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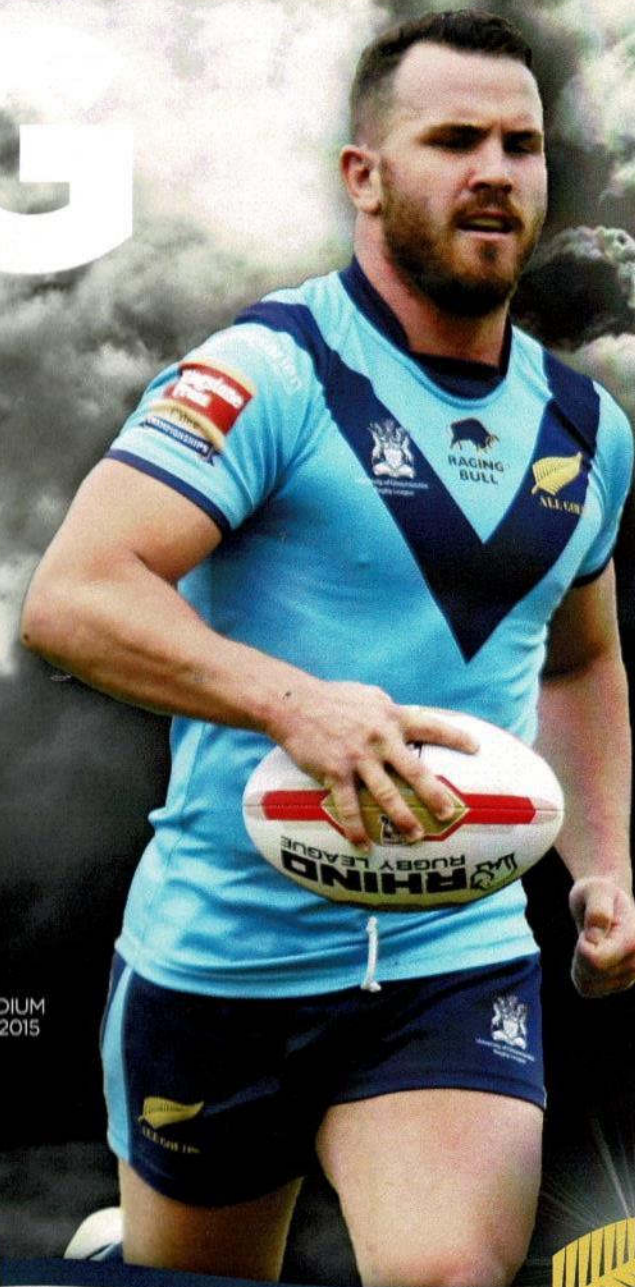
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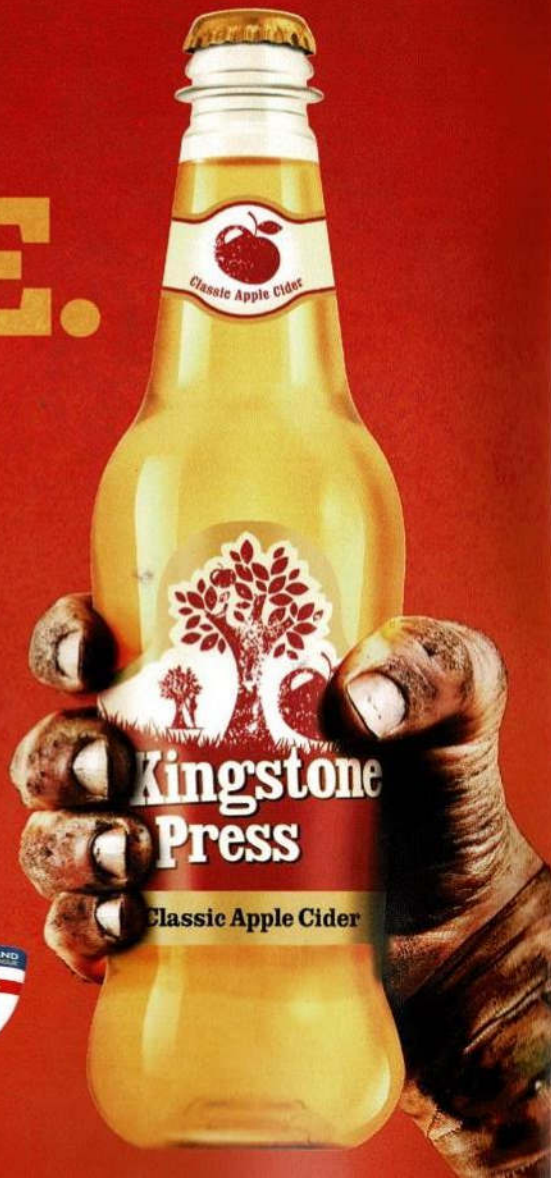
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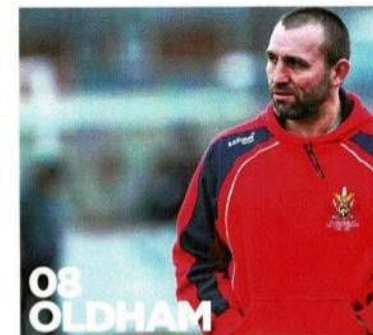
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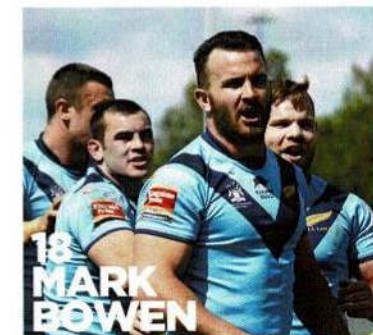
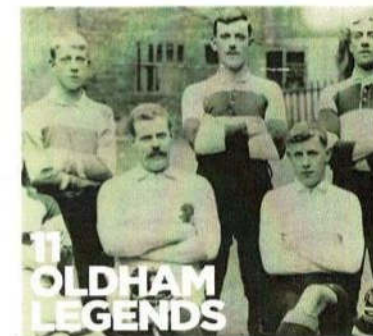
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WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Good afternoon and welcome to the Prince of Wales Stadium for another exciting match in Kingston Press Championship 1.

It's a pleasure to welcome the staff, supporters, players and directors from Oldham today and we hope they enjoy their trip to the Cotswolds. We've faced the Roughyeds in several matches now in our short professional life and have come to learn that each encounter will be a real challenge. Last year both matches were close and we're expecting another tense affair today. Our visitors have been playing well in recent weeks and we'll have to be on form to match them.

It was great to see our boys back on song last week on the long trip to Barrow. Although we missed out on the win it was a much

improved performance and it's clear that some of the hard work in training paid off. Let's hope the progress continues today. I'd like to welcome Graham O'Keefe and Lee Mapals in particular - this will be their first appearance at the Prince of Wales in an All Golds shirt and we wish them well.

**"GET BEHIND
LEE AND THE
BOYS AND I AM
SURE THEY WILL
DELIVER"**

Off the pitch we are continuing our development and I'd like to pay special credit today to Patrick Baines. The University of Gloucestershire Sports Journalism student has had a superb year and made a great impact on our media department, producing excellent match reports and generating the idea for our hugely popular Match Centre product. Patrick is taking a bigger role with the match day programme over the summer so I'd

like to thank him for all his efforts so far and hope that he can report on at least a few more wins before the close of the season.

I hope you enjoy today's game and that the entertainment is good enough to encourage you to come back to our next home game against Oxford on the 19th July and also our special match against London Skolars on July 25th. This will be a big event as we host a double header - our game will be followed by Oxford v Barrow Raiders, so a feast of rugby league will be available in the summer sun.

Get behind Lee and the boys and I'm sure they will deliver an excellent performance today

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Andy Pitchford
Director of Sport
at the University of
Gloucestershire



WELCOME FROM LEE GREENWOOD HEAD COACH

Welcome to Oldham for this afternoon's game. I know Scott will have his team ready for this after we gave them a scare in the away game.

We need to back up last week's performance and show that we are in a false

position in the league. When we compete we can be just as good as the Northern teams but we have huge lapses in concentration at times and the better players capitalise on these.

We currently have so many players unavailable it's ridiculous. Injuries, suspensions and pre-booked holidays mean we will literally be down to the last 17 or 18 players today. It will provide some players with another good opportunity to show me what they can do though, as I look to see who I want to be part of next year's squad. A couple of our long term injured players have returned to training (Rory

Sharratt and James Walter) and they will be fit to return in a few weeks time.

We probably deserved something out of the game at Barrow last week. We were on the end of some harsh calls at crucial times

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and a lack of concentration led to a couple of their tries. We are a work in progress though and as long as we keep improving we will get there.

We will need a huge 80 minute effort today to come close to Oldham. They are a big strong outfit and will test our whole defensive line. If they find a weak link they will exploit it, like good teams do.

#COYAG

Lee Greenwood
Coach University of
Gloucestershire All Golds



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MY DREAM XIII MARK BOWEN REVEALS HIS DREAM XIII.



THE OPPOSITION OLDHAM



OLDHAM RLFC

ROUGHYEDS CLUB INFO

FOUNDED: 1876

NICKNAME: Roughyeds

GROUND: Whitebank Stadium

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This afternoon's visitors are none other than the Oldham Roughyeds, one of the country's oldest Rugby clubs with an incredibly proud and distinguished history.

The links between Oldham and Gloucestershire go back to the earliest days of the sport when many fine Gloucestershire men signed for famous Oldham. Indeed no less than 3 Oldham players represented Great Britain in the Great Match of 1908 in Cheltenham. In addition 3 more played for the nation in the remarkable Rorke's Drift Test match in Australia in July 1914.

Now playing their trade in the third tier of Rugby League, Oldham do have experience at the top of the game in the United Kingdom. Formed in 1876 as Oldham FC, they are one of the twenty-two founder members of the Northern Rugby Football Union in 1895, a real foundation to the way we now play the game 120 years later.

Since their formation, the club has changed and evolved, from

Oldham FC to Oldham Bears, before their latest change back in 1998 to the Roughyeds. Before the change they were one of the original sides to compete in the Super League, playing in the competition for two seasons.

The fans will hope to see the club return to its glory days once again when silverware and huge crowds were a regular feature. Amongst the Oldham club's finest triumphs was the Championship success of 1957/8. Memorable Challenge Cup wins also were recorded in 1899, 1925 and 1927. Much to the chagrin of their many followers the Roughyeds have never appeared in the Challenge Cup final since it moved to Wembley stadium in 1929.

But back to the here and now and Oldham currently sit in second in Kingstone Press League 1, two points behind leaders Keighley. A victory today could see them go back to the top, after a superb start to the campaign. Ex-England international and Oldham boss Scott Naylor will look to take the form from their recent win over Swinton in to today's game at the Prince of Wales Stadium.



HEAD COACH
SCOTT NAYLOR

Naylor began his career at Wigan before moving on to Salford, spending a successful four seasons. He moved on to Bradford Bulls, a season after they won the first ever Super League title. Naylor would spend five years with the Bulls, making over a century of appearances and reaching the Super League's Grand Final, sadly losing to St Helens in 1999. In 2000 he earned his first cap for England, making his debut against Australia, before making three more appearances. After the initial loss in the Super League final, he would finally win it two years later, beating former club Wigan in 2001. He moved on in 2004 to re-join Salford before retiring.

KEY MEN



DANNY LANGTREE
POSITION: SECOND ROW

Langtree, 24 is a product of the youth academy at St Helens but failed to break into the first team in the Super League. He trained with the reserves in Oldham before being handed a chance in the first team in 2012, where he seized his opportunity and remained in the team. He has since scored some vital points for the Roughyeds, including a try last weekend against Swinton Lions.

TOM DEMPSEY
POSITION: FULLBACK



ADAM CLAY
POSITION: WINGER



ROUGHYEDS STATS & FACTS THIS SEASON & RECENT FORM

KPL 1 OLDHAM 28-38 CRUSADERS 07.06.2015 (L)

KPL 1 OLDHAM 64-0 OXFORD 14.06.15 (W)

KPL 1 LIONS 26-32 OLDHAM 21.06.15 (W)

#	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	DIFF	PTS
1	KEIGHLEY COUGARS	10	9	1	0	385	181	204	18
2	OLDHAM RLFC	11	8	3	0	403	220	183	16
3	NEWCASTLE THUNDER	11	8	3	0	325	244	81	16
4	YORK CITY KNIGHTS	10	7	3	0	396	170	226	14
5	BARROW RAIDERS	11	7	4	0	366	198	168	14

OLDHAM LEGENDS

BILLY HALL

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY GEORGE COWBURN

William (Billy) Hall was born in the St Mary de Lode parish in Gloucester, the youngest of seven brothers who all played for the Gloucester club and five of them, including Billy played for the county team.

The oldest brother Charles played in two tests for England in 1901 against Scotland and Ireland and Billy himself was picked to play for an "England XV" against France in 1912.

Having toured France with the Gloucester club Billy was offered a position at Perpignan but decided

instead to play for Coventry from where he was recommended to the Oldham club, keen recruiters of West Countrymen, by their former player Tommy Cash. Billy duly signed for Oldham along with fellow Gloucester born player Dave Holland in time for the start of the 1913/14 season. Billy was not the first Hall brother to turn to the

Northern Union, as Rugby League was then known, older brother George moved north to play for Hull from 1902 to 1905.

Billy made his debut for Oldham in the first match of the 1913 season against Dewsbury which Oldham won 10-8 and scored his first tries (two) in the fourth match a



26-8 home win over Halifax. Playing left centre or stand off Billy made 38 appearances in his first season, scoring 13 tries including a best ever haul of four in a 32-5 victory over St Helens at Watersheddings, Oldham's home ground at that time.

The First World War interrupted Billy's career but by the time of his final game - a Challenge Cup quarter final victory over Featherstone Rovers on 12th March 1925 he had made 240 appearances for Oldham, scoring 53 tries and 2 goals. His centre partnership with Welshman Evan Davies becoming one

of the best in Oldham's long history.

Billy played in four Lancashire Cup Finals for Oldham (winning two), twice against visiting Australia sides, the 1922 Championship Final defeat to Wigan and the 1924 Challenge Cup Final when Wigan again defeated Oldham. That final which was played at Rochdale Hornets' Athletics Ground was Rugby League's equivalent of football's 1923 "White Horse" final. So great was the crowd that many of them spilled over onto the touchlines and Wigan's South African winger Attie Van Heerden was

reputed to have run behind a mounted policehorse to score a try under the posts. Oldham were also the Northern Rugby League and Lancashire League winners, with Billy a regular, in the 1921/22 season.

Billy also achieved international recognition. He played twice for England - against Wales in 1914 and Australia in 1921 (both victories) - and was picked for the 1914 Lions Tour to Australia and New Zealand along with fellow Oldham players Alf Wood and Dave Holland, all with strong Gloucester connections. (Another Gloucester born player John "Jack" Robinson from Rochdale Hornets was also on that tour). Billy played in all four Test Matches helping Great Britain beat Australia two tests to one and New Zealand by sixteen points to thirteen, playing at stand off twice and in the centre for the other two tests.

All told Billy played in twelve matches on Tour, scoring six tries. The third test against Australia was the legendary "Rorke's Drift" match. Billy was one of three players missing, injured, during the second half having been concussed after diving for a loose ball and colliding heavily with an opponent. He showed his bravery by returning to the field with ten minutes to go to help his overworked colleagues achieve a famous 14-6 victory against the odds as substitutes were not allowed in those days.

Gloucester's loss was Rugby League's gain in having this tricky resourceful and versatile player serve both club and country with great distinction.



ALL GOLDS VS. OLDHAM PREVIEW

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY OLLIE WILLIAMS

It's been a rocky few weeks here in Cheltenham, with Lee Greenwood's All Golds slipping to four successive defeats.

Many a superstitious man would argue that the All Golds' last victory, ending 66-6 or '666' could be considered the number of the devil, and with the hard work and effort put in to every game since, the results have been hellish.

As for today's visitors, Oldham have had an unbelievable start to the season, however their form has dipped a little recently. They spent the first five or so matches unbeaten and sitting pretty at the top of the division, before a trip to Barrow saw their first taste of defeat. Since then they lost twice on the bounce away

at Keighley and at home to North Wales Crusaders. Now, in second, they are chasing up the Keighley Cougars, who are two points ahead with a game in hand.

As for the home team, the All Golds have had some awful luck in recent matches, with a late try snatching victory from Greenwood's men last time we were here at the Prince of Wales Stadium. A below par performance followed a week later in the North East, as we faced the re branded 'Newcastle Thunder' (formerly Gateshead), losing 38-6. Last weekend we visited Barrow Raiders, who've been superb

so far in 2015, currently occupying 5th, and in a bid for a play-off spot. At half time we were level at 8-8, but the home side edged the second half, and we saw the All Golds suffer a fourth successive loss.

The bookies will be backing the Roughyeds this afternoon, but we all know anything can happen in Rugby League, and come 3pm, we will see who could claim maximum points.

Catch the highlights of today's encounter on the club's official YouTube channel 'All Golds TV'.

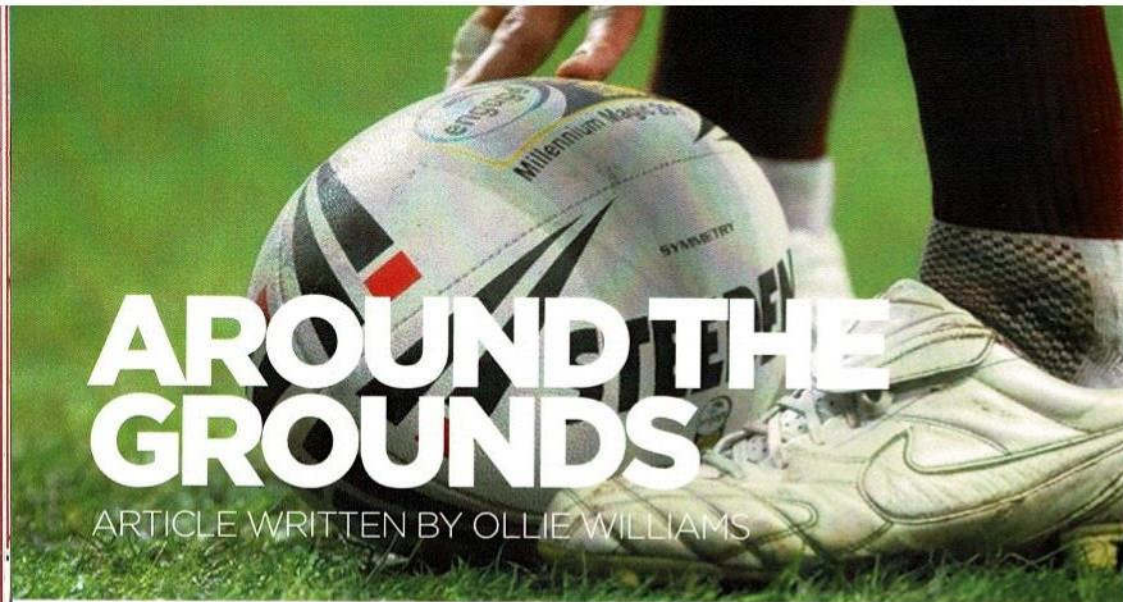
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AROUND THE GROUNDS

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY OLLIE WILLIAMS

This weekend has a really special feel to it when looking at the fixture schedule, with the division wide open, some sides can really get themselves where they need to be with just one victory.

The pick of the bunch for this week has to be a mammoth clash at the foot of the division, where basement side South Wales Scorpions meet London Skolars. The Scorpions are yet to register a single victory in their eleven attempts so far this season, and really are showing no signs of coming out of their rut. As for the Skolars, they have just one victory to their name, coming against the Scorpions. Now in the return fixture in the capital, it's by far the most important game of the season, and those eighty minutes could well define each side's season, as

it isn't too late to grab a mid-table finish in 2015. Elsewhere 9th meets 10th in Oxford as they host Coventry Bears. These two sides will look to secure a win and springboard themselves away from the danger zone at the bottom of the division. Coventry climbed above Oxford last weekend, with a win away to South Wales, whilst Oxford stumbled to defeat at home to Newcastle. The All Golds look to break a run of four games without a win and climb up the table today, when they host Oldham at the Prince of Wales Stadium. However a win for today's

visitors could see them go top, that's if Keighley fail to win at the Glyndwr University Racecourse Ground on Sunday against North Wales Crusaders. To complete a trio of fixtures on the Sunday, York face Swinton in a crunch match up North, both sides will be desperate for maximum points. Last week's All Golds opponents Barrow will host Newcastle whilst finally we'll see Rochdale Hornets try and get back into the promotion mix hosting Hemel Stags who want to get back on track following last weekend's disaster loss to York 10-70.



RUGBY LEAGUE ROUND-UP

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY OLLIE WILLIAMS

All fourteen sides in the Kingstone Press League 1 were in action last weekend, with the league still so close as we approach the half-way mark.

Keighley remain cemented to the top of the division with victory at home to promotion rivals Rochdale Hornets. The Hornets now slip to sixth with the sides around them all winning. Keighley are two points clear of second placed Oldham who travel to Cheltenham today. The Roughyeds won in a close encounter away to Swinton Lions, a side who've looked great this season, but will be disappointed to see themselves 8th. There are just three points between the second and eighth placed sides in the division, meaning

everything can change in a weekend. York threw themselves right into the mix, by thrashing Hemel Stags 10-70 away from home, the Stags were looking to build on previous victories, but were overpowered from the first whistle to the last. Barrow propelled themselves higher with a fine victory at home to the All Golds, it was a close encounter but the northern side edged the second half and managed an impressive victory. As for the rest of the league, down the bottom South Wales Scorpions remain winless,

with Coventry Bears being the last in a long line of clubs to hammer the Welsh outfit, 14-42 on this occasion. Elsewhere at the wrong end of the table, London Skolars did themselves no favours by missing out on pulling themselves from the bottom sides, losing 12-19 at home to Newcastle Thunder, meaning they remain 13th, and with just one league victory in 2015. Finally Oxford hosted North Wales Crusaders, with the Welshmen coming out on top 12-36, keeping them in the hunt of the leading pack.

TRY READING SOME RUGBY LEAGUE FICTION

For a long time after David Storey wrote "This Sporting Life" in the 1950s, no one in this country had successfully written a novel set against a rugby league background.

But things began to change in 1988 when Geoff Lee, a former CEB electrical draughtsman, began to write "One Winter" so called because it was set during that terrible winter of 1962/63. It was inspired by his love and knowledge of rugby league which he had followed since 1947 and the old saying about work that

"They could write a book about this

place. It would be a best seller".

In order to combine fact and fiction, Geoff created the town of Ashurst which he located 'near' to his home town of St Helens. The town's largest factory is Wilkinsons Engineering Ltd., where his main character Alan Greenall is a draughtsman. Among his workmates are Charlie from Thatto Heath and a friend of Alex Murphy. Mick the

Wiganer from Platt Bridge. Stan the war hero, Len the trade union man, Joan the tea lady from Leigh and Sam, the former Merchant Navy seaman from Halifax. His presence in the drawing office ensures that Lancashire/Yorkshire humour is ever present throughout Geoff's novels.

"Greeno" has a keen interest in the history of our game and this enables Geoff to include many true stories about Rugby

Two Seasons



Work, family, old friends
and rugby league

Geoff Lee

League. One concerned the Bristol and England full back Tom Brown who came north in 1933 to talk to officials of the Warrington club about changing codes. But he never did. When the RFU found out what he had done, they banned him for life! Another tale is told about how the French Vichy Government banned Rugby League during the war and there are also accounts of how various groups of fans managed to get to Odsal Stadium for Championship Finals and the 1954 Challenge Cup replay when over 120,000 people turned up.

His latest novel is called "Two Seasons". It is set in 2002 and 2003 and one of the new characters in the drawing office is Jennifer from the North East and a recent convert to the game. It includes such intriguing chapter titles as "Listening to Eddie and Stevo", "A day on the M62", "A day out in Wigan", "The spoilt papers

might win it" and Hazel Says No to Bush and Blair", Hazel once the office tea girl but now the deputy headmistress in an Ashurst school.

But "E-Mails From Amsterdam" and "A Swedish Affair" indicate that Geoff's tales also come from places far away from the rugby league heartlands while "I was born in Barcelona", manages to link Spain in the 1930s with a small pit village in Durham in the 1980s.

Geoff is half way through writing his sixth novel. It has no title yet although

One Autumn



Work, family life
and rugby league
in the 1990s

Geoff Lee

his first chapter does. It's called "She's A Jehovah's Widnes" while others include "1895 and All That", "News From Heaven" along with "Picasso, Pissaro and Phil's Uncle Jack".

The author Stan Barstow, himself once a draughtsman, said that he

One Winter



Romance, rock 'n' roll and rugby
league in the swinging sixties

Geoff Lee

found "One Winter" to be "warm and authentic and an enjoyable read". Tony Collins, the Rugby League historian said it was a novel that rings true with an authentic voice of the northern working class in the 1960s.

Mike Stephenson (Stevo) said "One Autumn was easy to read, highly entertaining and with some very interesting story lines" while Ray French described "Two Seasons" in League Weekly as 'a terrific read'.

All three books have been published by London League Publications who have also published a number of player biographies and novels including "Rugby Football: A United Game". This is based on the idea of what might have happened if the northern clubs had been in the majority in 1895.

For more information visit www.geofflee.net. To order copies visit www.llpshop.co.uk and click on Fiction.

MARK BOWEN

MARK TALKS ABOUT HIS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS AND HIS LOVE OF RUGBY LEAGUE...

Mark is a graduate of the Newcastle Knights academy and first represented the NRL side at under 16 level, going on to play for the under 17s, 18s, 19s and 20s. He has also been a huge part of the South Newcastle success story and is a six time grand final winner.

He is comfortable anywhere across the field but prefers playing at hooker or lock forward. Mark joins fellow

Aussies Ryan Pywell and Toby Topham at the club and is looking forward to cementing a place in the All Golds team. Bowen commented "I can't wait to join up with the squad. I'm training for the first time tonight (Friday) and really looking forward to it. My fitness levels are good but obviously I'll need a few games to get myself up to full match speed. I know how well settled the squad is so I'm going to have to work very hard to get involved."

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU LOVE ABOUT RUGBY LEAGUE?

I enjoy going to training and hanging out with the lads, playing on the weekends and having a beer afterwards.

WHEN DID YOU FIRST START TO PLAY THE SPORT?

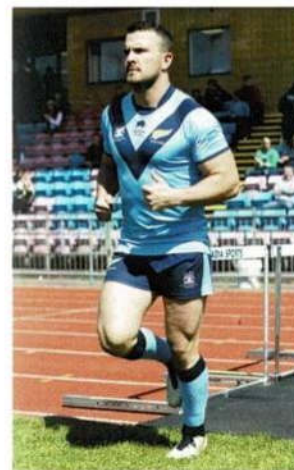
Started playing when I was 6 for the Raymond Terrace Roosters.

WHAT HAVE BEEN YOUR CAREER HIGHLIGHTS?

That would have to be when we won the 2009 reserve grade grand final back home, where we went to golden point and I slotted a field goal to win the game.

WHO IS YOUR RUGBY LEAGUE HERO AND WHY?

Dont really have a hero, but as a kid watching



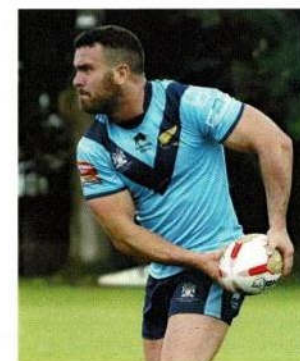
Joey playing for the Knights in my home town of Newcastle would be someone I looked up to.

WHAT ARE YOUR ASPIRATIONS FOR THE ALL GOLDS FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON?

Finish the season with no regrets and build a platform for next year, and enjoy a good mad monday!

ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPORTS/HOBBIES YOU ENJOY OUTSIDE OF RUGBY LEAGUE?

I enjoy most sports, i think its part and parcel being Australian that you have a heap of outdoor hobbies and i'm also a big fan of the ufc or any fighting sport including watching Ryan Pywell fend off women who try to take him home on a late saturday night.



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THREE FAMOUS GUESTS TO A DINNER PARTY, DEAD OR ALIVE, WHO WOULD THEY BE AND WHY?

Dwight Shrute, for comedic value.



Mila Kunis, so i can ask her to leave Ashton Kutcher for me.



Mike Tyson, for some great stories and so we can be BFF's



IN THE FOREST, SOMETHING STIRS



The West of England division could be getting a new team in the near future as the Forest of Dean Bulldogs are hoping to take to the field for the first time in a friendly against a Bristol Sonics Development XIII at Bream RFC today.

The Bulldogs have been in training for the past month with over 30 players from three or four local clubs all new to the game participating under the watchful eyes of All Golds community coaches Toby Topham and Jamie Crowther.

Both have been impressed by the toughness and skill of the players who have been quick to pick up the basics of the game. The details will come with experience and that begins this weekend.



The Forest Bulldogs are the brainchild of Bream RFC's Richard Halford and Scott Adams who are hoping

to create a Forest identity for the side and for them to play at various grounds around the area including

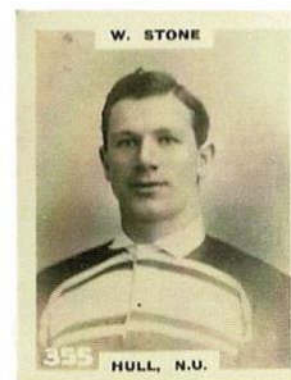
Cinderford, Berry Hill and, of course, Bream.

The hope is that players will graduate towards a professional contract with the All Golds and the side has already developed links with the Golden Fern that will bring help and advice as the club finds its feet. Both Halford and Adams believe that the two codes of rugby can coexist in the area. Adams said: "It was never our intention to create a union versus league battle, far from it.

"We actually see it as an opportunity for clubs to get involved, and we would like to hold the friendly games this season around different venues in order to utilise facilities during our summer season, and to grow our player and fan base.

"The fitness and skill set is transferable to union, so for those players that don't need a break during summer, it's an excellent opportunity."

The game is no stranger to the Forest of Dean, as



Lydney's Regentsholme ground hosted two All Golds games in 2013, while playing talent has long been prized by northern rugby league clubs.

During the first half of the 20th Century, a series of players left the mines and fields of the Forest to head north to earn money from their rugby talent. Many have been featured in the pages of the All Golds programme and include Arthur Smith from Yorkley nicknamed "Mad Arthur" owing to his enthusiastic and forceful style of play and Jack Read and his brother Henry who played with distinction for Oldham and Rochdale Hornets respectively.

There was also Lewis Bradley from Cinderford and Billy Stone who was a blacksmith from Bream. Stone went to Hull and starred for the Airlie Birds between 1919 and 1927 playing 222 times and also earning six England and four Great Britain caps. He followed in the footsteps of William Holder who also left the village for East Yorkshire in the years immediately after the First World War.

More recently, All Golds prop Brett Scriven began his career with Bream before moving on to Lydney and then swapping codes to join the Golden Fern at the turn of the year.

But back to the Bulldogs who are looking to play more friendlies this summer



and early next year in preparation for entry into the West of England league in the summer of 2016.

If successful, they will join Bath & Wiltshire Romans, Cheltenham Phoenix, Bristol Sonics and the Gloucestershire Warriors at the base of the player pathway towards the All Golds.

Rugby league is also at the heart of ambitious plans to develop the facilities at Bream RFC. Land is to be sold for housing and the existing pitches are to be levelled and relaid with a new clubhouse built that would be available for use by the community all year round.

With a long and glorious history behind it, rugby league in the Forest of Dean looks to have a promising future as well.

Any players, coaches, businesses or volunteers who want to help the sport and the club grow are encouraged to get in contact or keep up with the latest news via Twitter, @Forest Bulldogs, Facebook or by email at ForestBulldogsRL@gmail.com

SUPER LEAGUE LEGEND WELLENS RETIRES

Young players dream of the career that Wellens had. This week he said goodbye to his home town club after 16 years loyal service.

He made his St Helens debut when the Spice Girls were at the height of their fame. This week, after 495 appearances for the club, Paul Wellens bowed out. A hip injury sustained in April has forced him into early retirement. He said the problem has been plaguing him on and off the field for the past year, yet he played through the pain barrier with the aim of reaching 500 appearances.

It's a constant reminder of the brutality of this wonderful sport. Injuries



play a massive part - as All Golds Head Coach Lee Greenwood knows only too well. This season his squad

has sustained 3 broken legs and numerous other muscle and head injuries.



The full back, born in the town he'd later go onto serve, played his entire career for the Saints scoring over 1000 points in a career remarkable not just for its longevity but stunning consistency. Last season he captained the club to a League Leaders' shield and Grand Final double.

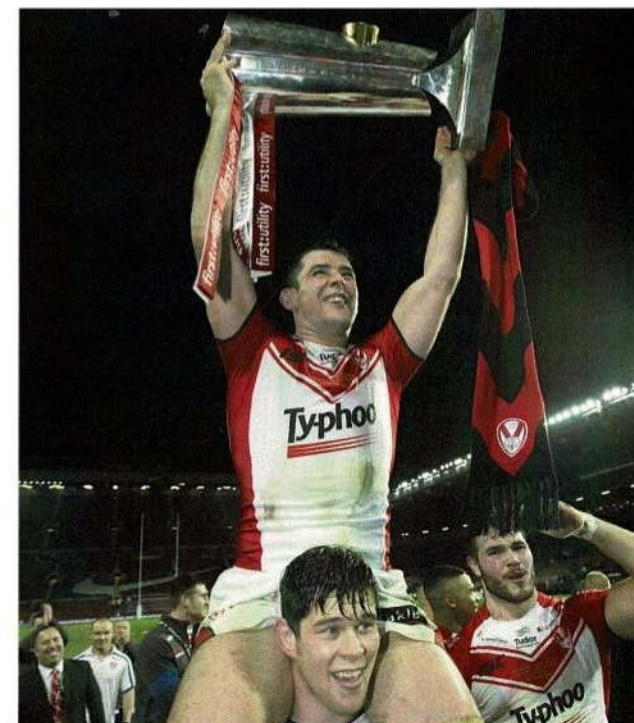
A former Great Britain international, Wellens is second only to the Leeds captain Kevin Sinfield on Super League's all-time appearance list and will retire having won every domestic honour since making his debut in 1998. Remarkably he won the Lance Todd trophy in successive years after starring in Challenge Cup final victories over Catalans Dragons and Hull FC in 2007 and 2008.

Wellens joined his home town club in 1998. A year later he made his debut. He became renowned for a strong all round game, excelling at taking catches. In 2002, he suffered an injury only 2 minutes into the Grand Final in a game

and made the number 1 jersey his own for both club and country.

In the 2006 season which would see the Saints collect all three major domestic honours, Wellens own form was rewarded with the Rugby League Writer's Association player of the year. 3 years later he was honoured with a testimonial after a decade's service for the Saints. He retires, aged 35, with the promise of a coaching position at the club next season.

It's not hard to imagine him becoming Head Coach in the near future and starting a new chapter at his beloved Saints.



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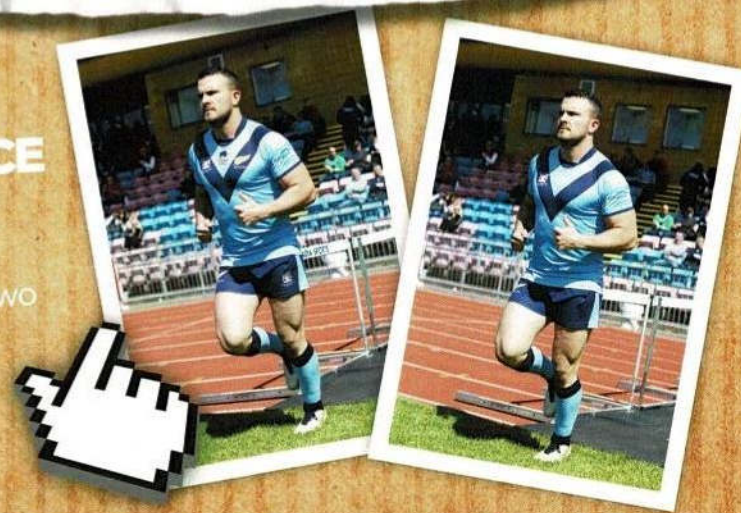
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ALL GOLDS TRIVIA QUIZ

- Which 3 Oldham players were in the Great Britain team in 1908 in Cheltenham?
- Where was "Mad" Arthur Smith from?
- Which 3 Gloucester men joined Oldham and played in the famous Rorke's Drift Test?
- When did Alfie Wood decide to join Oldham?
- Which Cheltenham hostelry was he the Landlord of?
- When did Oldham win the Championship?
- What was the crowd when they won at Wigan?
- What was the crowd when they won the Lancashire Cup in the same season?
- What was the crowd when they won the Championship Final?
- What was the name of Oldham's famous ground?

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

There are four differences between these two images, can you spot them all?



BARROW EDGE ALL GOLDS IN THRILLING CONTEST

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Article written by Patrick Baines, photos courtesy of Lewis Mitchell

BARROW RAIDERS 26-18 ALL GOLDS

THE ALL GOLDS FELL TO A 4TH SUCCESSIVE LEAGUE DEFEAT BUT CAN TAKE HEART FROM A HUGE IMPROVED PERFORMANCE AT CRAVEN PARK.

Much like the cup game earlier in the season the game was closely contested with all outcomes possible with 5 minutes remaining. Joe Hambley was the hero for Barrow with a late try that sealed the game after a high quality clash between two evenly matched sides.

The game was played in bright sunshine unlike the previous encounter where both players and spectators fought against freezing snow and hail showers. Just like that game, the All Golds got off a flying start. Steve Parry, who put in a fantastic captain's performance, started the move when he drove through from dummy half. Matt Bradley, playing in an unfamiliar full back role, then played a superb pass out wide to Lee Mapals who scored his first try for the club. Matt Bradley, from the narrowest of angles, struck a perfect conversion to give the Golden Fern a 6 point lead.

Barrow looked to hit straight back but they were denied by a series of fine tackles. Joe

McClellan and Joel Thomas both made a couple of huge hits to deny the Raiders. The home side, playing into bright sunshine, were frustrated after making a couple of careless handling errors.

They eventually got going and scored two tries through Shane Toal. His first came on 17 minutes when he finished off a fine passing move and dived over in the corner. Josh Ward's conversion barely got airborne as it sliced well wide. Edwin Okanga-Ajwang then picked up a knock on his shoulder which put an end to his game. Danny Fallon came on to replace the former Salford man.

Almost straight from the re-start Toal scored a sensational



solo try. He received the ball in his own 10 metre line and side stepped his marker. He saw space down the wing and he set off on a lung busting run the length of the field. Two All Golds chased in vain but they couldn't get near the winger who touched down. Ward, from out wide, missed again but the home side took the lead at 8-6.

5 minutes before half time the All Golds won a penalty 25 metres in front of the posts. They chose to kick for goal, a decision vindicated when Bradley dissected the posts to draw the two sides level at 8-8.

Only 2 minutes into the second half the All Golds took the lead once more and it was an outstanding score. They broke down the right wing and after a quick play the ball switched sides to the left where Emmerson Whittle sprinted through. He had 2 All Golds with him but he backed himself to beat the Raiders full back. After feigning a pass he left the Raiders man for dead and touched down. Bradley, enjoying a magnificent season with the boot, just missed his conversion.

Barrow replied 5 minutes later when they scored their third try of the game. Hankinson was the man on hand to finish off a

move down the right side. Ward made it a hat-trick of misses when he pushed his conversion wide.

Soon after the Raiders were penalised for holding down at the tackle. From the resulting penalty Matt Bradley missed the upright by inches.

The All Golds were dominating territory but it was Barrow that got the next try. Peter Lupton, on from the bench, broke the line. He still had a covering All Gold player to beat but that didn't stop him from scoring a try all of his own making. Ward finally found the target with his kick to take the home side 18-12 ahead.

The All Golds refused to surrender and drew themselves level as the game went into the final quarter. After being held up on the line on the penultimate tackle, Bradley played a speculative grubber kick. The Raiders player looked sure to collect but the ball bounced over him. Ollie Purslow took advantage of the fortuitous bounce to touch down. Bradley made no mistake with the following conversion as a thrilling contest was once again level at 18-18.

With 15 minutes to go the referee awarded a penalty

to Barrow after a rather dubious offside call. Ward took responsibility and slotted the kick over from 20 metres.

A strong home crowd of 841, confident before the game, were now anxious of being on the end of an upset. Their worries were so nearly confirmed when the All Golds powered towards the Barrow goal line. The All Golds were held up twice on the line in a frantic set.

The decisive score came with only 3 minutes left. Raiders were given a fresh set of six after another dubious decision from the referee. On the last tackle they played a grubber kick and it was Joe Hambley who got on the end of it to win the game for his side. Ward tagged on the extras to give the home side the decisive 8 point cushion. The All Golds pushed all the way but time was against them, Barrow happy to hear the full time hooter.

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DATE	K.O.	OPPONENTS	RES	FULLBACK	WING	CENTRE	CENTRE	WING	STAND OFF
Sun Mar 1	15:00	A Barrow Raiders (IC)	16-14	MARTIN 1T	MULKEEN 1T	REECE	COWBURN 1T	PYWELL	DAVIES
Sun Mar 8	15:00	H Skirlough ARLFC (LCCR3)	66-4	COWBURN 1T 2C	CLARIDGE 2T	MULKEEN	REECE	PYWELL 1T	DAVIES 3T
Sun Mar 22	15:00	H Hunslet Hawks (LCCR4)	10-28	DAVIES	MULKEEN	REECE	COWBURN	PYWELL	TOPHAM
Fri Apr 3	15:00	H South Wales Scorpions (KPL1)	36-6	MARTIN 1T	MULKEEN 2T	REECE	COWBURN	PYWELL	DAVIES
Sat Apr 11	15:00	H Rochdale Hornets (KPL1)	18-38	MURPHY	MULKEEN 1T	REECE	COWBURN	PYWELL 1T	MARTIN
Sun Apr 19	15:00	A London Skolars (KPL1)	10-36	MARTIN	PYWELL	REECE	COWBURN 1T	MULKEEN 2T	DAVIES 1T
Sun Apr 26	15:00	H Swinton Lions (KPL1)	18-60	MARTIN 1T	MURPHY 1T	REECE	COWBURN	MULKEEN	DAVIES
Sun May 3	15:00	A Oldham (KPL1)	33-30	MARTIN 1T	MURPHY	COWBURN	ENGLAND	PYWELL	DAVIES
Sat May 9	15:00	H York City Knights (KPL1)	6-46	MARTIN	PYWELL	REECE	ENGLAND	COWBURN	DAVIES
Sat May 16	15:00	H Coventry Bears (KPL1)	66-6	MARTIN	MURPHY 2T	TOPHAM 1T	COWBURN 1T	PYWELL 2T	BOWEN 3T
Sun May 31	15:00	A Oxford (KPL1)	20-12	MARTIN	MURPHY 1T	TOPHAM	COWBURN	PYWELL	BOWEN
Sat Jun 6	15:00	H Hemel Stags (KPL1)	30-34	COWBURN 1T	PARKER 1T	MULKEEN	OKANGA-AJWANG	PYWELL	BRADLEY 5C
Sat Jun 13	15:00	A Newcastle Thunder (KPL1)	38-6	COWBURN	MAPALS	REECE	OKANGA-AJWANG	PYWELL	TOPHAM
Sat Jun 20	15:00	A Barrow Raiders (KPL1)	26-18	BRADLEY 3C	MAPALS 1T	REECE	OKANGA-AJWANG	MULKEEN	MURPHY
Sat Jun 27	15:00	H Oldham (KPL1)							
Sun Jul 5	15:00	A South Wales Scorpions (KPL1)							
Sun Jul 12	15:00	A York City Knights (KPL1)							
Sun Jul 19	15:00	H Oxford (KPL1)							
Sat Jul 25	15:00	H London Skolars (KPL1)							
Sun Aug 2	15:00	A North Wales Crusaders (KPL1)							
Sat Aug 8	15:00	H Newcastle Thunder (KPL1)							
Sun Aug 16	15:00	A Hemel Stags (KPL1)							
Sun Aug 23	15:00	A Swinton Lions (KPL1)							
Sun Sep 6	15:00	H Keighley Cougars (KPL1)							
Sun Sep 13	15:00	A Coventry Bears (KPL1)							

THE KEY | Home games appear in **bold** | KPC = Kingstone Press Championships | LCC = Ladbrokes Challenge Cup | IC = iPro Cup
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SCRUM HALF	PROP	HOOVER	PROP	2ND ROW	2ND ROW	LOOSE FWD	SUB 1	SUB 2	SUB 3	SUB 4
BRADLEY 1C	DUFFY	PARRY	PURSLOW	WHITTEL	HAYNES	VITALINI	TOPHAM	CROWTHER	MCCLEAN	RAINER
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BRADLEY 1C	PURSLOW	PARRY (C) 1T	THOMAS	WHITTEL	CROWTHER	VITALINI	CANTERBURY	MCCLEAN 1T	DUFFY	RAINER
BRADLEY 1T 4C	PURSLOW	PARRY (C)	MCCLEAN	WHITTEL 1T	HAYNES	BOWEN	TOPHAM 1T	ENGLAND	VITALINI 1T	DUFFY
BRADLEY 3C	PURSLOW	PARRY (C)	MCCLEAN 1T	WHITTEL	ENGLAND	CROWTHER	TOPHAM	DUFFY	VITALINI	HAYNES
BRADLEY 1T 4C	PURSLOW	PARRY (C)	VITALINI	WHITTEL	ENGLAND	CROWTHER 1T	MURPHY 1T	MCCLEAN	SCRIVEN	DUFFY
BRADLEY 3C	VITALINI	PARRY (C)	DUFFY	HAYNES	ENGLAND	TOPHAM 1T	BOWEN	RAINER	CROWTHER	MCCLEAN
BRADLEY 5C	PURSLOW	PARRY (C)	SCRIVEN	REECE 1T	MULKEEN 1T	WHITTEL	BOWEN	HAYNES	MCCLEAN 2T	CROWTHER
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