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14: Joe Burke	Patsy Batterton
	John and Lynda McAndrew

Ref: S Mikalauskas; TJs, Andrew Smith, Andy Tolley; Res ref, G Melling;
Match comm, R Connolly; Timekeeper, A Mills; Match Assessor, I Ollerton.

Visitors' Squad:

1 Greg McNally
2 Adam Higson
3 Greg Worthington
4 Willie Tonga
5 Liam Kay
6 Martyn Ridyard
8 Fuifui Moimoi
9 Bob Beswick
10 Dayne Weston
11 Harrison Hansen
12 Gareth Hock
13 Cory Paterson
14 Mickey Higham
15 Jonathan Pownall
16 Reni Maitua
17 Jamie Acton
18 Tom Spencer
19 Lewis Foster
20 Sam Hopkins
21 Andrew Dixon
23 Rangi Chase
24 Tom Armstrong
25 Eze Harper
26 Lee Smith
29 Jake Emmitt
31 Ben Reynolds
32 Liam Hood
33 Sam Barlow

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OLDHAM VS LEIGH CENTURIONS



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Oldham show heart...
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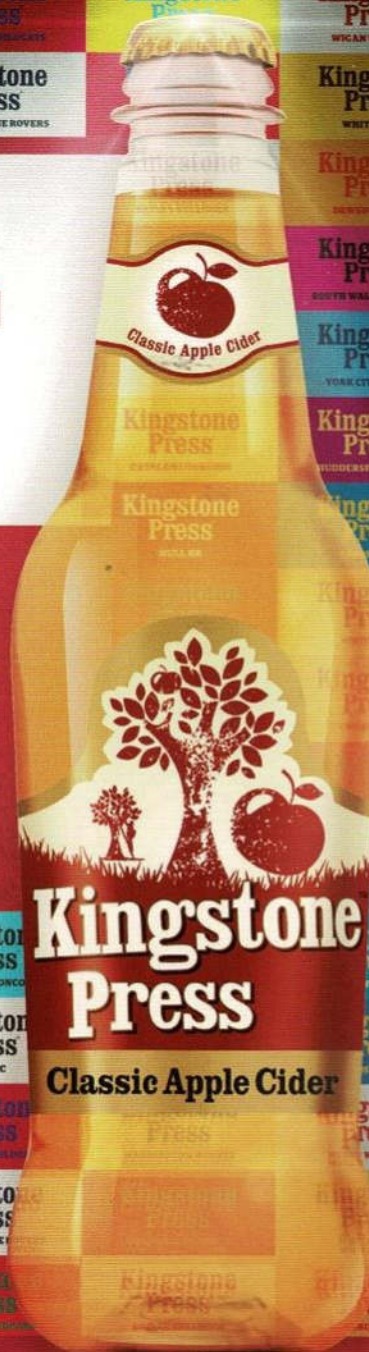


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TOP rugby league journalist Dave Hadfield watched us at Whitebank more than any other national paper scribe and he has continued to keep his eye on us at Bower Fold.

After his latest visit he wrote this in League Weekly:

"Whisper it in Mumps, The Land of the Tubular Bandage, but over the hill in Stalybridge the Roughyeds have been putting together quite a startling little run of form."

It's fair to say that everyone fancied Oldham to struggle this season, but in their last couple of home games they have beaten high-flying Batley and full-time Sheffield Eagles.

"Scott Naylor has a trick or two up his sleeve."

"Whenever he can, he includes three specialist hookers in his 17 and I don't think I've ever seen a coach do that on a regular basis."

"It might look to be rather over-egging the pudding, but it seems to be working."

"If they ever re-introduce contested scrums, just watch out for them. There will be no one in the Northern Union as ready as the Roughyeds."

And that was BEFORE we went to Hull KR and did the business and then beat Featherstone Rovers at Bower Fold!



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How Scott sees it...

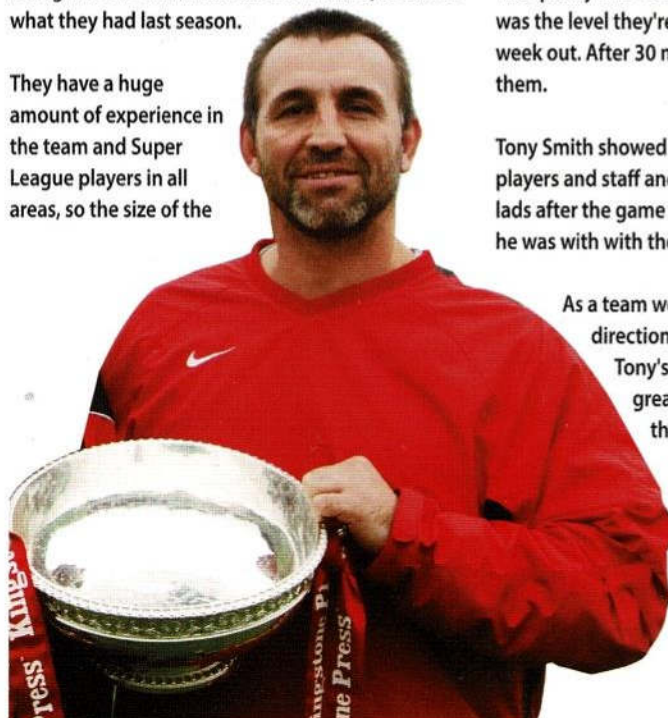
View from the Roughyeds' dug-out

HELLO everyone and welcome to today's game against Leigh Centurions at Bower Fold.

After last week's match against Warrington Wolves it doesn't get any easier this week with the visit of the top-of-the-league team who are favourites for promotion this season.

It's easy to see that Leigh are again serious about promotion when you look at the quality they have brought to the club in the last six months, to add to what they had last season.

They have a huge amount of experience in the team and Super League players in all areas, so the size of the



Scott

challenge to our lads is clear to see.

Our cup-tie against the Wolves last weekend was reviewed with mixed emotion afterwards.

The score didn't tell the whole truth about what happened and the fans who came can only be proud of the effort and heart the team showed from start to finish.

The quality that Warrington posses was clear to see, as was the level they're used to playing at week in and week out. After 30 minutes or so we couldn't stay with them.

Tony Smith showed nothing but great respect to our players and staff and he asked if he could speak to the lads after the game to let them know how impressed he was with with them.

As a team we feel we are heading in the right direction on and off the field and to get Tony's comments after the game meant a great deal to everyone. It also shows the kind of person he is.

Many thanks for sticking with us



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You can keep up to date with Touch-Rugby news on the club's Facebook and Twitter pages and the Roughyeds' official website, or make contact with danny@rlfc@outlook.com

THE ever-popular Touch-Rugby programme is back on our Community schedule and is now up and running every Wednesday evening at Whitebank Stadium, starting at 7pm. Please note that we are not at Oasis Academy this year, we are at Whitebank (OL8 3JH).

Car parking is available.

Fun sessions (light-hearted) will be held every Wednesday, from 7pm to 9pm, costing only £3 per person per night, paid on the night. All you have to do is turn up.

Fantastic prizes — Oldham RLFC, Grand Final and Challenge Cup final tickets, for example — will be on offer for players who reach certain targets, while anyone who attends 10 sessions will get a Play Touch-Rugby water bottle or a protein shaker.

The programme will be led by our community coach Danny Newall, who said: "We are out to make Touch Rugby the corner-stone of the club's Community Project.

"It's a great way of keeping fit and losing weight. Last year we had people who were regularly burning off 2,000 calories every week.

"We have lots of laughs, great fun, lots of banter and everyone gets on well. Over the two years I've spent at the club the Touch-Rugby season is what I most look forward to. It doesn't matter what age or gender you are, or how much or how little skill you have, there will always be a role for you. People have surprised themselves with how much they can achieve."

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Top-table topics...

Chris Hamilton... from the boardroom

WELCOME back to Bower Fold for the third week in a row. And what a great three weeks they've been --- first, a fine win against one of the Championship's leading lights in Featherstone; then a big day for all concerned against a star Warrington Wolves team in the Ladbrokes Challenge Cup; and this week another mighty test against a Leigh Centurions team packed with players of Super League quality who, understandably, sit at the top of the division.

I think it's fair to say that these three weeks have underlined what being in the Championship is all about. I know the Warrington match was a cup game but had we been in League One we probably wouldn't have got as far as we did, so there's the correlation.

To enable us to play 'big clubs' on a regular basis was the reward for winning promotion after so many near misses.

Forget the financial disparities that the introduction of the 8s have brought in. We get that and understand the reasons behind it. Also, we relish the challenges that we face each week as a club, on and off the pitch, and it's fair to say we thrive on them.

The lads have shown they are capable of playing on an equal footing with

the best; and we are making a fist of consolidating our status in this division.

There is plenty to work on -- every coach does that week in and week out -- but there is no doubting the commitment of every single member of the squad to what we are hoping to achieve. In that respect, there are a lot of clubs who would like to have what we have, for sure.

Last week's game was harsh in terms of the score. Having only two props against a team of Warrington's quality was always going to make an almost impossible task even harder.

Even so, I'm convinced that anyone who watched the first 25 minutes would have been thinking at that stage that an Oldham win was possible.

We started on the front foot and as Tony Smith and Ashton Sims have said publicly: "They gave it to us early on." Yes, that's us, Oldham, just up from League One, part timers with only two props but 17 giant hearts. We gave it to a team of internationals from both hemispheres. Get in!

Today is another big test against another full-time team who are hoping to get promoted to Super

League. Leigh's Director of Rugby, Derek Beaumont, whom I have known for a number of years, has put his money where his mouth is in an attempt to gain that promotion.

Leigh are the only team so far to beat us by a convincing margin and that was in only our second game at this level. But even then we won plenty of plaudits for the way we played and I know Scott and the lads will be chomping at the bit to have another crack at them.

A final mention about the support the team has been getting. You know we appreciate it. And it does lift the lads, so please keep being loud and proud and who knows what can happen.

Enjoy the game,
Christopher Hamilton
Chairman
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Blackpool... here we come

Sam Gee is ready ... are YOU ?

WE hope to have an army of Oldham fans roaring us on at Bloomfield Road, Blackpool when we play Swinton Lions on Sunday, May 29 (3pm) --- the second day of the RFL's Summer Bash weekend at the famous holiday resort.

a long way to determining our final places in the league table.

If there was ever a special occasion for our borough, our town and Oldham RL fans



All 12 Kingstone Press Championship clubs will play over the Saturday and the Sunday in a festival of rugby league that is the Championship's equivalent to Super League's Magic Weekend.

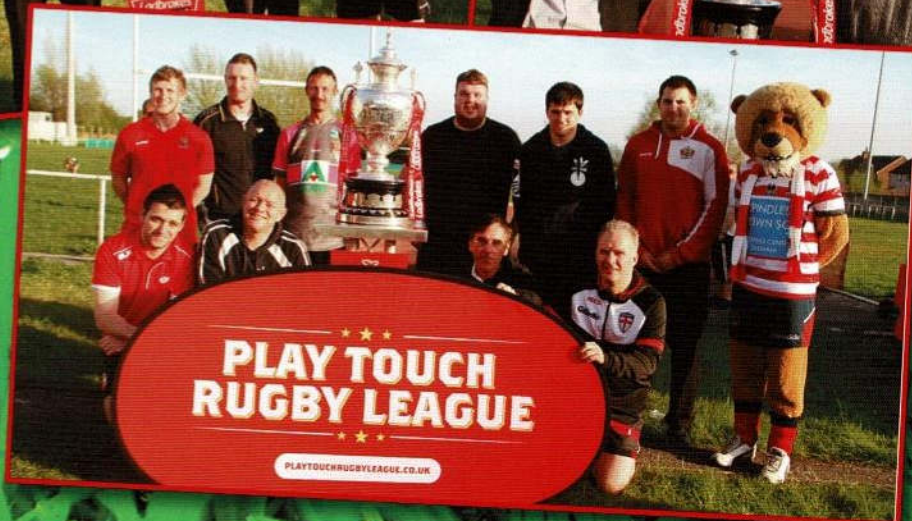
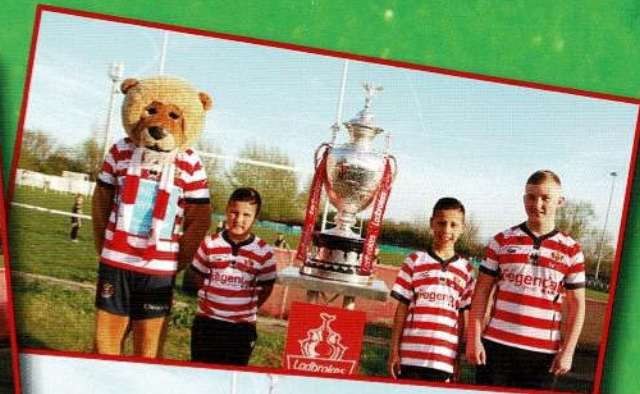
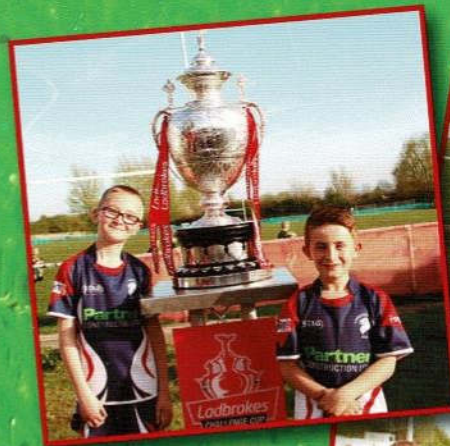
Our big game against Swinton will be one of three Roughyeds v Lions clashes in the Championship this season and, for both clubs, those three games will go

past and present to turn out in great numbers and to back the boys in Blackpool, then this is it.

Please get tickets from the club, either today at the game or at Whitebank next week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9.30am to 1.30pm; Wednesday, 9.30am to 3pm; Friday 9.30am to 4pm.



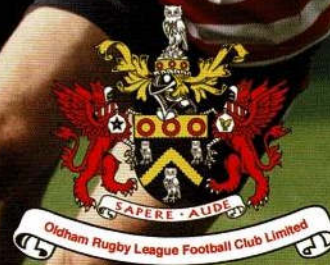
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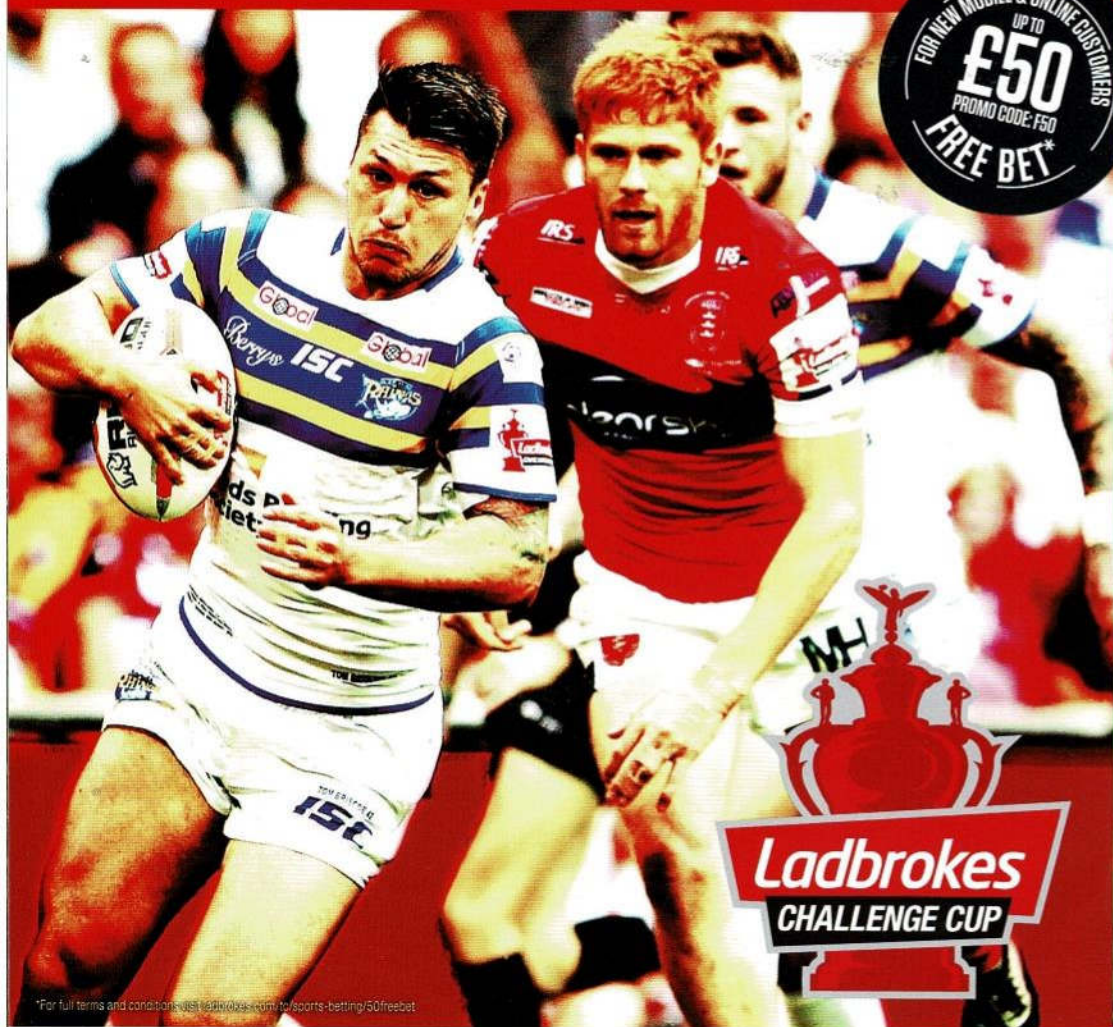
Ladbrokes Challenge Cup 6th round
Oldham V Warrington Wolves, Saturday 7th May 2016



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Oldham RLFC Statistics after 14 matches

Squad Number, Name, Appearances, Interchange Appearances, Tries, Goals, Drop Goals, Points

	A	I	T	G	DG	Pts
1 Richard Lepori	14	0	4	0	0	16
2 Adam Clay	13	0	5	0	0	20
3 Jon Ford	3	0	2	0	0	8
4 Jack Holmes	11	0	4	1	0	18
5 Jamel Chisholm	10	0	5	0	0	20
6 Lewis Palfrey	12	0	1	31	1	67
7 Steve Roper	9	0	1	8	0	20
8 Phil Joy	13	0	1	0	0	4
9 Sam Gee	6	5	1	0	0	4
10 Jack Spencer	11	2	0	0	0	0
11 Josh Crowley	2	2	0	0	0	0
12 Danny Langtree	8	0	2	0	0	8
13 Liam Thompson	6	7	0	0	0	0
14 Joe Burke	0	5	0	0	0	0
16 Gary Middlehurst	10	0	3	0	0	12
19 Adam Files	0	8	2	0	0	8
20 Gareth Owen	13	0	3	0	0	8
21 Kenny Hughes	0	12	2	0	0	8
22 Danny Grimshaw	10	0	2	0	0	8
23 Craig Briscoe	0	0	0	0	0	0
24 Will Hope	13	0	3	0	0	12
25 Tom Ashton	3	1	2	0	0	8
26 Michael Ward	1	13	3	0	0	8
LO Jake Bibby	3	0	0	0	0	0
DR Liam Johnson	6	0	3	0	0	12
DR Tyler Dickinson	4	1	0	0	0	0
DR Kruise Leeming	1	0	0	0	0	0

* DR (Dual Registered Player) LO (Player on Loan)

Kingstone Press Championship Table

	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	DIFF	PTS
1 Leigh Centurions	12	10	1	1	437	254	183	21
2 London Broncos	12	10	2	0	321	195	126	20
3 Bradford Bulls	11	6	3	2	358	238	120	14
4 Halifax RLFC	12	7	5	0	301	245	56	14
5 Batley Bulldogs	12	6	5	1	283	274	9	13
6 Featherstone Rovers	12	7	5	0	290	200	90	14
7 Sheffield Eagles	12	5	7	0	330	321	9	10
8 Swinton Lions	12	5	7	0	274	375	-101	10
9 Dewsbury Rams	12	4	8	0	280	333	-53	8
10 Oldham RLFC	11	4	7	0	191	259	-68	8
11 Whitehaven RLFC	12	4	8	0	191	352	-161	8
12 Workington Town	12	1	11	0	192	402	-210	2

A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

Submitted By Oldham RL Heritage Trust



In welcoming Leigh to Bower Fold we are up against one of our fellow founding members of the Northern Union (Rugby League). However, the first meeting between the clubs took place on September 1st 1891, some four years before the professional break away from the Rugby Union.

After the formation of the Northern Union, the first season saw honours-even with Leigh winning at home 6 - 0 on November 9th 1895 and Oldham victorious in the return at Watersheddings 23 - 4 the following April.

In those early days the most important match between the two clubs was the Challenge Cup semi-final of 1899 played at Broughton. The Roughyeds were in top form winning 16 - 2 before the assembled 18,000 spectators.

Since then there has been many great games between the red rose rivals with Leigh twice denying the Oldham 'super' team of the late 1950s on the way to Wembley. First in 1955 when 25,000 turned up at Hilton Park to see the home team triumph 5 - 3 in the 2nd round.



Two years later same round, same result! Well almost, in freezing conditions and on a quagmire of a pitch Leigh prevailed 5 - 0. A late try from Stan Owen sealing the home win.

Then there was the notorious match at Watersheddings in January 1984 when the referee abandoned the game midway through the second half for fighting! A particularly bad decision for Leigh who were winning 26 - 14 at the time only to lose the replay 13 - 10 to a last minute try from Ian Birkby two months later.

Since the Oldham club reformed for the 1998 season there have been two NFP elimination play-off matches between the clubs. First in 2000 Leigh defeated the Roughyeds 18 - 10 at Hilton Park but the following year Oldham produced a massive shock by defeating the league leaders 15 - 14. It was on July 8th 2001 at Hilton Park, where Leigh hadn't lost for 18 months, but on the day a mighty effort from the visitors proved just enough.

Oldham dominated the early stages and were unlucky not to take the lead when Leo Casey could not hold the ball after a defence splitting break from Neil Roden. However, they did take the lead soon after with a Pat Rich penalty goal. This was soon followed by a Keith Brennan drop goal which proved to be the decisive score. Unfortunately for the Oldham hooker he was injured a few minutes later but

the Roughyeds had a ready made substitute in John Hough and it was he who scored the first try darting over from close range after Joey Hayes had been held inches short. Another goal from Rich gave Oldham a 9 - 0 lead at the interval.

Leigh got their act together in the second period and tries from Neil Turley, Paul Anderson and Michael Watts with a goal from Simon Svabic put the home side in front. Perhaps the most significant moment came when Dave Whittle also crossed the line only to be held up before he could ground the ball. In the meantime Rich had kicked another goal and within two minutes of Watts' try a surging move down field was finished off by full-back Mark Sibson who took Turley and Hadcroft over with him as he dived in at the corner. The conversion was missed but the Oldham defence saw out the last ten minutes for a sensational victory.

LEIGH: Turley, Hadcroft, Anderson, Fairclough, Watts, Svabic, Bretherton.
Street, Hamilton, Bradbury, Baldwin, Morley, Bristow.
SUBS: Whittle, Duffy, Leatham, Swan.

OLDHAM: Sibson, Hayes, D. Gibbons, Rich, McNicholas, Roden, Ford.
Casey, Brennan, Norton, P. Farrell, Henare, Mannion.
SUBS: Hough, Guest, Clegg, C. Farrell.

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Danny Guest drives into the Leigh defence in the play-off game on July 8th 2001.



Jimmy Hornby and Paddy Kirwan bring down a Leigh player in the abandoned match on January 8th 1984.

Leigh Centurions

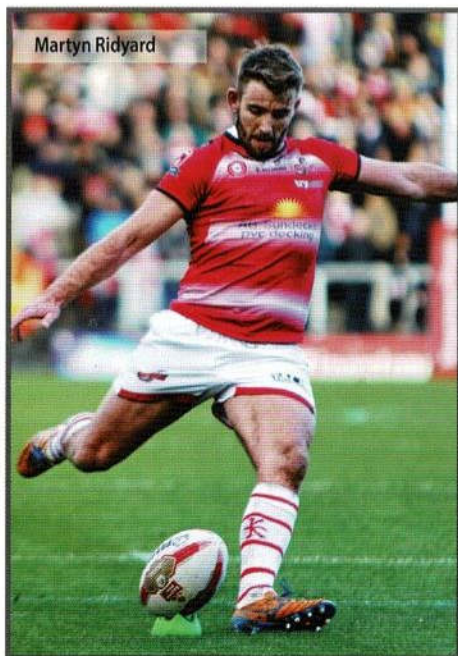
- The Leythers



Championship League leaders Leigh Centurions arrive at Bower Fold today fresh from a break due to the Ladbrokes Challenge Cup fixtures last weekend. On the same day that Oldham shocked the rugby league world by defeating Hull KR, Leigh travelled to Toulouse where they lost 10-8 to this season's League 1 newcomers. That defeat meant a free weekend and a chance to take a breather.

Leigh started their 2016 campaign with one aim, success in the middle-eights at the business end of the season and subsequent promotion to super league. Their intent was evident with keynote signings such as former man-of-steel Rangı Chase, Harrison Hansen and Cory Paterson, all from Salford Red Devils together with Dayne Weston from Melbourne Storm.

A pre-season injury blow for full-back Greg McNally was eased by the signing of former Leeds Rhinos and Wakefield Wildcats man Lee Smith.

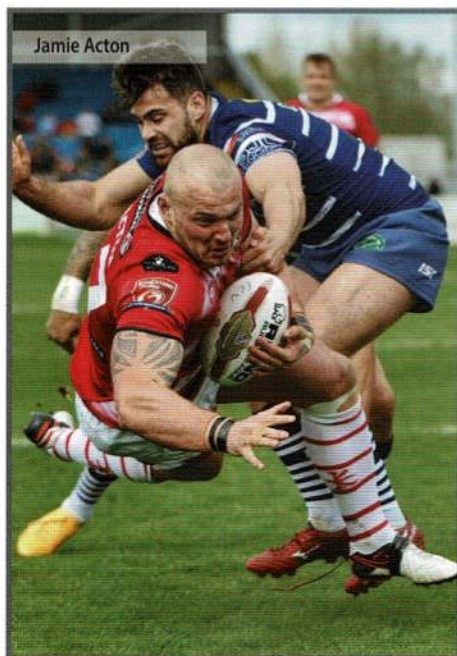


Martyn Ridyard

The departure of Ryan Brierley to Huddersfield Giants meant that the new Leigh coach Neil Jukes had to further shuffle his squad, leaving the way open for Ben Reynolds to partner Martyn Ridyard in the halves.

Oldham coach Scott Naylor will take heart from the fact that although maximum points were gained by Leigh in their last two matches, an injury stricken Featherstone pushed Leigh all the way only losing 24-30. Similarly Batley put up a fight on May 1 when they travelled over the pennines looking to complete a league double over the Leythers, only losing out by seven points with the score finishing 37-30 to Leigh. Interestingly, Oldham have also defeated both Batley and Featherstone in recent weeks.

Coach Neil Jukes should be fully aware that Oldham will be keen to bounce back from their Challenge Cup exit at the hands of Warrington. The Wire coach Tony Smith had plenty of praise for Oldham's performance despite the scoreline, comments that will not have gone unnoticed.



Jamie Acton

Trio of Stars

Martyn Ridyard

Ridy is a local hero having come up through the ranks of Leigh Miners before turning professional with the Centurions.

He is a former BARLA Young Lions and GB Community Lions international.

Since making his debut in 2009 in Leigh's first season at LSV he has become the third highest goal-kicker and points scorer in Leigh's history.

Martyn enjoyed an outstanding 2014 campaign and carried off the Kingstone Press Championship Player of the Year Award and the Tom Bergin Trophy as Man of the Match in the Grand Final victory over Featherstone Rovers.

In 2015 he continued to earn critical acclaim not least from former GB star Garry Schofield and was instrumental in another successful season.

He is one of only five players in Leigh history to score one thousand points for the Club and has made over 200 appearances and scored over 1,500 pts.

A superb goal-kicker, he kicked 165 goals and two dropgoals in 2014 and followed up with 158 goals and one dropgoal in 2015.

Jamie Acton

One of Leigh's stand-out forwards in 2016 Jamie was recently rewarded with a two-year contract extension.

London born Jamie first played Rugby League with Hemel Stags as a 16-year-old having initially played rugby union. He moved to Wigan Warriors and was a regular in their Under-20s Academy side in 2011 and has also represented England and BARLA at Under-18s level.

Jamie made his senior debut as a dual registered player with South Wales Scorpions in 2012 and later that season played for Oldham.

In 2013 he was a regular in the Workington Town side, before joining Leigh in September 2013 and soon becoming a firm fans' favourite at LSV.

Dayne Weston

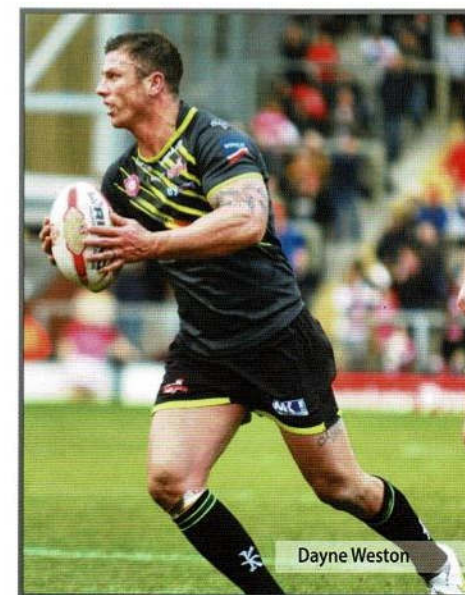
A vastly experienced Australian prop, Dayne has enjoyed an outstanding season so far at LSV and been one of Leigh's most consistent performers.

Dayne agreed terms with Leigh in July 2015 and at 6ft3 and weighing in at 16st7 brings an imposing physical presence as well as top-flight experience to the Centurions pack as he follows in the long line of distinguished Australian players to play for the Club.

Hailing from Goulburn in south New South Wales Dayne earned a scholarship with Illawarra Steelers and began his top-flight career with Cronulla in 2007.

He subsequently played for North Queensland and Penrith and also in the Queensland Cup for Mackay Cutters and Burleigh Bears before joining Melbourne Storm midway through the 2013 season.

He has made a total of 80 NRL appearances and represented Queensland Residents in 2010. Dayne readily agreed to become an ambassador for Leigh Community Trust and makes regular personal appearances in schools and other organisations as part of his valued off field role.



Dayne Weston



FIXTURES & RESULTS



Comp,	Date	Opponents	Venue	Kick Off	Result	Att
FEBRUARY						
KP Champ	Sunday 7th	London Broncos	H	3.00pm	L 0:22	767
KP Champ	Sunday 14th	Leigh Centurions	A	3.00pm	L 48:18	3,371
KP Champ	Sunday 21st	Dewsbury Rams	H	3.00pm	W 38:16	816
KP Champ	Sunday 28th	Featherstone R.	A	3.00pm	L 20:6	1,739
MARCH						
KP Champ	Sunday 6th	Bradford Bulls	H	3.00pm	Post*	
KP Champ	Sunday 13th	Workington T	A	3.00pm	L 23:12	637
CC (4)	Sunday 20th	Kells	H	3.00pm	W 40:6	385
KP Champ	Good Fri 25th	Halifax	H	3.00pm	L 28:42	1046
KP Champ	Mon 28th	Swinton Lions	A	3.00pm	L 18:28	823
APRIL						
KP Champ	Sunday 3rd	Batley Bulldogs	H	3.00pm	W 28:12	814
KP Champ	Sunday 10th	Sheffield Eagles	H	3.00pm	W 21:20	724
CC (5)	Saturday 16th	Hull KR	A	2.00pm	W 36:22	3056
KP Champ	Saturday 23rd	Whitehaven	A	6.30pm	L 6:14	615
MAY						
KP Champ	Sunday 1st	Featherstone R	H	3.00pm	W 16:14	868
CC (6)	Saturday 7th	Warrington Wolves	H	3.00pm	L 10:70	2,394
KP Champ	Sunday 15th	Leigh Centurions	H	3.00pm	TBC	TBC
KP Champ	Friday 20th	Halifax	A	8.00pm	TBC	TBC
Summer Bash	Sunday 29th	Swinton Lions	BR*	3.00pm	TBC	TBC
JUNE						
KP Champ	Sunday 5th	Batley Bulldogs	A	3.00pm	TBC	TBC
KP Champ	Sunday 12th	Dewsbury Rams	A	3.00pm	TBC	TBC
KP Champ	Wed 15th	Bradford Bulls *	H	8.00pm	TBC	TBC
KP Champ	Sunday 19th	London Broncos	A	3.00pm	TBC	TBC
KP Champ	Sunday 26th	Whitehaven	H	3.00pm	TBC	TBC
JULY						
KP Champ	Friday 1st	Sheffield Eagles	A	8.00pm	TBC	TBC
KP Champ	Sunday 10th	Swinton Lions	H	3.00pm	TBC	TBC
KP Champ	Sunday 17th	Bradford Bulls	A	3.00pm	TBC	TBC
KP Champ	Sunday 24th	Workington T	H	3.00pm	TBC	TBC
CC (S/F)	Sunday 31st	TBC		TBC	TBC	TBC

NOTE: The above 23 Kingstone Press Championship fixtures *(11 home and 11 away plus the additional Summer Bash game against Swinton Lions at Bloomfield Road, Blackpool) will be followed by another seven in the Super 8s, these to be played on Sundays throughout August and September.

*NOTE: The home game against Bradford Bulls, postponed on March 6 because of snow, has now been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 15, kick-off 8pm.

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