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Hello, I'd like to welcome you to today's game against Gateshead at the Whitebank Stadium. Firstly I would like to talk about last week's game against the Rochdale Hornets.

I thought we were outstanding defensively, especially near our try line. We had worked extremely hard on individual contact work and goal line defence during the week at Oasis Academy.

It was nice to see the hard work that the lads had put in pay off and keep Rochdale to scoring just two tries. I thought our middle unit controlled the speed of the game extremely well defensively which allowed our back three to get us on the front foot early on in yardage sets. We completed at around 83% which in layman's terms means we made approximately 5 errors coming away from our own try line. As far as attacking Rochdale's try line I think the combinations of our halves is becoming more crisp and organised, regularly finishing off with a good kick putting more pressure on our opponents.

As far as the game went it was the most complete performance we've put together to date and hopefully is a sign of things to come for the rest of the season.

As a group of people we are all still getting to know each other and the lads are getting to understand what myself and Spanner want out of them on a Sunday afternoon.

It's nice to win games but sometimes it's how you win them which is more rewarding and working as hard as we did in offence & defence makes the taste of victory sweeter.

Today's game against Gateshead Thunder is going to be a tough encounter, they put a decent performance up last week against the Crusaders and I am sure they come to Whitebank with confidence and determination. We need to perform at the same level today as we did against Rochdale in all aspects of the game to hopefully get the right result.

On a different note I would personally like to thank the Oasis Academy for all their help over pre season, the way they have looked after us has been superb. It offers us a top class training facility that has had a huge impact on our preparation. It is a great benefit to Oldham RLFC and the future of the club.

I hope you enjoy the game and look forward to seeing you all.

Scott (Nobby)





Behind Closed Doors
with...

Lee Spencer

Spanner



Who are your heroes or people you look up to?

Don Preston, a man I admired as a player, coach and mentor and the reason I am so passionate about Rugby league.

If you could invite 2 people to dinner dead or alive who would they be?

I would invite Oliver Reed and Adolf Hitler.

If your house was hit by an earthquake what would be the first thing you'd save?

My family - I love my wife and two lads.

What's your funniest moment at the club so far?

The Harlem Shake

Which TV programme would you never miss?

Question of Sport

What was the last book you read?

1984 by George Orwell (36 years ago)

What's your favourite type of music?

George Formby

Who's the biggest pain in training so far?

Dally (head and shoulders)

...and finally, tell us a secret.

I was born in Germany

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CHRIS' COMMENTS

WELL, a lot can change in the space of a week!

After the disappointment of the result at North Wales the team did us proud with a display against Rochdale that left me wondering how long ago it was since we dominated and controlled a game so much.

Not that anybody within the camp was too downbeat after the trip to Wrexham - it was more a case of wanting to put things right, as we undoubtedly have a committed and determined bunch of players and coaching staff at the club. The pride in performance was there for all to see last week.

If anything the only constant was that in the two Northern Rail games played so far the score hasn't reflected the game - at Crusaders it was harsh on our efforts and last week it didn't reflect just how much we had controlled the match.

Either way, after a local derby win we will have confidence going into today's match and rightly so - albeit that we will certainly not underestimate a Gateshead side that over the last couple of years has improved dramatically.

We know we will have to work hard to get anything out of the match and we will be striving to do that.

The lads who played last week demonstrated their desire to work for each other and that is a great trait to have within the squad as we will certainly need it over the coming months.

After a six-month lay-off from competitive matches they are

now coming on a regular basis and this is the environment in which the players and coaches are happiest as they all seek to overcome the challenges that face them on a weekly basis.

There is no substitute for games and I have no doubt whatsoever that this season will see us reap the rewards for what has been a very demanding and tough pre season for the players. It has been said many times, but the work you do in pre season stands you in good stead for the demands of a tough season of matches. The standard and intensity of that pre season work should not be underestimated.

The lads have responded brilliantly to what has been asked of them with many of them reaching new heights.

We are hoping to be consistent and to do the basics right because, as Scott has said, if we do that the results will take care of themselves - not rocket science but very hard to achieve. However, in the four matches we have played so far the signs have been very encouraging.

The Tetley's Challenge Cup draw took place this week and we will be going away to play Hunslet Hawks in the third round on Sunday, April 7 (3pm kick off). The cup run last season helped us financially and we hope to emulate that this time around.

First of all though we will be doing our best to get three more Northern Rail cup points today and you, as always, have your part to play. Get behind the lads and make as much noise as you can - it does make a difference!

Enjoy the game,

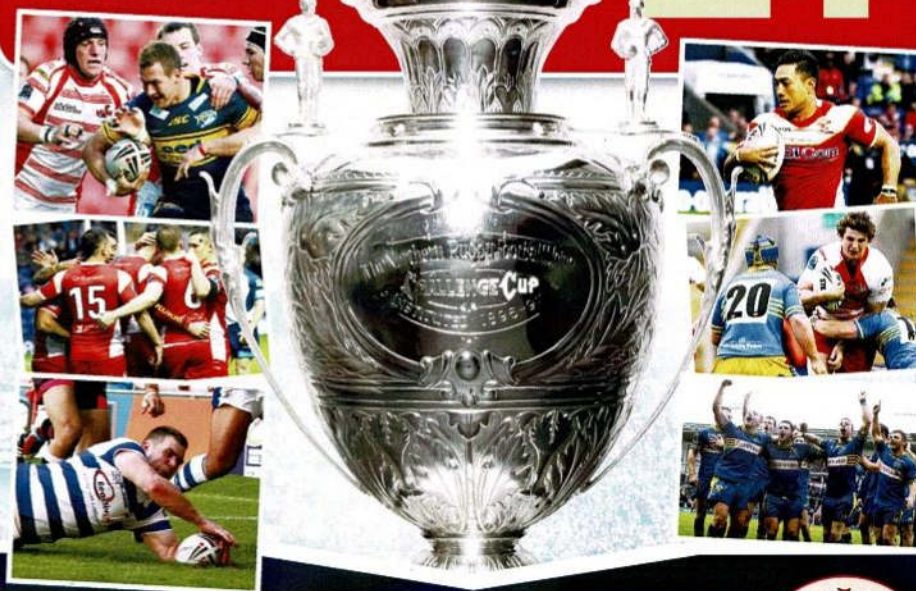
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OLDHAM RUGBY LEAGUE

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LEPORI, Richard Winger. Chorley Panthers, England schoolboys at 15s and 16s, then signed for Salford where he was coached by Scott Naylor and Lee Spencer. Had a season at Castleford in 2012 while studying sport, leisure and culture in Leeds. First year at Oldham. Sponsored by Cornerstone Design & Marketing 0161 213 9941

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AGORO, Mo Winger. Formerly with Leeds Rhinos. Newly signed for 2013. Played for Drighlington and Hunslet Warriors before joining Leeds. A student, currently studying in Huddersfield. Sponsored by ORSA

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SAMUEL, Danny Second-row or centre. Played at Dewsbury Rams last season after three separate spells with Rochdale Hornets. Made a reputation at Spotland as a tackle-busting wide runner from second-row, but used as right centre in Roughyeds' pre-season wins against a young Salford side and then against his old team Hornets for the Law Cup. Sponsorship Available Call 0161 628 3677

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NIELD, Steven Full-back or wing. Oldham-born, signed for St Helens aged 15 from Saddleworth Rangers and had four years at Knowsley Road. Earned senior contract for Roughyeds after two consistently sound seasons in the reserves in which he played in every game and was top try and points scorer in 2012. Sponsored by Oldham Self Storage 0161 665 2723

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BLOOMFIELD, Dale Winger. Widnes Vikings, St Helens, then three years at Rochdale where he scored a total of 30 tries in 2011 and 2012. In the mythical Championship One team of the year in 2011. Another new signing for 2013. Sponsored by Mick Harrop

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PALFREY, Lewis Stand-off or full-back. Appointed Roughyeds captain in his first season at the club. Eccles, Wigan St Pat's, then five years at Salford, two as full-time pro. Captained City Reds at academy and reserve-team levels. Since played for Whitehaven and Batley Bulldogs. Sponsorship Available Call 01616283677

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RODEN, Neil Stand-off. Longest-serving Oldham player, having signed from Wigan nearly 13 years ago. Played at Batley and Leigh in 2005 and 2006, but 2013 will still be his 12th season as a Roughyed. Starts the season with 292 cup and league appearances and 110 tries, both records for Oldham RLFC (1997) Ltd. Sponsorship Available Call 01616283677

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GILCHRIST, Liam Prop forward. Looking forward to his third season at Oldham. Ex-St Helens and a GB Students' international. Student of fine art, having qualified at UCLAN, Salford University and now on teacher training at Edge Hill. Sponsored by ORSA

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GEE, Sam Hooker. Grandson of legendary Wigan prop Ken Gee. Previously with Orrell RU, Warrington Wolves, Wigan Warriors, London Skolars and Whitehaven. Newly signed for 2013. Sponsored by John & Lynda McAndrew

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BOULTS, Jason Prop forward. 2013 will be his seventh season at Oldham. Began the season with 155 appearances for Roughyeds, having missed only four in the last three years. Started at Bradford Bulls, then Halifax. Sponsored by Sue and the Spanish Roughyeds

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CROWLEY, Josh second-row. Yet another new signing for 2013. Crosfields at amateur level, signed for hometown Warrington Wolves aged 15, then later spent three years at Widnes before becoming new coach Scott Naylor's first signing for Roughyeds. Sponsored by John & Lynda McAndrew

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LANGTREE, Danny Prop forward. Ex-St Helens academy. Two seasons in Roughyeds reserves and grabbed first-team chance with both hands at back end of last season. Mainstay of reserve-team pack that reached two successive Grand Finals in 2011 and 2012. Sponsorship Available Call 01616283677

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HOBSON, Mark Second-row. First season at Oldham. Leigh East, signed for Salford at 16, then briefly at Workington Town before spending four seasons at Rochdale where hard work and consistency were his trademarks. Sponsorship Available Call 01616283677

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FILES, Adam Hooker. Here on a season-long loan from our partner club Salford City Reds. Reared at Woolston, where his father coached, and signed for Salford, aged 15. Reserve-team player of the year for the Reds in 2011. Sponsorship Available Call 01616283677

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TYRER, Chris Prop forward. Played at North Wales Crusaders last season after previous stays at Salford, St Helens and Swinton Lions. Reared at Blackbrook, toured Australia at youth level with BARLA GB, then two years at Salford before joining Saints where he played in the under-21s. Sponsored By Wilscaf 078552 65071

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HUGHES, Kenny Hooker. Born in St Helens, played at Blackbrook and Thatto Heath, winning Lancashire and BARLA GB honours at under-19s. Signed for Saints, then came to Oldham to play in the reserves before winning first-team contract. Sponsorship Available Call 01616283677

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MARRIOTT, Callum Prop forward. Another Oldham new boy. Played for Mayfield and Littleborough before becoming full-time pro at Salford. Made Super League debut aged 17. Sponsored by Pam Taylor & TTX

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JOY, Phil Prop forward. Local lad, ex Waterhead. Gained two reserve-team player awards in 2012 and won senior contract on the back of that and on two impressive first-team appearances at the end of last season. Studying at Leeds University for BSc joint honours in maths and economics. Sponsorship Available Call 01616283677

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WARD, Michael Centre or second-row. Another local boy, who came up through Roughyeds reserves, for whom he first played on the wing as a 16-year-old. Starred in the 2011 reserve team that won its Grand Final against Widnes and graduated to the senior side in 2012, making 19 senior appearances. Training to be a maths teacher. Sponsored by Frankie & Benny's (Oldham) 0161 624 7745

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DALLIMORE, Jamie Goalkicking half-back. Captained GB amateur under-23s in Ukraine in 2010, then left Wigan St Cuthbert's to play for Oldham reserves. Became a first-team regular in 2012, scoring 8 tries and 78 goals in 23 games. Sponsored by Rob the Gardener

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COOKSON, David Centre. Joined Roughyeds reserves from Oldham St Anne's in 2011, made first-team spot his own in 2012. Capped at amateur level by England Students and BARLA GB under-23s. Sponsored by ORLFC Players Association

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THOMPSON, Liam Loose-forward. Wigan St Jude's and Hindley, then signed for Wigan Warriors aged 16. England schoolboys honours. Moved from Wigan to Widnes before joining Oldham as a 2013 new boy. Had a close-season shoulder operation which may cause him to miss the early matches. Sponsorship Available Call 01616283677



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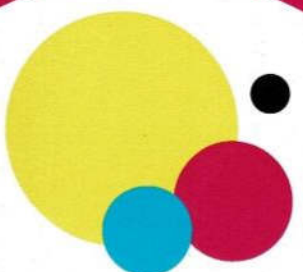
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Dick Hoyt, who competes in triathlons with his disabled son. He carries him during the run; pulls him on a dingy during the swim; cycles with him on his bike. Watch it on Youtube, it's inspirational.

Do you play any other sports and if so do you excel in them?

I like to play golf, usually get around a course sub 80. I also play touch rugby every Wednesday which is good fun.

What is the highlight of your career so far?

Winning two reserve grand finals with Wigan.

If you could invite 2 people to dinner dead or alive who would they be?

I would ask Frank Sinatra and Michelle Keegan.

If your house was to be hit by an earthquake what would be the first thing you'd save?

My dogs first and then my xbox and tv.

Who's the funniest of your team-mates and why?

Hard to choose. Dally is funny looking, so he's up there. Mark Hobson and Danny Samuel tickle me and it's funny how vain and boring Dale Bloomfield is.

Which TV programme would you never miss?

The Big Bang Theory, How I Met Your Mother and New Girl

What was the last book you read?

The Hobbit

What's your favourite type of music?

All kinds of music; House, Rock, Pop, Indie... but Johnny Cash is my favourite at the minute.

How do you relax after a match?

Take away food, a DVD, a brew, and then bed.

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My secret is... I can't keep one!



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U20	Thursday 25th	York	A	8:00pm

AUGUST

U20	Friday 16th	York	H	8:00pm
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Going down to our arch rivals, Rochdale, last week was a bitter pill to swallow but, even more disappointing, was the manner in which we lost. Uncharacteristic individual errors cost us dearly, along with poor discipline with ball in hand.

The inclusion of Phil Joy, Kenny Hughes and Cookie (David Cook) from the first team squad helps the cause in many ways. Their professionalism and leadership around the pitch is a great inspiration which will have a long lasting influence on our younger players.

The pack laid down the foundations with strong performances from Aaron Hall, Grant Hudson, Sam Hughes and Brad Hargreaves, who were unlucky to be on a losing side.

As a new, young side we will continue to learn and I am sure we will put in an improved performance when we entertain South Wales in our first home game of the season next Saturday, March 23, 2:30pm kickoff.

The master plan is to develop these young players to step up to the next level. Patience is key and throughout the course of the season, you will see these young men develop and mature. The support at Rochdale was much appreciated and we hope to see you again next Saturday.

Best Wishes,

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OLDHAM RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB FIXTURES & RESULTS

FEBRUARY

SS	Sunday 10th	SALFORD SELECT	H	W 34 - 22
LC	Sunday 17th	LAW CUP	A	W 20 - 22

MARCH

NRC	Sunday 3rd	NW CRUSADERS	A	L 48 - 12
NRC	Sunday 10th	ROCHDALE	H	W 26-10
NRC	Sunday 17th	GATESHEAD	H	3:00pm
NRC	Sunday 24th	SOUTH WALES	A	3:00pm
C1	Friday 29th	ROCHDALE	H	3:00pm

APRIL

CC	Sunday 7th	HUNSLET CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 3	A	3:00pm
C1	Sunday 14th	GLOUCESTER	A	3:00pm
CC	Sunday 21st	CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 4		
C1	Sunday 28th	OXFORD	H	3:00pm

MAY

C1	Sunday 5th	BYE		
C1	Sunday 12th	HEMEL	A	3:00pm
CC	Sunday 12th	CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 5		
NRC	Sunday 19th	NORTHERN RAIL CUP PLAY OFFS		
C1	Sunday 26th	GATESHEAD	H	3:00pm

JUNE

C1	Sunday 2nd	LONDON	H	3:00pm
C1	Sunday 9th	NW CRUSADERS	A	2:30pm
C1	Sunday 16th	SOUTH WALES	A	3:00pm
NRC	Sunday 19th	NORTHERN RAIL CUP QUARTER FINALS		
C1	Sunday 23rd	HEMEL	H	3:00pm
C1	Sunday 30th	GATESHEAD	A	3:00pm
NRC	Sunday 30th	NORTHERN RAIL CUP SEMI FINALS		

JULY

C1	Sunday 7th	OXFORD	A	3:00pm
CC	Sunday 14th	CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER FINAL		
C1	Sunday 14th	SOUTH WALES	H	3:00pm
NRC	Sunday 28th	NORTHERN RAIL CUP FINAL		
C1	Sunday 28th	NW CRUSADERS	H	3:00pm

AUGUST

C1	Sunday 4th	LONDON	A	3:00pm
CC	Sunday 4th	CHALLENGE CUP SEMI FINALS		
C1	Sunday 11th	GLOUCESTER	H	3:00pm
C1	Thursday 15th	ROCHDALE	A	7:30pm
CC	Saturday 24th	CHALLENGE CUP FINAL		

SEPTEMBER

C1	Sunday 1st	BYE		
C1	TBC	CHAMPIONSHIPS PLAY OFFS (Sunday 8th / 15th / 22nd)		
C1	Sunday 29th	CHAMPIONSHIPS GRAND FINAL		

OCTOBER

SL	Saturday 5th	SUPER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL		
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