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12 LANGTREE, Danny	Charlotte Gothard and Neil Haigh
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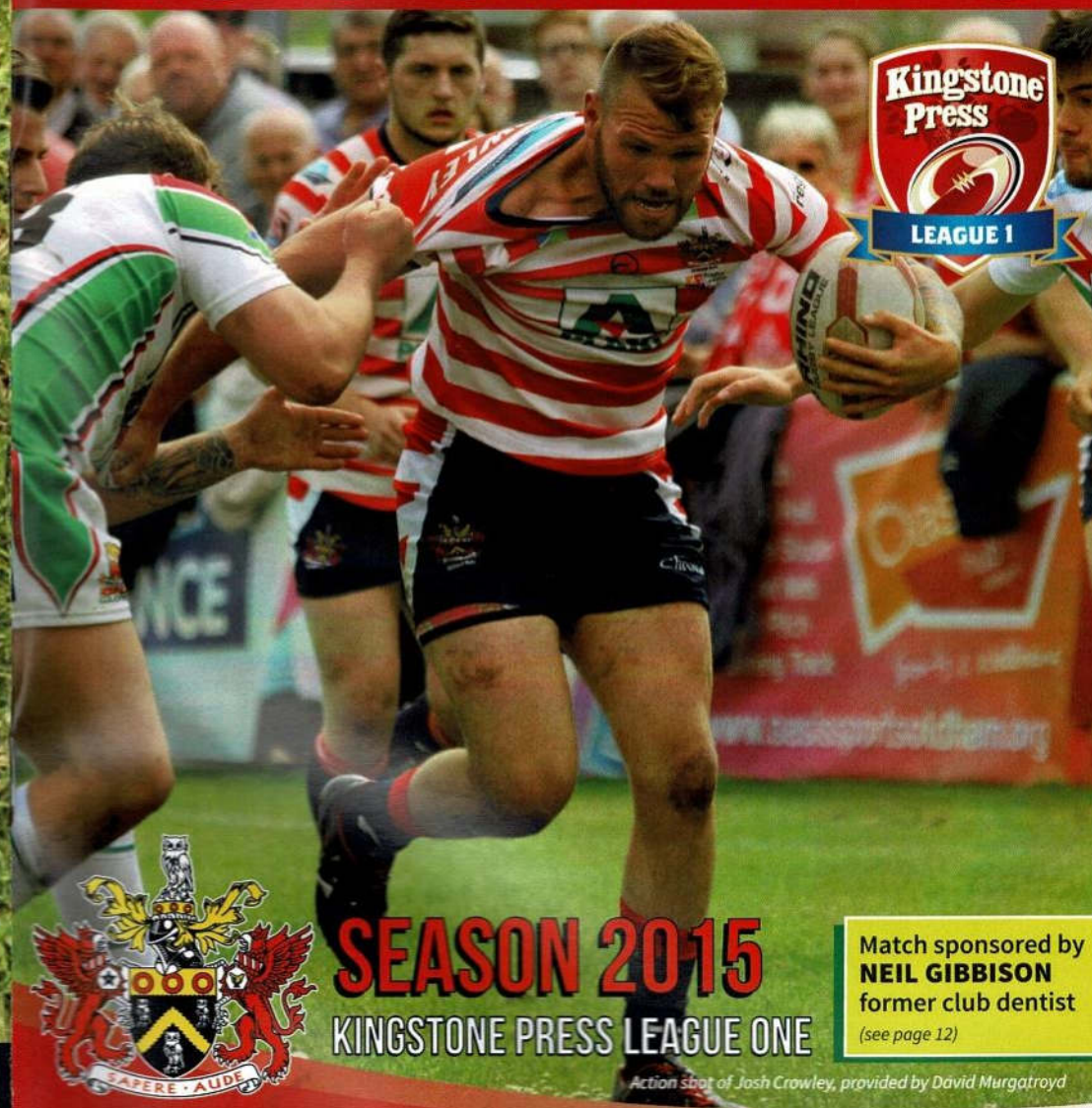
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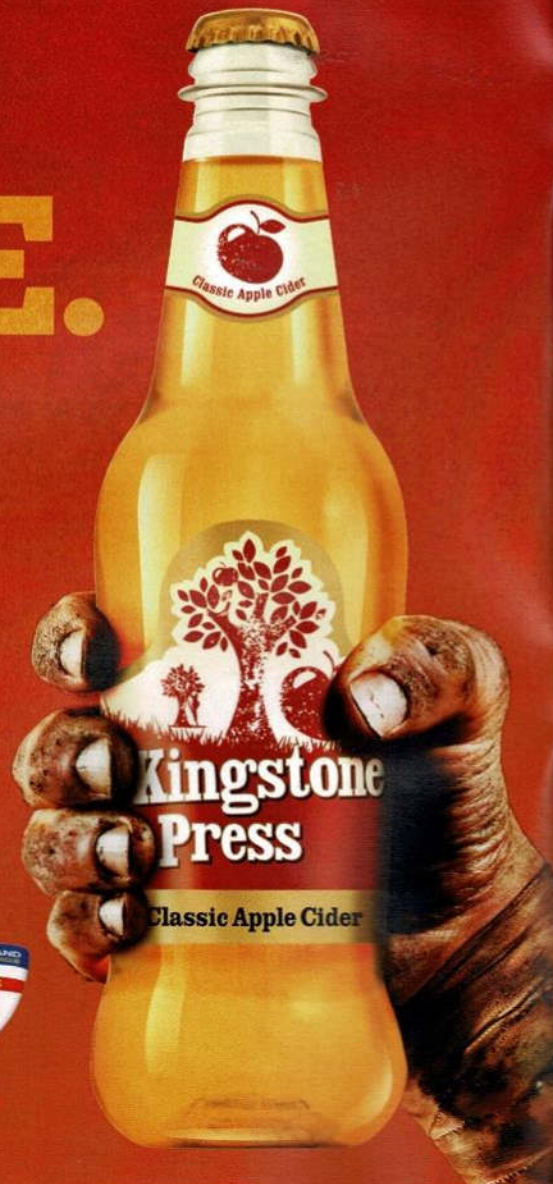
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HELLO everyone and welcome to today's game against Barrow Raiders at the Whitebank Stadium.

Raiders come here needing a win to keep their dreams alive of a top-five finish and that makes them a very dangerous opponent.

Barrow are one of the few teams to beat us this season so we know they are a quality outfit. They have won five of their previous eight games so they are used to that winning feeling.

Of the teams battling to make the play-off cut they probably have the toughest run-in because, after coming here today, they are left with Rochdale at home and York away.

Last week they ran Keighley close before losing 18-17, which must have been a great performance, given that we all know how hard it is to beat the Cougars on their own ground.

All that said, we are also in good form and playing good rugby so we too are confident going into today's game.

Since the defeat by North Wales in early June, we have once again made Whitebank an extremely difficult place for a visiting side to come and play and today will be no exception.

The Oldham players are very focused on finishing the job we started at Easter, when the Kingstone Press League One campaign began, and their attitude and desire hasn't wavered from day one.

I hope you enjoy today's game and I would like to thank our home and away supporters personally for your continued efforts to come to our games and to be part of the Oldham club. Together we can go far.

Many thanks

Scott



Points-machine Palfrey tops the charts and equals a club record

LEWIS Palfrey's 11 goals and three tries at Hemel confirmed his status as the most prolific gatherer of points in Kingstone Press League One.

His 34 points at Pennine Way also equalled the Oldham club's all-time record for most points scored by an individual in a single match.

Abe Johnson's 30 in a win against Widnes at Watersheddings stood from 1928 to 2009 when Andy Ballard scored 34 with 13 goals and two tries in a 78-10 win against London Skolars at the New River Stadium on May 2.

Five months later, in September of the same year, Chris Baines excelled with four tries and nine goals in a 54-30 win against Hunslet at Boundary Park to match Ballard's achievement.

Now it's been equalled again thanks to Palfrey's hat-trick of tries and 11 goals in table-topping Oldham's 70-6 win at Hemel – the biggest win in Scott Naylor's three seasons here as head coach.

Said Lewis: "I'm proud and privileged to become one of three joint record holders, but at the same time I'm gutted because the one conversion I missed, after Danny Langtree scored our second try, was an absolute sitter."

The 25-year-old Oldham captain will lead his side into battle against Barrow at Whitebank today, having kicked more League One goals (95) and amassed more points (235) than any other player in the division.

Barrow's Josh Ward is second with 78 goals and Paul Crook of Rochdale is Palfrey's nearest challenger on points with 199.

Taking the sport as a whole and encompassing

all competitions, only Martyn Ridyard of Leigh Centurions, with 146, has landed more goals than Palfrey's 116 – eight more than Ryan Shaw of Bradford Bulls and ten more than Kevin Sinfield of Leeds Rhinos.

Palfrey says it is a "pleasure and a privilege" to captain an Oldham team that tops the division with four points to spare and can boast the longest winning run of the 38 clubs in Super League, the Championship and League One.

Halifax's 14-0 defeat by Widnes Vikings in round one of the Super 8s (Qualifiers) ended their winning streak at nine and left Roughyeds way out in front with ten, followed by League One rivals Swinton (seven wins) and York (six).

Scott Naylor's men have amassed more points, 708, than any other side in the division, despite the coach's insistence that defence will determine where Oldham finish.

Palfrey is regarded more as a maker of tries than a scorer of them, but his hat-trick at Hemel took his overall total for the season so far to 11 – more than he scored in 2013 and 2014 put together.

In terms of club records for points in a season, Palfrey's 277 to date has already beaten Andy Ballard's 254 in 2009, but he still trails Mick Nanyin, the 'new' Oldham club's record holder with 362 in 2008 and Pat Rich, who finished with 320 in 2001.

Nanyin did it in 32 games and Rich in 34 so bearing in mind that Palfrey has made 23 appearances so far this season, he is right up there with them if you calculate his stats on a pro-rata basis.

Piling on the points...
LEWIS PALFREY



Elevenses' is the next target

HAVING won ten games on the bounce, Roughyeds are now gunning to match the 'new' Oldham club's record of 11 wins in a row, set back in 2001 when Mike Ford was player-coach and his team finished fourth in the Northern Ford

Premiership behind Leigh, Widnes and Rochdale.

It was the season we reached the NFP Grand Final only to go down to Widnes 24-14 in a thrilling final at Spotland.

The 11 straight wins were recorded against Doncaster, Keighley, Barrow, Swinton and Workington at home and against Batley, Swinton, Chorley, Gateshead, Whitehaven and Keighley away.

For this year's ten wins – and still going – look at Fixtures and Results on page 20.

A CHAT WITH CHRIS

WELL, since we were last here, we've had another two away games and another two wins, albeit entirely different in their manner.

A fortnight ago, at Hemel, we did what we always seem to do there and started slowly; but once we settled into a pattern we scored a raft of points which could be invaluable come the end of the season.

The game also saw the debut of Elliot Liku and the return to action of Tom Ashton, both of whom acquitted themselves well.

Last week, up at Newcastle, it was a completely different proposition.

I was rather apprehensive on the journey up there as I knew Stanley Gene would have them fired up following their defeat at Gloucester the previous week.

He sure did – and the game was in the balance for a long time until we scored decisive points at the end.

Fans who travelled to the North-East will appreciate just how physical the game was and how much effort we put in while once again demonstrating our developing maturity in how to manage games.

We invariably show a lot of character on our travels, and we certainly needed to in the North-East.



So here we are, three games to go, the longest unbeaten run in the whole of the Rugby League and a game today against a team to whom we want to show the real Oldham after losing up in Cumbria earlier in the season.

We need to be ready to fight tooth and nail to maintain that record as it is certainly, together with our league position at the top, proving motivational to our opponents each week.

The thing about being where we are is that you have to keep working hard to hold on to what you've got.

Three matches to go, two at home and all to play for.

It's been a fantastic effort so far to get to where we are and nobody at the club wants to let go now.

Your backing of the team is so important. Today, we should have a healthy attendance and you can play your part. Get behind the lads and hopefully we can knock off another game with a win.

Enjoy the game,

Chris



APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

(Cup and league, 24 possible)

	App	DG	Gls	Tries	Pts
ASHTON, Tom	4	–	–	2	8
BROUGHTON, Jodie	1	–	–	2	8
CLAY, Adam	19	–	–	19	76
CONNOR, Jake	2	–	–	1	4
CROWLEY, Josh	24	–	–	11	44
DEMPSEY, Tom	7	1	2	1	9
FAIRBANK, Jacob	1	–	–	1	4
FILES, Adam	20	–	–	1	4
FORD, Jon	12	–	–	9	36
GEE, Sam	21	–	–	7	28
HEWITT, David	4	–	–	4	16
HOLMES, Jack	19	–	–	14	56
HUGHES, Kenny	20	–	–	1	4
JOHNSON, Josh	5	–	–	2	8
JOY, Phil	23	–	–	3	12
JOY, Richard	5	–	–	2	8
LANGTREE, Danny	21	–	–	10	40
LEARMONTH, Micky	2	–	–	2	8
LEPORI, Richard	4	–	–	1	4
LIKU, Elliott	2	–	–	1	4
MASON, Nathan	16	–	–	2	8
NEAL, Adam	22	–	–	2	8
NIELD, Steven	8	–	–	4	16
OWEN, Gareth	21	–	–	5	20
PALFREY, Lewis	23	1	116	11	277
ROBERTS, Oliver	8	–	–	2	8
ROPER, Steve	18	2	6	3	26
THOMPSON, Liam	23	–	–	7	28
TYSON, George	20	–	–	11	44
WARD, Jarrod	12	–	–	4	16
WARD, Michael	21	–	–	8	32

ORSA NEWS and THANKS

Oldham Roughyeds Supporters Association (ORSA) officials wish to express their appreciation for the support they have received at their match day fund-raising events this season. In doing so, they also wish it to be known that a considerable amount of the funds they have raised, have directly supported the playing squad with the provision of match day nutrition. They have done this in conjunction with the club's very knowledgeable backroom staff who have ensured that the whole squad have attained an exceptionally high level of fitness this season. By allocating funds in this way, fans have assisted in maintaining the needs of the squad at home and away matches in a very important way. Most recently, funds have also been allocated to provide training kit for the players recently added to the squad for the end of season push for promotion. So once again, many thanks for your support.

Fund raising continues during the close season whenever possible and occasional events take place then in conjunction with Higginshaw ARLFC, at their headquarters in Oldham. Proceeds from these events are shared equally between ORSA and the Higginshaw club, so benefiting both the amateur and professional game in the town.

The next of these events will be a Race Night in October and it promises to be another fun event. If you can support the event with sponsorship, raffle prizes or by being there on the night, your help will be much appreciated.

ORSA and HIGGINSHAW ARLFC PRESENT A...



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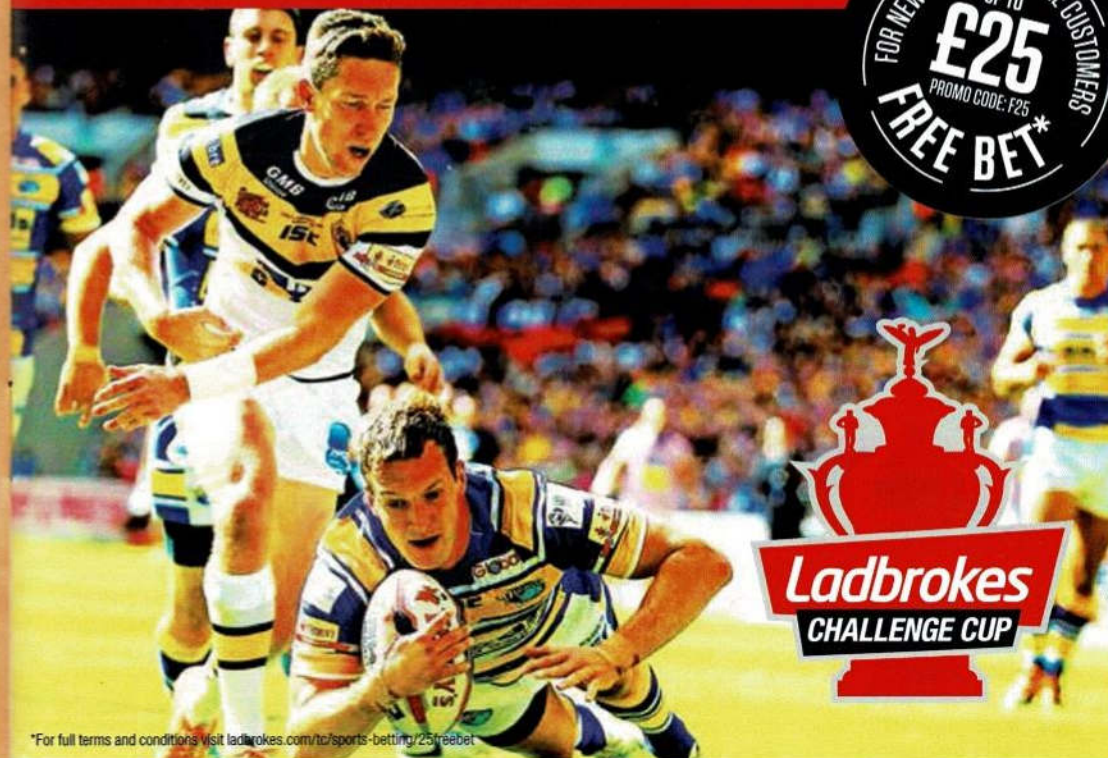
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Alan Lacey



Matty Clarke

Matty and Alan pick up Touch Rugby prizes

MEMBERS of our Wednesday evening Touch Rugby sessions at Oasis Academy Oldham were among the prizes when officials from the 'Play Touch Rugby' organisation dropped in at the Hollins Road venue on a surprise visit.

They came armed with goodies, including drinks and eats, as well as a couple of star prizes which were won by Matty Clarke and Alan Lacey.

Matty, one of a group of people from Widnes who regularly attend our sessions as friends of our Widnes-based community coach Danny Newall, won a pair of tickets for the First Utility Super League Grand Final at Old Trafford.

Alan, a local member, won a £25 Nandos voucher thanks to our success in a Touch Rugby League competition in which the numerous touch-rugby stations, of which we are one, were asked to post on social media a touch-related item.

The one considered to be the most creative won the prize and the judges went for our entry

which was a graph showing how Alan burned off more than 2,000 calories in two hours while playing the sport he loves at Oasis.

Said Danny, who runs our touch-rugby programme: "Matty and Alan were thrilled to bits with their prizes. They look forward each week to our Wednesday evening sessions, as do our ever-growing numbers of participants, and to win prizes was the icing on the cake.

"There's a big push now to get more women and girls involved in the sport (see facing page) and I'm happy to report that results are encouraging."



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Bring on the girls to play at Oasis

IN association with Sport England's #ThisGirlCan initiative and the RFL's Play Touch Rugby League programme, Oldham RLFC offered a FREE touch-rugby taster session for females at Oasis Academy Oldham, Hollins Road and we are hoping to build on that by attracting more girls and women to our regular Wednesday night sessions over the rest of the summer and into the autumn.

Said Danny Newall, our community coach: "We are inviting women to give touch-rugby a try. It's great fun and a fantastic way of keeping fit. We are asking all our existing players to bring a female friend with them."

'This Girl Can' is a national campaign developed by Sport England and a wide range of partnership organisations. It's a celebration of active women

who are doing 'their thing' in sport, no matter how well they do it, how they look, or even how red their faces get.

The RFL, and we at Oldham, are looking to embrace the current marketing campaign by trying to encourage more women to get involved with our touch-rugby sessions. All you need to do is turn up on the night (each Wednesday at 7pm) and speak to Danny, who will welcome you to the fold and introduce you to the others. The charge per individual per night is £3.

Added Danny: "Already, new friendships have been forged among a great bunch of people, who all enjoy a bit of banter and a few laughs as well as their touch rugby.

"New players are always welcome. All they need to do is turn up. What can be easier than that."

Focus on today's match sponsor

NEIL Gibbison, our match sponsor today, has restored the smile on the faces of more rugby league players than he has had hot dinners.

He was Oldham RLFC's club dentist from 1984 to the year 2000 when he moved to Cumbria, supposedly to enjoy semi-retirement.

Fifteen years on, he is working full time and harder than ever in the dental department of three separate hospitals in Barrow, Workington and Whitehaven, while settled in Millom which, he tells us, is "just across the estuary" from Barrow.

He still retains a keen interest in the Roughyeds, occasionally driving down to Whitebank but never missing an Oldham game at Craven Park, the Recreation Ground or Derwent Park and he was even present at the two Challenge Cup ties we have had up in Egremont in recent seasons.

Aged 61, he follows both Oldham Rugby and Oldham Athletic from a distance, but his first love is rugby league and the Roughyeds, for whom he continued to act as club dentist when Oldham RLFC (1997) Ltd succeeded the original

Oldham club following its liquidation in 1997.

Said Neil, who was born in Chadderton: "I keep in close contact with the club via Chris (chairman Chris Hamilton) and I love nothing better than watching Oldham in action whenever I can.

"Both Roughyeds and Athletic have had their ups and downs over the years, but I really enjoy keeping in contact, especially with the rugby club.

"I do miss not being able to watch every game, but with a bit of luck Oldham will get promoted and then they'll be up at Workington and Whitehaven again."

In his 16 years as club dentist, Neil dealt with the players' routine dental care, but on match days he was on hand to deal with all sorts of facial injuries, ranging from broken teeth to broken and dislocated jaws.

He said: "The worst case I ever saw was that of Charlie McAlister, who suffered a double fracture of the jaw. It was complicated and we had a few problems with that one.

"Then there was John Henderson. He was very unlucky. He was always suffering facial injuries, losing teeth or copping one on the jaw."

Oxford game switched to Saturday

MOST of you will be aware by now that our final league game of the season at Oxford, which was originally scheduled for Sunday, September 13, will now be played on the previous day, Saturday, September 12, still kicking off at 3pm.

The request came from Oxford, They are tenants at the Iffley Road Stadium, which is owned by Oxford University. They require the ground on the Sunday to stage a game against a Japanese university team from Tokyo, so we'll be going down there to finish off our regular Kingstone Press League One campaign

24 hours earlier than most of our rivals.

We trust this won't inconvenience too many of our travelling fans. There could be a lot riding for us on that game and we hope as many supporters as possible will try to get down to leafy Oxfordshire and its beautiful and historical city of Oxford to see us bring down the curtain on our 22-match regular league campaign.



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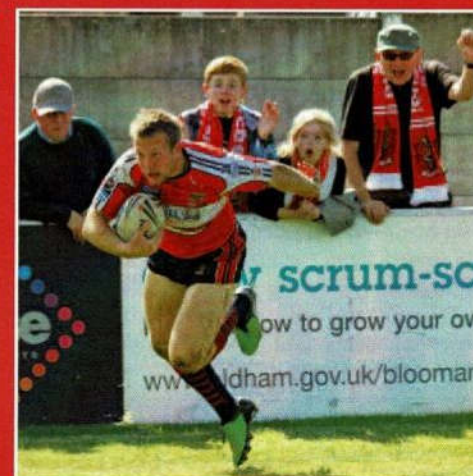
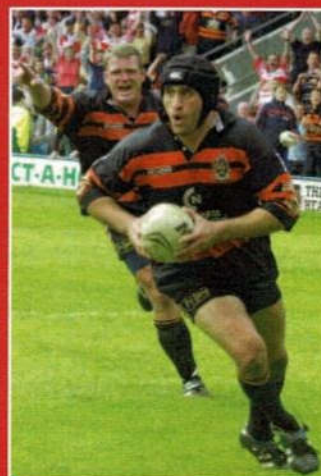
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An Oldham Rugby League Memoir



Craig Halstead

Foreword by Chris Hamilton

One apiece...



ACTION MAN...
Jack Holmes at
Barrow

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GO MAN GO...
Danny Langtree
at Craven Park

Raiders chasing top-five spot

OLDHAM and Barrow Raiders clash today for the third time this season, the two previous games having been played at Craven Park.

They were both fiercely contested, Roughyeds winning 32-10 in the quarter-final of the iPro Sport Cup on Sunday, March 15 and Raiders reversing things with a 30-18 victory in League One, also at Craven Park, on Saturday, May 9.

Today it's our turn to stage the third meeting here at Whitebank, which will be Barrow's first visit since before Scott and 'Spanner' took charge of the Roughyeds' rudder.

Barrow were last here in the fourth round of the Challenge Cup in April, 2012. We won 26-14 and went on to play St Helens at Langtree Park in the next round. We lost 76-0, the first of eight losses in a row.

In that same Championship One season of 2012 we beat Barrow here 32-26 on April Fools' Day, only to suffer a heavy, 42-16 defeat at Craven Park in the August.

At the end of that season the top four got promoted – Doncaster, Barrow, Workington and Whitehaven in that order – with the Raiders spending the 2013 and

2014 seasons in the higher division before dropping back down again this year as part of the sport's major restructure.

They found it tough going in the Championship, finishing third bottom in 2013 (eight wins from 26 games) and bottom of the pile in 2014 with only four wins from 26.

So far this season they have won 12 out of 19 and currently sit in sixth place – one beneath the play-off top five – with only three to play: Oldham today, then Rochdale at Craven Park and York away.

If they were to squeeze into the top five at Rochdale's expense they would realistically have to target three wins from three. Anything can happen yet, but if Paul Crarey's men in blue and white were to win today and Rochdale were to come unstuck at home to Keighley it would put a whole new slant on things.

If the reverse were to apply, Raiders would be virtually out of it so they will be desperate to do the business today and, as Scott points out in his notes on page 3 of this issue, that will make them highly-motivated opponents indeed.

Going back to this season, we caught the Raiders on

the hop on a cold day in mid-March when we went up there in the iPro Sport Cup, went 10-0 down inside as many minutes – and then took the game by the scruff of the neck to rattle up 32 unanswered points.

The teams lined up like this:

BARROW: Fleming; Dolan, Hankinson, Litherland, Wiper; Ward, Campbell; Bullock, Lupton, Harrison, Nicholson, Briscoe, Bate; Subs: Mossop, Dawson, D Toal, Jones.

OLDHAM: J Ward; Clay, Gee, Holmes, Broughton; Palfrey, Rope; Neal, Owen, P Joy, Crowley, Tyson, Thompson; Subs: Files, Hughes, Mason, M Ward.

Scorers: Barrow – goal, Ward; tries, Ward, Nicholson; Oldham – goals, Palfrey (4); tries, M Ward, Clay (2), Broughton (2), Gee.

Referee: M Woodhead; Att: 844

Adam Clay, on the right wing, celebrated his return to his old Craven Park stomping ground, where he was Barrow's top try scorer in 2013, by scoring two tries.

On the other wing Jodie Broughton made his one and only dual-reg appearance for us from Huddersfield Giants and also scored a brace.

Just short of two months later we were back at Craven Park in the league and this time it was a different story, the Raiders prevailing 30-18 to inflict the first of our

three league defeats.

BARROW: Tyson; S Toal, Pitman, Litherland, Dolan; Ward, Campbell; Bullock, Mossop, Bate, Harrison, Briscoe, D Toal; Subs: Lupton, Dawson, Nicholson, Crellin.

OLDHAM: Nield; Clay, Tyson, Holmes, J Ward; Palfrey, Roper; Neal, Owen, Mason, Crowley, Langtree, Johnson. Subs: M Ward, P Joy, Thompson, Hughes.

Scorers: Barrow – goals, Ward (3); tries, Pitman (2), Dolan, Campbell, Litherland, Harrison; Oldham – goal, Palfrey; tries, Clay (2), Holmes, Owen.

Referee: C Campbell; Att: 935.

This game was notable for a free-for-all near the end, after which referee Chris Campbell sent off Barrow's Liam Campbell and our own Gareth Owen and placed the whole incident on report.

Subsequently, Owen, George Tyson and Josh Johnson were all suspended together with Barrow's Campbell, each for two matches.

As events turned out, dual-reg Josh Johnson didn't play for us again, but Owen and Tyson both missed the games against Keighley away and North Wales at home, this the last time we were beaten on June 7.

So now it's down to the Oldham v Barrow decider, which promises to be a cracker.



TRY TIME... for Richard Lepori in our 38-8 win against Keighley Cougars in our last home game. Picture: David Murgatroyd.

As Rugby League heads south for its big day...

Our 'Adie' will be the happiest man in town

ADRIAN Tierney is in his second season as our club's kit manager. More than that, he is a self-confessed Roughyeds fanatic and has been since he first stumbled across rugby league by chance nearly 30 years ago.

Aged 49 (he celebrated that birthday on the team coach going up to Newcastle last Sunday), he is a character in his own right and, as his new nickname of 'Tucker' would indicate, he is infamous for the number of sausage rolls and meat pies he stacks away on long coach trips while for ever tipping the scales at 11 stone wet through!

Come next Saturday, however, our Adie will be well known to a rather bigger audience. Not only will he be going to Wembley for the first time; he will be out on the famous turf, flying the Oldham RLFC banner on behalf of his club and his town.

Every club will have a representative, but the parade will be led by the 22 founder clubs at the historic meeting at the George Hotel in Huddersfield in 1895 at which the fast, exciting and brilliant sport we know today as Rugby League had its origins.

Oldham was one of the original founders so Adrian will be somewhere among the first 22 in the parade of clubs and there won't be a prouder man in the stadium or, indeed, in our capital city.

"It will be a dream come true...a day I'll remember for the rest of my life," said Adrian, who watched his first Oldham game in 1987.

He recalled: "I wasn't particularly interested before then, but I'd be about 21 at the time and the club appealed for volunteers to clean the stands at Watersheddings.

"Two of us turned up and they gave us a ticket for the next home match against Castleford. It was a brilliant game; absolutely enthralling; I was hooked for life and I've watched Roughyeds regularly ever since."

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OLDHAM R.L. CLUB



A member of the site maintenance team at Oasis Academy Oldham, Adrian succeeded Paul Hulbert as kit manager and he says it was the best decision he ever made.

"In fact, when I was asked if I'd be interested by Chris Hamilton (club chairman), I snatched his hand off," said Adrian.

"Nearly two full seasons into the job, I can't believe how brilliant it is. We've got a great chairman, a great set of lads, a fantastic coaching and backroom staff headed by Scott and 'Spanner' and some great supporters, of which I am one.

"If it's left up to me, it will be a long time before anybody else gets the kit manager's job at Whitebank, I'll tell you.

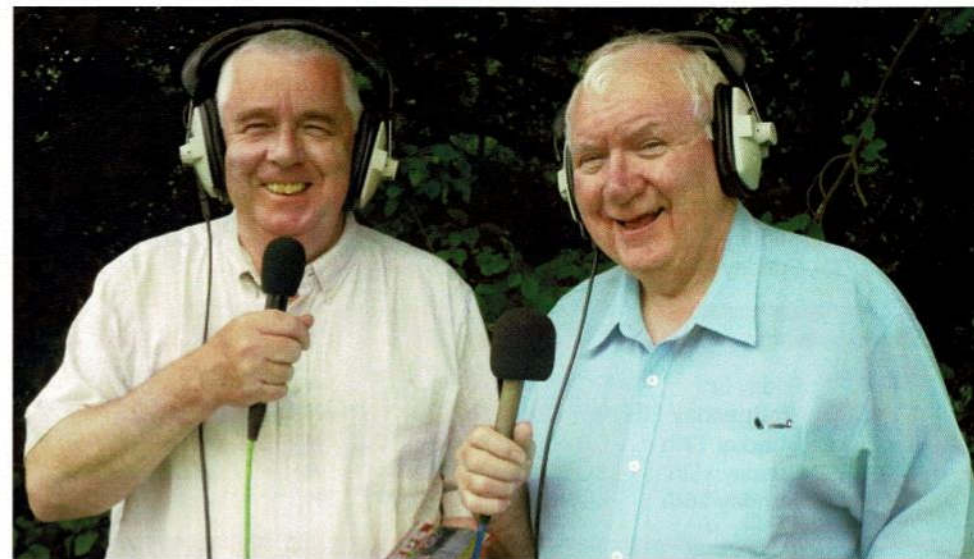
"As for the Wembley trip, I'll be proud and privileged to fly the flag for this club, for this town and for this great sport.

"Had anyone told me, all those years ago when I was cleaning the stands at 'Sheddings, that one day I would be representing the club on the pitch at Wembley before a Ladbroke's Challenge Cup final I would have said they were crackers."

• Niel Wood, project manager and consultant to the RFL on the sport's 120th Anniversary celebrations, wishes to publicly thank Oldham Council and its rep Cameron Boland for their 'outstanding' help and co-operation in assisting with the Founders' Walk as it passed through the borough.



TRY TIME... for Tom Ashton, after the final hooter, in our 28-16 win at Newcastle.
Picture: David Murgatroyd.



Gerald Brierley

Dave McGealy

'The Dynamic Duo'

(Dedicated to Dave McGealy and Gerald Brierley @ Oldham Community Radio.)

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Grant Somerville. 6th August 2015.

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FIXTURES & RESULTS

2015 March

L1Cup	Sunday 1st	COVENTRY	H	W 42 - 6
LCC(3)	Sunday 8th	COVENTRY	H	W 46 - 6
L1Cup	Sunday 15th	Barrow	A	W 32 - 10
LCC(4)	Sunday 22nd	Sheffield	A	L 20 - 44

2015 April

KPL1	Friday 3rd	ROCHDALE	A	W 23 - 16
L1Cup	Wednesday 8th	NW Crusaders	H	L 18 - 16
KPL1	Sunday 12th	COVENTRY	H	W 38 - 10
KPL1	Sunday 19th	SOUTH WALES	A	W 50 - 12
KPL1	Sunday 26th	LONDON SKOLARS	H	W 48 - 6

2015 May

KPL1	Sunday 3rd	GLOUCESTER	H	W 33 - 30
KPL1	Saturday 9th	BARROW	A	L 18 - 30
KPL1	Sunday 17th	NEWCASTLE	H	W 45 - 20
KPL1	Sunday 31st	KEIGHLEY	A	L 24 - 32

2015 June

KPL1	Sunday 7th	NORTH WALES	H	L 28 - 38
KPL1	Sunday 14th	OXFORD	H	W 64 - 0
KPL1	Sunday 21st	SWINTON	A	W 32 - 26
KPL1	Saturday 27th	GLOUCESTER	A	W 42 - 30

2015 July

KPL1	Sunday 5th	YORK	H	W 34 - 12
KPL1	Sunday 12th	ROCHDALE	H	W 38 - 18
KPL1	Sunday 19th	LONDON	A	W 32 - 6
KPL1	Sunday 26th	NORTH WALES	A	W 23 - 6

2015 August

KPL1	Sunday 2nd	KEIGHLEY	H	W 38 - 8
KPL1	Sunday 9th	HEMEL	A	W 70 - 6
KPL1	Sunday 16th	NEWCASTLE	A	W 28 - 16
KPL1	Sunday 23rd	BARROW	H	3:00pm

2015 September

KPL1	Sunday 6th	SWINTON	H	3:00pm
KPL1	Saturday 12th	OXFORD	A	3:00pm

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Derek Turner – 'rough, tough and gifted'

THE sincere condolences of everyone at the Oldham club go to the family and friends of the late Derek Turner, a Watersheddings legend, who died three weeks ago in Wakefield at the age of 82.

Known as 'Rocky' throughout the rugby league world, he was a loose-forward of exceptional talent who ranked alongside centre Alan Davies as the best of the best in the great Oldham side that won the sport's Championship Final at Odsal, Bradford in 1957.

During that magical period in the club's history, Turner was feared throughout the sport – at international level, too – as a loose-forward who was rough, tough and exceptionally gifted with ball in hand. He was also renowned as a ferocious tackler.

He signed for Oldham from Hull KR in 1955 and made a total of 134 appearances for the club, scoring 35 tries, before being transferred to Wakefield Trinity in 1958.

The biggest and best of his 134 games in the crack Watersheddings side of the late fifties was that Championship Final at Bradford when Oldham beat Hull 15-14 in front of a crowd of more than 62,000.

At that time, Hull's equally famous loose-forward Johnny Whiteley formed a triumvirate of brilliant British No 13s with Turner and Vince Karalius of St Helens and the Great Britain selectors struggled to decide who was the best, often picking two of them in the second-row with the other at loose-forward.

Both Turner and Whiteley gave outstanding performances in the 1957 final, Oldham prevailing thanks to Colin Hutton's failure to convert a late try for Hull by winger Stan Cowan.

Oldham lined up like this: Ganley; Cracknell, Davies, Ayres, Eddy; Daley, Pitchford; Jackson, Keith, Vines, Little, Winslade, Turner.

With Turner in tow, Oldham also won the Lancashire Cup in 1956, 1957 and 1958.

He won 11 Great Britain caps while at Watersheddings, but his big regret was that Oldham never reached the Challenge Cup final at Wembley.

• OUR sincere condolences go out also to the families of three long-term supporters who have died recently. David Whitehead, Ann Walker and Bryan Hilton all contributed much to the local rugby league community. RIP David, Ann and Bryan.

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HOW WE STAND Kingstone Press League One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
OLDHAM	19	16	0	3	708	322	386	32
York City Knights	18	14	0	4	692	296	396	28
Keighley Cougars	18	14	0	4	597	336	261	28
Swinton Lions	18	13	1	4	663	346	317	27
Rochdale Hornets	19	13	0	6	669	381	288	26
Barrow Raiders	19	12	0	7	585	351	234	24
North Wales Crusaders	18	11	1	6	545	295	250	23
Newcastle Thunder	19	9	0	10	459	470	-11	18
Gloucester All Golds	19	7	0	12	484	565	-81	14
Coventry Bears	19	5	0	14	374	675	-301	10
Hemel Stags	19	5	0	14	380	747	-367	10
Oxford	18	5	0	13	347	746	-399	10
London Skolars	18	4	0	14	306	567	-261	8
South Wales Scorpions	19	1	0	18	226	938	-712	2

(Please note this table does NOT include last Thursday night's York v North Wales game).

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

IN two weeks' time we play our last home game of the regular Kingstone Press League One campaign and if any club, chairman, team or coaching staff deserved to have the backing of their biggest crowd of the year then it must surely be Oldham.

Scott and the boys have entertained us superbly over the last few months, not only by playing winning rugby but by playing crowd-pleasing rugby and by scoring lots of tries, goals and points.

We command a four-point lead at the top of the table; Lewis Palfrey heads the League One goals and points charts; we've scored more points to date, 708, than any other team in the division (to meet deadlines this had to be written before last Thursday's York v North Wales game); and we currently enjoy the sport's longest winning run.

Unbeaten since June 7 when Crusaders won at Whitebank, we've accumulated ten wins in a row and need only one more today to equal the 'new' club's record of 11 straight wins, set back in 2001 when Mike Ford was coach.

There's surely more than enough statistical evidence there to indicate that Scott's boys are well worth watching and to encourage fans who wouldn't claim to

be regulars to come down and have a look at us in our remaining home games this season.

Swinton are here in a fortnight, Sunday, September 6 to be precise and then there's every chance that we will also play at least one game at Whitebank in the play-offs.

Talking of crowds, it will be interesting to see what today's attendance reaches, given that the 725 and the 888 for the last two home games against Rochdale and Cougars respectively were each the biggest of the season so far.

Indeed, the 888 figure was the best for two years, raising a realistic hope that, perhaps today or if not then at the Swinton game, we can top 1,000 supporters for the first time since 2013.

If Newcastle can hit four figures, as they did last week when we were the visitors, then Oldham surely can. So put out a rallying call among friends, neighbours, work mates and family members and ask them to come on down and give this Oldham side a cheer as they enter the final push for promotion.

It's the least they deserve, isn't it?

Roger Halstead

KINGSTONE PRESS LEAGUE ONE

Official Team Sheet



Oldham V Barrow Raiders, 23 August 2015

OLDHAM R.L.F.C		V	BARROW RAIDERS	
21	RICHARD LEPORI ORSA	FULL BACK	23	CHRIS FLEMING
2	ADAM CLAY Fireplace Superstore	WINGER	5	KYLE DOLAN
17	GEORGE TYSON Mick Harrop	CENTRE	3	CHRIS HANKINSON
24	TOM ASHTON ORSA	CENTRE	31	CAMERON PITMAN
3	JON FORD Oasis Academy Oldham	WINGER	4	MAX WIPER
6	LEWIS PALFREY Fireplace Superstore	STAND-OFF	29	PETER LUPTON
27	DAVID HEWITT ORSA	STAND-OFF	7	LIAM CAMPBELL
10	ADAM NEAL ORSA	PROP	8	JOE BULLOCK
15	GARETH OWEN Bev, Kelly and Paul Hulbert	HOOKER	9	NATHAN MOSSOP
8	PHIL JOY Pam Taylor & TTX	PROP	21	ANTHONY BATE
12	DANNY LANGTREE Charlotte Gothard and Neil Haigh	2ND ROW	11	LIAM HARRISON
11	JOSH CROWLEY Lynda & John McAndrew	2ND ROW	12	CRAIG BRISCOE
9	SAM GEE John and Lynda McAndrew	LOOSE FORWARD	23	JAMES DUERDEN
19	MICHAEL WARD Sylvia, David & Margaret	SUB	6	BRAD MARWOOD
14	ADAM FILES Rita Walton	SUB	10	ANDREW DAWSON
13	LIAM THOMPSON ORSA	SUB	22	JOE HAMBLEY
16	KENNY HUGHES Rita Walton	SUB	30	BRAD CRELLIN
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