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X --- O X O NOBBY'S NOTES O X --- O X

HELLO everyone and welcome to today's game against Oxford.

We face a team that has been in a good run of form in recent weeks, having won their last two games against Gloucester and York.

Obviously, we all remember that Oxford came here last season in the early rounds of the competition and beat us, which actually provided us with the kick-start to our season.

I can promise that we won't be anything other than 100 per cent ready for today's encounter and that we expect an extremely tough game from start to finish.

The connection with the Oxford coach Tony Benson and some of the players, who are ex-Roughyeds, gives this game added spice, just as it clearly did last year.

After a defeat at Hunslet in our last game we need to get back to winning ways, especially at home. Hopefully, this will be the start of a run like we had last season.

The result at Hunslet was very disappointing for Spanner and myself. We didn't play for the full 80 minutes again and as the season continues it's something we desperately need to fix before it becomes a huge problem.

The lads have worked very hard since their last game and we have changed training slightly to hopefully produce a more consistent level of rugby.

We learned a lot about ourselves from our performance on Good Friday and we know what is needed from each player in order to produce a better all-round team display which will hopefully continue for the rest of the season.

After the game at the South Leeds Stadium, the players were as hard on themselves as they could have possibly been and I'm sure we will see a marked improvement today,

Once again, thank-you for your outstanding support this season,

Nobby



ORSA

FAMILY RACE NIGHT



To start off the Easter weekend, the Oldham Roughyeds Supporters' Association (ORSA) once again teamed up with the local amateur club, Higginshaw ARLFC, to hold a joint fund-raising Family Race Night.

The evening was a great success and was enjoyed by everyone, especially the members of Higginshaw under-9s who were thrilled when 'Roary', the Oldham club mascot, turned up to present them all with Easter eggs.

Organisers of the Race Night wish to express their thanks to everyone who supported the

event in some way, whether by sponsorship, donation of tombola and raffle prizes or by going along on the night.

Their thanks also go to 'Roary' and his keeper Dave Murgatroyd, for taking time to go along and especially to the officials of the Higginshaw ARLFC for their excellent hospitality and co-operation.

ORSA's next event will be a Quiz Night on Thursday, May 15 at 8 pm. in the Sponsors' Lounge at Whitebank. Entry is £1 per head with a maximum of six per team. Sandwiches available.

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CHRIS' COMMENTS

WELCOME back to Whitebank for the next instalment in the 2014 league calendar.

After a disappointing second-half performance at Hunslet last time out it is vital that we get back on track today against Oxford, who were one of the teams to take three points off us here last season.

We are again in the midst of a 'play-a-week, miss-a-week' patch at the present time and that in itself brings different issues to deal with, including how to keep up intensity as well as focus during matches.

It is even more important today, therefore, that we make sure we are switched on and that we play to Scott's game plan and then the rest will follow.

There may well be one or two new faces on show today, depending on team selection, and it will again underline the need for competition for places within the squad and the need for us to be performing well each week to ensure we reach the levels we want to be at in order to try and be successful this season.

This week will also have seen the first part of a major upgrade on the shower facilities at the ground which will be completed before the next home game. It is a project we have been trying to implement for some time.

Bear with it lads



and for the York game, hopefully, the problems of the past will be

exactly that.

The under-20s continue to look for their first victory of the season, although we don't include yesterday's match against the North East Academy in that, and we hope that the progress that has been shown so far by the players will continue.

The players and staff involved with that team have shown great commitment and it would be nice for them to get some reward in terms of results sooner rather than later.

The next home game against York will not be altered or moved from its scheduled time and date of 3pm on 18th May.

We have found ourselves at home again on the same weekend as Magic Weekend. In the previous two years we moved days and times in order to give both our fans and those of the opposition the chance to go to both events, but it didn't work and with this being one of the potentially biggest gates of the season, with decent away support, we have decided to stick with things as they are. Hopefully, this won't inconvenience too many people.

As always, the support at Hunslet was outstanding and you can hopefully cheer the team on to three important league points today.

Thanks, and enjoy the game.

Christopher Hamilton
Chairman

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OLDHAM RLFC AND THE REGENDA GROUP FORGE FURTHER LINKS

OLDHAM Rugby League Football Club is delighted to announce that another of its major community partners, The Regenda Group, has become one of the club's shirt sponsors for the 2014 season.

This is a 'first' for club and Regenda, although both have been actively working side by side for the benefit of the local community for some time.

Oldham RLFC, and its Whitebank

Stadium, are focal points for Limehurst Village where Regenda, a leading North-West housing and regeneration group, is investing £5m into transforming the lives of Limehurst residents over the next ten years.

Said Oldham RLFC chairman Christopher Hamilton: "Since we moved into the Whitebank Stadium in 2010, Regenda have been fantastic community partners.

"Our partnership, over this time, has

gone from strength to strength as part of Regenda's commitment to developing the area and providing new opportunities for the people who live there.

"We are pleased to be working alongside them on many different projects. And we look forward to the continued development and growth of a partnership that has become a very important one for the club.

"Moreover, the club is proud and privileged to carry the Regenda logo on the players' jerseys as we strive to have a successful 2014 campaign in Kingstone Press Championship One."

One of the key community initiatives undertaken by Oldham RLFC was to instigate the birth and development of Limehurst Lions junior rugby league club, which now has more than 40 children, boys and girls, meeting and training regularly at the Whitebank Stadium.

Regenda's Chris Standish, Limehurst Project Manager, said: "Regenda are delighted to sponsor Oldham RLFC's new playing kit as part of a wider package of support for the club, which does a great deal of good in the local community.

"The club is a key part of the community infrastructure and we are proud sponsors because of the community outreach they do, as typified by their work with Limehurst Lions.

"Regenda believes in making Limehurst a better place. Sport is a great way for people to develop new skills and more self confidence.

"We believe in the Limehurst community, as do Oldham RLFC, and we are proud to be in partnership with the club."



Behind Closed Doors with... **BRETT ROBINSON**

Who are your heroes or people you look up to?

Keith Lemon

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

Badminton, just socially

What is the highlight of your career so far?

First-team debut for Widnes Vikings v St Helens

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

Mike Tyson and Alan from The Hangover

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

Catherine and Blake

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

Josh Crowley because every time you look at him he makes you laugh

Which TV programme would you never miss?

Jeremy Kyle

What was the last book you read?

Terry Newton's autobiography

What's your favourite type of music?

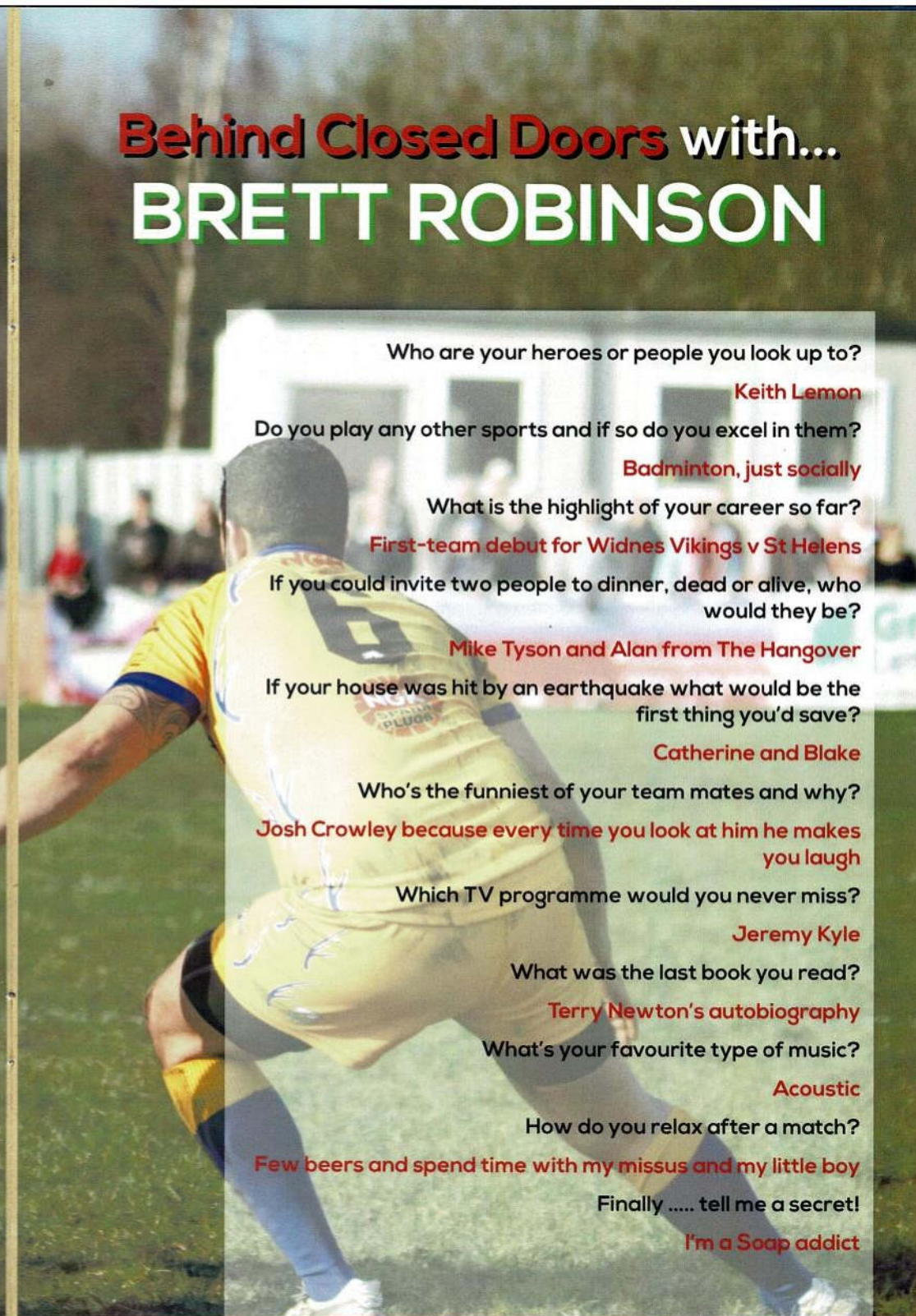
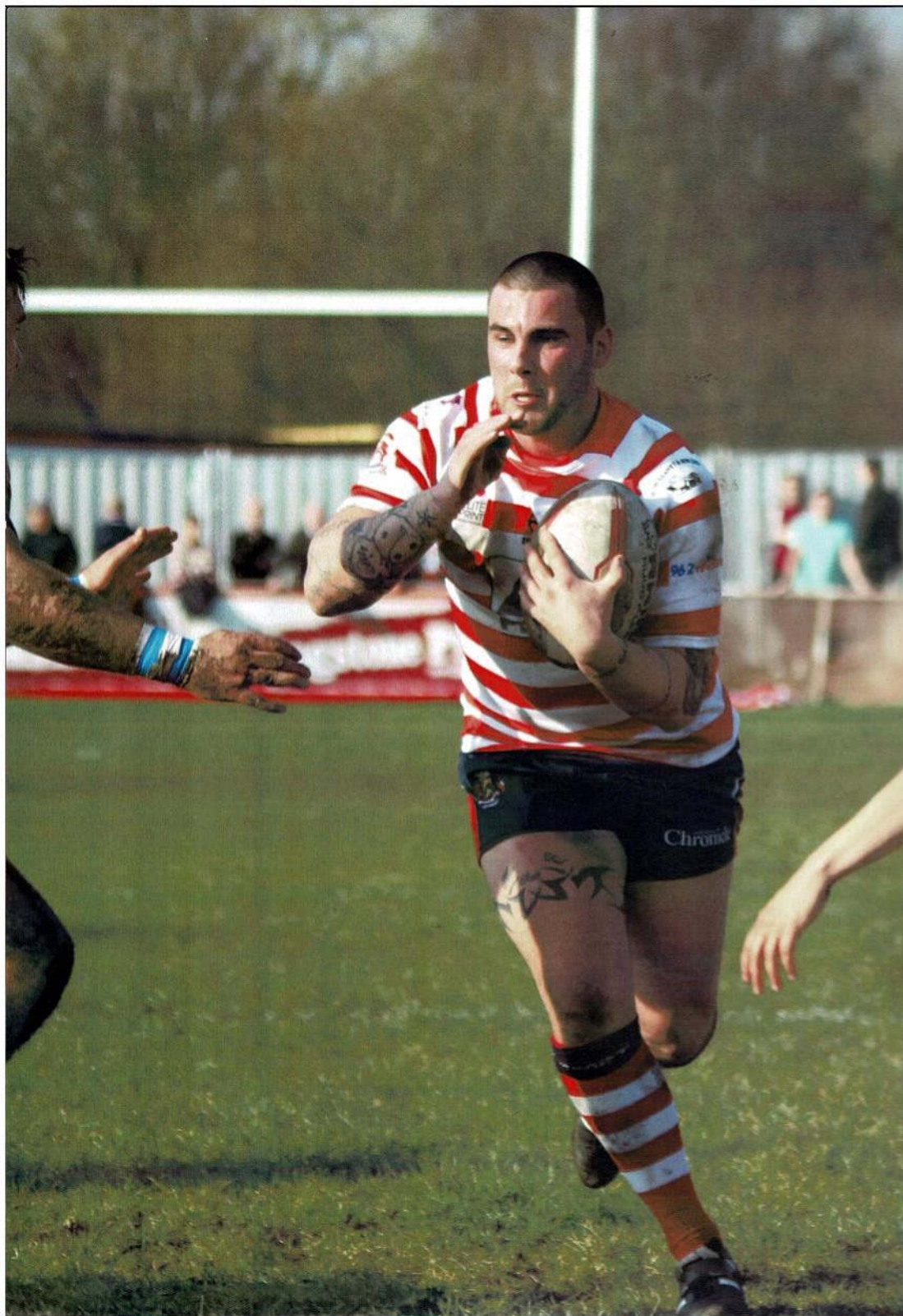
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How do you relax after a match?

Few beers and spend time with my missus and my little boy

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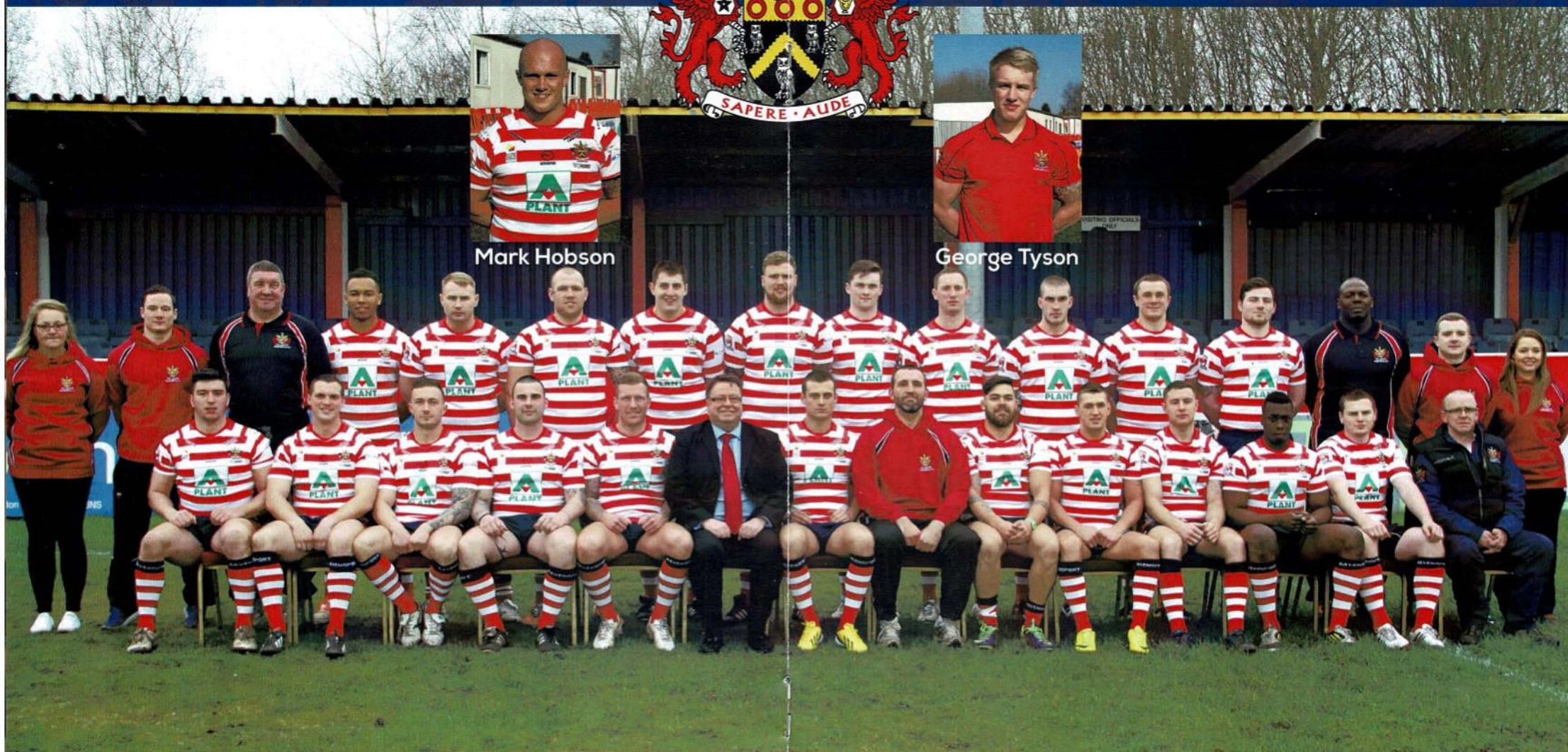
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Mark Hobson



George Tyson



Back row (left to right): **Lyndsey Watkins** (head physiotherapist), **Craig Thomas** (strength and conditioning coach), **Lee Spencer** (assistant coach), **Edwin Okanga-Ajwang**, **Danny Langtree**, **Josh Crowley**, **Phil Joy**, **Ben Wood**, **Paddy Mooney**, **Jason Boults**, **David Cookson**, **Alex Davidson**, **Michael Ward**, **Patrick Hoyte** (physiotherapist), **Ben Riley** (physiotherapist), **Beth Pankiw** (masseur).

Front: **Liam Thompson**, **Steven Nield**, **Danny Whitmore**, **Brett Robinson**, **Dale Bloomfield**, **Christopher Hamilton** (club chairman), **Lewis Palfrey** (captain), **Scott Naylor** (head coach), **Sam Gee** (vice-captain), **Kenny Hughes**, **Tom Whitehead**, **Mo Agoro**, **Adam Files**, **Adrian Tierney** (kit manager).



ROPER & MASON HERE ON LOAN

WE are delighted to announce the loan signings of Steve Roper from Rochdale Hornets and Nathan Mason (pictured) from Huddersfield Giants.

Steve, who is 27, is in his sixth season with Hornets and, as such, is one of the most experienced half-backs in Kingstone Press Championship One.

Nathan, aged 20, has all his career ahead of him as a full-time member of the Giants first-team squad.

He spent a month with us last season on a similar loan arrangement and we were disappointed when the Giants called him back after he had played for us in four victories.

Both players have signed for us initially for one month and both were expected to play in today's game against Oxford.

Our next game is also here at Whitebank in two weeks time against York City Knights. It should be a cracker --- make a diary note NOW.

A PIECE OF OLDHAM RUGBY HISTORY

Fans who are interested in Oldham RLFC history will be fascinated by this article taken from a now extinct weekly rugby league paper in Sydney, Australia called 'The Referee'. It was last published in 1939 --- ten years after the Oldham v Australians game at Watersheddings to which this article refers.

Vic Armbruster, who wrote it, was one of the Kangaroos players and he returned to England after the tour to play for Rochdale Hornets. Cec Fifield, another tourist, came back to play for Hull and some 20 years later became Hornets manager.

writes ROGER HALSTEAD.

For unearthing this piece from the files of the NSW State Library and supplying it for use in this programme I am indebted to my Aussie friend of many years Bob McKenzie, a lifelong rugby league fan and supporter of St George Illawarra.

A crowd of 18,000 watched the game in question, in which Oldham lined up like this: Rees, Rix, Thomas, Stephens, Johnson, Oster, Reynolds, Read, Scaife, Clayton, Ashworth, Entwistle, Watkins.

The Kangaroos won 18-10, Oldham's points coming from tries by Sid Rix and Jack Oster and two goals by Tommy Rees.

KANGAROO THRILLS

Glorious Play in Rain at Oldham

("Referee" Special by Vic. Armbruster)

ILKLEY, Yorks, 12/11/29.

We have found that in England, as anywhere else, the more powerful the club the better the organisation. Oldham is the best club which we have yet to be desired. Mr. G. D. Hutchins, who was in Australia last year, has told us, following the Huddersfield game, that his club were out to beat that figure. They succeeded, and we played before a record crowd and gate for that centre.

IN view of the fact that rain began about 1 p.m., and continued throughout the afternoon, Oldham have reason to be proud of their performance. They have another fine record which they wished to preserve - that of defeating every colonial side which had visited that centre. The 1921 tourists played there twice, winning on the first and losing on the second occasion.

The ground is known as Watershedding, and is very compact. There are covered stands on both sides and one end; the other end is raised similar to our "hill." The spectators are very close to the game, as the seats in the stands rise abruptly. It is one of the best grounds I have seen, and affords all spectators a fine view of the game. The turf was heavy and sticky because of the heavy rain during the week, and was our first real taste of what English conditions are going to be in the coming Winter months. We were rather glad of this in case the conditions for the second Test match at Leeds the following Saturday were bad.

The game started off with a real sensation. As Gorman had won the toss, Oldham kicked off. Treweeke received, passed to Prigg, whose transfer to Busch was interrupted by Osten, and he had an easy run over underneath the posts. It was the most sensational opening of any game I can remember having seen, or in which I have participated. Rees, the full-back, converted, giving them a 5-0 lead within one minute. Prigg was across the goal-line later, but failed to properly ground the ball, and Treweeke almost scored. Rees later kicked a penalty goal, and at half-time we faced a deficit of 7-0.

Our tactics continued the same, despite the greasy conditions, and we continued to throw the ball about and finished up a great game, winners by a margin of 18-10. Spencer scored a sensational try in the last minute of the game, which was a fitting climax. He received the ball from Fifield, burst between the centre and wing, ran around Rees and literally bolted from the converging defence to score under the posts. Our team received a wonderful reception from the big crowd, being reminiscent of the ovation accorded us after our victory against Lancashire County at Warrington.

* * * * HARRY SUNDERLAND'S ACCIDENT.

Then came disaster. As Mr. Sunderland stepped out of the bus to cross the road to the Post Office, he was knocked down by a motor car. It cast a real gloom over everybody. He received a bad gash in the head, and to us it looked very serious. "Sunday" is very popular with his own team. Fortunately the X-ray on the Monday revealed no fractures, and consequently we all felt much relieved. He has a big army of friends in Oldham, and they rallied around in fine style. One must pay tribute to the staff of the Royal Infirmary at Oldham for their treatment of the patient.

At Oldham we met Geo. Smith, who came to England with the 1905 All Blacks Rugby Union side, and again with Baskerville's 1907 side, under Rugby League; Also Joe Lavery and Arthur Kelley, other members of Baskerville's team. We are hoping for seasonably fine weather for the second Test.

YOUNG PEOPLE TEAM UP TO PAINT OLDHAM RL CLUB



A group of unemployed young people from Oldham have completed a community improvement project at Oldham Rugby League Football Club in Limehurst Village, Oldham.

The youngsters are currently completing The Prince's Trust Team programme with Groundwork, to give them the skills and confidence to find a job. During the 13-week course, they have been fundraising, helping communities and building their skills to help them find work.

The team of six young people, aged between 16 and 25, have been working on project at

The Whitebank Stadium for three weeks, mainly sanding down and re-painting fences and supporter stands.

Chelsea Stockley, 16, from Coppice is one of the young people involved in the project. She said: "I think the project has been superb! It's been hard work but it was worth it."

Groundwork Prince's Trust team member Karrie Curry, 18, also from Coppice, added: "We have worked as a team and made the rugby club much better."

Oldham RLFC chairman, Christopher Hamilton, said: "This is the second time we

have worked with Groundwork and The Prince's Trust and the projects they have carried out have been a great help to us.

"The young people were really enthusiastic and they clearly enjoyed what they were doing. Their confidence grew from the time they first arrived at the ground and long before they finished I was the subject of some banter from them when I saw them each day!

"We would also like to thank Regenda for supporting this project. I am sure, once again, that spectators will notice the difference when they come to the ground."

The project has been supported by housing group Regenda who contributed £600 to buy materials to allow the project to go ahead. The Whitebank Stadium, home of Oldham Rugby League FC, is a central part of the Limehurst Village community.

The Regenda Group's Regional Director, Bill Lovat, said: "The Prince's Trust programme provides an excellent opportunity for young adults to gain practical experience and learn new skills. Oldham Rugby League Club is a key partner in supporting the local community, helping us to deliver our commitments for the Limehurst Village ten year vision."

Jo Shaw, Groundwork Prince's Trust Team Leader, commented: "The team have worked well together over the past three weeks to complete their community project. They have supported and motivated each other and have each had a leadership day when they have led the entire team, working on key skills such as communication, confidence and motivation."

The Prince's Trust will help 55,000



disadvantaged young people this year, giving them the confidence and skills to turn their lives around. Three in four young people on Prince's Trust schemes move into work, education or training.

The next Groundwork Prince's Trust Team in Oldham will start on Monday 12th May. For more information on the course, please call Joanne Shaw on 07739 978 791 or email joanne.shaw@groundwork.org.uk



SPOTLIGHT ON OLDHAM RLFC CLASS OF 2014



Tom WHITEHEAD
D.O.B: 13/9/91

1 Full-back, but versatile player who can also operate at half-back or on the wing. Unattached when he signed for Roughyeds midway through last season. Oldham-born, he signed for Salford from Waterhead and was coached through the Super League club's development system by Lee Spencer, now the assistant boss at Whitebank. Sponsorship available (0161 624 9630, ex 70552)



Mo AGORO
D.O.B: 29/1/93

2 Winger, formerly with Leeds Rhinos. In his second year at Whitebank, having played in 22 of our 24 games last season, scoring nine tries. Played for Drighlington and Hunslet Warriors before joining Leeds. A student, currently studying in Huddersfield. Sponsored by Wilscaff 07855 265 071



Ben WOOD
D.O.B: 10/6/89

3 Centre or second-row. Another product of the Salford 'system', originally from Saddleworth Rangers. In his second spell at Oldham, having spent last year in Australia where he won State rep honours for Western Australia and went on tour to Samoa. At 6ft 4in and 17st 1lb, he is one of the biggest players in the squad. Sponsorship available (0161 624 9630, ex 70552)



Steven NIELD
D.O.B: 20/11/90

4 Full-back or wing. Oldham-born, signed for St Helens aged 15 from Saddleworth and had four years at Knowsley Road. Earned senior contract here after two big seasons in the reserves in which he played in every game and was top try and points scorer in 2012. Now in his second year as a 'senior'. Sponsored by Oldham Self Stodge 0161 665 2723



Dale BLOOMFIELD
D.O.B: 24/10/87

5 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. In his second year at Whitebank, having scored 11 tries in 23 games last season, missing only one. Sponsored by Mick Harrop.



Lewis PALFREY
D.O.B: 25/2/90

6 Stand-off and club captain. Eccles, Wigan St Pat's, then five years at Salford, two as a full-time pro. Captained them at academy and reserve-team levels and came under the influence there of 'Spanner' (Lee Spencer) and our head coach Scott Naylor. Played for Whitehaven and Batley Bulldogs before joining Roughyeds at the start of the 2013 season. Sponsored by Fireplace Superstore 0161 488 4991



Brett ROBINSON
D.O.B: 11/9/89

7 Half-back. Newly signed by Roughyeds this year, having been a key member of Tony Benson's Oxford squad in that club's first season in Kingstone Press Championship One. Played for us at reserves level three years ago when John Hough was in charge, having been reared on the youth circuit in his native Wigan. Also played overseas. Sponsored by ORSA



Phil JOY
D.O.B: 4/9/91

8 Prop-forward. Local lad, ex-Waterhead. A product of our development system. Gained two reserve team player awards in 2012, won his first senior contract for 2013 and carried off the coach's player-of-the-year award in his first season at that level. Got a BSc joint honours degree in maths and economics at Leeds and now studying for a masters. Sponsored by Pam Taylor and TTX



Sam GEE
D.O.B: 28/2/87

9 Vice-captain and extremely versatile player who contributes much all over the park, notably from hooker, loose-forward or even centre where he has played on numerous occasions. Previously with Warrington, Wigan, London Skolars and Whitehaven. In his second season here, having played in 21 of our 24 games last year. Sponsored by John and Lynda McAndrew.



Jason BOULTS
D.O.B: 7/9/83

10 Prop-forward. 'Mr Consistency' if ever there was one. Now in his eighth season at Oldham. He began this 2014 campaign with 173 appearances on his impressive Roughyeds CV. Started at Bradford Bulls, then Halifax before coming to Oldham for the start of the 2007 season. The squad's senior citizen at the age of 30, but going as strongly as ever. Sponsored by ORSA



Josh CROWLEY
D.O.B: 24/9/91

11 Second-row forward. Formerly with hometown Warrington, then three years at Widnes before becoming Scott Naylor's first signing for Oldham ahead of the 2013 season. Strong-running forward who was an ever-present in his first season with a maximum 24 appearances. Has won more man-of-the-match awards than any other Oldham player. Sponsored by John and Lynda McAndrew.



Danny LANGTREE
D.O.B: 18/2/91

12 Second-row forward. Ex-St Helens academy. Two seasons in our reserve team and grabbed first-team chance with both hands at back end of 2012 season. Mainstay of reserves' pack that reached two successive grand finals in 2011 and 2012. Scored ten tries in 23 first-team games in 2013. Sponsorship available (0161 624 9630, ext 70552)



Mark HOBSON
D.O.B: 14/1/87

13 Back-row forward. Signed for Salford at 16, then briefly at Workington Town before spending four seasons at Rochdale where hard work and consistency were his trademarks. In his second season at Oldham, having played in every game bar one last year. Sponsored by Colin Appleyard Ltd 0161 330 5148.



Adam FILES
D.O.B: 7/1/93

14 Hooker. Made a big impact here last year when he was on season-long loan from Salford. Scored 15 tries in a maximum 24 appearances. Especially lively from dummy half. Reared at Woolston and signed for Salford aged 15. Now in his first season as a fully-fledged Oldham player. D-O-B 7/1/93. Sponsored by Rita Walton.



Paddy MOONEY
D.O.B: 28/3/94

15 Prop-forward. Londoner. Reared in the much under-rated London amateur game, then joined Broncos where he captained the under-19s side in 2013. Moved north to study at Manchester University and joined Oldham as a young front-rower with loads of potential. Sponsored by Graeme Lee.



Kenny HUGHES
D.O.B: 30/3/90

16 Hooker/half-back. Born in St Helens, won BARLA GB honours at under-19s. Signed for Saints, then came to Oldham to play in the reserves before winning first-team contract at the start of the 2013 campaign. Scored seven tries in 19 appearances last year, proving his value to the squad by appearing at both hooker and half-back. Sponsored by Rita Walton.



Danny WHITMORE
D.O.B: 22/12/88

17 Hooker/half-back. In his second spell here. Oldham-born, he played at Waterhead before joining Salford's youth development system. Brought up there under Lee Spencer's wing and signed for Roughyeds for the first time in 2010, serving three years here before going to Batley Bulldogs last term. Had a couple of games here on loan last season and now a fully-fledged Roughyed - again. Sponsored by Frankie and Benny's.



Alex DAVIDSON
D.O.B: 1/1/92

18 Bolton-born, raised in Westthoughton. Early rugby for Westthoughton Lions, Wigan St Pat's and Blackbrook Royals (St Helens). He then signed for Salford from which club he is now at Oldham on season-long loan. Well known to our coaches Scott Naylor and Lee Spencer from his time with the Red Devils. Sponsorship available (0161 624 9630, ext 70552)



Michael WARD
D.O.B: 10/2/91

19 Prop-forward. Local lad who came up through our reserves. First played on the wing as a 16-year-old. Starred in 2011 reserve team that won a grand final against Widnes and graduated to first team in 2012. Played early rugby at centre or second-row but now regarded chiefly as a front-rower. At 17st 4lbs second heaviest member of the pack after Phil Joy. Sponsored by Sylvia, David and Margaret.



George TYSON
D.O.B: 1/10/93

20 Back-row forward. Another youngster from Salford Red Devils who is here on a season-long loan. Early rugby at Leigh Miners, then signed for Salford aged 16. Tall and rangy, he is a very mobile forward, who impressed in the under-20s in his first few games here, both on attack and in defence. Sponsorship available (0161 624 9630, ext 70552)



David COOKSON
D.O.B: 1/10/88

21 Centre. Joined Roughyeds' reserves from Oldham St Anne's in 2011, made senior spot his own in 2012. Capped at amateur level by England Students and BARLA GB under-23s. Five tries in 18 appearances last season, but missed several early games in 2014 due to injury. Sponsored by ORLFC Players' Association.



Liam THOMPSON
D.O.B: 3/1/92

22 Loose-forward. Signed for Wigan aged 16. England schoolboy honours. Moved from Wigan to Widnes before joining Roughyeds as one of Scott Naylor's new boys in 2013. Shoulder operation delayed his debut, but he made a big impact later in the season as we progressed to the Grand Final. Started well again this year, but then suffered a serious facial injury which again set him back. Sponsored by Spencer Hayes Insurance 01204 505 586.



Edwin OKANGA-AJWANG
D.O.B: 29/11/94

24 Centre. Highly-rated youngster from Salford Red Devils, here on season-long dual registration. Born in Poland of a Polish mum and a Kenyan dad. Family moved to Halifax when he was ten. His primary school introduced him to rugby league and he joined amateurs Siddall, from which club he signed for Salford when he was 16. Already had a couple of Super League games. Sponsorship available (0161 624 9630, ext 70552)

OLDHAM RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB U20s FIXTURES & RESULTS

MARCH

Saturday 8th	Leigh Centurions	H	L 42 - 10
Saturday 22nd	Sheffield Eagles	A	L 38 - 18
Saturday 29th	Featherstone Rovers	H	L 36 - 20

APRIL

Saturday 5th	York City Knights (friendly)	H	L 44 - 28
Saturday 12th	Halifax	H	L 27-24
Saturday 26th	Sheffield Eagles	A	L 18-12

MAY

Saturday 3rd	N E Academy	H	2:30pm
Saturday 10th	Midlands Academy	A	2:30pm
Saturday 24th	Cumbria Academy	A	2:30pm
Saturday 31st	Sheffield Eagles	H	2:30pm

JUNE

Thursday 12th	Keighley	A	7:30pm
Saturday 21st	Featherstone Rovers	A	2:30pm

JULY

Saturday 5th	Halifax	H	2:30pm
Saturday 12th	Gloucester	H	2:30pm
Wednesday 30th	Leigh Centurions	A	7:30pm

AUGUST

Saturday 9th	Keighley	H	2:30pm
Thursday 14th	Halifax	A	7:30pm



Hello to all our fantastic fans,

AFTER five games in the Championship under-20s competition we are still seeking our first win, yet I am optimistic and upbeat about what we have achieved so far, given the quality of the opposition we have been up against and the significant improvements we have made in the last couple of months.

In our scheduled 16-match league programme we are set to play only ONE team from a Championship One club, and that's Gloucester All Golds here at Whitebank on Saturday, July 12.

We play three regional Academy sides, starting today with the visit of the lads from the North East (welcome fellows!), but the other 12 games are all against teams from Championship clubs, some of them leading Championship clubs too.

We've already clashed here at Whitebank with Leigh Centurions, Featherstone Rovers and Halifax, currently three of the top four clubs in the Championship, as well as with Sheffield Eagles both home and away.

We were worthy of a win against Halifax, losing 27-24 and getting pipped at the post, and we put in another good shift at Sheffield last week where we lost 18-12.

The boys were disappointed to lose both those games, but we have come a long way in a short time and we are definitely moving in the right direction, both individually and as a unit.

Connor Partington and Richard Joy scored our tries at Sheffield, while Tom Dempsey landed both goals. I don't normally go for picking out individuals but a mention here for young Tom. He's only 17 and he had a big defensive job to do against the Eagles, but he never once took a backward step and he must have made more than 40 tackles.

In our last home game we produced some excellent expansive rugby in the first half which yielded tries for Phil Bickerstaff, Steven Nield, Reece Whitfield and David Cookson, while Jake Hughes added another in the second half.

With two minutes to go it was 24-24 near the end of a cracking match, but Fax then took it away from us with a drop goal and then a penalty with the last kick of the game.

If we keep playing like that, the results will take of themselves.

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March

KPC1	Sunday 2nd	SOUTH WALES	A	W 18 - 4
KPC1	Sunday 9th	HEMEL	H	D 20 - 20
	Sunday 16th	EGREMONT (Tetleys Challenge Cup)	A	W 42 - 24
KPC1	Sunday 23rd	LONDON	A	W 18 - 16

April

	Sunday 6th	BRADFORD (Tetleys Challenge Cup)	A	L 60 - 6
KPC1	Sunday 13th	GATESHEAD	H	W 52 - 16
KPC1	Friday 18th	HUNSLET	A	L 38 - 12
	Sunday 27th	TETLEY'S CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 5		

May

KPC1	Sunday 4th	OXFORD	H	3:00pm
KPC1	Sunday 18th	YORK	H	3:00pm
KPC1	Sunday 25th	GLOUCESTER	A	3:00pm

June

KPC1	Sunday 1st	LONDON	H	3:00pm
KPC1	Sunday 8th	HEMEL	A	2:30pm
	Sunday 8th	TETLEY'S CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER FINAL		
KPC1	Sunday 15th	SOUTH WALES	H	3:00pm
KPC1	Sunday 22nd	GATESHEAD	A	3:00pm
KPC1	Sunday 29th	OXFORD	A	3:00pm

July

KPC1	Sunday 13th	GLOUCESTER	H	3:00pm
KPC1	Sunday 20th	YORK	A	3:00pm
KPC1	Sunday 27th	HUNSLET	H	3:00pm

August

KPC1	Sunday 3rd	LONDON	A	3:00pm
	Sunday 10th	TETLEY'S CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINAL		
KPC1	Sunday 17th	HEMEL	H	3:00pm
	Saturday 23rd	TETLEY'S CHALLENGE CUP FINAL		
KPC1	Sunday 31st	GATESHEAD	A	3:00pm

September

KPC1	Sunday 7th	GLOUCESTER	H	3:00pm
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CHAMPIONSHIPS PLAY OFF GAMES SUNDAY 14th SUNDAY 21st & SUNDAY 28th

October

Sunday 5th	CHAMPIONSHIPS GRAND FINALS
Saturday 11th	SUPER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL