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19. Glenn Riley
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23. Carl Forster
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26. Ted Chappelhow
27. Jay Chappelhow
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Comp,	Date	Opponents	Venue	Kick Off	Result	Att
AUGUST						
KP Shield	Sunday 7th	Workington T	H	3.00pm	W 30:16	573
KP Shield	Sunday 14th	Swinton Lions	A	3.00pm	W 30:8	693
KP Shield	Sunday 21st	Bradford Bulls	A	3.00pm	L 0:82	3022
KP Shield	Monday 29th	Sheffield Eagles	H	3.00pm	L 24:54	680
SEPTEMBER						
KP Shield	Sunday 4th	Halifax	A	3.00pm	L 32:18	1182
KP Shield	Sunday 11th	Whitehaven	H	3.00pm	TBC	TBC
KP Shield	Sunday 18th	Dewsbury Rams	A	3.00pm	TBC	TBC

ROUND 1: Dewsbury Rams v Swinton Lions; Halifax v Sheffield Eagles;
OLDHAM v Workington Town; Whitehaven v Bradford Bulls.

ROUND 2: Bradford Bulls v Halifax; Sheffield Eagles v Whitehaven;
Swinton Lions v **OLDHAM**; Workington Town v Dewsbury Rams.

ROUND 3: Bradford Bulls v **OLDHAM**; Halifax v Dewsbury Rams;
Sheffield Eagles v Swinton Lions; Workington Town v Whitehaven.

ROUND 4: Dewsbury Rams v Bradford Bulls; **OLDHAM** v Sheffield Eagles;
Swinton Lions v Workington Town; Whitehaven v Halifax.

ROUND 5: Bradford Bulls v Swinton Lions; Dewsbury Rams v Whitehaven;
Halifax v **OLDHAM**; Sheffield Eagles v Workington Town.

ROUND 6: **OLDHAM** v Whitehaven; Sheffield Eagles v Dewsbury Rams;
Swinton Lions v Halifax; Workington Town v Bradford Bulls.

ROUND 7: Bradford Bulls v Sheffield Eagles; Dewsbury Rams v **OLDHAM**;
Halifax v Workington Town; Whitehaven v Swinton Lions



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How Scott sees it...

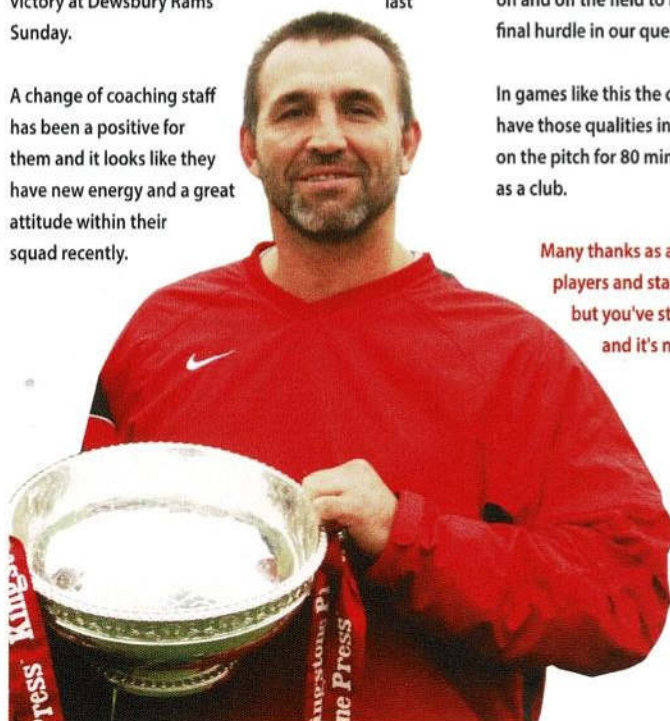
View from the Roughyeds' dug-out

HELLO everyone and welcome to Bower Fold for today's very big game against Whitehaven.

To say that this encounter is important for both clubs would be a huge statement, but it's true isn't it.

On and off the field 'Haven are in a confident mood right now and they have given themselves a chance to still be playing in the KP Championship next season with a couple of wins in the play-offs, most notably that outstanding victory at Dewsbury Rams last Sunday.

A change of coaching staff has been a positive for them and it looks like they have new energy and a great attitude within their squad recently.



Scott



Muse Developments Ltd are sponsors of head coach Scott Naylor AND of his assistant of the past three seasons at Oldham RLFC, Lee Spencer

All that said, today's game is just as important for us for our own obvious reasons, so why wouldn't we be at our best, also giving nothing but 100 per cent while striving to win the game.

Consolidation in this league was our stated target way back in January when the friendlies started and, to be honest, not many people gave us a chance.

But as the season has gone on the lads have worked tirelessly on and off the field to reach our goal and today could be the final hurdle in our quest to secure it.

In games like this the calmest and most intelligent win. We have those qualities in our team; it's just a matter of putting it on the pitch for 80 minutes and trusting in what we believe in as a club.

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Top-table topics...

Chris Hamilton... from the boardroom

WELCOME back, once again, to Bower Fold for what has now become a must-win game for both sides.

We could have been safe from relegation already had our visitors today, Whitehaven, not pulled off one of the best performances of the season to date by winning 56-12 at Dewsbury.

Not only did they have to win to retain a chance of avoiding the drop but to do it in such style must have been fantastic for all concerned.

Their nearest rivals, Workington, were sentenced to League One with a thumping at Sheffield and after letting slip a 10-point lead last week we now have to roll up our sleeves and repeat what we did not so long ago to Haven - beat them.

As is usual when you want everybody fit and raring to go we picked up a couple of injuries last week and Lippy will be suspended for this game so we have to show some character.

The support we had at Halifax last week was great and was commented on by our opponents on the day. I really do hope that the people of Oldham will turn out today to help the lads on their way to Championship safety.

We have everything to play for and two points will see us in the Championship for another season. I'm sure I don't need to tell you how important that is for the club. This year has been a real roller-coaster from the highs of the win at Hull KR to the despair of the performance at Bradford three weeks ago.

We have had everything in between, too, but there can be no doubting that the Championship is where we want to be.

We have to prove that on the pitch today against a very motivated side but if we aren't fired up for this match then there is something wrong.

On general rugby league matters I can't help feeling that the crowd of

76,000 for the Challenge Cup Final was a disappointing one given the two teams who were in it. Hull fans turned out in force but I expected a bigger attendance than that. Are we seeing the appeal of Wembley on the wane?

I love the whole Wembley weekend and it is certainly one of the highlights of the calendar. Let's hope the rugby public are feeling the same way.

Please keep up your support of the lads today - it could make all the difference. Enjoy the game.

Christopher Hamilton
Chairman
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Craig's 'fantastic' day as our man at Wembley

by CRAIG HALSTEAD

I WAS honoured and privileged to represent Oldham RLFC as part of the 32-strong BBC Songs of Praise choir at the Ladbroke's Challenge Cup Final at Wembley. From leaving Bangor the day before the game on the 7.22am train to arriving back 36 hours later I had the time of my life. It was a fantastic experience.

We each had a video to help us to learn the words of 'Abide With Me' and to offer advice on when to breathe, pause and hold a note. Some of us, myself included, had never sung in a choir before so it was new and exciting. We certainly put the advice to good use under the expert tutelage of Steve Thompson, a great guy and a fantastic teacher. Without Steve's help, we could've not done it.

On the Friday we walked down the famous tunnel to pitch side where the ground-staff were busy watering and forking the pitch and cutting the lush green turf. We took in the magnitude of the vast stadium, taking photographs and trying to visualise how it would look when Hull and Warrington fans would make a cacophony of noise and create a fantastic atmosphere. This was the lull before the storm.

Later that day we were taken to a hotel where, after dinner, ex-referee John Kendrew, a choir rep for Castleford Tigers, brought out his guitar and led us in a sing-song in the hotel bar, a lovely end to a great day.

We were up early next morning to fill a 7.45am slot on Radio Five Live with 'Abide With Me' which we sung to the nation in the hotel car park. Then it was back to Wembley for more rehearsals, during which we were introduced to Aled Jones, Martin Offiah and the wonderful Lizzie Jones, who sang 'Abide With Me' beautifully last year, only three months after the tragic passing of her husband Danny, a Keighley Cougars player. Lizzie told us not to be nervous, to enjoy every second and to remember to breathe!

We also met BBC anchor man Mark Chapman, Leeds Rhinos forward Jamie Jones Buchanan and the two leading lights at the RFL, Brian Barwick and Nigel Wood.

We entered the arena via the West Tunnel, underneath thousands of cheering and chanting Hull fans.

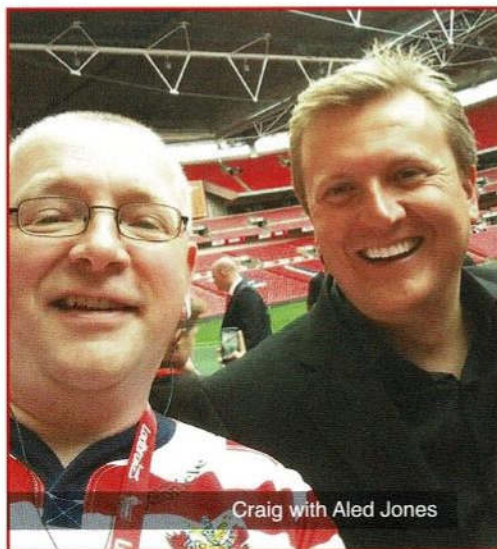
What an experience that was. As 'Old Faithful', rang out around us we walked on to the pitch, waving to the crowd as we went. Many choristers had a tear in their eye. I stood in awe and looked around at the stands, barely believing this was happening to me. Then, with Steve encouraging us, we broke out into 'Abide With Me, fast falls the eventide...'

We all got on brilliantly over the two days, united by rugby league and support for our great clubs. I made new friends with whom I intend to stay in touch.

Songs of Praise organisers Charlotte Hindle, James Harrow and Hannah Swinglehurst were great people too - efficient and professional in their work. It was great to watch the whole event again on their TV show the next day.

I was pleased Hull finally got the Wembley monkey off their back and it was good to see an Oldham lad, Marc Sneyd, win the Lance Todd Trophy.

By the time Lizzie presented the cup to Gareth Ellis I was heading back to the station - **the end of a truly memorable two days which I will never EVER forget.**



Craig with Aled Jones

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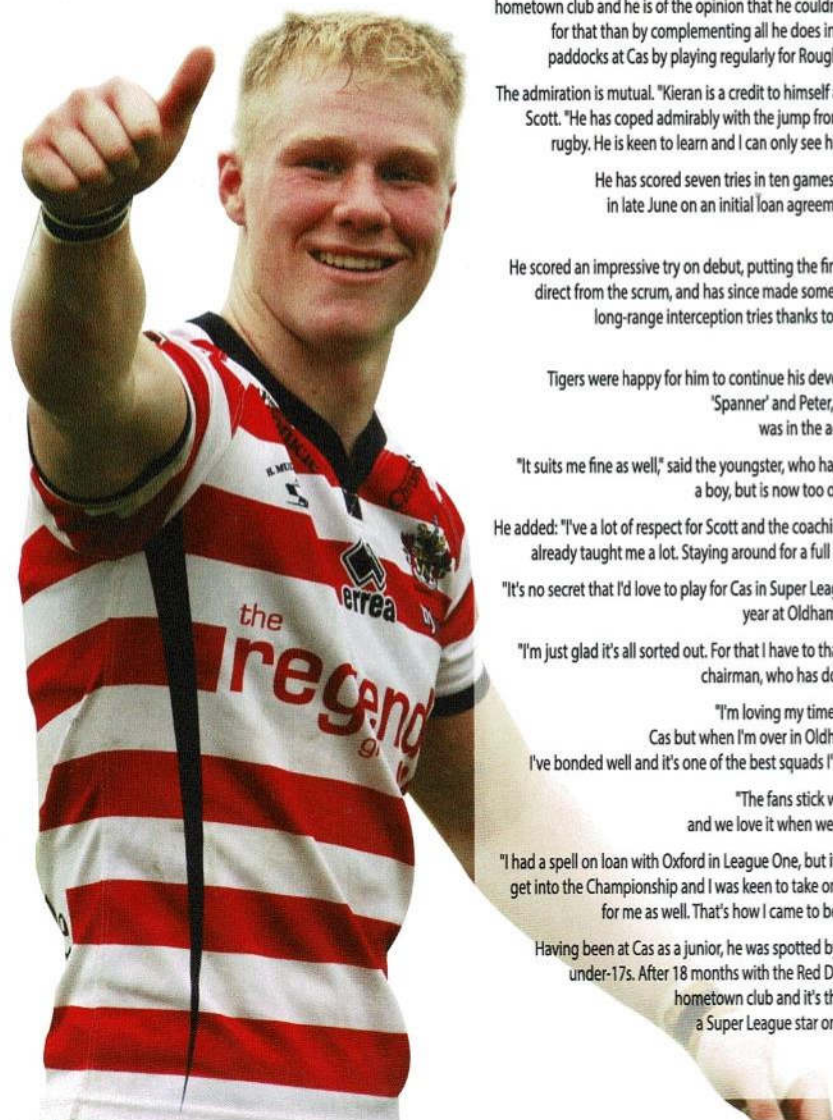
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Thumbs-up for 'Gilly' in season-long loan deal

THE Oldham club can take considerable pride and self-satisfaction in retaining Kieran Gill for 2017 on a season-long agreement.

Not only is the up-and-coming Castleford Tigers centre prospect happy to commit himself to a full year here but, equally significantly, his full-time Super League employers have demonstrated they have no worries about trusting the ongoing development of one of their own to Oldham during the whole of what remains of his current contract over there.

That in itself speaks volumes for the environment Chris Hamilton and Scott Naylor have created at this club and for the quality of the work Scott oversees on the training ground, flanked by his assistants Lee Spencer and Peter Carey, writes ROGER HALSTEAD.



'Gilly', only 20, has a burning desire to become a Super League player with his hometown club and he is of the opinion that he couldn't get any better preparation for that than by complementing all he does in the gym and on the training paddocks at Cas by playing regularly for Roughyeds at Championship level.

The admiration is mutual. "Kieran is a credit to himself and to Castleford Tigers," said Scott. "He has coped admirably with the jump from academy to Championship rugby. He is keen to learn and I can only see him getting better and better."

He has scored seven tries in ten games for Roughyeds since arriving in late June on an initial loan agreement to the end of this season, with an option for next year.

He scored an impressive try on debut, putting the finishing touches to a set move direct from the scrum, and has since made something of a habit of running in long-range interception tries thanks to his instinctive game-reading and powers of anticipation.

Tigers were happy for him to continue his development in the care of Scott, 'Spanner' and Peter, who was his coach when Gill was in the academy at Salford Red Devils.

"It suits me fine as well," said the youngster, who has supported Cas since he was a boy, but is now too old to play for their under-19s.

He added: "I've a lot of respect for Scott and the coaching staff at Oldham, who have already taught me a lot. Staying around for a full season, I will learn a lot more."

"It's no secret that I'd love to play for Cas in Super League and I'm sure that another year at Oldham will stand me in good stead."

"I'm just glad it's all sorted out. For that I have to thank Chris (Hamilton), the club chairman, who has done all the loan stuff with Cas."

"I'm loving my time at Oldham. I train full time at Cas but when I'm over in Oldham it's like home from home. I've bonded well and it's one of the best squads I've ever been associated with."

"The fans stick with us through thick and thin and we love it when we can put smiles on their faces."

"I had a spell on loan with Oxford in League One, but it was a natural progression to get into the Championship and I was keen to take on the challenge. Cas wanted it for me as well. That's how I came to be at Oldham in the first place."

Having been at Cas as a junior, he was spotted by Salford playing for Yorkshire under-17s. After 18 months with the Red Devils, he was lured back to his hometown club and it's there that he hopes to become a Super League star one day... with Oldham's help.

Congrats to our Dave a real champ !

THE heartiest congratulations of everyone at Oldham RLFC go to our volunteer website expert Dave Naylor, a lifelong fan, who has landed the prestigious Supporters' Direct award as their 2016 Community Champion.

Dave volunteered to join the club's media team when it was in need of someone with his particular skills and we feel the award couldn't have gone to anyone more deserving.

Said club chairman Chris Hamilton: "We are delighted for Dave, who puts in a lot of work on fan-based matters and is now a highly-valued member of our volunteer media team. He helps the club in a variety of roles and works alongside Jenny Travis on social media and other related initiatives."

The team comprises of David Murgatroyd (club photographer), Peter Gray (video), Jenny Travis (social media), Dave Naylor (website and match-day programme) and Roger Halstead (media manager).

Supporters Direct issued the following statement:

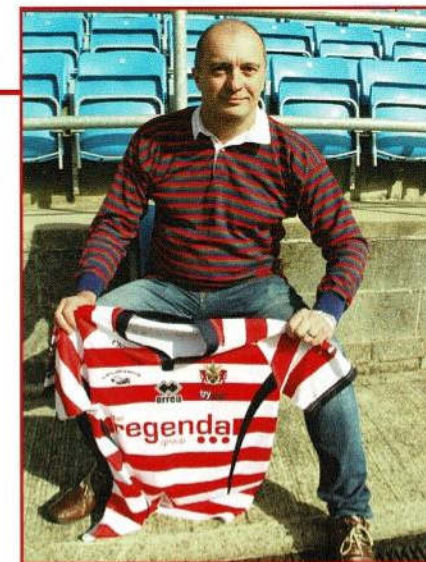
Supporters Direct are pleased to announce the recipient of the 2016 Community Champion Award as Dave Naylor from Oldham RLFC.

With a substantial amount of nominations, the Supporters Direct Rugby League Council felt that the work Dave does perfectly captures the spirit of the award and that he is a worthy winner.

We asked people to nominate individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty while supporting their Rugby League club this campaign.

We were looking to celebrate individuals who help build and improve the relationships between the club they support and its fan base, or those who encourage their clubs to have a greater level of community involvement or are involved directly themselves with engaging the wider local community.

Dave Naylor has worked miracles this season for Oldham RLFC and its supporters, voluntarily taking over the running



of the official website, social media accounts and producing video highlights and audio content for supporters to enjoy.

He has thrown himself into everything with great enthusiasm and aplomb and has not only improved the media side of the club but worked hard to re-connect the club to its supporters and the community it serves.

Dave has been described by fans as "a true club man and one worthy of recognition," and "an inspiration for all supporters" with a number stating that Dave's updates to fans and his contribution to the website and social media have proved "invaluable."

Dave and a guest will attend the RFL End of Season Awards Dinner on Monday 12th September at The Queens Hotel in Leeds where he will be presented his award live on stage.

Supporters Direct would like to thank all those who took the time to nominate individuals for this award, we were blown away by the work that is done by dedicated supporters, passionate about their clubs, communities and the sport as a whole.

We are honoured to give Dave Naylor some much deserved recognition and congratulate him on being named as the 2016 Supporters Direct Community Champion.



Action men...

our latest montage of your favourite players
(see pages 22 and 23 for details of how to buy them)



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Oldham RLFC Statistics after 31 matches

Squad Number, Name, Appearances, Interchange Appearances, Tries, Goals, Drop Goals, Points* DR (Dual Registered Player) LO (Player on Loan)

		A	I	T	G	DG	Pts
1	Richard Lepori	23	0	5	0	0	20
2	Adam Clay	28	0	8	0	0	32
3	Jon Ford	3	0	2	0	0	8
4	Jack Holmes	14	0	5	1	0	22
5	Jamel Chisholm	24	0	10	0	0	40
6	Lewis Palfrey	23	1	1	70	1	145
7	Steve Roper	12	0	1	10	0	24
8	Phil Joy	25	1	2	0	0	8
9	Sam Gee	12	10	1	1	0	6
10	Jack Spencer	11	7	0	0	0	0
11	Josh Crowley	2	2	0	0	0	0
12	Danny Langtree	24	1	8	0	0	32
13	Liam Thompson	18	10	1	0	0	4
14	Joe Burke	8	12	1	0	0	4
16	Gary Middlehurst	22	0	4	0	0	16
19	Adam Files	1	13	3	0	0	12
20	Gareth Owen	29	0	4	0	0	16
21	Kenny Hughes	2	23	8	0	0	32
22	Danny Grimshaw	18	1	3	0	0	12
23	Craig Briscoe	4	3	0	0	0	0
24	Will Hope	20	3	3	0	0	12
25	Tom Ashton	3	1	2	0	0	8
26	Michael Ward	3	26	8	0	0	32
--	Scott Turner	4	0	2	0	0	8
LO	Jake Bibby	3	0	0	0	0	0
LO	Tom Spencer	4	0	0	0	0	0
LO	Lewis Foster	6	1	1	0	0	4
LO	Kieran Gill	10	0	7	0	0	28
LO	David Hewitt	7	0	4	5	0	26
LO	Jack Blagbrough	0	6	2	0	0	8
DR	Liam Johnson	14	0	4	0	0	16
DR	Tyler Dickinson	13	3	0	0	0	0
DR	Kruise Leeming	4	0	0	0	0	0
DR	Jared Simpson	3	0	0	0	0	0
DR	Sam Wood	5	0	2	3	0	14
DR	Darnell McIntosh	1	0	0	0	0	0

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		P	W	L	D	PF	PA	DIFF	PTS
1	Bradford Bulls	28	18	8	2	971	540	431	38
2	Halifax RLFC	28	15	12	1	749	628	121	31
3	Sheffield Eagles	28	12	16	0	833	725	108	24
4	Dewsbury Rams	28	10	18	0	608	775	-167	20
5	Swinton Lions	28	9	18	1	568	975	-407	19
6	Oldham RLFC	28	9	19	0	503	870	-367	18
7	Whitehaven RLFC	28	7	20	1	495	880	-385	15
8	Workington Town	28	6	21	1	541	919	-378	13

Scott, Adam put pen to paper on new deals covering 2017

WE are delighted to confirm that we have re-signed two more players for 2017 in back division aces Adam Clay and Scott Turner.

Talks are going on with a lot of other players, both internally and externally, and more announcements will be made soon.

So far, we have announced that the following players will be with us again next season:

Backs: Adam Clay, Scott Turner, Jamel Chisholm, Danny Grimshaw and Kieran Gill, who will be here on season-long loan from Castleford Tigers.

Forwards: Phil Joy, Jack Spencer, Michael Ward and Danny Langtree, who is half way through a two-year agreement.

Scott Turner, who can play equally well at wing or full-back, only joined us at the beginning of August after scoring 28 tries in 34 games for North Wales Crusaders. Initially, he signed a short-term deal to the end of this season to test out the water, but he has since said that he knew he had made the right decision within a week.

He has underpinned that confidence in the club by extending his commitment for another year and we are very pleased indeed that he will be sticking around.

He said: "The back end of a season is not the ideal time to join a new club. I was a bit apprehensive as to how I would be fit in, but within days I knew I would be okay. Everybody was so welcoming."

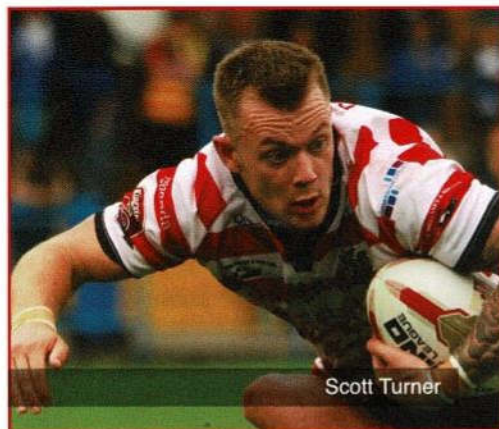
Aged 22, Scott said he was happy to play anywhere in the team, but the positions he knew best were wing and full-back, although he hadn't played much at No 1 for three or four years until asked to do so in recent Oldham games.

"I was a little bit rusty," he added, "but I do like playing there because you're more involved than when you're playing on the wing."

Adam Clay (25), exclusively a winger, has scored 32 tries in 60 Oldham games since first coming to the club about nine weeks into the 2014 season.

His best season was in 2015 when he scored 20 in 23 appearances.

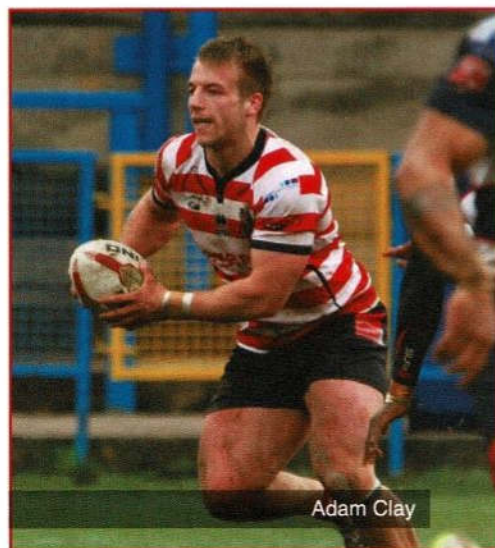
On signing his new deal, Adam said: "It's nice to have some stability. I've never been at a club for as long as I've been at Oldham and long may it continue. I can't see myself playing anywhere else, to be honest."



Scott Turner

"I've done the one-year-here and one-year-there bit and now it's nice to settle down at a good club where I have loads of friends."

"Life is good for me on and off the field right now and Leanne and I are made up with our little boy Cooper. He's 16 months now and it doesn't seem two minutes since we took him to Whitebank as a newly-born and we had his photograph taken with the other lads in the squad."



Adam Clay

OLDHAM v WHITEHAVEN

- Through the decades



1950s: Alan Davies pursues Bill Smith.
August 30th 1958.



1960s: The 'Haven defence closes in on
Dave Parker. December 9th 1961.



1980s: Ray Ashton looks on as Eric
Fitzsimons contests the ball with a
Whitehaven player. March 9th 1980.



1970s: Terry Clawson about to touch down.
October 6th 1973.



1990s: Mike Prescott runs into the Whitehaven
defence, with Laurent Minut in support.
May 30th 1990.



2000s: Howard Hill is tackled by Neil
Roden. July 21st 2002.



2010s: Jamel Chisholm and Gareth Owen put an
end to a Whitehaven attack. June 26 2016.

WHITEHAVEN - Today's Visitors



WHITEHAVEN RLFC

Our visitors Whitehaven will arrive at Bower Fold today bolstered by an impressive last-time-out victory at Dewsbury Rams. Leading 10-6 at the interval, the Haven lads came out for the second forty aiming to maintain their advantage and by golly did they do just that.

Dewsbury were blown away 56-12 with no fewer than seven Whitehaven players scoring tries to set up this afternoon's plum Championship 6th round tie.

Just as Oldham are keen to preserve their second-tier status, Whitehaven will now consider the survival door well and truly ajar with only two games to go. However, a second Bower Fold loss for the Cumbrians in 2016 will slam that door shut since it would lead to inevitable relegation.

It's reasonable to suppose that Haven's newfound hope correlates with the club and former coach James Coyle parting company in mid-August. Heavy defeats to Sheffield Eagles and Bradford Bulls prompted the Whitehaven management to relieve the former Roughyeds of his duties. Coyle was already due to leave the club at the end of the season but in an effort to get themselves out of a jam, his departure was brought forward.

Senior players Dave Allen, Scott McAvoy, Craig Calvert and Carl Foster have formed a collective to run the Whitehaven team for the remaining games of the season and the change seems to have paid dividends. The sticky problem of playing arch rivals Workington away provided enough impetus for a 28-24 derby victory. The Dewsbury result now sees Haven sandwiched between relegated Workington and tenth placed Oldham.

Whitehaven fans will surely travel to see this nerve jangling encounter; a favourable result could lift the lid off their club's season. The same goes for the Roughyeds and a slice of luck either way could send one set of fans home happy. Here's to a good game.

Trio of Stars...

Dion Aiye

A Papua New Guinean with international representative honours.

Hailing from the Southern Highlands Province of his home country, Aiye played for Mt Hagen Eagles and Agmark Rabaul Gurias before arriving at Whitehaven in 2015.

He can fill any of the half-back positions and has featured in the Whitehaven team 27 times this season.



Dave Allen

Former Oldham player Allen is in his second full season at the Recreation Ground having joined from Super League club Widnes after the 2014 season.

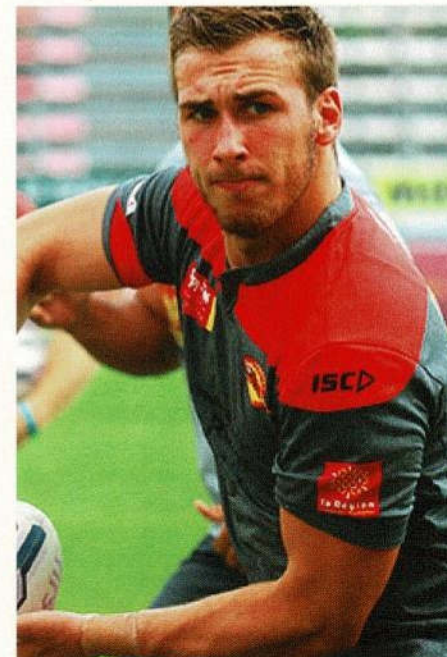
The forward has represented Ireland on 9 occasions and has pulled on the Whitehaven shirt 25 times this season scoring 5 tries.



Ugo Perez

French forward Perez signed in mid-season for Whitehaven on loan from Catalans Dragons.

A product of the Catalans academy the player immediately made an impression in the 28-24 victory over Workington at this season's Summer Bash in Blackpool.





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	L 14:56	1,489
KP Champ	Friday 20th	Halifax	A	8.00pm	L 6:12	1,285
Summer Bash	Sunday 29th	Swinton Lions	BR*	3.00pm	L 24:25	-
JUNE						
KP Champ	Sunday 5th	Batley Bulldogs	A	3.00pm	L 18:42	783
KP Champ	Sunday 12th	Dewsbury Rams	A	3.00pm	L 46:10	742
KP Champ	Wed 15th	Bradford Bulls	H	8.00pm	L 4:48	1051
KP Champ	Sunday 19th	London Broncos	A	3.00pm	L 56:16	425
KP Champ	Sunday 26th	Whitehaven	H	3.00pm	W 26:18	516
JULY						
KP Champ	Friday 1st	Sheffield Eagles	A	8.00pm	W 24:16	541
KP Champ	Sunday 10th	Swinton Lions	H	3.00pm	W 26:24	758
KP Champ	Sunday 17th	Bradford Bulls	A	3.00pm	L 44:12	4,235
KP Champ	Sunday 24th	Workington T	H	3.00pm	L 30:32	689

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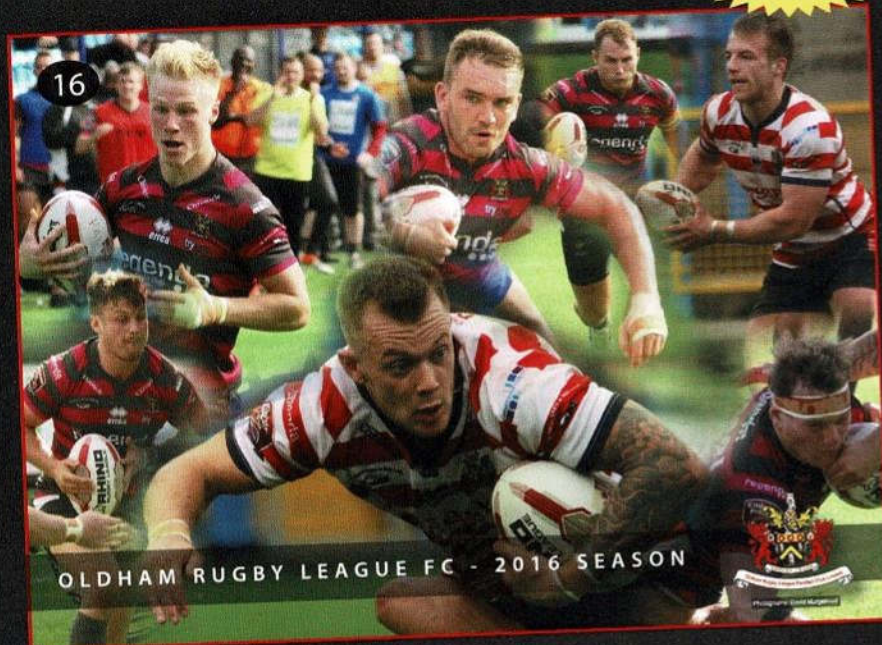
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