mistake - this is a must win game for us as we all know we need to win to progress to the play off stages.

Talking of cups, our Challenge Cup tie last weekend took us to Whitehaven's Recreation Ground to play one of the top amateur sides, Wath Brow Hornets. This was by no means an easy draw with Wath Brow holding us to a 14-4 ransom in the first half.

Luckily Head Coach Paul Kidd endeavoured to throw me into the mix and, by the end of the second half, we snatched the victory.

Unfortunately one of our players from the "over 30s club" Chris "Moz" Morley has suffered a potentially season-ending injury to his knee in our match against Salford recently.

I'd like to cross my fingers on behalf of the boys, and hope to see him back and fighting fit in the future.

This 2008 team sees a fantastic blend of both youth and experience, a team that I feel promises great things, looking to the play offs (at the very least!) and beyond.



With the Co-operative National League season, which begins on Good Friday at home against Blackpool Panthers and the quick turnaround away to Keighley Cougars Easter Monday, it will be a tough assignment, but I am sure the boys will be well up for the challenge.

Thanks for your on-going support and please come and egg us on over the Easter period.

Enjoy this afternoon's Rugby

Marty Moana



Founded: 1876

OLDHAM ROUGHYEDS

Formed in 1876, Oldham FC became one of the founder members of the Northern Union in 1895, and winners of the Challenge Cup at the second attempt in 1899.

Their famous Watersheddings ground was opened in 1889, and played host to many clashes with the Lions, including one in 1901 that was preserved on film thanks to the pioneering work of Mitchell and Kenyon.

Today the club, under coach Steve Deakin, play out of Boundary Park, home of their neighbours Oldham Athletic.

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.

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.

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.



NORTHERN RAIL CUP 2008
Have won three of their five fixtures so far, including a surprise victory over Salford, although a loss to Rochdale last week prevented them from sharing pole position with the City Reds.



CO-OPERATIVE NL TWO 2008
Runners-up last season, the Roughyeds lost out in the Grand Final to Featherstone Rovers.

This year they will be looking to go one better and are favourites alongside Barrow.



CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP
Oldham received one of the more glamorous third round ties, with a trip south to play the British Army in Aldershot.

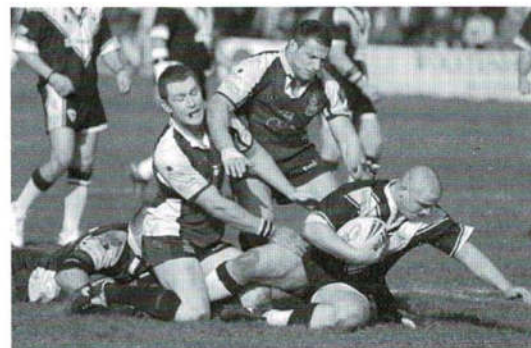
A 56 points to 10 victory secured the Roughyeds' passage to the fourth round.

THIS WEEK'S
AWAY END

TOMMY GRUNDY (BACK ROW): Aged 22, Leigh-born 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): 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.

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.



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.

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.

OLDHAM have assembled a 24-man squad for the 2008 campaign, including eight new signings. The line-up (in alphabetical order with new signings in capitals) is as follows:

Chris Baines, SIMON BALDWIN, Jason Boults, Matty Brooks, DARYL CARDISS, James Coyle, TOMMY GOULDEN, TOMMY GRUNDY, DANNY HALLIWELL, Simeon Hoyle, PHIL JOSEPH, Gareth Langley, Richard Mervill, MICK NANYN, Paul O'Connor, Lucas Onyango, Rob Roberts, Adam Robinson, Neil Roden, Lee Sanderson, Warren Stevens, MARCUS ST HILAIRE, Said Tamghart, Lee Wingfield.

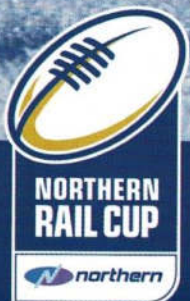


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The year 2008 will see the 80th anniversary of the Lions winning All Five cups in the season 1927-8.

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- CHALLENGE CUP FINAL
- CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL
- LANCASHIRE CUP FINAL
- LANCASHIRE LEAGUE
- SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL CUP

To celebrate this never-to-be-repeated feat we are to hold a Commemorative Gala Dinner on Saturday 19th April.

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The speaker for this occasion is Graham "Grumbleweed" Walker, one of the most renowned after-dinner speakers in the country, and he will be supported by Liverpool comedian Sean Styles - one of the best in the business.

Hosted by Swinton artist and compere, Sam Homer, the event is to be held in the plush Sachas Hotel in vibrant Piccadilly, Manchester.

*Swinton Lions 1927-8
proudly displaying the five cups*

*Left to right:
The Royal Salford Hospital Cup,
Championship Trophy,
Challenge Cup, Lancashire League,
Lancashire Cup*

The revelry, including a three course dinner, will commence at 7.30pm. Tickets can now be purchased at £37.50 each. Tables will be able to accommodate ten.

This will be both a prestigious and fundraising spectacular, and ladies and gentlemen are asked to dress accordingly to honour this gala occasion.

As ever, we are grateful for your ongoing support and trust that you will join us to commemorate and celebrate this magnificent achievement.

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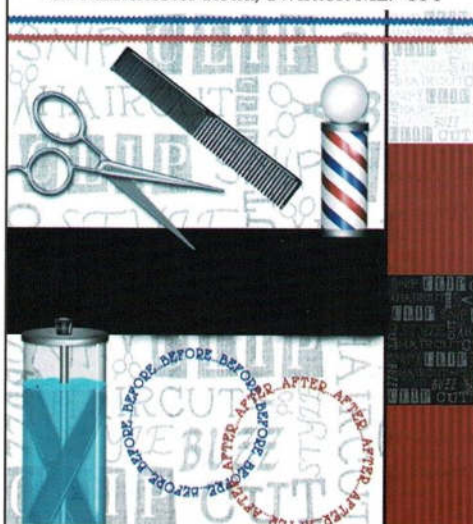
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Games between Swinton and Oldham have been keenly fought contests for over 120 years.

Ian Jackson takes a look at the match-day experience - 1900 style!



One monumental encounter took place at Swinton's Chorley Road enclosure on 29 September 1900. Steve Wild's history of the Lions records that a grand total of 13,118 people watched Swinton win the game by 11 points to nil. One of the press passes belonged to a journalist from the Manchester Weekly Times who wrote under the pseudonym of "one of the crowd". Here is the account of what he witnessed that afternoon as it appeared in the paper on 5 October 1900.

The newspaper article had the grand title: "A Battle of Giants, Great Northern Union Football Match: Swinton v. Oldham." The journalist travelled by railway to the game via Pendlebury where he encountered many Swinton and Oldham supporters. During the train journey in a third class compartment, he found the rival football followers to be "wrangling" and "argumentative". From Pendlebury station, they all walked to "the enclosure of the famous Swinton club."

Swinton Football Club "is as healthy as on the day when at Mr William Longshaw's command, it arose to don the azure jersey."

The many famous Swinton players of the past were recalled in the article including Herbert Farr "a marvellous dodger" and Teddy Beswick "a fine three-quarter" and the "prodigious" James Valentine for whom it was noted that: "In his career of seventeen seasons in club and county and other matches, he has scored over 350 tries, placed getting on for 200 goals and dropped over 20."

As far as the journalist was concerned, Swinton finest hour on the pitch came in 1878 at Whalley Range the then home of the mighty Manchester Football Club.

He wrote, "I had followed the fortunes of Swinton since the day I saw them wallop a Manchester team, consisting of nine internationals - the rest being county men. I shall never forget in a hurry the scene when the dark blues left the field winners by a try to four touch-downs."

There was betting taking place, too and you could get odds of "seven to four" for a Swinton victory. However, these odds were disputed by one travelling Oldham supporter who happened to be carrying a "basket of pigeons, cooing patiently in their wicker prison." The account of the match itself will be included in the programme for the next league match between Swinton and Oldham in August almost 108 years after this particular encounter.

SWINTON
ONE LION
HERITAGE

Ian Jackson

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HOME

AWAY



Junior Lions	1	Heartland M27
David and Pauline Spruce	2	In Memory of Peter Walker
Dave Roberts	3	Dave Roberts
Chris and Viv Tyldesley	4	Chris and Viv Tyldesley
Mike Tyldesley	5	Mike Tyldesley
Swinton MOT Centre	6	Geoff Hewitt
Neil Beswick	7	In Memory of Albert Cartwright
White Lion Folk Club, Swinton	8	White Lion Folk Club, Swinton
Swinton MOT Centre	9	Junior Lions
Wayne Beswick and Julie Hodson	10	Wayne Beswick and Julie Hodson
The Harvey Family	11	The Harvey Family
In Memory of Albert Cartwright	12	The Johnson Family
Swinton MOT Centre	13	Phil Walker
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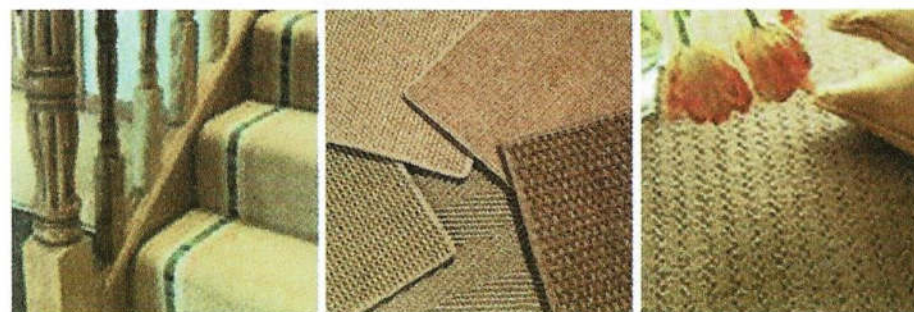
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A try by Andy Saywell in the final minute gained the Lions their first Northern Rail Cup win in a thrilling game

Northern Rail Cup - 24th February 2008

**ROCHDALE HORNETS 34
SWINTON LIONS 38**

Spotland Stadium, Rochdale

Ian Rigg

Attendance 464



ROCHDALE	SWINTON
B Lloyd	1 W English
A Brown	2 A Saywell
M Brocklehurst	3 G Sykes
C Spurr	4 D Gorton
E Andrews	5 M Billy
M Ainscough	6 R Hawkyard
C Forster	7 L McGovern
D Best	8 R Line
J Elston	9 P Wood
D Newton	10 R Ball
P Alcock	11 I Hodson
M Stout	12 D Gibson
S Svabic	13 C Ashall
Subs:	Subs:
S Butterworth	14 C Hull
A Marsh	15 M Moana
C Farrimond	16 C Tyrer
T Wild	17 B Johnson

Hornets took the lead in the sixth minute when Alex Brown went over on the right following pressure on the line following a Lions knock-on from a high ball. Chris Forster failed the conversion.

The home-side went even further ahead five minutes later when Forster went over again in the corner from a scrum for another unconverted try.

Saywell and Dave Best were sent to the sin-bin in the seventeenth minute for fighting and the Lions were awarded the penalty. From the resulting pressure Marlon Billy went over at the corner but Richie Hawkyard could not add the goal points from the touchline.

Hornets bombed two chances to score when both Brown and Chris Spurr lost balls with the try line open but Martin Ainscough stretched the lead on twenty-six minutes when he made the most of a huge overlap on the left to go over for the try but again Forster could not add the extras.

Eric Andrews had another chance to put Hornets further ahead eight minutes from the break when he chased a kick down the left wing but hacked it into touch and the chance went. The Lions hit back four minutes from the break when Darren Gibson crashed over to the right of the posts after a short pass from Martin Moana but somehow Hawkyard missed the conversion from short range.



ROCHDALE
Tries: Brown (6, 75),
Forster (11, 39, 65), Ainscough (26),
Newton (69)
Goals: Forster 0/3, Svabic 1/4

SWINTON
Tries: Billy (18), Gibson (36, 47),
Moana (43, 56), McGovern (60),
Saywell (80)
Goals: Hawkyard 5/7



From the re-start Swinton lost the ball and Hornets went over again when Svabic fed Forster who raced in under the posts. Simon Svabic converted to give the home side a ten point lead at the break.

The Lions made a dream start to the second half when Moana went over by the posts after two penalties had put the visitors in a good position and Hawkyard added his first goal of the afternoon.

Four minutes later they were in. Andrew Marsh had been penalised for not playing the ball properly again and following intense pressure Gibson added his second going in on the right. Hawkyard added the goal points to put Swinton in the lead for the first time.

Rochdale had another chance in the fifty-first minute when Best made a break up the middle and with players in support held on just too long and a super tackle by Wayne English managed to make him lose his grip on the ball.

Swinton went further ahead on fifty-six minutes when Rob Line sent out a great short pass just near the line for Moana to go over for his second with Hawkyard adding the goal points.

The Lions were now constantly camped on the Hornets line and the home side defence had no answer to what was hitting them and Liam McGovern made it worse for them on the hour when he sold a huge dummy to go over by the posts and Hawkyard goaled again.

Hornets started a fightback and five minutes later Forster completed his hat-trick when he went over after the home side got into a good position on the back of three penalties and Svabic added the conversion.

Former Lion Dave Newton was next to go over for Hornets when he dived on a loose ball over the tryline to score and Svabic added the simple goal to bring them back to within two points.

With just five minutes left they regained the lead when Brown made a fifty metre break down the right wing to score in the corner but Svabic could not this time add the goal points.

In the dying second Hawkyard launched a bomb towards the Hornets line and it bounced off a Hornets players arms for Saywell to gather and race in for his fiftieth Swinton try to win the match. Hawkyard slotted the simple conversion as the final hooter sounded.



Far top: Andy Saywell crosses for the match-winning try - his fiftieth

Far bottom: Darren Gibson gets his second

Top right: Liam McGovern crosses the line

Top right: Wayne English on the attack

Above: Andy Saywell celebrates at the final whistle

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OUR COMMUNITY

*John Thomason spoke to National League sponsors,
the Co-operative Group, this week about
why rugby league plays such an important part in
the local community*

Earlier this week the club was present at the launch of the new Co-operative National League season in the centre of Manchester. The event saw several touch rugby matches involving the likes of "The Media" and "All Stars" against some of the biggest names in "National League One" and "National League Two", including our very own Martin Moana.

With a small-sided pitch marked out at the front of New Century House, opposite Victoria Station, the games attracted public interest, and saw rugby league played in the centre of Manchester!

With less than one week left until kick-off, John Thomason from the Lions caught up with Bill Hoult of Co-operative Group.

"The partnership between Co-operative Group and the RFL is the perfect fit." Mr Hoult explained to the club.

"The greatest game of rugby league is played amongst local communities; it gets its support from local communities, and of course, the Co-operative Group with its wide range of stores and facilities is very involved in the local community. We believe that it is right to put back into local communities what in fact we take out."

*"...although he is a Warrington fan,
he has fond memories of the great
Swinton teams of the 1960s"*

Mr. Hoult added that he hopes that 2008 would build on "what was a wonderful first season of our sponsorship." He finished by adding that although he is a Warrington fan, he has fond memories of the great Swinton teams of the 1960s!

CONGRATULATIONS TO STOKIE PHIL

Phil Poole - ever present Lion in 2007

Phil Poole, aka Stokie Phil, achieved a 40-year ambition last season and watched the Lions home and away throughout the 2007 campaign. This is quite an achievement since every home game is 110-mile round trip from his home in Stoke-on-Trent!

Only on the trips to Bridgend and North London did Phil have a head start on the rest of us, but that was cancelled out with longer trips to Workington and Gateshead. Phil has been following the Lions since the late 1960s and regularly brings up to six people from the Potteries for games including his wife Angela and daughter Emily.

Well done, Phil!

GRASSROOTS

CO-OPERATIVE RUGBY LEAGUE CONFERENCE 2008

Two new Manchester sides will compete for the spoils when this year's Co-operative Rugby League Conference kicks off this summer.

One of the most famous names in the code is reborn with the admittance of Broughton Rangers, originally founder members of the Northern Union in 1895.

The second local club is Manchester Jets - based just three miles up the road in Blackley. These two teams join the likes of Barrow Vikings, Blackpool Sea Eagles and last year's Grand Final winners, Widnes Saints, in a North West Regional League - one of eight such divisions stretching from Plymouth to Fife in Scotland.

The regional competition underpins four Premier Leagues encompassing the north, midlands and south of England, as well as a Wales Premier division, which themselves underpin the Rugby League Conference National competition - formerly known as National League Three, which includes Bramley, Hemel and a club close to our own, East Lancashire Lions, who are based in Darwen.

"The number of new names on the fixture list is a further indication of the growing, truly national presence of the code," said RFL Chief Executive, Nigel Wood. "Clubs founded in Swindon and Carlisle in Scotland, show the encouraging demand for rugby league in the UK. At Rugby League Conference National Level the inclusion of Celtic Crusaders Colts builds a further bridge between the development of players in Wales and the ambitions of the professional club."

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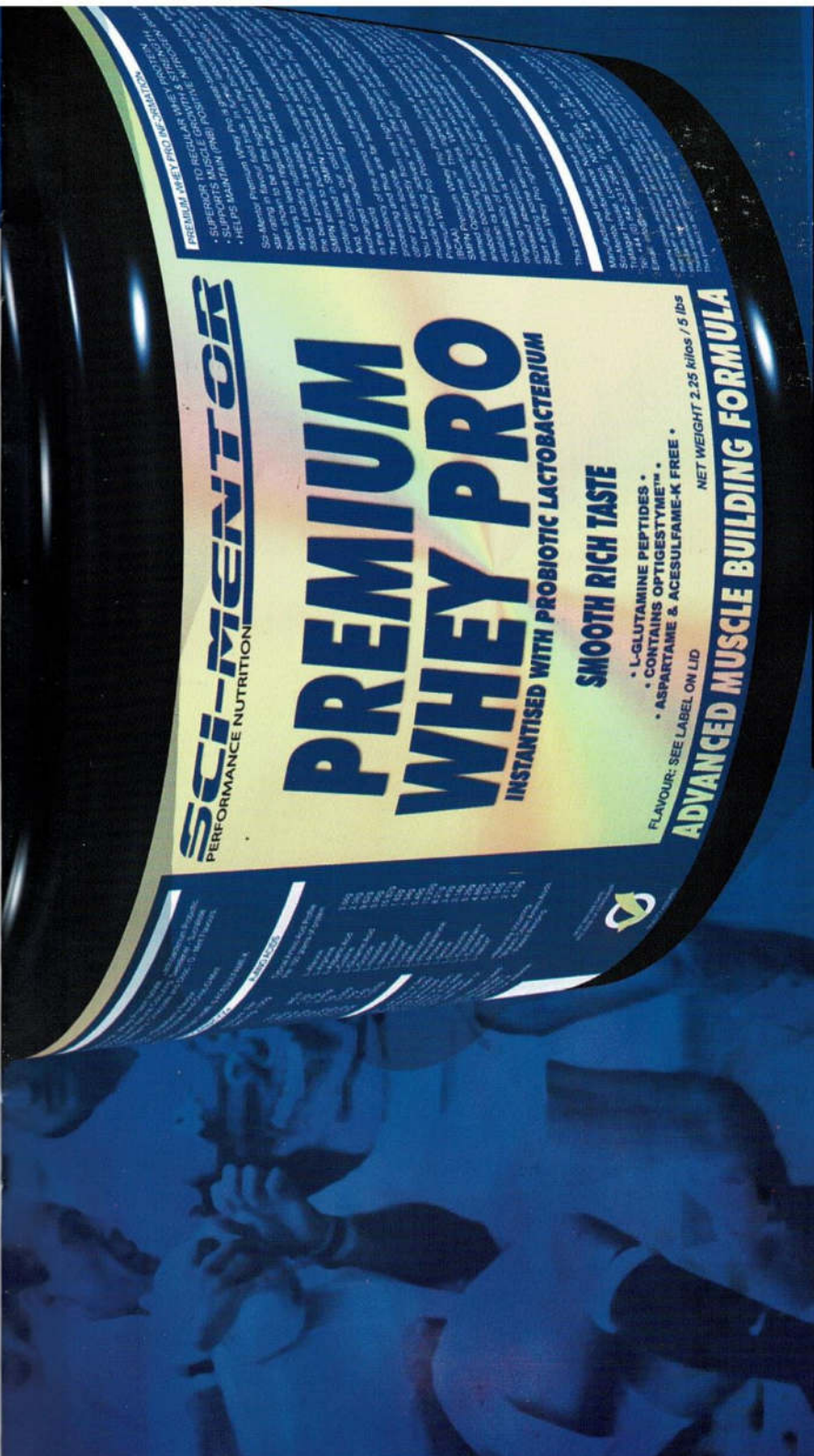
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With Vinny the Lion and Colin Gettins

WELCOME!!!

Hello and welcome to all the players and officials from our local neighbours Oldham and especially any Junior Roughyeds and their families. Our visitors have had a good start to the season, especially when they beat Salford City Reds to inflict their first loss of the year. Last weekend saw us progress in the Carnegie Challenge Cup with a hard fought victory up in Cumbria against Wath Brown amateur rugby league. By today we will know our next opponents, as will Oldham who defeated the Army rugby team.

Today should be a good and exciting game, so come on all you Junior Lions lets get behind the lads and cheer them on to victory.

HALF TIME / FULL TIME DRAW

Don't forget to get your free draw ticket and win a prize. At our last home game against Salford City Reds, we didn't have any winners!

TODAYS JUNIOR LION

Today's Junior Lion is Rebecca Davidson who is 3 years old and comes from Worsley. Her favourite player is Andy Saywell and she enjoys eating noodles. Rebecca goes to Fledglings where she enjoys painting, sticking, writing and playing. Her favourite TV programme is Big Cook Little Cook and enjoys listening to music from The Wiggles.

NEW JUNIOR LION

We recently had an addition to our membership from Blake Wolsoncroft who was born on the 13th February. Although he has not seen the Lions play he does have a favourite Lion and Lioness in the form of Grandad Vinny the Kitman and Grandma Olwyn who coordinates the Golden Camble. Although only a month old he does like Bolton Wanderers!

SWINTON V BLACKPOOL

Just a reminder to all our junior supporters that the game next week against the Panthers will be a "Kids go free" day, and all our young supporters and their friends will be admitted free of charge!

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IN PROFILE

GARY HULSE

Originally from Widnes, scrum-half Gary Hulse began his rugby league career with Warrington side Crosfields when he was just six years old, and getting into the game at such a young age was something that the 27 year old feels has benefitted him throughout his years in the professional game.

John Thomason catches up with another of our new signings



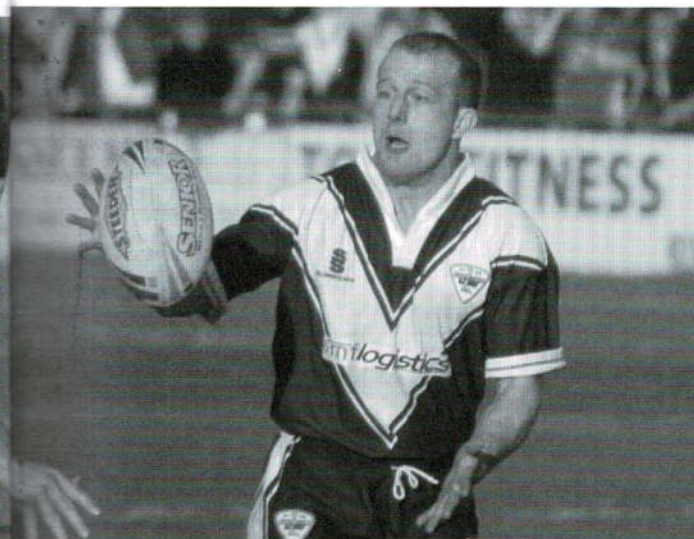
After a spell with Widnes Tigers, Gary signed professional forms at 16 with Warrington, getting much experience at academy level.

"It was a brilliant experience," Gary explained. "They had a great set up at Warrington with Paul Cullen. He was a good coach to be under. I signed with a good bunch of players and was fortunate enough to get straight into the academy side. I was in it for two years, then it was up to the 21s before breaking into the first team 2001."

The under 21s at Wilderspool mirrored the first team, taking training sessions together and allowing young players like Gary to learn from old heads, like Allan Langer - "It was a good schooling" he admitted. "With Alf going it opened the door," continued Gary. "I played first team until 2005 and had four seasons in Super League. The twenty-twenty rule cocked it up a bit for Warrington, and I had to look for another club. I ended up signing for Widnes, which gave me a great opportunity to play for my home time club."

It was a difficult year for Vikings though, winning only six Super League games all season, and seeing themselves pushed all the way in a 32-18 victory over the Lions in the Cup, before exiting to French hopefuls Toulouse Olympique. Widnes' National League future was sealed in August when they were beaten 60 points to 16 by local rivals, Warrington.

"At the end of the day it was about livelihoods, but it's fair to say that there were players that were just there for the money."



His immediate future with the Vikings was assured as he signed for the National League season, but after he snapped a ligament in his knee trying to side step Terry O'Connor, he was put on sidelines for just under six months - pretty much the entire season.

Then saw another difficult season, this time with Rochdale. "It was a big step seeing the difference between what I had experienced at Warrington and the National Leagues. Terry O'Connor is a good friend. He has a lot of time for the Kidd's and sold

Swinton to me in terms of Paul's ability. He said it's a good set-up at the Lions, and that was what I wanted."

"We try new ideas," Gary added, highlighting the team spirit in the squad at the moment. "If you speak to any of the lads they will tell you that they enjoy training - they want to do more and stay beyond the session. Usually training is a bit of a ballache and you want to get home, but not at Swinton. "I've not come here to mess about. We need to be up there or it's a failure. I'm confident that we'll be there or thereabouts."

"It'll be us or Oldham this year. People talk about Barrow, but I think it's between us and Oldham. I'm looking forward to the league game at the end of the season. I think that'll be the big one. They are the so-called favourites - they've a lot of experience and a lot of good players."



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Salford bounced back from a defeat against Oldham to win their second Manchester Derby this season

Lions coach Paul Kidd, with an eye on the Wath Brow game, chose to give some more of his squad players a chance in the side and in fact the whole back line had changed from the victory at Rochdale one week earlier.

defence stopped any progress. The Lions were then hit with four tries in eleven minutes before the break when Malcolm Alker, Richard Myler, Matt Gardner and Lee Jewitt all crossed through some weak defence and Ballard converted all four to give the home side a 46-0 interval lead.

The Lions started the second half stronger and had a few chances on the Reds line with the closest chance coming when Richie Hawkyard kicked for the corner for Barry Hamilton but the ball just over ran the winger.

Salford soon got back in their stride and again ran in three tries in six minutes when Karl Fitzpatrick scored one and Gardner grabbed a brace to complete his hat trick with Ballard adding one conversion.

Gary Sykes went close for the Lions on sixty-two minutes only to be knocked into touch as he went for the corner.

Paul White added the next Reds try three minutes later when he picked up a loose Swinton pass to score and Ballard goaled. The Lions were awarded their first penalty in the sixty-sixth minute and from this pressure Chris Hull went close.

Chris Brand scored Swinton's try in the seventy-second minute after good play by Sykes down the left and Hawkyard added the conversion from the touchline.

The Reds final try came three minutes from time when White collected a long pass to score in the corner but Ballard could not convert.

The Reds took the lead in the ninth minute when the Lions put a long kick down into the opposition half and Stephan Ratchford brought it back up field to feed Andy Ballard who raced away to score under the posts and add the goal points.

Three minutes later the Lions were penalised just inside the Reds half and again they made the Lions pay when Ian Sibbit crossed on the left and Ballard converted. The home-side then ran in two tries in three minutes midway through the half when John Wilshire and Jordan Turner both scored and Ballard added one more conversion.

Swinton had their first attack on the Salford line in the twenty-fourth minute but rock solid



Above:
Andy Saywell in action two weeks earlier in the home game against Salford at a packed Sedgley Park

SALFORD	SWINTON
K Fitzpatrick	1 D Bamford
A Ballard	2 B Hamilton
J Wilshire	3 C Hull
M Gardner	4 C Brand
P White	5 R Mirfield
S Ratchford	6 R Hawkyard
R Myler	7 L McGovern
S Nashs	8 R Line
M Alker	9 P Wood
C Stapleton	10 R Ball
I Sibbit	11 D Gibson
A Brocklehurst	12 I Hodson
J Turner	13 G Sykes
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Sun 20 Jan	WHITEHAVEN Pre-season	3.00pm	L 8-44				
Sun 27 Jan	ST HELENS XIII Pre-season	2.30pm	W 24-20				
Fri 1 Feb	OLDHAM Northern Rail Cup	8.00pm	L 20-22	English	Saywell	Hull	Gorton
Sun 10 Feb	ROCHDALE HORNETS NR Cup	3.00pm	L 34-36	Bamford T	Hamilton	Hull T	Gorton
Sun 17 Feb	SALFORD NR Cup	3.00pm	L 8-48	English	Saywell 2T	Sykes	Gorton
Sun 24 Feb	ROCHDALE HORNETS NR Cup	3.00pm	W 38-34	English	Saywell T	Sykes	Gorton
Fri 29 Feb	SALFORD NR Cup	8.00pm	L 6-70	Bamford	Hamilton	Brand T	Hull
Sun 9 Mar	WATH BROW Carnegie CC3	3.00pm	W 40-14	Bamford 2T	Saywell	Sykes	Hull T
Sun 16 Mar	OLDHAM NR Cup	3.00pm					
Fri 21 Mar	BLACKPOOL	3.00pm					
Mon 24 Mar	KEIGHLEY	7.30pm					
Sun 30 Mar	DONCASTER	3.00pm					
Sun 6 April	TO BE CONFIRMED NR Cup QFQ						
Sun 13 April	LONDON SKOLARS	3.00pm					
Sun 20 April	TO BE CONFIRMED Carnegie CC4						
Sun 27 April	WORKINGTON TOWN	3.00pm					
Mon 5 May	GATESHEAD	3.00pm					
Sun 11 May	YORK	3.00pm					
Sun 18 May	OLDHAM	3.00pm					
Sun 25 May	BLACKPOOL	3.00pm					
Sun 1 June	HUNSLET	3.00pm					
Sun 8 June	WORKINGTON TOWN	3.00pm					
Sun 15 June	ROCHDALE HORNETS	3.00pm					
Sun 22 June	GATESHEAD	3.00pm					
Sat 28 June	BARROW	6.30pm					
Sun 6 July	DONCASTER	3.00pm					
Sat 12 July	LONDON SKOLARS	3.00pm					
Sun 20 July	KEIGHLEY	3.00pm					
Sun 27 July	YORK	3.00pm					
Sun 3 Aug	HUNSLET	3.00pm					
Sun 10 Aug	ROCHDALE HORNETS	3.00pm					
Sun 17 Aug	OLDHAM	3.00pm					
Sun 24 Aug	BARROW	3.00pm					
Sat 30 Aug	CARNEGIE CC FINAL	3.00pm					
Sun 28 Sept	CO-OPERATIVE NL2 FINAL						

5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Billy T	Hawkyard 4G	Hulse	Line	Wood	Ball T	Morley	Rigby	Sykes
Billy 2T	Hawkyard 5G	Hulse T	Line	Ashall	Ball	Gibson	Rigby	Sykes
Hamilton	Moana	Hawkyard	Line	Wood	Ball	Morley	Gibson	Ashall
Billy T	Hawkyard 5G	McGovern T	Line	Wood	Ball	Hodson	Gibson 2T	Ashall
Welfield	Hawkyard G	McGovern	Line	Wood	Ball	Gibson	Hodson	Sykes
Billy 2T	Hawkyard T 6G	Hulse	Line	McGovern	Ball	Gibson	Rigby	Ashall

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McGovern	Rigby	Tyrer	Johnson
Hull	Moana 2T	Tyrer	Johnson
Smith	Moana	Briers	Johnson
Wood	Moana	Bibey	Johnson

NORTHERN RAIL CUP 2008

Group Four - other results

Rochdale 12 Salford 54
Salford 40 Oldham 12
Oldham 18 Salford 14
Oldham 38 Rochdale 8
Rochdale 32 Oldham 22

This weekend

Salford v Rochdale
Swinton v Oldham

NORTHERN RAIL CUP - GROUP 4 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	BP	F	A	D	Pts
Salford	5	4	0	1	1	226	56	170	13
Oldham	5	3	0	2	1	112	114	-2	10
Rochdale	5	2	0	3	1	122	186	-64	7
Swinton	5	1	0	4	2	106	210	-104	5

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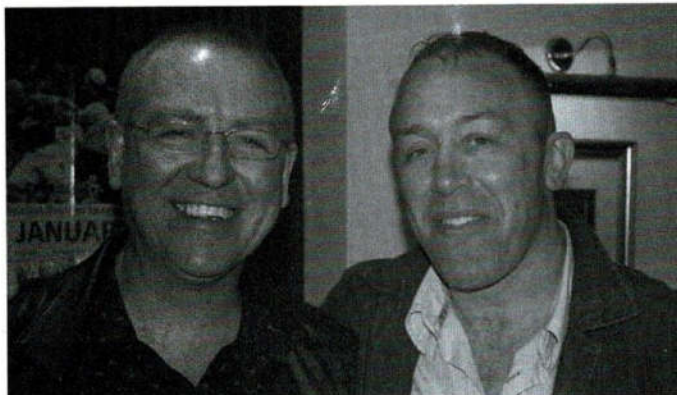


COLLECT-A-PLAYER 3
ANDY SAYWELL
SWINTON LIONS RLFC 2008

PLAYER APPEARANCES AND STATISTICS 2008 SEASON

	APPS		TRIES		GOALS		FIELD GOALS		POINTS	
	All	NL2	All	NL2	All	NL2	All	NL2	All	NL2
ASHALL, Craig	4								4	
BALL, Rob	6		1						12	
BAMFORD, Darren	3		3							
BIBEY, Adam	0 (1)									
BILLY, Marlon	4		6						24	
BRAND, Chris	1		1						4	
BRYERS, Matty	(1)									
ENGLISH, Wayne	3									
GIBSON, Darren	4		2						8	
GORTON, Dean	4									
HAMILTON, Barry	3									
HAWKYARD, Richie	6		1		21				46	
HAYES, Gareth	0									
HODSON, Ian	2									
HULL, Chris	4 (1)		2						8	
HULSE, Gary	3		1						4	
JOHNSON, Bruce	0 (6)		1						4	
JONES, Richard	0									
LINE, Rob	6									
McGOVERN, Liam	3 (3)		2						8	
MIRFIELD, Ryan	1									
MOANA, Martin	1 (5)		2						8	
MORLEY, Chris	2									
RIGBY, Neil	3 (1)									
SALISBURY, Lee	0									
SAYWELL, Andy	4		3						12	
SMITH, Mike	0 (1)									
SYKES, Gary	6									
TYRER, Chris	0 (4)									
WOOD, Phil	4 (1)		1						4	

PAST PLAYERS REUNION 2008



Left:
Pictured at the recent
Lunch 'n' Crunch prior to the
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and Steve Snape.

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