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NEWS

Direct from the Dug-Out
with SCOTT NAYLOR

Hello everyone and welcome to today's Coral Challenge Cup fourth-round tie against Widnes Vikings here at Bower Fold.

To start with, I'd like to talk about our performance last week against London Scholars.

It was a very professional and mature exhibition of rugby, in my opinion.

We gave London very little opportunity to attack our line and score points due to the quality of our yardage sets and our overall set completion rate.

On the back of that, our aggressive defence and ability to control the ruck without giving penalties away, or very few, meant we had full control of field position.

These are the things we have struggled with in previous games so far this season and we have been working on them session after session in order to improve and be a better and more mature team going forward.

It was very satisfying to see such a big improvement which, to me, represented a big tun-around.

Widnes Vikings, our opponents today, are as good as it gets in the Championship division and through adversity in the past six or seven weeks they have shown their class by winning games and getting on with the job when all around them has been in chaos.

It can't have been easy for the staff and players to focus on training and playing but they've shown their quality and mental strength by continuing to play at a high level and win consistently week after week, producing a great brand of rugby.

The challenge is a huge one for us today but one that we relish and are very excited about.

We are keen to see if we can make more history in the Challenge Cup by surprising another opposing team and progressing to the next round, as we seem to do pretty often if not exactly year by year.

Remember Hull KR away? And Halifax away?

Many thanks,
Scott

Scott Naylor

NEWS

How the chairman sees it
with CHRIS HAMILTON

Welcome everybody to our 2019 Bower Fold experience.

Today we entertain Widnes Vikings, who are enjoying something of a resurgence following their recent administration. No doubt the realities of running a club will have already hit chairman Chris Price and his fellow board members well and truly in the face but it goes without saying that we wish them well --- after today!

It is a sign of the potential that exists in Widnes that we have had to move the match to the Bower Fold home of our friends here at Stalybridge Celtic because of the anticipated high numbers of Vikings fans expected today.

I personally hope they come in big numbers and bring a few friends with them too.

It will be a big test for us on the field as their current league position is due to the points deduction and not their ability on the pitch.

Indeed, the speed with which they have wiped out those 12 points says it all. They have quality players all through their squad and we know we will need to be at our best to compete.

Having said that, we are talking about the Challenge Cup here and we believe in the magic of the cup, of that there is no doubt.

Last Sunday saw us produce our most complete performance of the season so far and it was good timing in view of the challenge ahead of us today. It is also a good opportunity for our lads to measure up against one of the top Championship teams; and they are certainly up for that.

It would be remiss not to mention the success of last week's Community Day against London Skolars when we launched Roary's Pride and had some of the Oldham Pledge schools with us.

Both things went really well and were well supported and that was a just reward for all the hard work people at the club had put in over a number of weeks in order to bring the two initiatives to fruition.

There will be similar projects around more game days before the end of the season as we continue the work aimed at promoting the club to more people and raising attendances.

I may be biased but I have yet to see another club, certainly within our division, that is doing more than we are and again that is testament to all the efforts of lots of committed people who all have the same aim --- to see Oldham RLFC prosper.

Most of you will have seen that there are two clubs, New York and Ottawa, looking to enter the league next year and they will be making presentations to the Championship and League One clubs at a meeting at Media City in April.

Once again rugby league continues to be adventurous and it will be a lively meeting for sure. In particular, clubs who have had the "Toronto experience" will be at the forefront of the questions being asked.

Shoulder-to-shoulder and ready to go. Players and escorts line up before the Skolars game.

What are your thoughts on those clubs coming in? If New York and Ottawa are admitted for 2020 it will be via League One but with the funding needed by those clubs, who have to cover the costs of away clubs' flights and accommodation, it will probably only be for one year as they will look to move up through the leagues towards Super League at a rapid rate of knots.

There will, no doubt. be an element of glamour around these clubs, particularly around New York, which will be attractive to fans and players alike. It is with envy that we and a lot of other clubs look at the amounts being invested into these teams. If only...

It has been encouraging to see the recent confirmation that the OuRLeague membership has passed 100k which meets, early, the RFL's initial target and I couldn't do my notes this week without again mentioning 'Return On Investment' and the part that you, our fans, can play.

We told you about the increase in membership of OuRLeague by our own supporter base only a couple of weeks ago but, at the fear of beginning to sound like a broken record, we need you to be our disciples and to spread the word to as many people as possible about everything that is going on at the club and to encourage them to get involved in whatever way they can.

As previously said, it does'nt even have to cost money. Oh, and don't forget to mention the team isn't bad either !

Let's hope that we can prove that today, with your support, and that April 14 doesn't become a blank weekend...

Enjoy the game.

Christopher Hamilton
Chairman
Oldham Rugby League Football Club

Chris Hamilton

STATISTICS

BETFRED LEAGUE 1 TABLE 2019

	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	PD	PTS
Hunslet RLFC	4	4	0	0	144	44	100	8
Oldham RLFC	4	3	1	0	114	62	52	6
Workington Town	4	3	1	0	122	96	26	6
Whitehaven RLFC	4	3	1	0	96	76	20	6
Newcastle Thunder	5	2	3	0	188	114	74	4
Doncaster RLFC	4	2	2	0	78	82	-4	4
Coventry Bears	4	2	2	0	78	116	-38	4
London Skolars	4	1	2	1	62	118	-56	3
North Wales Crusaders	4	0	4	0	66	110	-44	0
West Wales Raiders	5	0	5	0	48	200	-152	0
Keighley Cougars	4	2	1	1	98	76	22	-7

OLDHAM RLFC PLAYER STATS 2019

Squad No.	Player	Total App.	Sub	Tries	Goals	DGs	Points
1	Kyran Johnson	2	0	3	0	0	12
2	Aaron Jones-Bishop	4	0	2	0	0	8
3	Zack McComb	5	0	7	0	0	28
4	Jack Holmes	3	0	0	0	0	0
5	Richie Hawkyard	4	0	3	0	0	12
6	Paul Crook	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Dave Hewitt	4	0	2	19	0	46
8	Phil Joy	5	0	3	0	0	12
9	Gareth Owen	4	0	0	0	0	0
10	Scott Law	5	1	0	0	0	0
11	Ben Calland	3	0	0	0	0	0
12	Emmerson Whittel	5	0	1	0	0	4
13	Jack Spencer	5	2	1	0	0	4

Squad No.2	Player	Total App.	Sub	Tries	Goals	DGs	Points
15	Adam Brook	4	0	1	12	0	28
18	Ben Davies	4	4	0	0	0	0
19	Jamie Greenwood	2	2	0	0	0	0
20	Matty Wilkinson	4	3	3	0	0	12
21	Lee Kershaw	4	0	3	0	0	12
22	Danny Grimshaw	2	0	0	0	0	0
23	Luke Nelmes	1	1	0	0	0	0
24	Liam Bent	5	2	0	0	0	0
25	Danny Bridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Anthony Bowman	4	0	1	0	0	4
27	Harry Maders	1	0	3	0	0	12
29	Titus Gwaze	5	5	0	0	0	0

NEWS

Bailey Howell, who designed the Roary logo, with champagne moment winner Phil Joy.

Our Community Day could best be described as a 'Roar-ing' success.

It attracted the best crowd for a Skolars game since 2010; more than 50 young people signed up for Roary's Pride; and around 200 came from local schools in our Pledge initiative.

It was a big thumbs-up, crowned by a win which lifted us to second place in the league table.

As ever, Roary carried out his duties brilliantly and won over a lot of new young fans.

Sponsored by Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre, the popular mascot had scores of pictures taken, including one with our longest-serving fan, 90-years-young Clarice Stevens and our youngest supporter, baby Edward McGrane, aged 20 days.

Guests of the club included Co-op Academy Failsworth's Bailey Howell (14), who designed the new Roary's Pride logo, his mum Michelle and a family friend.

David Murgatroyd, a lifelong fan and management-team member who will run Roary's Pride with his son Nathan and 19-year-old Sophie Nixon, said the launch surpassed all expectations.

Lots of people, including adults, had their faces adorned with an imprint of Roary's paw. Said David: "What a fantastic launch it was, brilliant ! Thanks to all who made it such a super occasion, especially Sophie and Roary.

"Sophie was brilliant. She's going to be a big part of Roary's Pride.

"We signed up 53 members and the next target is 100."

Not joined yet ? Get a form from the club, return it with the £10 membership fee and you'll get a Roary-branded string-pull bag with goodies, including a cap, a signed photograph of Roary, a wrist band, pencil, water bottle and other items.

(Community Day picture special, pages 10 and 11)

Hurst Cross -- a homely ground of which journalist David Hadfield had some interesting things to say.

By George Cowburn...

THOSE WERE THE DAYS!

In the last 21 seasons Oldham have played home games at nine different grounds - some of them one-offs and some for whole seasons or longer.

Upon formation of Oldham RLFC (1997) Ltd, we played at Boundary Park, home of Oldham Athletic. That arrangement lasted until the end of the 2009 season, punctuated by season-long stays at Spotland and Hurst Cross in 1999 and 2001/2 respectively.

The first match staged at Boundary Park was a third-round Challenge Cup tie against Heworth from York which Roughyeds won 36-14. Man of the match was centre Sean Cooper, who scored two tries.

A problem with playing at Boundary Park was the need to find a different ground for two or three matches each year due to remedial work on the pitch. In only one season, 2003, were all home matches played at Boundary Park.

Spotland was the usual choice for these matches and it was also our home ground in 1999 apart from a league match at Boundary Park to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the formation of the borough of Oldham. We beat Rochdale 26-18 with Australian half-back Daniel Brown kicking five goals.

After two seasons back in Oldham it was off to play home games at Hurst Cross, home of Ashton United. The first game there was a 32-16 win over York which was deleted from the records as York folded during the season. Happily, they were back the season after.

The first match for record purposes was a 34-2 victory over Chorley Lynx, five goals coming from the boot of John Braddish.

Hurst Cross could best be described as homely. Journalist Dave Hadfield once said, somewhat jokingly, that he liked Hurst Cross because he could interview the players as the match was going on!

After one season there it was back to Boundary Park for the next seven years. During this time Oldham, like today, took a Challenge Cup tie to Bower Fold. St Helens were the visitors and, despite a 6-40 defeat, Oldham acquitted themselves well. Saints and Oldham fans happily shared the specially laid-on buses back to Ashton, where most people were parked, without a hint of trouble.

Two grounds were used away from Boundary Park in 2004. On May 30 it was off to the seaside to play Batley at Blackpool FC's Bloomfield Road ground. Not a happy day though as an injury-hit Oldham went down 20-44 to the Bulldogs.

Victory Park, Chorley accommodated us for two matches, a 31-22 win over Whitehaven and a 22-14 success over Halifax.

The reserve home ground of choice then became Sedgley Park, home to the RU club of that name and home also to Swinton Lions, who had a similar nomadic existence following the sale of their Station Rd ground.

We played ten games over four seasons at Sedgley, including a 6-66 Challenge Cup defeat by Harlequins, one of the many incarnations of the ultimate nomads, London Broncos.

Season 2010 saw us playing regularly at Sedgley, but we were desperate for a return to Oldham as poor transport links to Prestwich meant reducing crowds with the accompanying financial implications.

On May 9, 2010 Roughyeds played their first game at the then named Whitebank Stadium, but only after great efforts by volunteers to give the place a much-needed facelift. Opponents York became party poopers with a 34-28 win before a crowd of 1,110.

We signed off after five and a half seasons at Whitebank with a memorable 31-20 League 1 Promotion Final triumph over Keighley Cougars before a ground record crowd of 1,405.

Promotion to the Championship meant two seasons at Bower Fold bar for one match at the Manchester Regional Athletics Centre in Manchester City's Etihad Campus. In a match marked with a distinct lack of defensive application, Oldham lost 28-48 to Batley despite a try hat-trick by winger Adam Clay.

Relegation from the Championship saw us back in town at the renamed Vestacare Stadium where, happily, facilities were improved from Whitebank days. A Challenge Cup tie against Hull KR was taken to Bower Fold where we were unable to repeat our amazing 36-22 win in Hull two years previously, going down 32-0 while not giving the Robins all their own way.

Life was never easy being an Oldham fan!

George Cowburn - lifelong fan with statistics at his fingertips

ROARY AND PLEDGE TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT THE SKOLARS GAME

Roary meets the boys . . . and the girls

Separated by generations . . . Clarice and baby Edward

Skolars caned in our six-of-the-best victory
romp that lifted us to second in the table

Gareth Owen

Scott Law

Zack McComb

Lee Kershaw

Jack Spencer

Adam Brook

Ben Calland

Dave Hewitt

Matty Wilkinson

Emmerson Whittel

Matty Wilkinson

OLDHAM 34
SKOLARS 4

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WIDNES VIKINGS

Kyran **JOHNSON**	01	Mick Harrop
Aaron **JONES-BISHOP**	02	Les and Eileen Davison
Zack **MCCOMB**	03	David and Val Webster
Jack **HOLMES**	04	David and Val Webster
Richie **HAWKYARD**	05	Rita Walton
Paul **CROOK**	06	Rita Walton
Dave **HEWITT**	07	Chris Noble MBE
Phil **JOY**	08	Past Players' Association
Gareth **OWEN**	09	Purpose Business and Marketing Ltd
Scott **LAW**	10	Les and Eileen Davison
Ben **CALLAND**	11	Luke, Abbie and Jessica Davies
Emmerson **WHITTEL**	12	Sponsorship Available
Jack **SPENCER**	13	Graeme Lee
Adam **BROOK**	15	Sponsorship Available
Ben **DAVIES**	18	Sponsorship Available
Jamie **GREENWOOD**	19	Sandra Bullock
Matty **WILKINSON**	20	John and Lynda McAndrew
Lee **KERSHAW**	21	Rugby Oldham Supporters' Trust
Danny **GRIMSHAW**	22	Neil Gibbison
Luke **NELMES**	23	John and Lynda McAndrew
Liam **BENT**	24	ORSA
Danny **BRIDGE**	25	Pam Taylor and LTS
Anthony **BOWMAN**	26	Graeme Lee
Harry **MADERS**	27	Sponsorship Available
Titus **GWAZE**	29	Anne Kearns
Scott Naylor | Head Coach		Sponsorship Available
Peter Carey | Assistant Coach		Sponsorship Available
Adam Neal | Conditioner		Sponsorship Available

01	Olly **ASHALL-BOLT**	
02	Ryan **INCE**	
04	Anthony **GELLING**	
05	Jack **OWENS**	
06	Danny **CRAVEN**	
07	Tom **GILMORE**	
08	Jay **CHAPELHOW**	
11	Harrison **HANSEN**	
12	Chris **DEAN**	
13	Hep **CAHILL**	
15	Jordan **JOHNSTONE**	
16	MacGraff **LEULUAI**	
17	Sam **WILDE**	
18	Ted **CHAPELHOW**	
19	Brad **WALKER**	
20	Owen **FARNWORTH**	
21	Joe **LYONS**	
22	Owen **BUCKLEY**	
23	Liam **WALSH**	
24	Keanan **BRAND**	
25	Lloyd **ROBY**	
26	Dan **NORMAN**	
27	Sam **FREEMAN**	
Kieron Purtill | Head Coach		

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Touch Judge 2: S. Daniel
Reserve Ref: J. Butterfield
Time Keeper: K. Leyland

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What a try ! What a picture ! Lee Kershaw swallow-dives to score in the corner against Skolars. It was a try Tom Johnstone would have been proud to score and one that demonstrated clearly how wingers have adapted to the change of rule regarding the corner flags. You've got to have the knack of touching down with one hand --- an essential part of the winger's armoury these days.

No defenders at home. Phil Joy scores his second try against Skolars without a defender in sight. Roger Halstead wrote: "Joy galloped home like a prize bull on the charge; all 6ft3in and 110 kilos of him going flat out unopposed with so much time he could stop over the line and place the ball down with two hands. No wonder it won him the champagne-moment award."

David Treasure is stopped inches from the Widnes line in a third-round tie in 1975.

Staying in Touch with Our Heritage
with MICHAEL TURNER

We extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Widnes Vikings ahead of this fourth-round Coral Challenge Cup tie at Bower Fold.

Meetings between the clubs have been rare in recent years, but when the Oldham club re-formed in 1997 their second game was a fourth-round Challenge Cup tie at Widnes after we had beaten Heworth amateurs in the previous round. Vikings won 48-8.

Then came the NFP Grand Final at Spotland on July 28, 2001 when nearly 9,000 fans watched Widnes deservedly win 24-14 on a hot, sunny day in Rochdale.

The most recent encounter was on Feb 13, 2009 when Oldham won 22-20 in a Northern Rail Cup tie at the Halton Stadium.

The first Challenge Cup tie between the clubs was back in 1899 when 13,000 people packed into Watersheddings to see Roughyeds win 20-0 on their way to winning the trophy for the first time in a final against Hunslet.

I clearly remember a third-round tie in 1975 when Widnes won 10-4. Mick Adams scored the decisive try late on when, after a speculative kick ahead, the ball ricocheted back to him off an upright.

Like Oldham in 1899, the Chemics enjoyed a stepping stone to the final in which they beat derby rivals Warrington.

Michael Turner

WIDNES VIKINGS

We welcome Widnes Vikings to Bower Fold today and if the anticipated large travelling support follows them here, we should be in for a great atmosphere.

The Vikings were in the news for all the wrong reasons earlier in the year as their financial predicament saw them facing a real struggle to carry on in our sport. Through sheer determination and love for the club, the people of Widnes and the rugby league family in general rallied round to save the club from extinction and those of us here today are now able to enjoy a fixture between two old rivals.

Widnes finished bottom of the Super League table in both 2017 and 2018. On each occasion they had to face the travails of the Qualifiers system, a cut-throat mini-league of eight teams all fighting for four Super League places.

In 2017 the Vikings were able to finish second in the Qualifiers — winning five of their eight games — forcing Leigh Centurions and Catalans Dragons to face-off in the dreaded Million Pound game.

Super League status was guaranteed for 2018 but things didn't go too well for the team from the Halton Stadium and a record of only three wins, including a steak of nineteen defeats, meant that an unwanted place in the Qualifiers was again on the late-season agenda.

Coach Dennis Betts left the club and Francis Cummins was brought in to try and prevent the club's relegation. It wasn't to be however and after recording only a solitary victory against Championship side Halifax, Widnes were relegated.

In February this year Widnes club went into administration but despite the successful rescue mission to save the club, the inevitable points deduction followed and a penalty of 12 points was imposed.

Widnes have rolled-up their sleeves and set about eating-in to the penalty by producing the goods on the field of play. Six wins out of seven games has meant that they now sit at the foot of the Championship on zero points but only a matter of two points below those other clubs in the relegation zone.

Barrow, Swinton, Dewsbury and Rochdale must now be able to feel the Vikings breathing down their necks. If current form is anything to go by, Widnes look set to leapfrog their relegation rivals and begin to climb up towards those clubs eyeing a top-five finish. Fifth place Leigh sit on eight points having played one game extra than Widnes and so a successful campaign for the rest of the year could see the Vikings in with a realistic chance of a fairytale return to the big-time.

There's a long way to go though until we reach the business end of the current season, a fact that will not be lost on both sides today. Widnes will want to overcome Oldham to progress to the next round and have an opportunity of facing a Super League club. Such an encounter would provide a test of the promotion credentials of the Widnes club against a potential Qualifiers rival.

Oldham would relish the prospect of drawing another well supported club and the financial advantage that brings.

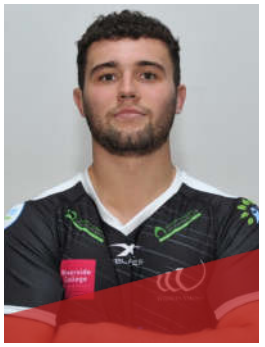
Our visitors will start as favourites on the afternoon but anything can happen in the cup when least expected. Just ask any Oldham fan who made the trip to Hull KR in 2016.

Writes Dave Naylor.

WIDNES VIKINGS

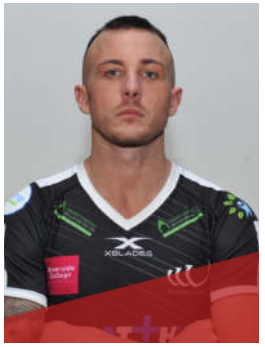
THREE TO WATCH

Jack Owens



Widnes born full-back or winger who progressed through the Vikings' Academy. Made his senior debut in 2011 before moving on to St Helens in 2016 and then Leigh Centurions in 2018.

Now returned to his home town club aiming to take the Vikings back to Super League.



Danny Craven

Former Blackbrook and West Bank Bears amateur, this full-back or stand-off made his debut appearance in 2010.

Enjoyed loan spells at Workington, Whitehaven, Halifax and Featherstone but is now on his way to making 150 appearances for the Widnes Club.

Harrison Hansen

Auckland born utility forward who moved to the UK when his father played for Salford. At the age of 15 Harrison joined the Wigan Scholarship programme and went on to play over 240 games for the Warriors before joining Salford, and later moving on to Leigh.

Gained international recognition when representing England at Academy level, Samoa and New Zealand.

Pictures courtesy of the Oldham RL Heritage Trust

On our way to the 1986 Challenge Cup semi-final. David Liddiard races clear to score the match-winning try in a 6-1 win against Bradford at Watersheddings.

February 25, 1990.
The day we shook the sporting world when our Second Division side went to all-star Widnes and won 16-4 in the third round of the Challenge Cup.
In this picture Keith Newton cops a Kurt Sorensen challenge with Mike Ford in attendance.

By Ian Wilson...
A RUGBY LEAGUE MISCELLANY ON MEN AND MATTERS...

Time for a bit of nostalgia! To some extent, isn't that what the Challenge Cup is at least partially about?

Having been there at the semi-final games when we drew with Hull KR at Leeds in 1964, and then again at Swinton, and then at Huddersfield when we finally lost, and also at Wigan when we lost to Cas in 1986 and Warrington in 1990, not to mention when we lost in semis to Wigan in both '91 and '95, not to mention also to Hull way back in 1960, at Swinton, I think I can put a case for having the right to a bit of nostalgia, too!

There have been lots of much more enjoyable occasions, too, of course. In the pre-1997 days, I think four in particular stand out in the memory.

The first was a 13-11 win over Huddersfield back in 1960, when one try, by Vin Nestor, plus five Ganley goals, was enough to squeak us through.

The second was an 18-10 win against Leigh at Hilton Park in 1963, revenge for an awful 0-5 defeat there six years earlier when we had had realistic hopes of a Wembley appearance - that year,1957, was the year we won the championship, of course.

Then there are two more recent stand-out memories - a fantastic 6-1 victory over Bradford at Watersheddings just before we lost to Cas in the semi in '86.

And the final one? THE historic occasion, Feb 4, 1987, Oldham 10 Wigan 8 !

Of course, we have also had very commendable performances in more recent times, even though our overall status in the game has meant that the final stages of the competition were never going to be realistic targets.

The win at Hull KR three years ago stands out, inevitably - though in fact I personally found the victory at Halifax last year, when we showed remarkable skill levels away to a side in the division above us, at least as satisfying.

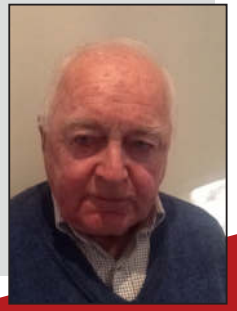
So what about the Chemics, if we are still allowed to call them that ? Their current position is both sad and worrying, especially given their history within the top echelon of the game.

Their defeat of Wigan at Wembley in 1984, when Joe Lydon's electrifying bursts remain heart-stopping when shown on TV repeats, stands out in the entire history of the Cup ; it was also their third success at Wembley in a 20-year period, a remarkable achievement for such a small-town club.

We have met Widnes more than once, with our victory in the third round in 1990, at what was then Naughton Park, by a convincing margin of 16-4, undoubtedly our best performance historically, but the third round defeat 4-10 at Watersheddings, albeit as a second division side, in 1975 being the most disappointing.

Can we win today? Anyone who saw Widnes defeat Bradford on the Our League live coverage a couple of weeks ago will realise that we are very much the underdogs, and that their recent financial crisis hasn't prevented them from sustaining a squad with the ability to carry on challenging for a rapid return to Super League.

So the odds are against - but Scott Naylor seems to enjoy nothing more than a pop at so-called superiors in this competition - so we can still hope.



Ian Wilson - our man with something to say

FIXTURES

Date	Time	Opponents	Venue	Score	Results	Attn.
February						
Sunday 17	3:00pm	Workington Town	Home	28 - 32	Lost	765
Sunday 24	3:00pm	Whitehaven RLFC	Home	36 - 12	Won	546
March						
Sunday 3	2:30pm	North Wales Crusaders	Away	16 - 14	Won	426
Sunday 10	3:00pm	Challenge Cup 3 - Haydock	Home	80 - 10	Won	508
Sunday 24	3:00pm	London Skolars	Home	34 - 4	Won	709
Sunday 31	3:00pm	Challenge Cup 4 - Widnes Vikings	Bower Fold			
April						
Sunday 7	3:00pm	Newcastle Thunder	Away			
Sunday 14	3:00pm	Challenge Cup 5				
Friday 19	3:00pm	Hunslet RLFC	Home			
Saturday 27	3:00pm	West Wales Raiders	Away			
May						
Sunday 5	3:00pm	1895 Cup 1 - Whitehaven	Home			
Sunday 12	3:00pm	Challenge Cup 6				
Sunday 19	3:00pm	Coventry Bears	Home			
Saturday 25	6:30pm	Keighley Cougars	Away			
June						
Sunday 2	3:00pm	Challenge Cup QF				
Wednesday 5	7:30 pm	1895 Cup 2				
Sunday 9	5:30pm	Doncaster RLFC	Away			
Sunday 16	3:00pm	Keighley Cougars	Home			
Sunday 23	3:00pm	Workington Town	Away			
Wednesday 26	7:30pm	1895 Cup QF				
Sunday 30	3:00pm	West Wales Raiders	Home			
July						
Sunday 7	3:00pm	Whitehaven RLFC	Away			
Sunday 14	3:00pm	North Wales Crusaders	Home			
Sunday 28	3:00pm	1895 Cup SF				
August						
Saturday 3	3:00pm	London Skolars	Away			
Sunday 11	3:00pm	Newcastle Thunder	Home			
Sunday 18	3:00pm	Doncaster RLFC	Home			
Saturday 24	4:00pm	Challenge Cup/1895 Cup Final				
September						
Sunday 1	3:00pm	Coventry Bears	Away			
Sunday 8	3:00pm	Hunslet RLFC	Away			
Sunday 15	3:00pm	Play-offs				
Sunday 22	3:00pm	Play-offs				
Sunday 29	3:00pm	Play-offs				
October						
Sunday 6	3:00pm	Promotional Final				

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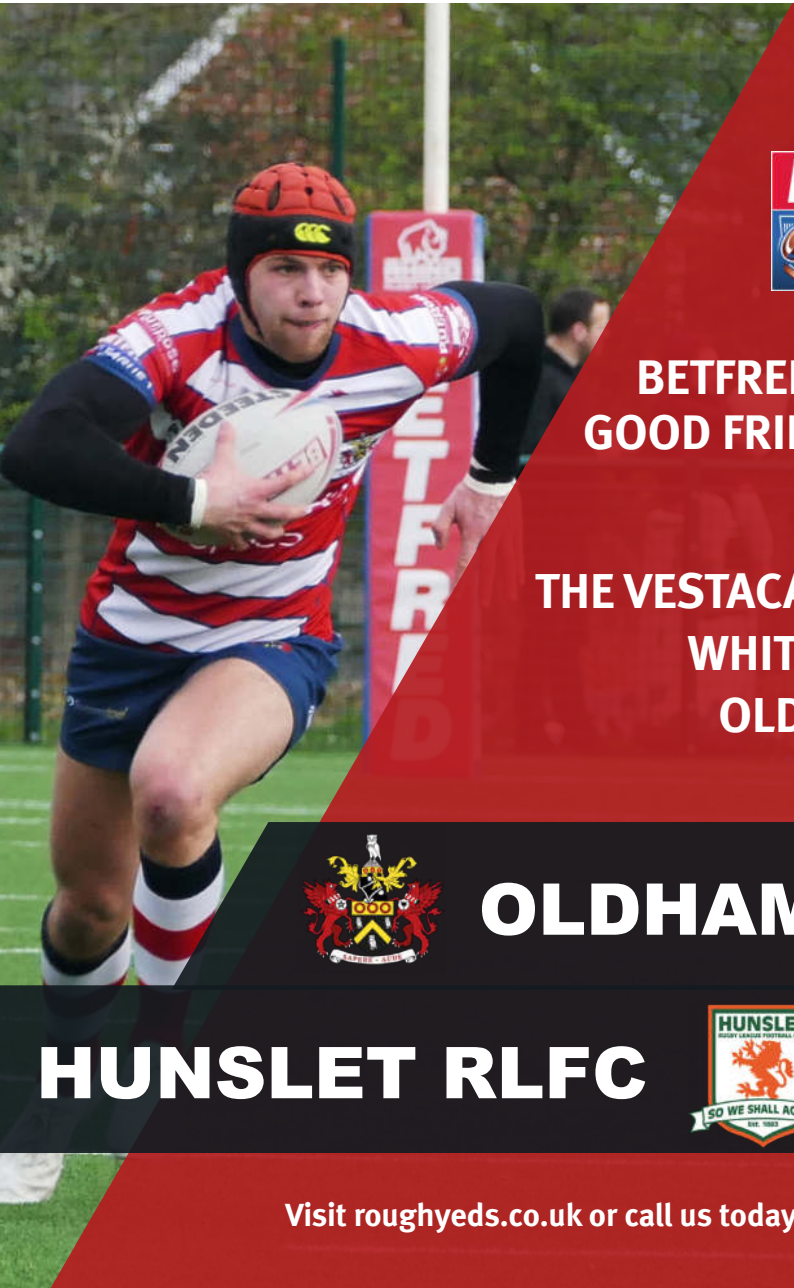

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