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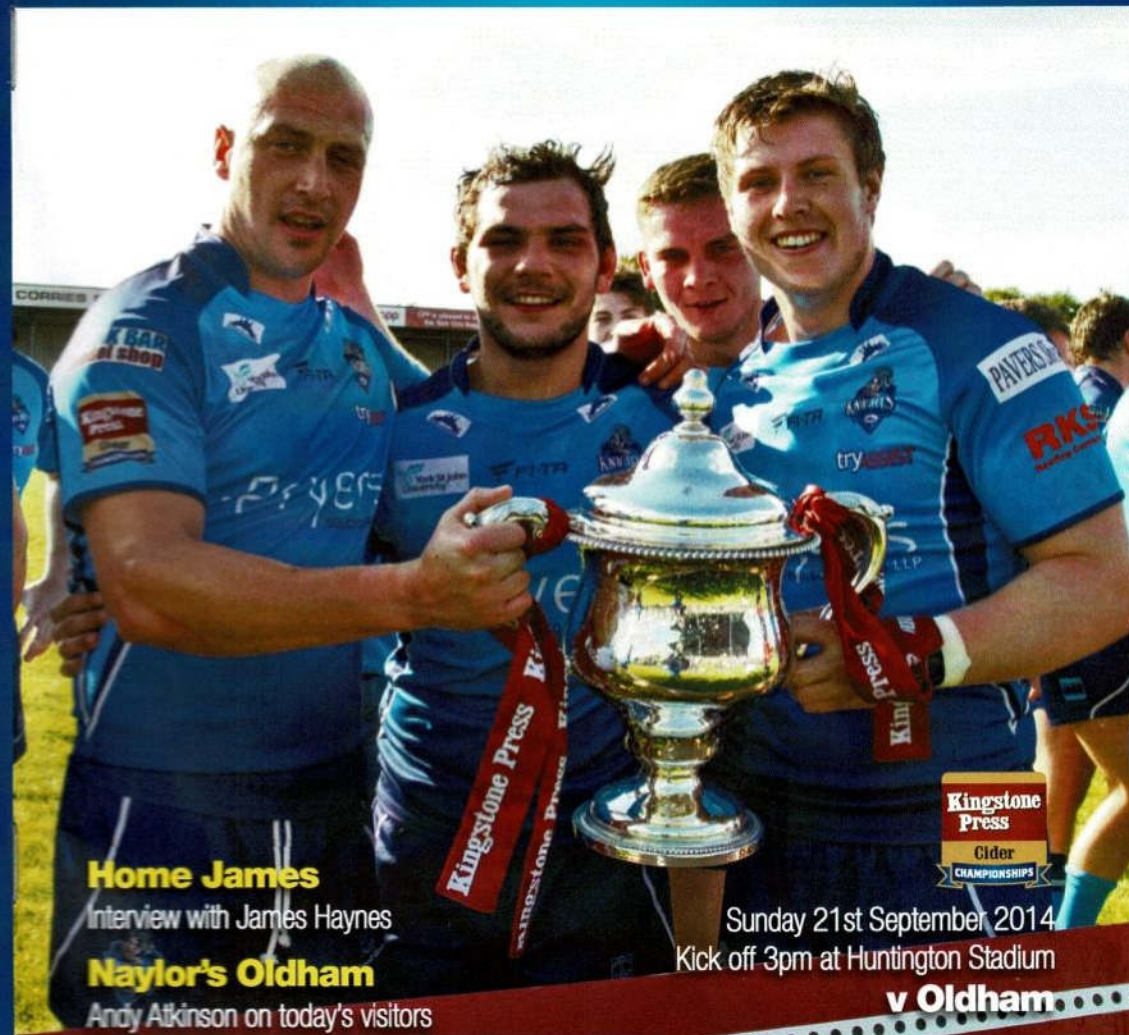
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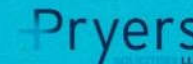
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Thornton's Thoughts...

Welcome everyone for our semi-final playoff game against Oldham.

Having achieved the first of our season goals by becoming Champions, we now set out on the journey of our ultimate goal. It is a fantastic achievement to win a league, one we should not underestimate and one we should all be very proud of, but we must now turn our attention to the job in hand of promotion. The winner of today's game goes straight to the Final at Headingley on October 5th, and we are hoping that's the route we can take to crown off what has so far been, a terrific season.

Oldham had a fantastic win at Hunslet in the previous round,

which epitomises exactly what playoff football is about. Playing away from home and behind in the first half, they showed real character and a never-say-die attitude to win the game – just the kind of courage and spirit you need in playoff football. Scott Naylor will have been delighted with the way his troops came back in the second half, based on a strong display from his pack. They are possibly the biggest pack in the division, and we know we have to be at our best defensively today to win the battle of the forwards.

Knock-out football is a new experience for our young squad, but a challenge I'm sure they will relish. Our preparation has been really good since the London game

and we can't wait to get into this game and set down a marker in the competition. We have a reasonably healthy squad, with competition for places across the board, and this is coming out in training where everyone is busting a gut to get themselves in the final 17. I am really proud of how this group has matured and progressed during the season, and hopefully today they will come out and show we have the credentials to go on and achieve our final glory. We have risen to the challenges in the big games so far this season, so I am expecting us to show the same enthusiasm and desire to win in this, our biggest test so far.

We were all delighted to enjoy the presentation of the Champions trophy last week with our supporters and fans. Your support in 2014 has been superb and we hope we can now go on and put the icing on the cake. I'd like to thank each and every one of you on behalf of the players and staff. With your terrific support we will be doing all we can to make sure of the ultimate end of season celebration and party!!



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K.I.S.S Information...

A warm welcome to supporters of Oldham today I was sat amongst a few of them at Hunslet on Friday. It was good to see Gary Thornton and the players at South Leeds Stadium too. It shows their commitment to the Knights giving up a Friday night to watch the opposition in action.

On behalf of all Knights fans I would like to thank the Players,

Coaches, Conditioners, Physios and all the staff at Roland Court and Bar13 for their efforts in making this a memorable season.

Super League Grand Final Race Night
Saturday 12th October Super League Grand Final Race Night at Huntington Sports Club includes Chicken & Chips Supper. Tickets are just £5 from all committee members

Date for your diary
Saturday 21st March 2015 Annual Hall of Fame Sporting Dinner at Chalkers Restaurant New Earswick Bowls Club (Next to Flag & Whistle) Guest Speaker ex International Referee Ronnie Campbell and guests. Tickets will be £25.

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for the next hour or so. That's
what York City Knights' full back,
James Haynes did in last
month's win at Hunslet!

Since re-joining the club at the start
of the season, Haynes has turned
in some match winning
performances, and he says it's
been a great year.

"It's been fantastic. I'm really
enjoying being back. It kind of feels
like being at a new club. It's a
completely different set of players,
young players full of enthusiasm
and it's really bringing the best out
of me."

Haynes has missed the majority of
the last two seasons with a neck
and back problem, which led to
him returning to his former amateur
club, Skirlaugh.

"I've probably been as low as I
could be as a professional player. I
probably owe a lot to the people at
Skirlaugh for really putting faith in
me, and the lads as well bringing
the best out in me by just loving
playing alongside me. "It made me

feel that maybe I was a good
player again.

"I started to get some confidence
back and it's something I'll always
remember.

"I definitely wanted to come back
into the pro environment and I
spoke to Gary Thornton and
James Ford and they wanted to
give me an opportunity. I jumped at
the chance really."

Haynes has had to battle for his
shirt though this season, with Ben
Reynolds initially keeping him out
of the side.

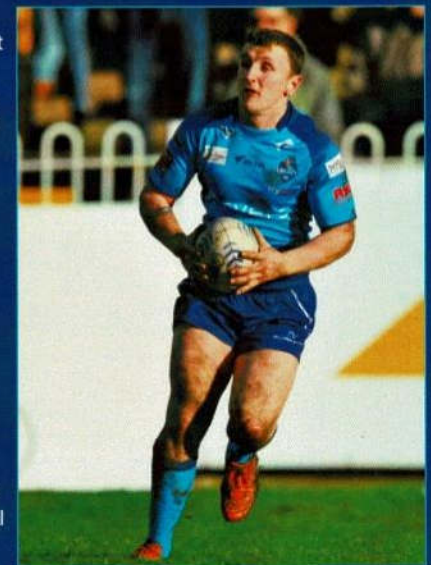
"It seemed at one point it
was going to be one or
the other," says Haynes.
"But we've been playing
well together. Me, Pat
Smith and Ben have a
bond on the field and
we've improved as a
team. With Jack Lee at
hooker we're probably
the spine of the team."

So now, the focus
switches from the
League and on to the
play offs. Haynes was
part of the promotion
winning team in 2010,
and he says he'd love to
experience a Grand Final
victory again.

"I look back on that day as the best
day in my career.

"It was a fantastic occasion and a
great day and that's something I've
spoken about to the young lads,
that they stick with you forever.

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Fordy's Thoughts...

Hello and welcome back to the Huntington Stadium for what could be it's last ever competitive fixture. I've really enjoyed playing here over the last four years, and in some ways I'll miss it. I'd like to thank all the York fans who've supported me over the last four seasons. I've not always played at the standards I would have liked, nor played as frequently as some of the coaches would have liked, but you've made the experience very memorable and positive. Thank you very much.

Last time out we beat the London Skolars in a performance that lacked a little bit of defensive intent, and attacking composure. This was symptomatic of a team being put through some

very demanding training. After securing the league title we planned a mini preseason designed to maximise physical performance on October 5th. We've been unloading for the past week and today the players should be ready to perform at the standards your used to.

It's a good job Jamie Bell has periodised the training loads and intensities so well, as Oldham are one of the most physical sides in the competition. The contest between us stands at 1-1,

something I'm sure both teams are looking forward to addressing. Oldham are a big, direct team who took us apart around the marker and ruck over in Lancashire. They've also got some very powerful three-quarters and John Ford, their strike edge who they'll look to shift the ball to.

Playoff Rugby is very different from the league campaign, we'll need to be; patient, composed, clinical and

ruthless. We'll also need as much support from the best set of fans in the championship - get behind our boys and make sure they finish the season with the reward they deserve.

See you after the game

James



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Knights In The Community...

Well..... What a year, what a past 25 years and what a great way to end our time at Huntington Stadium last time out. May I just congratulate everyone that has been involved with this years success, sponsors, fans, players, staff, volunteers and coaches. Lets hope the team get what they deserve, come the 5th October.

Over the School holidays we regularly ran some free rugby sessions in parks across the city including: Rawcliffe, Hull Road, Rowntrees and Westbank Park. This saw hundreds of children take part in tag rugby games and activities, some who had never played tag rugby before, and others who were there just to improve their skills and were regular players at one of the community clubs across the city.



The sessions ran for two hours and were a simple turn up and play option for kids during the school holidays and proved very successful with a number of the children attending York City Knights games as well as starting to play rugby at their local community club.

We have just started a new school term, which in turn brings new projects, and new school visits. One of the current projects we are running, thanks to a partnership with DE Ford Insurance, is the ever popular Read to Achieve, where children spend 2 hours a week with a mentor, from the York City Knights, guiding them through the process of organising a school sports tournament, which will take place at their school.

The project is geared towards enhancing the reading and writing ability of the children taking part, in an innovative way, as well as the children becoming more confident in the work that they do. The children, currently at Hob Moor School, are planning on running a football tournament in November.

The great thing about this project is that the children actually see what their work does, with the successful running of a sports tournament at the end of the project. The children go through the process of writing letters, creating e-mails and welcome packs for the schools, as well as contacting potential sponsors using the telephone too, so they are learning a whole number of different skills needed in secondary school and beyond.

Don't forget, if you want to get fit and not head to the gym, but enjoy rugby, then head down to Huntington School astroturf, every Wednesday evening 6pm - 7pm, where there is a social touch rugby programme running. You can take part in this for just £3 per session and it is open to anybody of any ability, gender and age (over 14 years old.) This fast, non contact version of the game is a great way to make friends, keep fit and have fun.

Finally, don't forget to tune into the brand new radio station, Vale Radio. The chaps at the radio station were a massive help in co-ordinating and running our very successful Blue and White ball and will be running regular news stories on the work that we do in the community with the Foundation.

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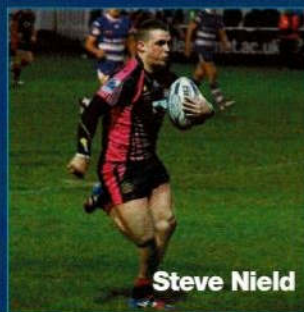
For the winners, it's straight to the final at Leeds Carnegie (Headingley) on Sunday October 5th.

Oldham came through their qualifying match at Hunslet, taking control after the Hawks had established a twelve point lead with a solid, if unspectacular opening half hour. A converted try and Josh Crowley's all important drop goal on the break were a portent of what was to come as Scott Naylor's men cut loose after the interval to record eighteen unanswered points with full back Steve Nield driving great holes off the back off Hunslet's poor kicking game and Kenny Hughes directing the likes of Michael Ward and Phil Joy to soften up the opposing defence.

Dave March inspired Hunslet into a late charge but Oldham hung on by a single point to claim their trip to the HS today.

Steven Nield has the ability to play centre, on the wing or his position of late, full back and is able to strike deep into the heart of opposing defences with an eye for an opening, two great feet and a tremendous turn of pace. Nield spent two seasons in the reserves before being elevated to the senior squad and was top try scorer in the under-23s last season. He played at Saddleworth Rangers as a junior before signing for St Helens when he was 15. He was at Saints for four years before joining Roughyeds reserves in the hope of winning a pro contract. He is also considered to be a good goal kicker.

On the wing is the division's top try scorer, Dale Bloomfield, whose current league season total is twenty up to now. His pro career started at Widnes Vikings before a move to St Helens, then he spent three years at Rochdale where he scored a total of 30 tries in two



Steve Nield

seasons and was selected in Championship One Team of the Year in 2011. He is also in his second year with Scott Naylor's side, having scored 11 tries in 23 games last season, missing only one. Given any space at all this try poacher extraordinaire will be on the scoresheet again this afternoon.

Oldham possess a superb second row pairing of tough, uncompromising battlers who make a tremendous contribution to the overall team effort. Danny Langtree came through the excellent St Helens academy setup and then spent two seasons in the Oldham reserve team and grabbing a first-team chance with



Steve Roper

both hands at back end of 2012 season. Mainstay of reserves' pack that reached two successive grand finals in 2011 and 2012, Danny scored ten tries in 23 first-team games in 2013.

The other aforementioned second rower is Josh Crowley will be



Josh Crowley

making his 38th consecutive appearance today in an Oldham shirt. Josh made his way into the game with Warrington and then had three years at Widnes before becoming Scott Naylor's first signing for Oldham ahead of the 2013 season. He is a tremendously strong-running forward who was an ever-present in his first season with a maximum 24 appearances. Josh has also won more man-of-the-match awards than any other Oldham player.

23 year old Phil Joy plays at prop forward and is very much the local lad, playing his amateur rugby league with Waterhead. A product of the Oldham development

system, he 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. Off the field Phil got a BSc Joint Honours degree in maths and economics at Leeds and now studying for a masters. The proverbial 'big unit', he will look to dominate upfront in the opening 20 minutes and set a platform for his side to rack the points up.

28 year old Steven Roper will be one of Scott Naylor's pivotal players this afternoon, directing operations on Oldham's potent left side of attack and using his

accurate kicking game to turn the opposition around. A relative newcomer to Whitebank, Steve arrived in early May this year on loan from Rochdale Hornets. He made his Roughyeds debut in the 30-22 win at Gloucester and can play in either half-back spot or hooker. Steven is a vastly experienced player, having spent six seasons at Rochdale. And was previously with Workington and is a very adept kicker of goals.

Andy Atkinson

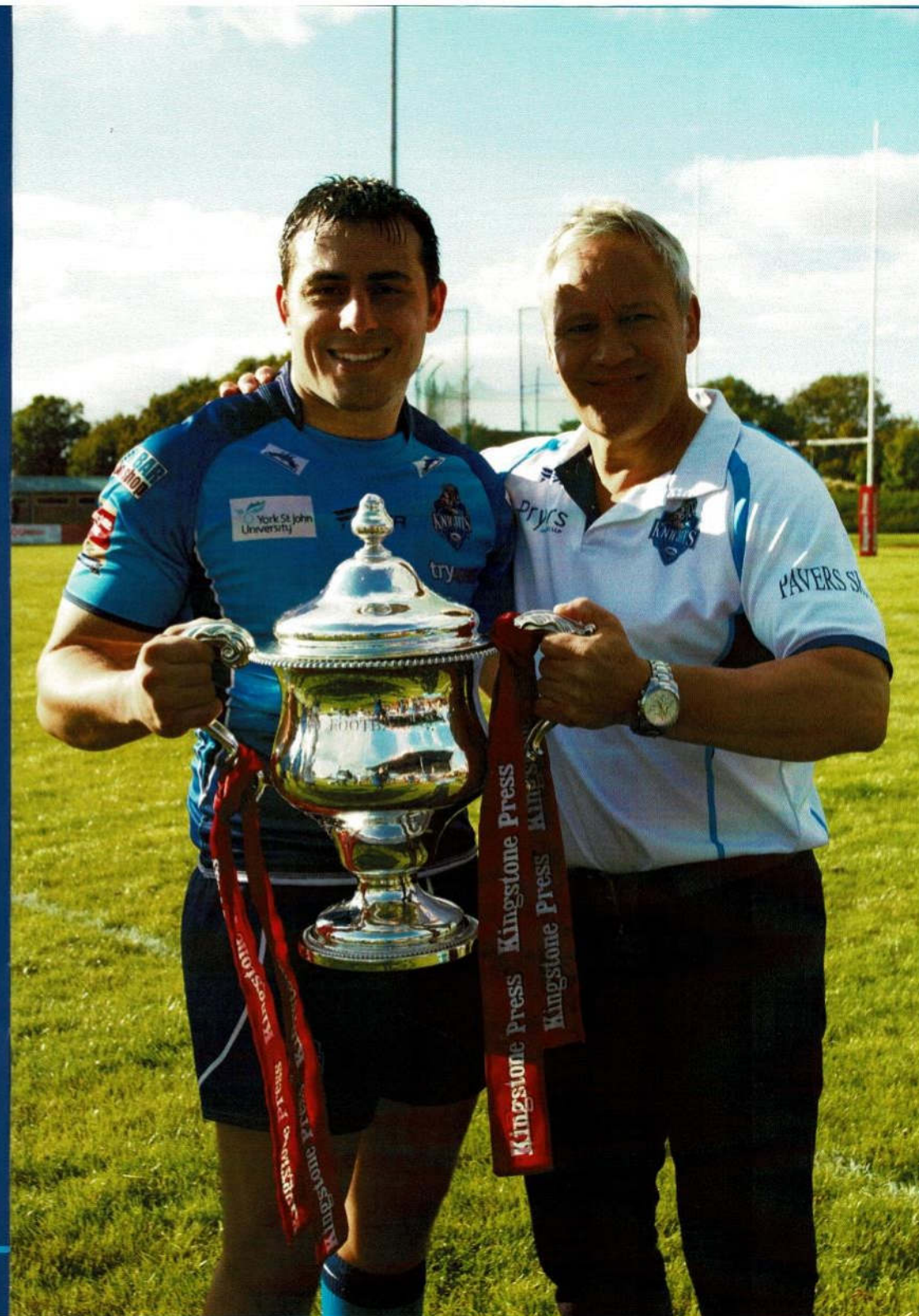
Fixtures & Results...

Date	K.O	Game	Versus	Result	Score	Att.
Sunday 16th January	3pm	H	Gateshead Thunder (F)	W	30-20	402
Sunday 9th February	3pm	H	Sheffield (F)	L	24-18	400
Sunday 16th February	3pm	H	York Select (F)	W	70-14	466
Sunday 2nd March	3pm	H	Gloucester All Golds	W	26-16	648
Sunday 9th March	3pm	A	Hunslet Hawks	W	28-26	406
Sunday 16th March	3pm	H	Whitehaven	W	34-32	403
Sunday 23rd March	3pm	H	South Wales Scorpions	W	76-0	638
Sunday 6th April	2pm	A	Swinton Lions CC Round 4	L	31-28	427
Sunday 13th April	3pm	H	Oxford	L	24-16	574
Friday 18th April	7.30pm	A	Gateshead Thunder	W	30-26	400
Sunday 4th May	3pm	H	London Skolars	W	36-16	451
Sunday 11th May	3pm	H	Hemel Stags	W	22-14	457
Sunday 18th May	3pm	A	Oldham	L	31-30	579
Sunday 25th May	3pm	H	Hunslet Hawks	W	40-0	837
Sunday 8th June	3pm	A	Gloucester All Golds	L	24-22	318
Sunday 15th June	3pm	H	Gateshead Thunder	W	42-16	495
Saturday 21st June	3pm	A	South Wales Scorpions	W	48-10	235
Sunday 29th June	3pm	A	Hemel Stags	W	46-22	227
Sunday 6th July	3pm	A	London Skolars	W	30-20	465
Sunday 13th July	3pm	A	Oxford	W	58-10	172
Sunday 20th July	3pm	H	Oldham	W	54-12	1006
Sunday 3rd August	3pm	A	Gloucester All Golds	W	42-18	184
Sunday 10th August	3pm	H	Gateshead Thunder	W	34-30	571
Sunday 17th August	3pm	A	Hunslet Hawks	W	20-18	798
Sunday 7th September	3pm	H	London Skolars	W	38-28	643
Sunday 21st September	3pm	H	Oldham (Playoffs)			
Sunday 5th October	TBC	TBC	Grand Final			

League Table...

Kingstone Press Championship 1

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Bonus Pts	Points
1 York	20	17	0	3	738	367	3	54
2 Hunslet	20	15	0	5	716	249	4	49
3 Oldham	20	15	1	4	675	457	1	48
4 Gateshead	20	11	0	9	615	576	3	36
5 Hemel Stags	20	8	2	10	482	521	5	33
6 Gloucestershire All Golds	20	8	0	12	446	616	5	29
7 London Skolars	20	5	0	15	471	647	9	24
8 Oxford	20	7	1	12	493	679	1	24
9 South Wales	20	2	0	18	304	828	4	10



YORK CITY KNIGHTS 2014 SEASON



Back Row, L to R: Will Leatt (U20s Team Manager), Nathan Harper, Adam Swift, Ben Crane, Austin Bell, Tim Stubbs, Jack Pickles, Adam Dent, Tyler Craig, Ben Dent, George Elliott, Jake Joynt, Joshua Nathaniel.

Middle Row, L to R: Sarah Hattee (Physiotherapist) Jack Pickerill, Jack Aldous, Greg Minikin, Jack Iley, Ryan Backhouse, Kris Brining, Scott Talbot, Pat Smith, Curtis MacDonald, Jonny Presley, Ed Smith, Sam Orange.

Bottom Row, L to R: Jay Salter (Conditioner), Mick Ramsden (U20s Coach), Lennox Green, Luke Hardcastle, Benn Hardcastle, Jason Golden, James Ford, Jack Lee, Gary Thornton (Head Coach), James Haynes, Luke Thomlinson, Stephen Batty, Jamie Bell (Head Conditioner), Rich Kirby (Kit Supervisor).

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A New Era!

I've found myself in a rather exclusive club these past 12 months; a small collective of individuals within the rugby league press who have been consistently supportive of and enthusiastic about the RFL's radical plans to restructure the league pyramid.

From the very beginning, while others were quick to brand it 'contrived' and 'over-complicated', the '12s and 8s' plan appeared to me to be a very reasonable compromise between the interests of two diametrically opposed 'factions' within the sport.

There are those who feel licensing was working and, not only that, that it was the very best way to nurture young talent. On the other hand, others saw it as a betrayal of the British sporting culture and a means of protecting the 'elite' and keeping the clubs currently below Super League out of their 'closed shop'.

In coming up with '12s and 8s', Red Hall sought to make both camps happy and while (depressingly but predictably) that failed, it does now at least appear that there is a growing acceptance of the system.

I raise the matter of my early support for what will be known as the 'Super 8s' not to blow my own

trumpet or make any claims to being first on the bandwagon should it turn out to be a spectacular success (although I reserve the right to do so!), but to highlight my personal taste for innovation prior to making this statement... Bonus points are a terrible idea.

Not in the Championships, you understand. I think a single point as consolation for a narrow defeat is a perfectly acceptable way of motivating part-time players to keep going once a game is realistically lost. Whether they need that motivation is an entire debate in itself, but while I may not personally have introduced bonus points for the lower leagues I was not passionately against it. However, such a system has no place in top level sport. You win or you lose, and that's it. Sometimes it isn't fair but sport isn't about

fair. It's about competition. It's about winners and losers. It's about the joy of victory and the despair of failure – a despair that would only be cheapened by the 'reward' of a losing bonus. Top level sport needs to be ruthless because ruthlessness is compelling.

That's a fact recognised by the RFL in other facets of the league structure. The play-offs, for

instance, are hardly fair on the team finishing top but they are great to watch. Similarly, there'll be little consolation for the team that loses the new 'million pound game' – and that's what is so compelling about it.

There's also the so-awful-it-doesn't-bear-thinking-about scenario in which, come the final round of the regular season, one team who needs three points to finish in the top eight (or the top four of the Championship) has a match against another that needs only a bonus point to do the same and we end up with rugby league's very own version of the 'Disgrace of Gijon', when West Germany and Austria 'came to an arrangement' at the 1982 FIFA World Cup. Highly unlikely, I know, but possible nevertheless.

The naysayers already have enough ammunition to fire at you with should they wish and should next season not go quite as well as you all planned. It might be wise not to give them any more.

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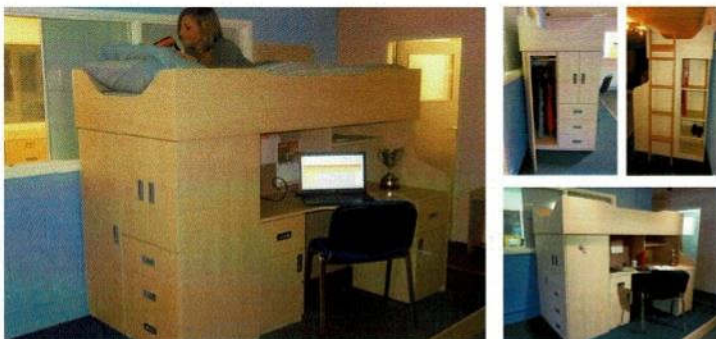
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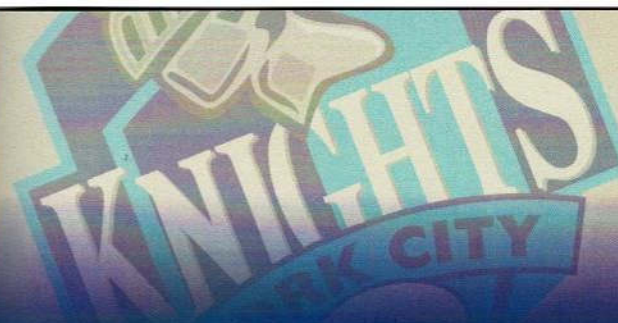
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Rammo's Thoughts...

Our play off series starts today and our visitors arrive full of confidence after their win by a single point at Hunslet on Friday night.

If I'm honest, I was surprised by the result as I thought Hunslet would win the game, but credit to Oldham who have hit some good form and deserved the victory. It just shows what play-off rugby can do, with teams under more pressure and having to deal with a step up in intensity, unexpected results can happen. We feel we have prepared very well for this game, as we have for all the games this season, but it is yet to

be seen how our players cope with the added expectation. Looking back this season, we have played very well in the 'big games' against the better teams having beaten both Hunslet and Oldham at home by big margins. This suggests that the players will deal with the play-offs very well, and they will meet our expectations. I have a feeling that if we win today, we will be meeting Oldham in the final at Headingley as they are very strong at Whitebank Stadium and I would predict that they will beat either Hunslet or Gateshead in the last qualifying game.

Today's game will be, if nothing else, a huge physical battle as we expect Oldham to come strong at us up front. Our forwards are ready, and whichever team wins this area will put themselves in a good position to qualify for the Final. The extra few weeks off has given us time to get all our players healthy, and they have been working hard in the gym with the two Jamie's to make sure they are firing on all cylinders today. The prowler has had some hammer too and even Gary did a set of ten on Thursday!

The season has been a success, but we are not finished and winning promotion is very important to everyone. We hope to see an improved attendance today and ask that you play your part by giving them loads of encouragement from the stands!

Cheers,

Rammo

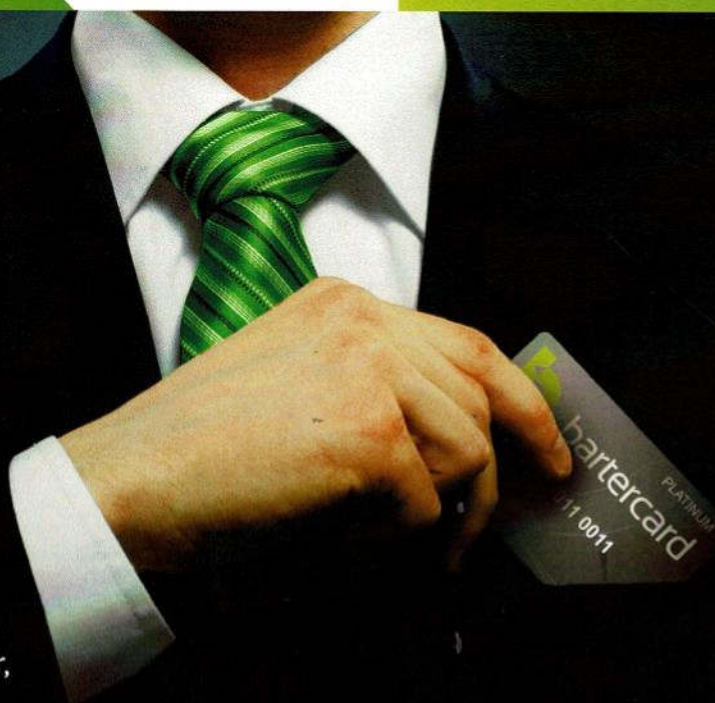


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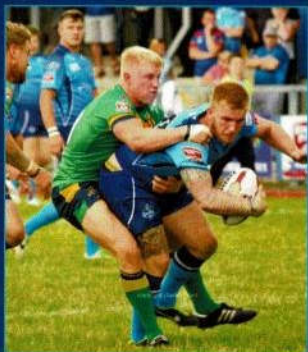
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View From The Stands...

Good afternoon and welcome to today's Kingstone Press Championship One play-off semi-final clash with Oldham Roughyeds.

After an exciting opening weekend of play-off action where both games were decided by just one point, it is now the Knights' turn to join the party and on the back of an incredible 11 game winning run, the boys are feeling confident!

I love this time of year in the world of rugby league, as every game really does matter. Whether it's at Coventry in National Conference League division 3 or in Sydney in the NRL, you have 34 players who have a whole seasons worth of hard work on the line and it tells in the action, as every single player raises his game accordingly.



Thanks to all the hard work in the regular season, York have two bites of the cherry to get to the Grand Finals day at Headingley on October 5th. Hopefully we won't need both though! Today's opponents will be in a confident mood after winning away at Hunslet last week, and we know only too well how tough that is to do. This afternoon's fixture has all the ingredients to be an absolute classic, right up there with the televised fixture between these two teams back in 2010. All we need now is that Pop stand bouncing once again...

Enjoy today's game!

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Lauren Ruddock (@Lozzzknigh) on twitter says: "Huge game today, just need to keep our focus for the next three weeks. Get behind the boys! #YorkAndProud #Believe"

Phillip Martin Pallister on facebook said: "Stay away have missed a team of players who have shown heart & pride in the shirt! It's been a tough season, but job not quite finished yet! York and proud!"

Barby Knight 65 on the unofficial forum said: "Think we seemed a bit rusty [against London Skolars] after having 3 weeks off, but on the plus side any niggling injuries can be sorted & they will be a bit fresher today!"

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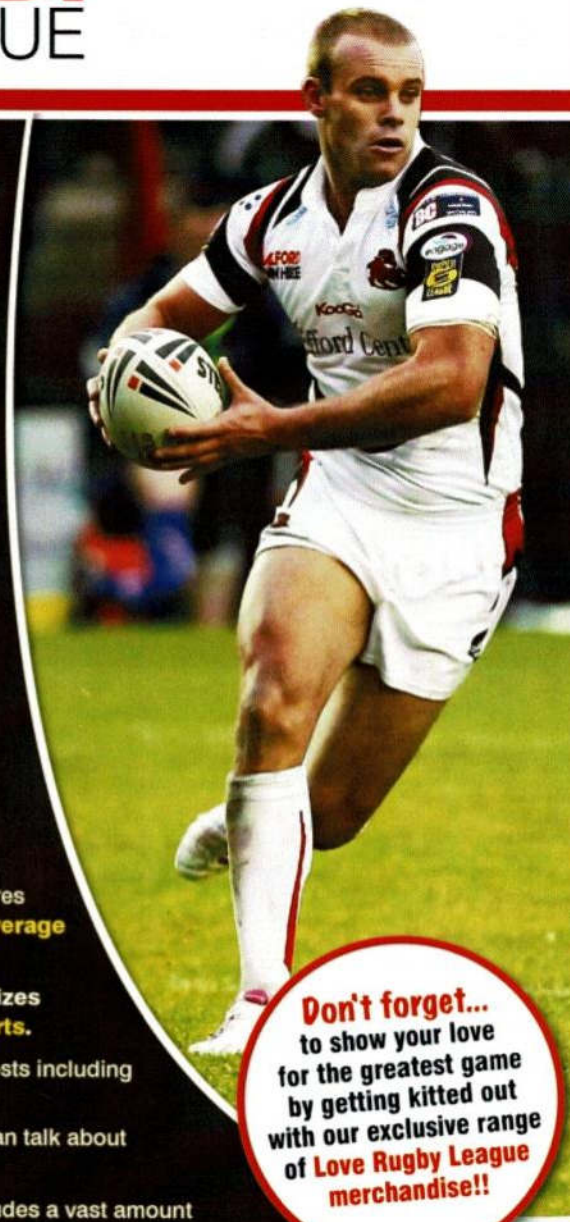
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Welcome to what will hopefully be the last home game of the season as we welcome a buoyant Oldham side off the back of what is seen as a surprise victory over Hunslet. Having been at that game for me Oldham came away deserved winners having been more aggressive and showed great enthusiasm throughout.

We need to match that enthusiasm and aggression today, we have consistently been the strongest

team in this league and when placed against teams in the league above we have always competed physically. The squad comes in to this game as strong as it was at the end of pre season, if not stronger. I have every faith in the ability of the selected men today and hopefully if we have got the preparation right as coaches over the last 4 weeks, today you should see an energised squad hungry and ready to seize that first grand final place with a win today at the Huntington stadium.

As this may be the last home game of the season I would like to say that this group of players have inspired me to become better as a coach I hope to achieve the big prize with them this year and continue to work and develop together to build a successful club for the fans.

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