

TODAY'S SQUADS

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Dewsbury Rams v Oldham



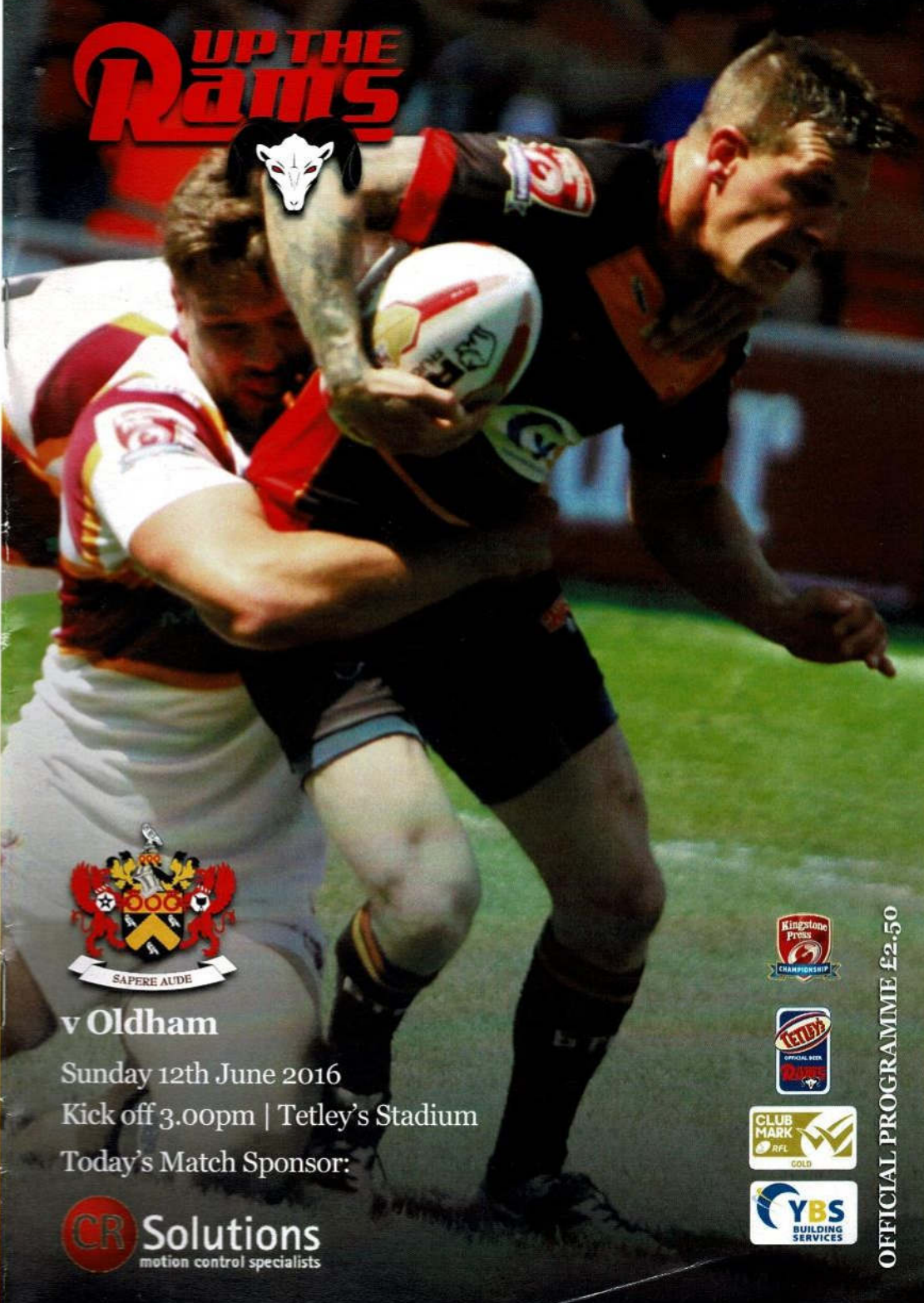
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FROM THE TOP WITH MARK SAWYER



This afternoon it gives me great pleasure to welcome all the players, officials and supporters of Oldham RLFC to the Tetley's Stadium and a

special welcome to their Chairman Chris Hamilton, someone I have known through rugby league for many years. Chris has worked tirelessly to promote and develop Oldham for a long time and through thick and thin. He has had a lot of issues to deal with over the years (as all chairmen do of course!) and I was delighted for him when they secured promotion at the end of last season.

My main concern however is the Rams and while the 2016 season hasn't gone quite as planned for a number of reasons I was ecstatic with the win at Odsal over a full time Bradford Bulls outfit. I know some of our supporters will be able to remember the last time we won there but I am told it was a long time ago and certainly well before I became involved with the club. Hopefully it will signal a turning point in our fortunes for the rest of the season. We are back in the top 8 at the moment and if we maintain that we will have a place in the Shield Semi-Finals and who knows we could go one (or two!) steps further than last season. But that's for the future. Today's game will be a real tester. Oldham were convincing winners when we played there at Salford earlier this season. On paper they didn't have a great result over at Batley last Sunday but I'm told that they were far better than the scoreline suggested and we will really have to be at the top of our game to pick up the points today.

Rams supporters coming to today's game will probably have noticed the temporary fencing at the bottom end of the entrance road to the South Stand and also at the Bywell Road end of the Main Stand. This is because work has now started on relocating the car park behind the posts. Work will probably take around one month to complete. The idea is to have as level a car park as possible. The land did slope away quite considerably before the work started but the contractors are trying to build the

ground up to make access as easy as possible. Unfortunately the knock on effect of that work has meant space for the car boot sale has become a little more limited and the place was packed to capacity last Sunday when of course it was a lovely warm summers morning.

Once the work on the car park has been completed to our satisfaction then work will start on building the all weather facilities. It is a distinct possibility that this work may start before the end of the season and if it does it may mean supporters will have to use the new car park. We will be looking to ensure that pathways are in place to service both the north and south stands but there may be some temporary inconvenience while the pitches are being built for which we apologise in advance but it will be worth it in the end. Word is already getting round about the pitches, especially the training pitch, with other clubs (including one full time one) already eyeing us as a potential venue for their training sessions.

One other area we do want to develop is the use of our function rooms. We have invested a significant amount of money in upgrading and decorating them and we now need to maximise their potential. We have picked up some new additional day time conferences including clients such as the NHS but we want to develop our evening and weekend bookings again. The licensed trade as a whole has seen a downturn in business over recent years which has had some effect on us. We have some excellent facilities here at the club and as supporters of the club you could be our ambassadors. It would be really helpful if you could spread the word among friends, family, work colleagues etc. The more revenue we can get in this area the greater our ability to develop our club becomes and we can all play a part in this.

Thank you so much for your support and see you in the Royal Suite after the game for the usual post match presentations and speeches. Oldham supporters are also welcome to join us to meet up with their team as well.

Enjoy the game and have a safe journey home afterwards.

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Winners: 2000

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VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT WITH GLENN MORRISON



Another Sunday and another important game ahead of us this afternoon. I'd like to welcome my fellow coach Scott Naylor and his backroom staff and of course all the Oldham players to the Tetley's Stadium for today's game.

Many people are viewing this as a must win game for both teams and yes it is important. However there are another 14 games including today left to play and once we go into the 8's competition then it's very much the survival of the fittest! Looking forward to the game and there's absolutely no chance that we will be underestimating the task ahead of us. Oldham showed us earlier in the season that they are a very capable outfit and have the ability to turn over most teams in the league. They did a real job on us at Salford and although we didn't help ourselves with a big error count there was no doubt that they had a game plan for us an executed it to perfection on that day. However we've learnt from that and will have tried to plan accordingly during the week to try to make sure it's us that come away with the points today.

Last Sunday of course we had that tremendous result over at Bradford. I was so proud of the effort that the boys put in. They were literally out on their feet by the end of the game. The temperature was up in the 20's, the other team were all full time players and yet they found the stamina to dig and grind out a well earned win. When Bradford equalised near the end of the game I felt disappointed because I thought we had earned two points not just one. Then to get the penalty right on the hooter was a real bonus. Looking at the video it was a clear cut penalty and I know Bradford had no complaints about it. It was then down to Mr Cool aka Syksey to hold his nerve and land the match winning goal against his and my own former team which for us made victory so much sweeter.

The other pleasing thing about last Sunday was that we finally got our completion rates back into the 90% plus level which is important if you want to be able to control a game. A lot of penalties went against us in the second half which does put you under pressure but the boys were tiring and I felt some calls were just a little harsh.

But that was all last week and you are only as good as your last game so if we don't put in another good performance today we'll have undone a lot of the good work that we did at Odsal. The lads suffered a few knocks but hopefully nothing too serious although Joel Farrell has a hand injury which ruled him out of the Bradford game. As the hard grounds kick in you do seem to pick up more minor niggles and with this in mind we have brought in additional support to provide a Monday recovery session after the weekend games to help ease sore muscles and tired bodies and hopefully this will pay dividends in the last 4 months of the season.

Looking at the table I feel that, we still have an excellent chance of making the Championship Shield semi-finals although any Top 4 hopes are realistically now beyond us with an eight point gap between ourselves and Featherstone. There is still a lot to play for and I still believe in looking upwards rather than worrying what's behind us. If we play to our potential and win the games we are capable of doing then our aim of a Championship Shield Final is still achievable. Unfortunately so far this season we have lost two or three games we shouldn't have done but that's now history and you can't replay those games. We need to build on last Sunday and push forward for the rest of the season and I know the team buy into that ethos.

Finally thanks to the hardy core of supporters who went to Bradford last Sunday. I know you were massively outnumbered by Bulls fans but your chanting and support of the Rams could be heard throughout the stadium. The players and coaching team do appreciate what you do. Thank you once again.

Glenn

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Our last home game was the disappointing defeat by on an fire Featherstone Rovers team. It just wasn't our afternoon and Rovers were worthy winners on the day. However there were bright spots one of which was the all action display of prop forward Matt Groat.

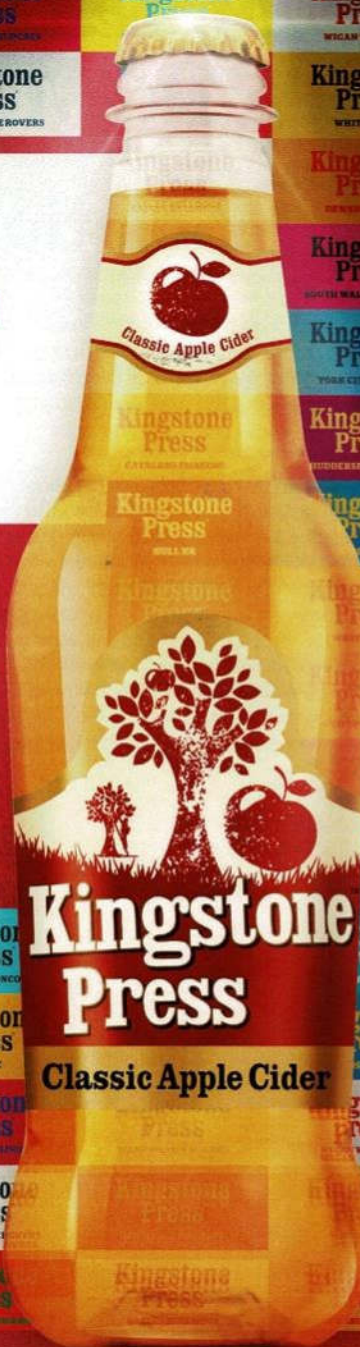
Matt was named sponsor's Man of the Match by Match Sponsor Cherbind Limited and is seen collecting his award from Rams' Chairman Mark Sawyer in the Royal Suite after the game.



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RAMS V ROUGHYEDS JAMES MORRIS DIPS INTO THE ARCHIVES



It is perhaps too early in the season to bandy the term 'four point game' around, but the outcome of today's match against Oldham Roughyeds could have massive implications for both side's campaigns. Oldham will make the journey across the Pennines from Lancashire to West Yorkshire for today's clash. Scott Naylor will bring his side to the Tetley's Stadium knowing that they sit just four points behind Dewsbury with a game in hand. Naylor's men currently sit in 11th place in the Kingstone Press Championship table, but will be confident of securing survival come the end of the season with just four points separating the Rams in 7th and the Roughyeds in 11th.

When we were beaten by Oldham earlier this season, it was the first time the two sides had met in the league since both were in League 1 in 2009. That game, played at Oldham in February, saw the home side run out 38-16 victors, inflicting our first defeat of the season upon us. Since then, Oldham have won three more games, leaving them with four wins and 11 defeats from their 15 Championship games. However, Oldham's season has been characterised by a number of

close defeats, including a six point loss to Halifax and a heart breaking 25-24 defeat at the hands of Swinton at the Summer Bash in Blackpool.

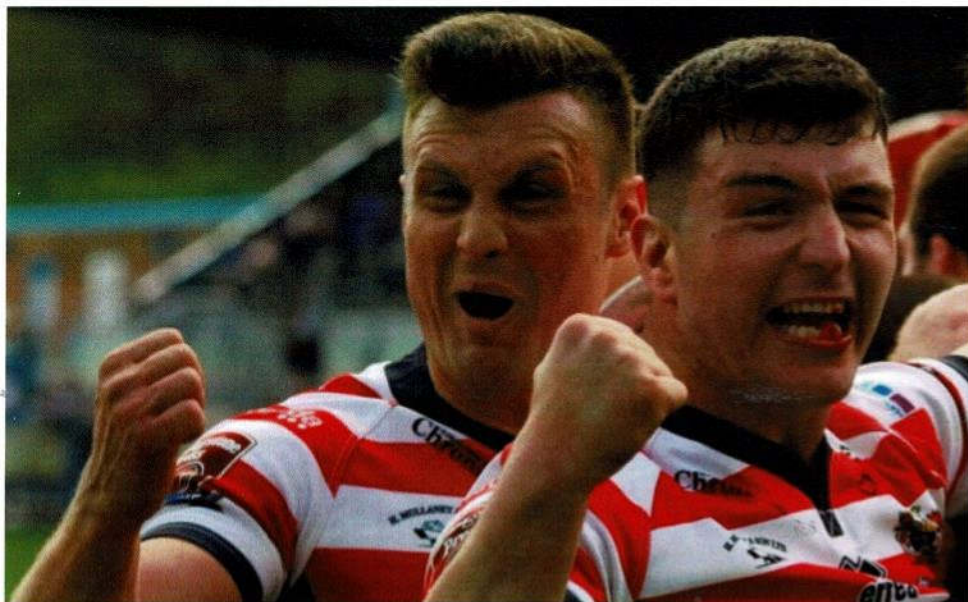
History

Oldham were actually present in the first two seasons of Super League in 1996 and 1997, under the Oldham Bears identity. In the inaugural league, they finished a credible 8th, but the next year saw the Bears relegated, having finished in bottom of the pile. At the end of that season, the club was declared bankrupt with debts of £2,000,000. A new team, Oldham Roughyeds, were formed and accepted to play at a lower level. The new team competed in the Northern Ford Premiership and narrowly missed out on promotion back to the Super League in 2001, going down 24-12 to Widnes in the Grand Final. After a series of off the field problems plagued the club in the following years, Oldham were relegated to the third tier of English rugby league at the end of the 2006 season. The side reached the final of the 2007 National League 2 Grand Final at Headingley, having beaten Swinton and Barrow in the play offs, but were beaten by Featherstone in the final. Oldham reached the quarter finals of the 2008 Northern Rail Cup, beating National League One sides Salford and Whitehaven in the process. They also once again reached the National League Two Grand Final, but it was a similar story for Oldham fans, this time going down 18-10 to Doncaster at Warrington's Halliwell Jones Stadium. 2009 followed a familiar path for Oldham, as they once again

qualified for the end of season play offs through finishing 4th. After beating Swinton, Hunslet and York to make their third straight Grand Final, they once again came up just short. Again, they travelled to Warrington, this time to face the Keighley Cougars who came out on top 28-26 to gain promotion and once more break Oldham hearts. The Roughyeds were becoming known as a 'nearly team' and yet again, they came up just short in 2010. After finishing 3rd, they made it to their 4th Grand Final in a row but were beaten by the York City Knights 25-4. Oldham once again qualified for the play offs in 2011 and 2012 but were knocked out in the early stages. 2013 saw a return to the Grand Final once again for the Roughyeds, where they were once more beaten, this time by Rochdale who won promotion to the Championship. Oldham fans will have no doubt been wondering if they would ever be promoted, having missed out on so many occasions. Oldham finished 3rd in 2014, behind York and Hunslet but made it to the Grand Final once again where they came up against Hunslet who they had beaten in the semi-final. However, hearts were broken again when Thomas Coyle scored a golden point drop goal for the Hawks and to consign Oldham to a 9th straight season in the third tier of English rugby. What many Oldham fans would have thought was just a dream, finally became a reality last season when, after topping the regular season table, they defeated Keighley in the League 1 Grand Final to finally secure promotion back to the Championship.



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Last time out

After opening the season with back to back wins, the Rams crashed to their first defeat of the season at a rain lashed Bower Fold. Dewsbury trailed 24-0 at the break and eventually went down 38-16 to Scott Naylor's men. Dewsbury had three men sin binned during the game and couldn't stop Oldham running in seven tries throughout the contest. Tom Ashton opened the scoring for the home side in the sixth minute after breaking free down the left hand side. Dale Morton had a try ruled out for the Rams before Gareth Owens extended his side's lead. Dalton Grant was then sin binned for Dewsbury for a trip and during that time, Danny Langtree raced in at the corner. Langtree then got his second when he intercepted a loose Dewsbury pass and raced under the sticks to make it 24-0 at the break. Referee Joe Cobb sin binned Oldham full back Richard Lepori and Dewsbury took full advantage, Dalton Grant pouncing on an Oldham knock on. Michael Ward

responded for Oldham, extending his side's lead to 30-6 before Grant scored his second for the Rams. Nathan Conroy was then sent to the sin bin for Dewsbury before Owen went over for his second of the afternoon. Things got even worse for Glenn Morrison's men as Ben Reynolds was sin binned for speaking out of term, reducing his side to 11 men. Adam Clay grabbed Oldham's seventh try four minutes from time before Jack Teanby grabbed a consolation Rams try which Paul Sykes converted.

Key Player

Lewis Palfrey- Half back Palfrey is Oldham's current club captain and is a huge part of Scott Naylor's side. Having had spells with Whitehaven and Batley after leaving Salford early in his career, Palfrey was voted the League 1 player of the year in 2015 having scored 11 tries and 129 goals during the campaign. The former Salford Red Devil joined Oldham prior to the 2013 season having abandoned a plan to

play in New South Wales, Australia. Since then, Palfrey hasn't looked back and will no doubt be a player that the Dewsbury defence will have to keep a keen eye on in today's match if they are to stand a chance of emerging victorious.

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Name: Oldham Roughyeds

Coach: Scott Naylor

Founded: 1876

Ground: Bower Fold

Last season: 1st League 1 (promoted)

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WITH CHARLES COATES



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The trips are a vital source of income to us and by coming along you are not only guaranteed a great trip with your fellow fans, but you're also making a positive contribution to the club.

The location for next year's Summer Bash is yet to be confirmed, but we've already set ourselves the target of making the 2017 edition bigger and better than this year's sell-out.

We're pleased to report that new doors have been fitted to The Amber Ribbon Bar after the previous doors were damaged.

These have been paid for by the club – but fitted and painted by us, which is another fine example of how we are working together to the benefit of Dewsbury Rams.

Hopefully we're not speaking too soon, but with the warm summer weather comes new opportunities for the utilisation of the bar.

One idea might be a post-match barbecue later this summer, but we're open to other suggestions from fans.

Once again we'd like to thank supporters who continue to support our efforts by purchasing a raffle ticket in the Royal Suite after matches.

We rely on our takings from raffles for so many of our projects, so if you can support us in this way following today's game then please do so.

Thanks again for your continued support!

Charlie Coates

Amber Ribbon Chairman



CLUB records

Highest Score: 90-5
(v Blackpool, 4th April 1993)

Most Points Conceded: 82-0 (v Widnes, 30th November 1986)

Highest attendance: (1898-1994 Crown Flatt): 26,584 (v Halifax, 30th October 1920)

Highest attendance: (1994-to date Tetley's Stadium): 4,068 (v Bradford 6th April 2015)

Most Goals in a Season: 170 by Barry Eaton, 2000

Most Tries in a Season: 40 by Dai Thomas, 1906/07

Most Points in a Season: 398 by Barry Eaton, 2000

Most Goals in a Game: 13 by Greg Pearce v Blackpool 4th April 1983 and by Francis Maloney v Hunslet 25th March 2007

Most Tries in a Game: 8 by Dai Thomas v Liverpool 13th April 1907

Most Points in a Game: 32 by Les Holliday v Barrow 11th September 1994

Most Goals in a Career: 863 by Nigel Stephenson 1967-1978 and 1984-1986

Most Tries in a Career: 144 by Joe Lyman 1913-31

TALKING RUGBY LEAGUE

WITH JAMES ODDY



What a great performance last time out! I have only seen highlights of the game but it looked like a brilliant day at

Odsal. My good friend is a huge Bulls fan and even he had to give our lads some credit for their miraculous performance.

As I've said previously regards Bradford, they have a brilliant squad and turning them over is no easy feat. But when you have someone like Paul Sykes in your squad then you have always got a chance. I recently interviewed Paul for an upcoming copy of Forty-20 magazine. He was a very down to earth guy but he also had a very professional outlook towards the game. He has seen and done most of that there is to see and do so he is exactly the type of player you want in our situation.

However, whilst the headlines were the last minute kick, I felt Dewsbury were the better team for the whole game and they deserve

the two points. I continue to be impressed with John Guzdek, who I believe is one of the best fullbacks in the division. At such a young age I could see him really making a name for himself in the not-too-distant future in the Super League, and I hope and believe that could be with the Rams.

It is a shame that things haven't always gone to plan for Dewsbury this season as it would have been great to see the likes of Leeds and Huddersfield coming up against the lads. The positive is, those sides could recruit heavily in the coming weeks and finally show some form. I don't think it is good for the team or the club to be coming up against full time outfits with triple the budget every week. It's a great challenge, and from a fans perspective it would be nice to see some current England players plying their trade in this part of West Yorkshire. However, I also think it is important to remember that momentum and morale can be badly affected if say Leeds for example, did manage to make things click and ran in a few tries. It's a tough one.

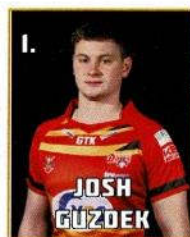
I think the middle 8s is a good idea but I do think last year showed it is such a huge leap from a full time to a part time level. There isn't any type of easy solution. But let's forget about that. A fully fit Dewsbury squad will be the best in the Championship Shield in my opinion, unless Bradford don't make the 8. And even then, Dewsbury seem to have the knack and ability to beat them. Halifax are also a danger but they can be beat, no question about it.

I would love for Dewsbury to win the shield and carry that momentum into next year. That could start today against Oldham. They have struggled this season and I think after last week's victory the lads can play without fear. I expect a tight first half but the Rams to run away with it in the second half.

Whatever happens, let's hope for an entertaining game which has positives for both sides but ultimately hope the points stay in West Yorkshire.



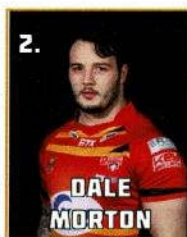
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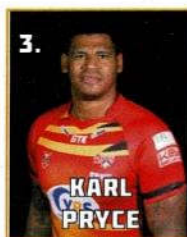
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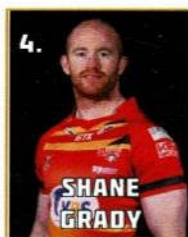
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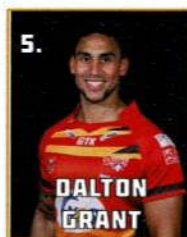
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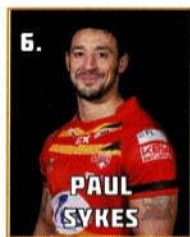
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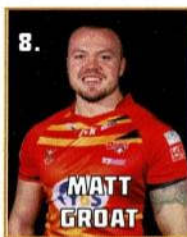
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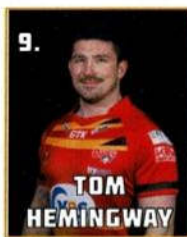
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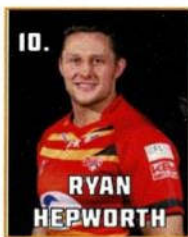
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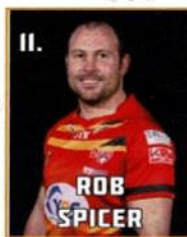
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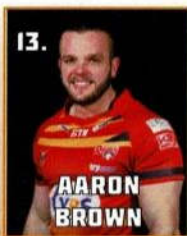
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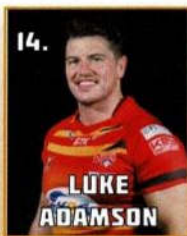
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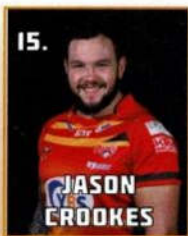
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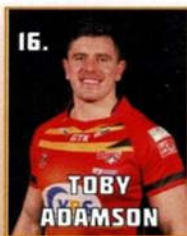
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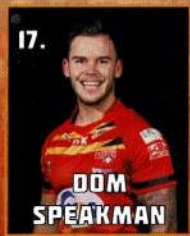
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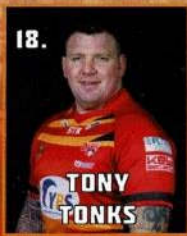
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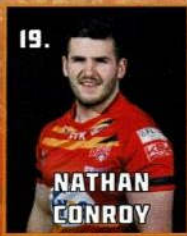
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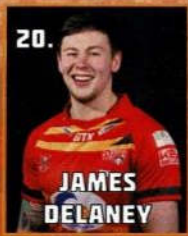
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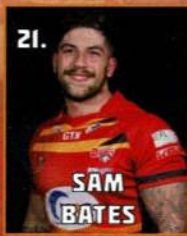
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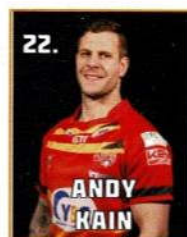
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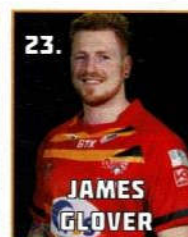
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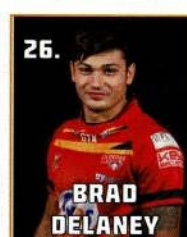
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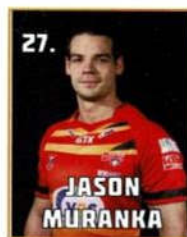
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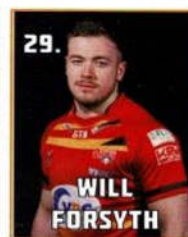
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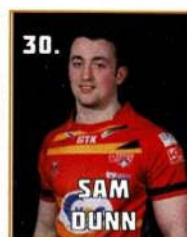
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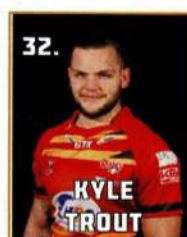
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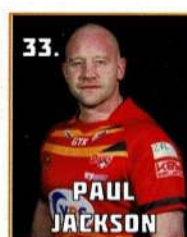
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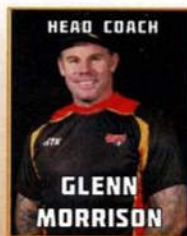
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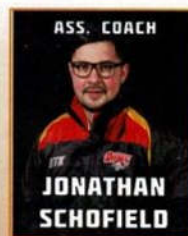
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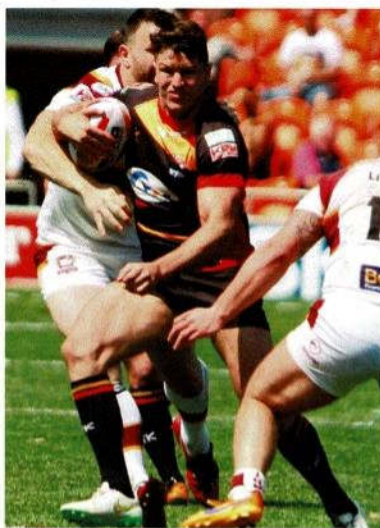
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APPEARANCES & SCORERS 2016

PLAYER'S NAME	APPS	TRIES	GOALS	D GS	TOTAL
Luke Adamson	12(4)	4	0	0	16
Toby Adamson	9	0	0	0	0
Sam Bates	0(1)	0	0	0	0
Aaron Brown	7(8)	2	0	0	8
Nathan Conroy	5(10)	1	0	0	4
Jason Crookes	17	5	0	0	20
Brad Delaney	1	0	2	0	4
Joel Farrell	11(3)	3	0	0	12
James Glover	5	0	9	0	18
Shane Grady	19	6	1	0	22
Dalton Grant	18	13	0	0	52
Matt Groat	12	0	0	0	0
Josh Gudzek	19	9	0	0	36
Scott Hale	13	2	0	0	8
Tom Hemingway	6(1)	0	2	0	4
Ryan Hepworth	7(1)	0	0	0	0
Paul Jackson	4	0	0	0	0
Andy Kain	14(1)	3	0	0	12
Donald Kudangirana	1	0	0	0	0
Dale Morton	16	10	0	0	36
Jason Muranka	0(5)	0	0	0	0
Karl Pryce	1(1)	0	0	0	0
Ben Reynolds	4	1	11	0	26
Dom Speakman	9	0	0	0	0
Rob Spicer	2(1)	0	0	0	0
Paul Sykes	14(3)	6	39	1	103
Jack Teanby	2(11)	4	0	0	16
Tony Tonks	0(11)	0	0	0	0
Kyle Trout	10(7)	2	0	0	8
Etu Uaisele	6	2	0	0	8
Johnny Walker	2(2)	0	0	0	0
Ryan Wright	0(6)	0	0	0	0

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Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points
1 Leigh Centurions	16	14	1	1	601	306	29
2 London Broncos	16	13	0	3	483	283	26
3 Batley Bulldogs	16	10	1	5	416	356	21
4 Featherstone Rovers	16	10	0	6	421	267	20
5 Halifax	16	10	0	6	425	305	20
6 Bradford Bulls	15	8	2	5	471	300	18
7 Dewsbury Rams	16	6	0	10	356	421	12
8 Swinton Lions	16	6	0	10	325	559	12
9 Sheffield Eagles	16	5	0	11	410	475	10
10 Whitehaven	16	5	0	11	251	510	10
11 Oldham Roughyeds	15	4	0	11	253	394	8
12 Workington Town	16	2	0	14	305	541	4



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PICKS OF THE WEEK

WITH NATHAN SPAFFORD



Ahead of today's Championship clash with Oldham Roughyeds, we take a look at some of the stories and results from the past week of the wider world of rugby league.

Hull KR Secure New Signing

As the Super League approaches the business end of the season, it is no surprise that those clubs outside of the top 8 are looking at new blood ahead of the next campaign. However, Hull KR, whose city rivals currently lead the way in the Super League, have seemingly completed a deal to recruit Nick Scruton.

The 31 year old prop's move to the Lightstream Stadium is made somewhat strange given the England international figured in current employer's Wakefield Trinity Wildcats 16-54 defeat to his 2017 side Hull KR. In addition to that, Scruton is a former Hull FC loanee, although his short stint there was a dozen years ago. Since then, he had a five year spell with last weekend's opponents Bradford Bulls before joining the Wildcats at

the start of last season.

There are rumours that Albert Kelly could make the opposite move, to ply his trade at Belle Vue in 2017 having scored two tries in the 54-16 crushing with his current team. He has previously worked with the Wildcats' coaching team.

Hardaker Aches for Down Under

With the news that 2015's Man of Steel Zak Hardaker has been made available for transfer by Super League champions Leeds Rhinos having died down, the list of potential suitors for the full-back is now the main issue on most people's lips.

Any club would be lucky to have Hardaker and no doubt every Super League club would be willing to take a punt on the 24 year old. However, it seems that Hardaker will be heading to somewhere sunnier than Wigan or St Helens for example.

Hardaker will reportedly command a £300,000 fee, and Penrith

Panthers are the supposed frontrunners for his signature. However, it is likely to be anything but a straight race for the highly coveted star, with Gold Coast Titans, Newcastle Knights, and Canberra Raiders all potentially vying for his signature.

There are still more ifs than certainties at this stage of the season, but either way, the saga will be interesting. Only time will tell where Hardaker is plying his trade in the 2017 season.

Fans To Play Part at Wembley

The 2017 Challenge Cup will have its own spectacle before the match as well as during the game itself. The BBC's Songs of Praise team is making a 32-strong choir who will sing the classic 'Abide With Me' before kick-off at Wembley on 27 August.

The judging panel, including SoP presenter Aled Jones and Leeds Rhinos' James-John Buchanan are looking for representatives from all 32 teams involved in this year's Challenge Cup. Applications close today so if you or somebody you know fancies this potentially once in a lifetime opportunity, be quick about it.

Producer Matthew Napier says the panel wants to hear 'uplifting and unusual stories' about the reasons you support Dewsbury and why you wish to be a part of the Rugby League Challenge Cup Fans' Choir.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE SOUTH STAND

WITH STEVE MOSLEY



Good afternoon and welcome to today's vital Championship match against Oldham. This is a must-win game for us to keep our heads above water at the wrong end of the table. Having already lost away to Oldham this season, we can't underestimate them and need to cut out the errors that seem to be our downfall.

The Featherstone game was an odd one; we tackled quite well but losing two players to the sin bin and a lack of possession told on us in the end. The Batley game at Blackpool was another game that got away from us. We scored some good tries and worked hard, but not for the first time this season, our bench was too light to cope with the opposition.

On to Bradford and what a game - to be fair we went more with hope than expectation, but for the second time this season we pipped our full time neighbours and yet again, the boot of Paul Sykes made the difference. First half tries from Grady and Guzdek gave us a 14-6 half time lead and excellent defending kept us in front till a 79th

minute penalty by Addy made it 14 all. It looked like another last second heartbreak might be on the cards, but Mr Cool's dramatic penalty after the hooter handed us the two points.

This win leaves us in 7th place and should give us the confidence to push on and mount a challenge in the Shield. Leigh and London look nailed on for

the Qualifier Super 8s with the other two places wide open. Batley are third with Featherstone fourth. The form team of the moment are Halifax in fifth with Bradford down in sixth.

First moan of the week as the player roundabout continues: the Bulldogs are now in bed with the Tigers, the Bulls have a new NRL Full Back and Leigh feel the need to sign two more Aussie Half Backs and borrow a forward from Warrington. All within the rules of course, but you've got to laugh when Leigh say they are short of players.

Blackpool Bash or trash? I like the Summer Bash. I know a lot has been written about Blackpool being blocked and the Super League dream gone. I wonder how we would have done if the Super Eights had been played then? Very well I think.

Which brings me to my second

moan of the week; I think to increase support and improve ticket sales at Blackpool, clubs need to do more. Cut price coach travel and supplying free junior tickets would be a start. I know this all costs money, but better support does help the team.

Unless we've had some freak weather this week and the game is cancelled, today is my 50th birthday... Thanks, I know I don't look it. I've got to be honest, I expected a couple of Super League wins and a Wembley visit by now from the mighty Rams, but still I wait.

My first real rugby memory was winning the 1973 Championship final against Leeds and the trophy parade in the town centre with Mike Stephenson promising more glory to follow. Unfortunately he never played for Dewsbury again and despite a couple of near misses, the trophies never came.

We had a great time with the Neil Kelly team of the late 90s and early 2000s: League winners, Northern Rail cup winners and two Grand Finals (one loss and a great win over Leigh). Promotion was blocked and the Super League dream gone. I wonder how we would have done if the Super Eights had been played then? Very well I think.

Enjoy the game and give the lads the support they deserve - it does make a difference. Nobody said supporting your home town team would be easy, but it does make the good days feel much better.



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

WITH NATHAN SPAFFORD

On most match days, I write a piece looking back at either previous fixtures with the day's opponents, the careers of former players, or stories from the wider realm of rugby league outside of West Yorkshire. Today however, I am going to be taking a look back at some of the things I have learned since first coming to the Tetley's Stadium in January.

To say it's been a topsy-turvy this season might be something of an understatement, but as we enter the final few months of the regular Championship season, I can safely say that I have enjoyed every second of being involved with the Rams.

My first match on the media team was the final warm up game against the London Broncos, a comfortable, convincing victory

which perhaps clouded my view as to how difficult following the Rams can be. Not that that makes it any less enjoyable.

Having been born and growing up in Rotherham, I have grown up with football and rugby union, and before coming to university in Huddersfield, could never have seen myself both covering, and enjoying, the sport of rugby league. However, the camaraderie between players and fans as well as the general excitement of the sport have meant that I was sold within minutes of my first competitive match, when I travelled on the supporter's coach to the Swinton game at the AJ Bell Stadium.

Never before have I seen, or even heard, fans and players mix so regularly and successfully. The fact that this is done after every single

home match here at the Tetley's Stadium is indicative of the great club all regulars here can associate with.

It isn't all fun and games of course, and just as the players and coaches train for match days, so do the media team and the regular contributors to the programme. It is hard work, but it is worth it to see the programme being read, and hopefully enjoyed, by so many fans.

For the visitors today, it is a pleasure to welcome Oldham to the Tetley's Stadium. I was fortunate enough to visit Bower Fold early on in the season. We didn't get the result that day, but I felt very welcomed by all at the club, and if we get half as good a match today as we did back in February, then we are all in for a treat.

It is a shame to see the Roughyeds struggling at the wrong end of the table, a great shock given some of their performances, particularly in the earlier stages of the campaign. After today, I hope they can win every game and push away from the bottom of the table. I have a lot of respect for the way the club is run, and we will hopefully be playing them again in 2017.

I think it is fair to say that we are approaching the business end of the season, and after a rough patch in recent fixtures, it was great to see the Rams secure that dramatic late win over full-time Bradford Bulls. Hopefully, that will be the springboard for a great end to the season, enough to secure a place in the top eight.



FLASHBACK...

This series takes a look back into recent history to see how our two teams fared around this particular weekend 5, 10 and 20 years ago!

5 years ago this weekend

12th June 2011
Championship One
Oldham 35 - 18 South Wales
Attendance - 514
Tries - Dallimore (2), Heaton (2), Wood, St Hilaire
Goals - Forber (5)
Field Goal - Dallimore
 Oldham gained revenge for their defeat against South Wales a month earlier to consolidate their 7th place in the division. They easily made the cut off for the six team play off for promotion but went out at the first attempt when they lost 39-18 away at arch rivals Rochdale.

Championship
Leigh Centurions 34 - 6
Dewsbury Rams
Attendance - 1,942
Try - England
Goal - Brambani
 Defeat saw the Rams remain in 9th place in the Championship and looking over their shoulders at the wrong end of the table. It was the first of a double set of fixtures against Leigh with the Northern Rail Cup Semi-Final to come a week later.

10 years ago this weekend

10th June 2006
National League One
Oldham 0 - 62 York City Knights
Attendance - 750
 It was a desperate day for Oldham as they slumped to a heavy home defeat by the Knights for who soon to be Rams player Austin Buchanan scored a couple of late tries. It was in truth an horrendous league season for them as they ended their league programme without a win in 18 games. They were one of four teams relegated at the end of the season with the Rams, who spent the season in League Two coming up in the opposite directions.

11th June 2006
National League Two
Dewsbury Rams 60 - 0
London Scholars
Attendance - 618
Tries - Bretherton (3), Chapman, Finn, Jowitt, Hall (2), Watene, Powell and Mack
Goals - Finn (8)
 The came the week after defeat at Featherstone and meant the Rams took over top spot on their chase for promotion.

20 years ago this weekend

9th June 1996
Stones European Super League Championship
Oldham Bears 35 - 24 Warrington
Attendance 3, 243
Tries - Abraham, Belle, Bradbury, Myler, Sherratt
Goals - Topping (7)
Drop Goal - Crompton

In their last season at the Watersheddings Oldham finished in a very creditable 8th place in Super League with nine wins and a draw from their twenty two league games. They had a number of star names in their ranks including Francis Maloney who was to see out the end of his career with the Rams. Francis scored 7 tries and landed 45 goals in 19+1 appearances for the Bears.

8th June 1996
First Division
Wakefield Trinity 50 - 14 Dewsbury Rams
Attendance 1,680
Tries Brent, Hiscock, McKelvie
Goal - Eaton
 Dewsbury continued to toil away in mid table going down to a comfortable defeat against a Wakefield team that was also destined for a mid table finish and another season outside the top flight.

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Date	KO	Opponents	Venue	Result	Score	Attendance
Sunday 7th February	3.00pm	Swinton Lions	Away	Won	26-24	639
Sunday 14th February	3.00pm	Workington Town	Home	Won	38-16	786
Sunday 21st February	3.00pm	Oldham	Away	Lost	16-38	816
Sunday 28th February	3.00pm	Whitehaven	Home	Won	20-4	778
Sunday 6th March	3.00pm	Featherstone Rovers	Away	Lost	20-21	1,665
Saturday 12th March	3.00pm	London Broncos	Away	Lost	18-22	612
Friday 18th March	8.00pm	Bradford Bulls (CCR4)	Home	Won	31-30	2021
Friday 25th March	7.30pm	Batley Bulldogs	Home	Lost	30-44	2020
Monday 28th March	5.00pm	Sheffield Eagles	Home	Won	34-16	813
Sunday 3rd April	3.00pm	Leigh Centurions	Home	Lost	18-40	1691
Sunday 10th April	3.00pm	Bradford Bulls	Home	Lost	18-52	1954
Friday 15th April	8.00pm	York City Knights (CCR5)	Home	Won	30-16	707
Sunday 24th April	3.00pm	Halifax	Away	Lost	14-23	1453
Friday 29th April	7.45pm	Sheffield Eagles	Away	Lost	28-32	441
Sunday 8th May	3.00pm	Wigan Warriors (CCR6)	Home	Lost	4-54	3102
Saturday 14th May	6.30pm	Whitehaven	Away	Won	36-16	684
Sunday 22nd May	3.00pm	Featherstone Rovers	Home	Lost	0-31	1281
Sunday 29th May	12.45pm	Batley Bulldogs	B/Pool	Lost	24-28	N/A
Sunday 5th June	3.00pm	Bradford Bulls	Away	Won	16-14	4303
Sunday 12th June	3.00pm	Oldham	Home			
Sunday 19th June	3.00pm	Halifax	Home			
Sunday 26th June	3.00pm	Batley Bulldogs	Away			
Sunday 3rd July	3.00pm	London Broncos	Home			
Sunday 10th July	3.00pm	Workington Town	Away			
Sunday 17th July	3.00pm	Swinton Lions	Home			
Sunday 24th July	3.00pm	Leigh Centurions	Away			

W/end 29th-31st July Challenge Cup Semi Finals

Weekends of 5th-7th August to 1st-3rd Oct Super 8 Fixtures to be decided

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