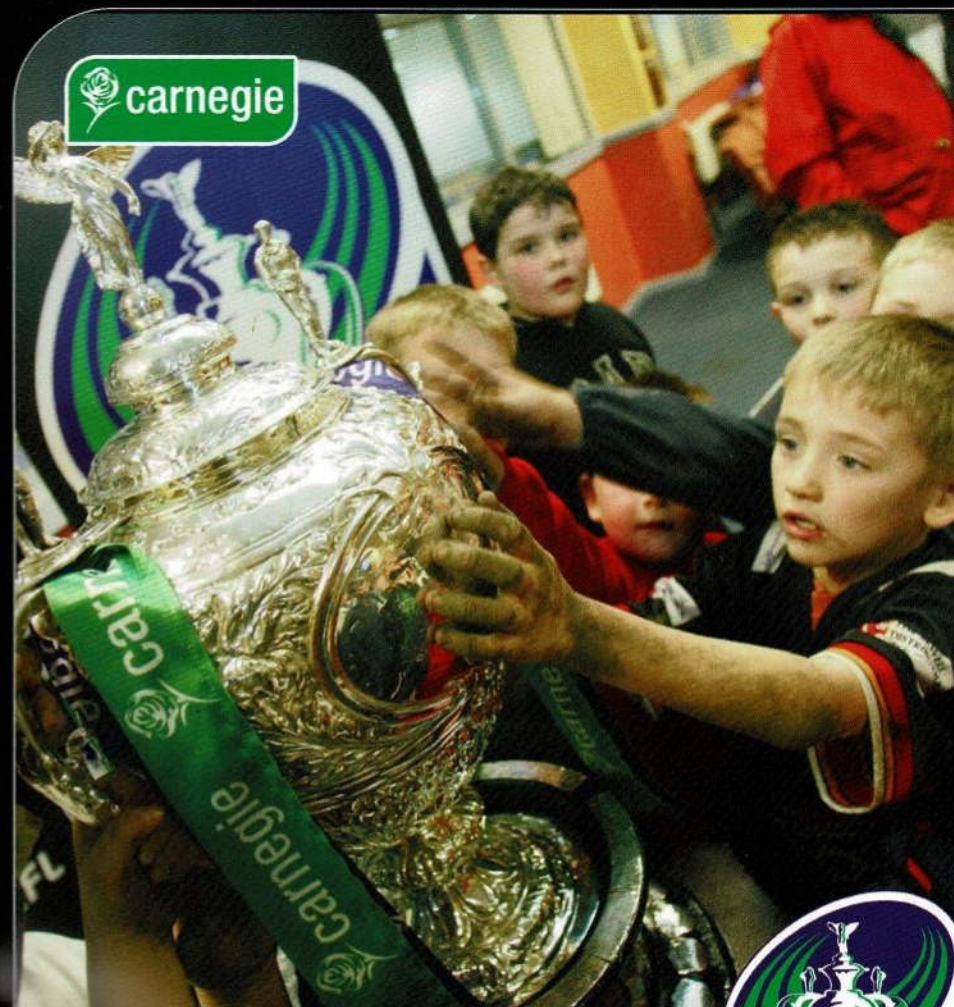




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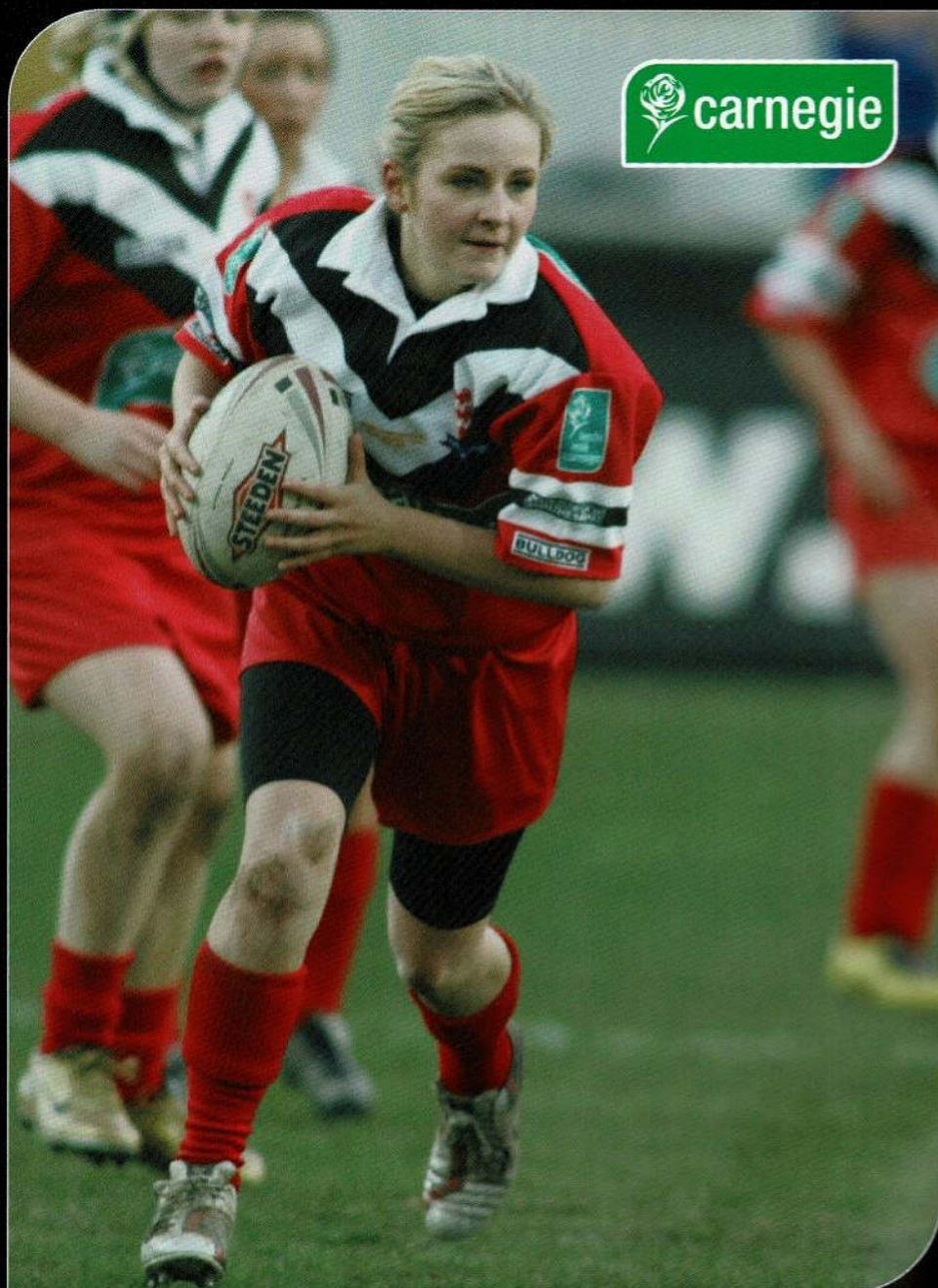


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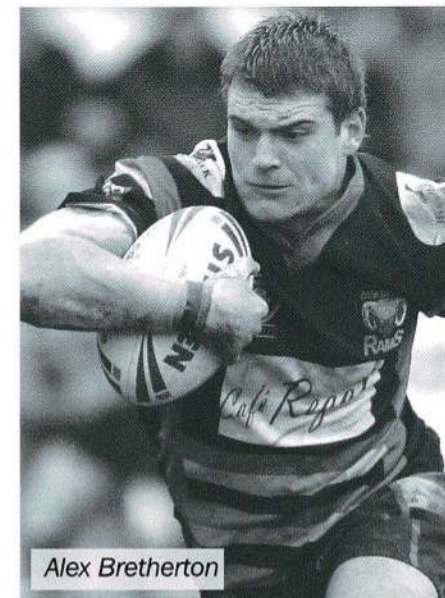
A last 16 Challenge Cup tie is all that either Dewsbury or Oldham could have hoped for at the beginning of the season and for one of us to be certain to qualify for the last 8 will be quite an achievement.

We played much better on Tuesday evening and although we didn't get the three points once again I hope the performance gives the lads a lift for what proves to be a very close match today.

Oldham being pre season hot favourites for a very competitive Division Two there looks to be little to split the teams on paper.

Let's hope for a very entertaining encounter and many thanks to Carnegie for making this tie possible

Mark Sawyer
Chairman



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AViewFrom...



...The South Stand

By Chris 'Ossy' Osbaldeston

DEWSBURY RAMS 22 -
WIDNES VIKINGS 29

Several things happened at
Rams Stadium last night.
First, we lost a game we

could have won, and so ended up with 1 point when 3
would have been much better.

But, best of all in my view, we rediscovered pride in our club,
on the pitch as well as off it. Maybe now we can put the past
few weeks behind us and get on with the rest of the season,
because we were yey close to winning this one.

The Vikings will probably have arrived expecting a comfortable
stroll on a pleasant Yorkshire evening but, apart from a 10
minute spell late in the first half, what they got was far from
comfortable.

The opening minutes were fairly even. No risk football played
by 2 sides feeling their way into a game neither wanted to
lose, but it was the Rams who struck first around the 8 min.
mark. Patch Walker's high kick to the left corner was collected
and switched back inside for Andy Bostock to stretch out a
long arm for the try. Walker's boot tagged on an even long
conversion.

Ten minutes later a questionable decision from referee Mr.
Laughton gave Widnes the field position from which they
levelled matters. From the middle of The South Stand, it
looked as though it was Widnes who knocked on, though the
scrum went the other way and 2nd row Richard Fletcher drove
over for the try. Gavin Dodd added the conversion and the
scores were level at 6-6.

The game was end to end, but Dewsbury were playing as well
as they've done all season, and it was no surprise when they
regained the lead around the 25 min. mark. Again it was Andy
Bostock driving over from short range out on the left. Again
Walker obliged with the extras.

But Widnes weren't here to lie down, and the last 10 minutes
of the half belonged to them, aided by some poor defending
close to our own try line. Around the half hour, Fletcher drove
over for his second try. Right away they were back, snapping
at our try line. Turning down the chance of an easy 2 points
from a penalty in front of the posts, they opted to run and
were rewarded with a try to prop Jim Gannon. Dodd converted
both and, within a matter of minutes Rams were down by 18-
12.

Even now Widnes weren't done. With the half ticking away,

sub Sam Barlow drove over, making it three, depressingly
similar, tries in 7 minutes. Again Dodd added the conversion;
Widnes were 24-12 in the lead, and suddenly we were
struggling to hang on to the bonus point, a disappointing end
to a half that had promised so much.

If the first half was good, the second was even better. We
needed a good start, and 6 minutes in we got it. Rams moved
the ball quickly left, giving Andy Bostock room to race over for
his third try of the game. A long range effort this one, well
compared to the other two anyway, somewhere in the 5/10
metre range I guess, but they all need scoring and right now
Bossy's hot! For once Pat Walker missed the conversion, but
the game was there for the side that wanted it most.

For a while that seemed to be Widnes, left winger Dodds
crossing wide out some 8 minutes later. Though he failed to
convert his own try, the gap was back to 12 points at 28-16.

Thing is, just as I expected the Vikings to exert the pressure
and pull away, the opposite happened. The Rams looked fitter,
more determined, and it was they who started to boss the
game. 23 minutes into the 2nd half, it was Dean Lawford,
skipping through a static Widnes defence to score our 4th try.
Walker goaled, the gap was down to 6, and we began to
dream the impossible dream.

10 minutes later Dominic Maloney broke down the centre of
the field, drew the defence and handed on to Dean Lawford
up in support. Then it was a foot race to the line. Dean got
there, only to be denied by as good a tackle as we're likely to
see all season. Another 6 points at that stage would have
levelled the score with 7 minutes left, and who knows what
might have happened.

As it was, Widnes rode the storm and worked their way to the
other end where Bob Beswick dropped a quality goal to edge
them 2 scores in front at 29-22. Even then the Rams came
back, and were knocking on the door when the final hooter
sounded. It was a brave effort on the night, and hopefully a
sign of better things to come from this side. Now we need to
build on this performance, see off Oldham in the Cup, and
head for the Shay. Remember what happened there last
season? Who knows, maybe lightning CAN strike twice!

Teams: - DEWSBURY RAMS:- Chris Hall; Bryn Powell; Chris
Langley; Andy Bostock; Austin Buchanan; Pat Walker; Dean
Lawford; Aaron Trinder; Liam Finn; Dominic Maloney; Martin
Robinson; Tere Glassie; Josh Weeden. Subs :- Luke Haigh;
David Rourke; Jake Wilson; Joe Helme.

WIDNES VIKINGS:- Ian hardman; Dean Gaskell; Jason
Crookes; Lee Patterson; Gavin Dodd; Bob Beswick; John Duffy;
Iain Morrison; Mark Smith; Jim Gannon; Danny Hill; Richard
Fletcher; Tommy Gallagher. Subs :- Shane grady; Sam Barlow;
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RAMS IN NEED OF CUP SUCCESS

After Rams win over Batley in the last round the mood around the camp was distinctively more upbeat after a disappointing start to the league campaign.

Fast forward a week and it was once again a tale of what might have been after the Rams let a decent lead at Featherstone slip through their hands to remain without a win after five games. That situation may or may not have improved after the game against Widnes with printer's deadlines precluding any comment on that match. What we do know is that the Rams need a win this afternoon to both build up their confidence to ensure that the league season doesn't end with the dreaded "r" word. Things haven't gone well this season but there have been a number of mitigating facts. The Rams coaching team have again had to endure horrendous luck with injury problems. They were in control of the game at the Chris Moyles stadium until along came injuries to Alex Bretherton and Andrew Bostock with Alex's injury looking likely to sideline him for perhaps up to three months. Other injured players have been slow to return meaning pressure has continued to mount on Andy Kelly's squad. The Chairman and the coaching team have worked hard to plug the gaps but have been thwarted at the last minute by a number of players who appeared to be on the verge of signing. But you must play the cards you are dealt with and at least Andy Kelly could have one bonus card this week with Chris Hall expected to have returned to the squad for the Widnes game. There's no doubt at all that there's a good team spirit among the players who are as anxious as anyone to get a run of wins under their belts. Cup ties are as good a time as any and with a potential game against one of Super League's big guns in wait around the corner there's every incentive to win today's game if only to showcase in the next round just what National League clubs have to offer.

Oldham are dangerous opponents. They may be in National League 2 but their squad oozes with class and experience and a great deal of money appears to have been invested in players by Chairman Bill Quinn and Chief Executive Chris Hamilton. A quick look through their squad reveals a number of well known players. Marcus St Hilaire (ex Leeds, Bradford and Huddersfield), Simon Baldwin (Leigh), Mick Naryn (Whitehaven and Widnes), Rob Roberts (Leigh, Hull, Huddersfield and Halifax), Daryl Cardiss (Widnes, Halifax, Warrington and Wigan) and Neil Roden (Batley and Leigh). Coach Steve Deakin has assembled a good squad and to the experienced players he has also added the potential of such as Matty Brooks

who signed from Hull KR after emerging from the Bradford Bulls Academy production line. Deakin also added some more experience to the coaching set up when he persuaded former Hunslet coach and Batley player Mark Cass to join him as his assistant.

Oldham already have a couple of NL1 scalps to their name this season. Both Salford (18-14) and Whitehaven (16-6) have been beaten at Boundary Park. They are through to the quarter finals of the National League Cup and soon face a trip to Batley where they will once again fancy their chances. Their league form has been good with four wins from five going into Monday's Bank Holiday programme. Their only league defeat was 26-12 away at Keighley Cougars. Other than that they are completely justifying their tag as one of the favourites to reach the Grand Final. Club Chairman Bill Quinn sees 2008 as a pivotal season. The club needs to get into National League 1 for 2009 if they are to get anyway to achieving their vision of winning the NL1 Grand Final in 2009 or 2010. That vision is important because the only way any club would have a hope of a Super League Franchise would be to achieve that objective in time to apply in 2011 for a 2012 licence. Those licence's will be few and far between. Off the field Oldham are continuing their quest for a new stadium with meetings to take this further due any time now. Boundary Park is a fine traditional ground but it is perhaps too traditional, surrounded by houses and in my opinion not the best of venues to potential showcase Super League in four years time. However that's still some way in the future and both clubs will be focused on just winning this afternoon's game. Oldham made it to Round 4 courtesy of a 56-10 away win over the British Army, a game which I believe was shown on forces' TV and then a 20-8 away win over rivals Swinton Lions. It was also Swinton they beat 26-7 when they last won the Challenge Cup back in 1927. 15 years before that Dewsbury actually beat Oldham 8-5 in the final at Headingley. In reality odds are stacked against either team reaching the final although with a favourable draw a semi-final place could be achievable! Oldham actually reached three semi's in the 90's but lost all there to Warrington 10-6 (1990), Wigan 30-16 (1991) and Wigan again 48-20 (1995). What would either team give for that?

Here's to a great cup match, one that we hope we are all talking about for all the right reasons!

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Ahead of the game

with PAUL BENNETT of League Weekly

IF you think you've seen thick black smoke billowing from Wigan Pier over the past week, don't worry – it's only thousands of enraged locals burning their Kylie LPs in some bizarre Fahrenheit 451 meets Wicker Man ritual sacrifice.

I know, I know, Trent Barrett isn't actually married to THAT Kylie, but try telling them that as they storm around with furrowed brows, all in a huff that their hero's missus is up the duff and homesick. Remember when that irate lynch mob with more tattoos than brain cells attacked a paediatrician a few years ago? It's kind of like that right now in Wigan. The name Kylie is dirt.

Personally, I can't think of any reason why anyone wouldn't want to live in Wigan. I've seen Australia on TV. I've been to some so-called 'more attractive' places – in Europe, in America. (Heck, I've even been to Rhyll!) But nothing has ever compared to Wigan, my home sweet home.

But give the girl a break. It can't be easy expecting half way around the world, far from family and friends. Nor, I suspect, as an Aussie, is it comfortable to think you're giving birth to what technically would be a 'Pom'.

Hey, that's a thought. If it's a boy and there's a chance he could turn out half as good as his dad then I say we stop 'em leaving before the little blighter – sorry, our potential future World Cup-winning half back – pops out. If it's a girl ... sod it. Let them go.

Seriously, there's no good reason why Wigan should hold firm and hang on to Barrett. He is an absolute class act and, as much as I admire James Roby, he was last season's Man of Steel in everything but name.

But – no matter how good he is – if he ain't happy then there's no point him being here. And anyway, would it be so bad if he was to go?

Ok, losing him is a big blow. But what Wigan can do now is bring in a decent stand off to fill the number six shirt and then – just a thought – buy a squad!

I know it's unthinkable, Warriors fans. Wigan buying a squad when they could far easier blow their budget on another big name, high-priced Aussie? It just doesn't sit well.

Well, at least it didn't under the old regime. But then Ian Lenagan has made it quite clear since taking the reins at the JJB that he is keen for a far different approach than Maurice Lindsay and his 'marquee names get bums on seats (even if the rest of the team's rubbish)' approach.

He's been moaning that there's not enough money in the pot for next season. Well, now's his chance to prove he's serious about a stricter, Leeds-like management of the club coffers where a strong squad, not just a starting 17, is the requirement.

And anyway ... managing to snare someone as good as Barrett? Well, they should be so lucky.

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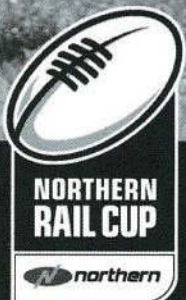
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Thoughts of a **Grazing Ram**

BY DAVID HYOMES

Most rugby league fans are passionate about their clubs to the point that it really hurts when things go wrong.

Our recent defeat at Featherstone upset one Rams fan so much that he posted on our fans forum that he was now changing his allegiances to Hull. Everybody is entitled to do what they feel best although I do hope our friend has reconsidered. One thing this did was make me think what motivates any of us to devote our lives to one specific team. Of course you will always get the band wagon type. Not too many years ago you would never have seen a Chelsea football shirt in a West Yorkshire town, now you see plenty and it is a fair bet that most of the wearers do not know which part of London they would find Chelsea if indeed they knew Chelsea is in London.

The one thing about a Dewsbury Rams supporter is that we cannot be accused of that. We have enjoyed success and trophies over the years but we have also had plenty of downs. Most sports are similar to us so what is the common denominator that attaches us to our team. I can remember how it started for me! I was about nine or ten years old and spent a Sunday morning trying to find any mention of Dewsbury in the football results in my dad's newspaper. Not being able to find anything I asked my dad if Dewsbury had a football team. He said no but we have a rugby team so I quickly found the rugby results and sure enough there we were! Having not now lived in Dewsbury for 22 years I still regard it as my home town. Living somewhere is not the same as your home town! I live much closer to two Super

League clubs and several National League clubs are just as near to my house as Owl Lane. For me then supporting Dewsbury Rams is a home town thing as I suspect it must be for many of you.

For many years I took part in Road Race and Cross Country events and initially ran for Wakefield Harriers but realised how envious I was of old school and workmates who I spotted at races wearing the Dewsbury Road Runners vest. I realised that the green and white hoops of Wakefield was just a vest but the red, amber and black of Dewsbury Road Runners had an emotional pull. Suffice to say I changed clubs.

On to today and a big day for both clubs. One of us will be in the last eight of the Challenge Cup by the end of the afternoon. The boost to the winner will be very significant. Welcome to everybody from Oldham but good luck to the Rams!

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5 years ago

11th May 2003 – National League One

Dewsbury 12 – 16 Doncaster

Tries – Jimmy Elston, John Waddell

Goals – Danny Wood (2)

Attendance – 929

10th May 2003 – National League One

Salford 44 – 12 Oldham

Tries – Dave Morgan, Gareth Barber

Goals – Gareth Barber (2)

Oldham finished in 5th place in NL1 in 2003 with seven wins and a couple of draws giving them 16 points. Unfortunately there was no joy in the play offs as they lost 38-24 in the Elimination Round away at Hull KR. In that season's challenge cup ties the Rams won 34-12 at Wilderspool against Woolston in a dour match before losing 48-6 away at Widnes in the 4th round. For Oldham there was a 64-2 home win over Redhill in round 3 and then further success when they won 21-20 away at York in the next round. They went out of the competition in round 5 losing 50-10 at home to Wigan but at least had the consolation of a share of the gate receipts from a crowd of 3,653 plus the added prize money. The 2003 Cup Winners were Bradford Bulls who beat the Leeds Rhinos 22-20 in Cardiff. I bet that they would have loved to have got as close to the Rhinos when they again played in Cardiff last weekend!

10 years ago

13th May 1998 (First Division)

Dewsbury 10 – 13 Swinton

Tries – Matt Bramald, Danny McKelvie

Goal – Barry Eaton

Attendance – 824

10th May 1998 (Second Division)

Oldham 28 – 20 Batley

Tries – Chris Eckersley (2), Mike Edwards, Afi Leuila, Joe Nadirole, Paul Round

Goals – Richard Darkes, Chris Wilkinson

Attendance – 1,929

Some Dewsbury connections among the Oldham scorers that day with Richard Darkes and Joe Nadirole both later to spend some time with the Rams. Chris Wilkinson had earlier played at Dewsbury where he became a great crowd favourite and record breaking goal kicker. He wasn't the biggest player but his power with the boot and his accuracy at kicking goals became one of our biggest assets while he was with us. Despite finishing only 5th out of 8 teams in the Second Division Oldham attracted and average attendance of 1,819 to Boundary Park. In the Challenge Cup for Oldham it was a 36-14 home win over Heworth followed by a 48-8 defeat at Widnes while for Dewsbury there was a 40-2 home win over neighbours Thornhill in round 3. In round 4 there was the unusual occurrence of a replay as we scraped a 28 all draw with Lancashire Lynx away at Deepdale (home of Preston North End) but won the replay 34-24 before a heavy 56-0 home defeat by Wigan in round 5. Wigan went on to reach the final but that was the year of the shock 17-8 defeat by Sheffield Eagles.

15 years ago

9th May 1993 – Divisional Premiership Semi Final

Featherstone Rovers 35 – 12 Dewsbury

Tries – Garry Cocks, Neil Kelly

Goals – Greg Pearce (2)

Attendance – 3,353

Oldham's season had finished by now after they had been knocked out of the Premiership play offs by Dewsbury following the 14-14 draw at the Watersheddings and the 20-28 win for Dewsbury in the return game at Mount Pleasant. The defeat was a bitter pill to swallow for Oldham who had finished their 1992-93 season in 2nd place in the second division and they had been up against opponents from the division below them in what was an unusual play off format in those days. Oldham's Challenge Cup campaign saw them beat London Crusaders (now of course Harlequins) 34-6 and Huddersfield, a fellow second division club at that time, 20-17. They were again at home in the quarter finals but found Bradford Northern (not Bulls!) too strong losing 42-4. Dewsbury's time in the cup was much briefer losing 20-4 at home (Mount Pleasant at that time!) to Wigan. Wigan again went on to reach the final and this time there was joy for them as they beat Widnes 20-14.

Tony Scargill

Date	Opponent	Competition	KO	R	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
February																						
Sun 3rd	Featherstone Rovers	NRC	H 3pm	56-24	1,484	Colleran2	Powell	Langley1	Bostock1	Buchanan	Weeden1	Lawford	Trinder	Haigh1	Maloney1	Robinson1	Gledhill2	Walker8G	Finn	Crawley	Wilson	Rourke
Sun 10th	Batley Bulldogs	NRC	A 2pm	18-19	1,169	Field1	Powell1	Langley1	Bostock	Buchanan1	Weeden	Lawford	Trinder	Haigh	Maloney	Robinson	Gledhill	Walker	Finn1G	Glassie	Helme	Rourke
Sun 17th	Hunslet Hawks	NRC	A 3pm	30-16	836	Colleran	Powell1	Langley	Epati	Buchanan	Weeden	Lawford	Helme	Chapman	Maloney	Robinson	Glassie	Finn1/5G	Clayton	Bostock	Trinder	Rourke2
Sun 24th	Batley Bulldogs	NRC	H 3pm	32-16	1,313	Field	Powell2	Langley1	Bostock	Buchanan	Weeden	Lawford	Helme	Haigh	Maloney	Glassie	Bretherton	Walker1/8G	Finn	Robinson	Trinder	Rourke
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Sun 2nd	Featherstone Rovers	NRC	A 3pm	14-34	1,243	Field	Epati	Langley1	Bostock	Buchanan	Weeden	Lawford1	Helme	Haigh	Maloney	Glassie	Bretherton	Walker1/1G	Finn	Robinson	Trinder	Rourke
Sun 9th	Oulton Raiders	3CCC	A 3pm	54-24	785	Field	North	Langley 1	Bostock	Epati 3	Weeden1	Lawford1	Trinder	Finn 2	Maloney	Glassie	Bretherton	Walker7G	Haigh	Robinson1	Crawley 1	Wilson
Sun 16th	Hunslet Hawks	NRC	H 3pm	18-16	740	Field	Epati	Langley 1	Bostock	Buchanan	Walker3G	Lawford	Trinder	Finn	Maloney	Glassie	Robinson	Bretherton1	Chapman1	Crawley	Helme	Wilson
Fri 21st	Celtic Crusaders	League 1A	5.30pm	12-14	1,618	Field1	Epati	Langley 1	Bostock	Buchanan	Weeden	Lawford	Trinder	Finn 1	Maloney	Glassie	Bretherton	Walker1	Haigh	Robinson	Helme	Rourke
Mon 24th	Halifax	League 1	H 3pm	34-36	2,002	Field1	Colleran	Langley 2	Bostock	Buchanan1	Weeden1G	Finn 2/4G	Trinder	Chapman	Helme	Robinson	Bretherton	Glassie	Haigh	Clayton	Rourke	Wilson
Sun 30th	Leigh Centurions	League 1	A 3pm	2-26	1,849	Field	Colleran	Langley	Bostock	Buchanan	Walker1G	Finn	Trinder	Chapman	Helme	Robinson	Bretherton	Glassie	Haigh	Glynn	Rourke	Crawley
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Thurs10th	Batley Bulldogs	League 1H	7.30pm	16-29	2,029	Epati	Powell	Langley 1	Bostock	Buchanan1	Weeden	Lawford	Trinder	Finn	Maloney	Robinson	Bretherton	Walker4G	Haigh	Glynn	Glassie	Wilson
Sun 20th	Batley Bulldogs	4CCC	A 3pm	26-12	1,410	Buchanan	Epati 1	Langley	Bostock1	Colleran	Weeden	Lawford	Trinder	Finn	Maloney	Glassie	Bretherton1	Walker5G	Glynn	Robinson	Wilson 1	Helme
Sun 27th	Featherstone Rovers	League 1	A 3pm	26-40	1,230	Buchanan1	Epati	Langley	Bostock2	Colleran	Weeden	Lawford	Trinder	Finn	Maloney1	Glassie	Bretherton1	Walker3G	Glynn	Robinson	Wilson	Helme
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**THE Carnegie Challenge Cup
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With Dewsbury Rams playing host to Oldham, the National Leagues are guaranteed at least one club in the quarter-finals.

And Barrow Raiders and Widnes Vikings will both hold hopes of causing a major upset against Wakefield and Hull respectively.

There will certainly be no lack of desire at Barrow, thanks to a newspaper article written in a local Wakefield newspaper.

The piece, written shortly after the fifth round draw was made, suggested that the tie was effectively a 'bye' for the Super League side.

While it undoubtedly had nothing to do with Wakefield themselves, or their coach John Kear - a man who has thrived on the underdog status himself in this competition - it will still act as incentive for the Raiders.

Coach Dave Clark confirmed that he will pin the article to his dressing room wall ahead of Sunday's match.

'It's not really very respectful towards us,' the Australian said.

Clark's side will, of course, be significant outsiders for the match, but with a robust pack and plenty of experience - including cup winner Mick Cassidy - they should

provide a tricky afternoon for the in-form Wildcats.

The Stobart Stadium will play host to two teams with a rich Challenge Cup history in Widnes Vikings and Hull FC, who contested the drawn 1982 final.

Hull won the Elland Road replay 18-9, and will start as favourites due to their Super League status.

But the Black and Whites are hardly in a rich vein of form at present, and if Steve McCormack's Vikings can produce a stirring start, it could become a fascinating afternoon.

The all-National League clash takes place at the Tetley's Stadium, where both Dewsbury and Oldham will be dreaming of a lucrative last eight tie.

Neither club has had it easy of late, with the Rams losing all six of their opening NL1 matches.

Oldham are still fighting on three fronts and are fourth in NL2, but despite that coach Steve Deakin questioned his own future after a disappointing display against Blackpool on Sunday.

The club has since offered its backing to their coach, and with so much higher division experience among his team, they have a genuine chance against the Rams.

Challenge Cup shocks might be few and far between in the modern era - but that won't stop these four clubs going into Sunday's matches with a heap of hope and expectation.

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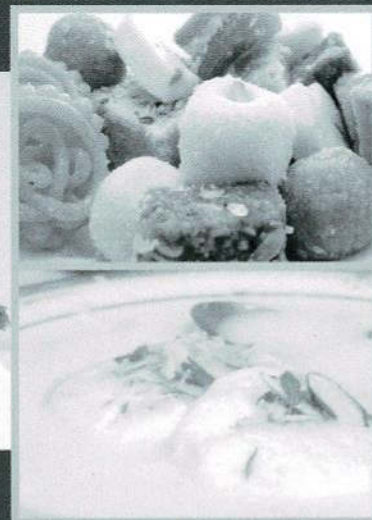
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Hi everyone and welcome to the Tetley's Stadium

A special welcome to Oldham fans who we hope have come in great numbers to support their team. We don't play each other this year but I remember the last time they were here they gave us a real scare in spite of being nowhere near as good a team as they are this season.

This is our second home game inside six days after the home game against Widnes. As I have to write these notes before the game I can't comment on the result but I just hope we put on a decent performance.

This afternoon of course it's the Challenge Cup and while I know neither team can realistically expect to get to Wembley there's a chance that a big team could come to play us in the next round if

we manage to get through today. It would be great to see the stadium packed and would be a real ordeal for the girls having to dance in front of a big crowd but I'm sure they'd be up for it as they're up for everything we ask them to do. They're continuing to work hard at dance practice and lots of people have said to me how they have improved in recent weeks. The little tots still have their "ahh" factor and now the older ones are getting more support each week.

We really appreciate the round of applause that you give the girls each week. Remember they want the Rams to win as much as you do so lets all get together and get behind the team and try to get our place in the next round of the cup.

Enjoy the game (hopefully!!!)

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National League Matters

BY ALAN EDGE

I guess Dewsbury fans are going to view today's game as a welcome break from the tribulations of the League!

It's rather ironic to me, to see you guys propping up NL1 and yet in with a chance of being the only NL side in the last eight of the Challenge Cup! Good luck, but beware of Oldham, who are a NL2 side, in name only. I should also pass on my best wishes to former 'Leyther' stalwarts, Baldwin, Roden, Grundy, Sanderson, Halliwell, Stevens, and '2 Bobs', on the Roughyeds' team.

My own team should have appointed their new coach, by now. It goes without saying that the successful applicant will have to be thick-skinned, as it is impossible to please all the fans, all the time. The longest-serving SL coach, Paul Cullen, is under constant fire from Wolves' supporters, yet the local council are set to name a BUS after him, as a 'sporting hero of Warrington'! His counterpart at Saints, Daniel Anderson, is still whingeing about everything as he attempts to explain his team's slip-ups in SL. Remember 'There are too many matches', and 'The season starts too early'? Well, now it's Saints' training pitch at Ruskin Drive, which is responsible for all their injuries in games this season. Curiously, it's the same facility they used when they won everything, a couple of years ago! Mr. Anderson has yet to gain employment for next season, so he's obviously desperate not to blot his CV!

While I'm having a bash at Sooper Dooper League again, I might as well have a pop at the hypocrisy surrounding the attitude of clubs towards the international game. New Zealand selections for the up-coming 'Anzac' test against Australia have ruffled a few feathers at our SL clubs. I thought these guys were committed to a thriving international game? Yet we have W***n objecting to the selection of Thomas Leuluai, Huddersfield about Paul Whatuira and, Leeds demanding that Brent Webb be withdrawn from the team. The Rhinos' stance appears to be particularly hypocritical, when you realise that it was voiced by none other than their coach – and former Kiwi coach Brian McClennan! The RFL's Nigel Wood is suggesting that international rules be waived this

time – there go those moving goalposts again!

It looks like another 'homesick' Aussie, Trent Barrett, is heading home, to be replaced, no doubt, by a fellow 'ageing' countryman. Darren Lockyer's agent is making noises about how his client would like to see out his career in SL and, whilst this guy is arguably the best in the World, he will be 32/33 by the time he arrives in the UK. SL clubs could do worse than follow the lead of Wildcats' coach, John Kear, who had no fewer than nine former NL players in his team against Salford, recently. (Blaymire, Grix, Moore, Bibey, Obst, Brough, Rooney, Golden and Wilkes) There IS talent in the NL – all it needs is the SL clubs to recognise it and then compensate us generously for taking it!!

As the dreaded 'licences' draw ever nearer, it was interesting to see the results of the French entrants to the Challenge Cup. Pia (4-74 at W***n; Lezignan, (6-48 at Whitehaven) and, worst of all SL hopefuls Toulouse, (6-96 at Bradford) all did their bit to promote the theory that there just isn't the talent in France, to support two SL teams.

I notice that our generous competition sponsors, the Co-op, have appointed two 'Brand Ambassadors' to promote the image of their brand, and the Sport of RL. I applaud the idea, but if I may be so bold as to criticise their choice (Memo to Daniel Hawkins – stand by to issue an apology to the RFL and the Co-op!!) of Jon Wilkin and Robbie Paul? Now these two are fabulous players, but their exposure to NL has been somewhat limited, hasn't it? Surely there are some glamorous, media-friendly individuals, who have been around the National Leagues for a few years? Although, looking around the Rams' squad, perhaps not!! (Memo to Daniel Hawkins – please don't divulge my address to any of your squad!)

Well, here's hoping that today's game against Oldham is a cracker! To the winners, good luck in the last eight, and to the losers – well, there's always the league to concentrate on! Enjoy the game, and to the Oldham supporters, travel home safely.

Alan Edge

Today's Visitors

Oldham RLFC



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 Pat's.

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 Pat's, 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 28, 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.

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 290 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.

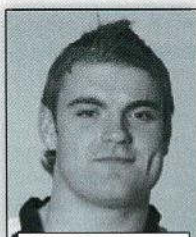
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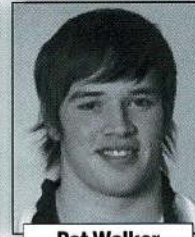
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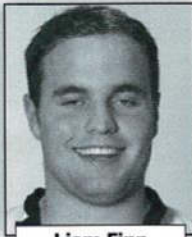
Kane Epati

Vivien Calvert



Mark Field

Mr & Mrs Crabtree



Liam Finn

John Calvert



Jake Wilson

Henderson Insurance



Josh Weeden

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Tere Glassie

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John Gledhill

Wakefield & North Kirklees
Chlamydia Screening



Ryan Glynn

Maximum Fitness



Luke Haigh

Rams Cheerleaders



Chris Hall

Lauren & Lucy Hall



Joe Helme

Sue Walford



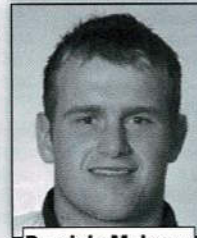
Dean Lawford

West Riding
Refreshment Rooms



Chris Langley

Mr & Mrs Holyoake

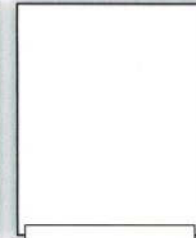


Dominic Maloney

The Three G's



Gary North



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Today's Squads

Dewsbury Rams

☐	Austin BUCHANAN
☐	Kane EPATI
☐	Chris LANGLEY
☐	Andrew BOSTOCK
☐	Tom COLLERAN
☐	Josh WEEDEN
☐	Dean LAWFORD
☐	Aaron TRINDER
☐	Liam FINN
☐	Dominic MALONEY
☐	Tere GLASSIE
☐	Alex BRETHERTON
☐	Patrick WALKER
☐	Ryan GLYNN
☐	Martin ROBINSON
☐	Jake WILSON
☐	Joe HELME

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☐	Simeon HOYLE	☐
☐	Richard MERVILL	☐
☐	Tommy GOULDEN	☐
☐	Adam ROBINSON	☐
☐	Phil JOSEPH	☐
☐	Neil RODEN	☐
☐	Luke MENZIES	☐
☐	Chris BAINES	☐
☐	Said TAMGHART	☐

OFFICIALS

Referee: G Hewer Touch Judges: P Stockman G Wallace

RAMS MASCOT



Name: LEWIS MUNTON

Age: 7

Favourite Rams Player:
Dominic Maloney

Favourite Super League Player:
Sam Burgess

Favourite Team:
Dewsbury Rams

Favourite Food & Drink:
Pizza & Coke

What is your favourite position?
Any position

Hobbies/Interests:
Rugby, Karate & Playing

Other information you would like to include:

Lewis plays for Shaw Cross Shark's under 8's, and has steadily improved his game, more recently Lewis has really taken a big step which rewarded him with the most improved player trophy and is now automatic selection in the starting line up. Lewis has a good future in front of him with Shaw Cross Sharks and hopefully one day with Dewsbury Rams....Last year in Logan's first season he collected the spectator's player of the year award at presentation night.



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