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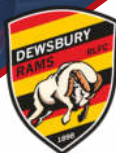
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Welcome back to Bower Fold for what has become an important game.

Our last few results have been poor to say the least and we need a win to pick ourselves up again.

We are in a similar position to our opponents who, like us, need to get that winning feeling again.

It is a stark reality of this division that unless you are something like each week then you will come away empty handed and, in that regard, nobody needs to remind us.

In the last few games, we have been our own worst enemies and that is something we need to eradicate from our game as quickly as possible. There is no lack of effort but at present we are simply making it very hard for ourselves when we don't need to. Everybody continues to work hard, and nobody is shying away from the challenge ahead.

We suffered a blow last weekend when Phil Joy suffered a fractured elbow. It says a lot about the man that, as we had no substitutes left, he stayed on the field when clearly in a lot of pain and that is exactly

A CHAT WITH THE CHAIRMAN

CHRIS HAMILTON

the type of determination and commitment we need right now. He will be missed, and we intend to keep him fully involved with the team, even though he can't do his bit in a playing shirt at the moment.

The only positive at present has been that teams in and around us have also been struggling to pick up points, but we also need to make sure we are not relying on anybody else and purely concentrate on our own results.

The Championship, in my opinion, has increased in intensity to another level this season, and we need to make sure we meet that challenge head on, starting today.

I know Matt has been particularly frustrated in recent games with the mistakes that have cost us. He and Shez continue to work hard to improve the lads. Ask any member of the squad and he will tell you the coaching is good and on point.

It has been interesting over the last couple of weeks to see an increased number of matches postponed due to Covid 19. We recently had an email from the RFL reminding us of the need to stay vigilant and to keep up the protocols we have been

following as a club for the last few months.

Public Health England predicted that the number of cases in rugby league would rise as the number of cases in the community was rising and so it has proved. It is no surprise that, as lockdown was eased in the community, cases among rugby league players and staff have increased.

The sacrifices the lads continue to make should not be underestimated in order to keep themselves and others safe. It looks like it is here for a while yet.

Thank you to all who made the trip to Newcastle to get behind the team. It was a disappointing afternoon for sure, but your support is greatly appreciated.

For all of you at the game on Sunday, please get behind the lads, who hope to repay you with two points come 4.45pm.

Enjoy the game.

***Christopher Hamilton
Chairman***

DISKIN'S DIARY

A peep behind the scenes with head coach Matt Diskin

We are currently well below the level of performance we believe our group should be attaining.

In previous weeks we've performed reasonably well with the exception of the ridiculous errors we make, although we compounded these errors against Newcastle with a very poor performance that allowed the opposition to physically dominate us.

We are resolute in the style of play we are trying to produce but this comes secondary to ensuring our individual skills are on point.

At the moment we are struggling to get a foothold in games due to an error at the play ball, un-pressured drop balls, forward passes etc.

Having an error count consistently in double figures doesn't allow you the opportunity to win games at any level of rugby.

This week's fixture against a persistent Dewsbury team is a must-win for us. Should we produce a performance with the errors of previous weeks it will be a tiresome day at the office.

If we control the ball, ensuring our individual skill is good. then we have a genuine chance against any team in the league.

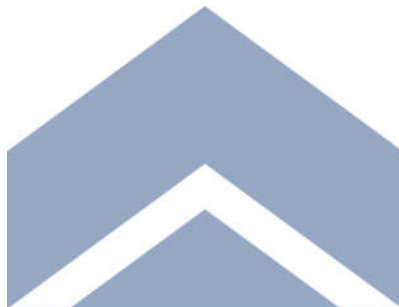
Enjoy the game!

**Kind regards,
Matt Diskin**

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YOUR CAPTAIN CALLING

Gareth Owen on the ball

I was very disappointed to be dropped for the Newcastle game, but I respect the decision by Disco and Shez.

If they don't think a player is playing well enough then another player deserves a chance.

Having watched the game from the sidelines, I thought we made a decent start, making good yards out of yardage and winning the arm wrestle in the first ten minutes.

We made the mistake of going offside from a grubber from Dougie (Lewis Charnock) while we were in good-ball position (attacking strongly) and then we conceded two penalties to gift Newcastle field position.

They took advantage of that, scoring the first try of the game, and then followed with the second not long afterwards.

We had plenty of chances in the first half, starting a lot of sets in decent field position, but our good-ball simply didn't click and we didn't have enough quality finishes to our sets to put pressure on them and to get over the line.

Coming out for the second half 12-0 down, we were still very confident we could win the game if we just controlled the ball a bit more and sharpened up our attack.

We didn't do that. We made way too many errors and didn't defend anywhere near tough enough.

We let Newcastle roll us for about 15 to 20 minutes and they won the game in that period.

It was totally unacceptable and way off the standards expected by the players, the coaches, the chairman and the fans.

This week we have been working as hard as we possibly can to put things right with a good opportunity, at home to Dewsbury Rams, to right the wrongs of the last two weeks.

Thanks for your continued support,

Gareth

Player Focus

Lewis Charnock



Five Super League games with Saints

AGED 26, Lewis, or 'Dougie' as he is known to all and sundry in Rugby League, was born in Warrington on September 2, 1994.

He played in five Super League games with St Helens and also went out on loan to Rochdale, Leigh and Bradford Bulls before joining Barrow Raiders.

At Oldham, he had played in 15 out of a possible 17 games prior to the match at Newcastle Thunder. Career totals: p74, tries 23, goals 154, points 400.

Q: What do you do for your day job?

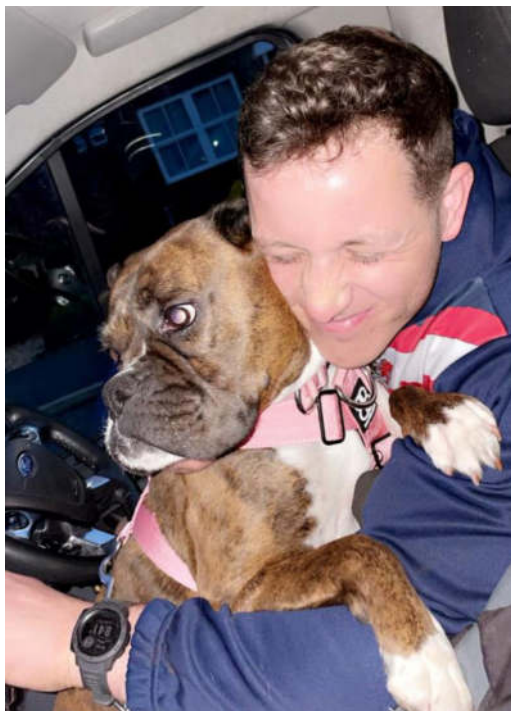
A: I'm a sparkie (electrician), working all over the country, mainly doing industrial and commercial work.

Q: What was the worst thing you did at school?

A: I never did anything too bad because Mum and Dad always used to say that if I got into trouble at school they wouldn't allow me to train or to play rugby league and the thought of that petrified me. Because of that I was, in a sense, quite good. I would mess about with the other lads a bit, but who didn't in school?

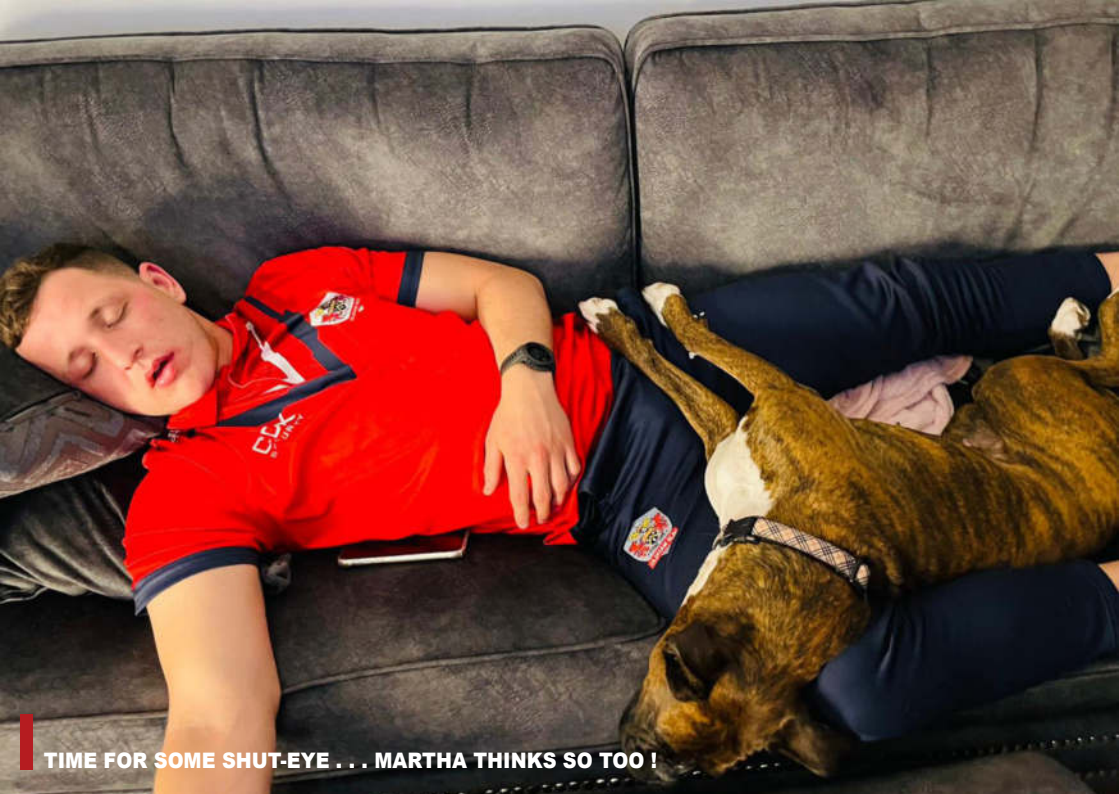
Q: If you won the lottery what would you buy first?

A: Probably a coffee or something with the Mrs and our dog -- proper boring! To be honest, no matter how much I won, I don't think it would stop me working or playing rugby.

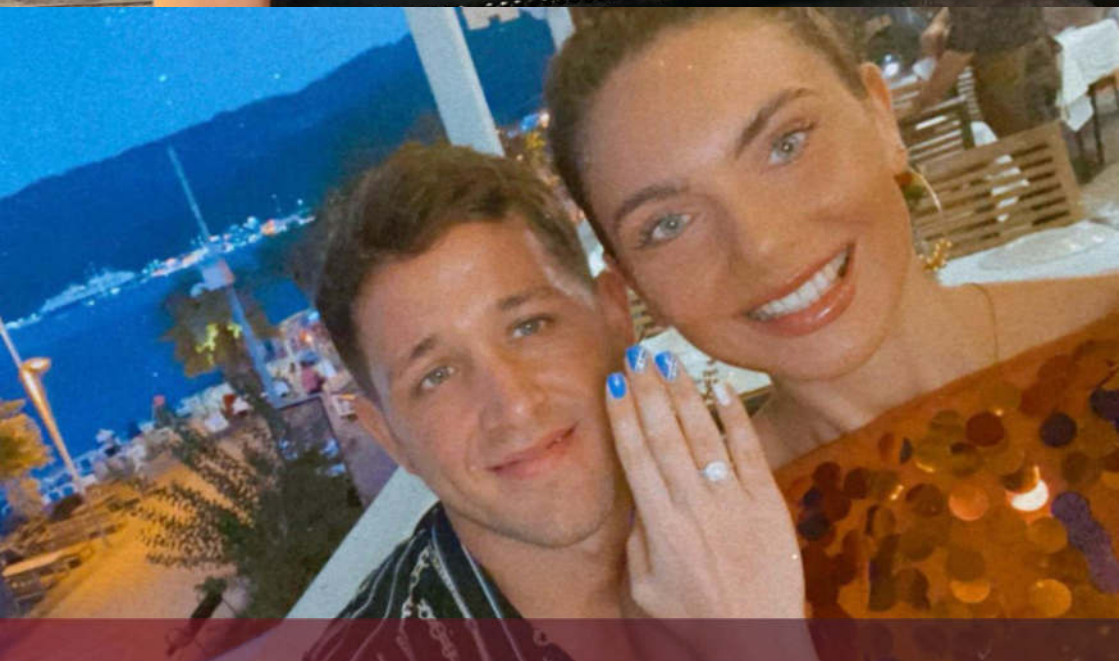


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A MAN'S BEST FRIEND . . . THAT'S ME AND MARTHA. SHE GOES EVERYWHERE WITH US.



TIME FOR SOME SHUT-EYE . . . MARTHA THINKS SO TOO !



ON HOLIDAY WITH MY PARTNER CYDNIE

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TYSON FURY . . . WHAT A GUY !

Q: Which sports star do you most admire, and why?

A: That's got to be Tyson Fury, the Gypsy King, purely for all he's achieved after beating depression, drugs and alcohol addiction. To come back from that lot and, within two years, to win another world title takes some doing. It's got to be him.

Q: How would your team mates describe you ?

A: In a good way, I would like to think, but you'll have to ask Phil Joy. He's got plenty of nice things to say about me. Ha,ha,ha!

Q: What's your biggest professional achievement to date?

A: That would have to be making my first-team debut for St Helens back in 2014. I only played a handful of games, but I would always regard that as something special.

Q: And your biggest disappointment?

A: When St Helens released me and I had to go from full time to part time. On reflection now I'm a bit older, I was probably a bit immature in my approach

to the professional way of life. I took it for granted and I didn't work hard enough. Looking back, that was a very disappointing time in my life.

Q: Outside rugby and your day job, what do you do most?

A: When I have the time, I try to play a bit of golf, but other than that the Mrs and I are very boring -- we just go out a lot for coffee and to walk our dog, Martha. We treat her like a baby and we try to take her everywhere with us.

Q: What's the best thing about being in the Oldham squad?

A: Everyone in the squad gets along well. Nobody thinks they are better than anyone else. It's a culture I love, and it's great to be a part of it.

Q: What would be your dream role in life?

A: A top-class golfer, following the sun -- and the top tournaments -- around the world, playing golf every day. What more could you want ?



LEWIS AS THE FANS KNOW HIM

DEWSBURY RAMS

Dewsbury Rams return to Bower Fold this afternoon almost sixteen months after their last visit. The Covid-19 pandemic curtailed the Championship season in the days following the fixture as Prime Minister Johnson finally put The country into a series of lockdowns.

The game took place on a wet weekend in March and almost fell foul of the weather. A pitch inspection was required before the game could commence and the two sets of players lined up unaware they were about to participate in their last competitive outing for over a year.

For Oldham centre Cam Leeming — a former Dewsbury player — this was to be his rugby league swan-song. Injury put paid to his career before Championship rugby league returned.

Current Roughyeds Martyn Reilly and Luke Nelmes played in the Dewsbury side that defeated Oldham 24-6. A Ryan Ince try had given Oldham an early lead but despite a half-time scoreline of 6-6, the Rams recorded 18 unanswered second-half points to seal a deserved victory. The final hooter concluded the game and as far as the 2020 season was concerned, that was that.

Dewsbury's 2021 season began with a tough trip up to Whitehaven in round one of the Betfred Challenge Cup. No team would have relished that journey to blow off the cobwebs and the Rams fell to a 23-16 loss.

Coach Lee Greenwood was not impressed, saying:

"The performance was awful and the result was not what we wanted obviously.

There were so many uncharacteristic mistakes from lots of players. There aren't really any positives to take."

An injection of positivity must have played some part because Dewsbury's next game was a home tie against their cup opponents Whitehaven. A 17-8 win was a more palatable result and Greenwood was more upbeat, commenting:

"We knew we needed to improve after the defeat in the cup. We have improved but we know there is loads more to get better at"

The Rams early season mirrored that of Oldham in that both teams were defeated in the cup before taking opening-round league points from their victors, in Oldham's case Swinton. Both teams followed-up with impressive wins against Championship stalwarts — Oldham beating Halifax whilst the Rams won against Widnes.

Disappointingly neither club has much more to shout about other than the two points Dewsbury won at wooden-spoon candidates Swinton. In fact it's those points that separate the teams at the start of today's play.

Life and sport can come at you fast and the halfway point in the season is reached at the conclusion of today's proceedings. Two points are priceless to both Rams and Roughyeds as each club seeks to climb away from the danger zone. It should lead to some entertaining thrills and spills.

Three To Watch



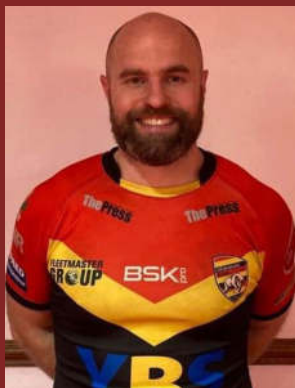
AARON HALL

A front-rower who signed for Dewsbury in 2021 after impressing coach Lee Greenwood in trials at The Tetley's Stadium.

Experienced life in the Championship with Swinton Lions and a period of time in League 1 with Hemel Stags.

Whilst studying at he played for England University for a number of years.

On signing for the Rams he said "I'm looking forward to testing myself again at this level and proving to myself that I can consistently perform and contribute to the success of Dewsbury."



LIAM FINN

Yorkshire born half-back or hooker who began his professional career back in 2002 at Halifax.

At 37yrs old Finn brings a wealth of experience to the Dewsbury side having notched up well over 400 appearances for several top white-rose clubs.

Currently in his second spell at Dewsbury having spent time with Wakefield, Castleford and Featherstone Rovers and brief periods with Widnes Vikings and Newcastle Thunder.

Gained international honours with Ireland completing 37 appearances.



MATT FLEMING

A 25yr old centre who started his professional career at Super League club St Helens. Made his debut in April 2015 against Leeds Rhinos and went on to score seven tries in nineteen appearances for Saints before moving on to London Broncos.

Scored six tries in twenty-four starts for the Broncos in a two-season spell before heading for the Tetley's Stadium and Dewsbury in 2019.

Whilst at St Helens he enjoyed a period on loan at Leigh Centurions and also played a dozen games for London Skolars during his time down in the capital.

Early second-half blitz taken



LIAM BENT



JAMES BARRAN



DEC GREGORY



LIAM KIRK



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TOMMY BRIERLEY



LIAM KIRK
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Past players | Valu Bentley

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Q: When were you at Oldham and where are you now?

A: I was a Roughyed between 2010 and 2013, and now I've retired from the game as a player, although I'm still involved as head coach of the Belgium national RL team.

Q: What was your most memorable game for Oldham, and why?

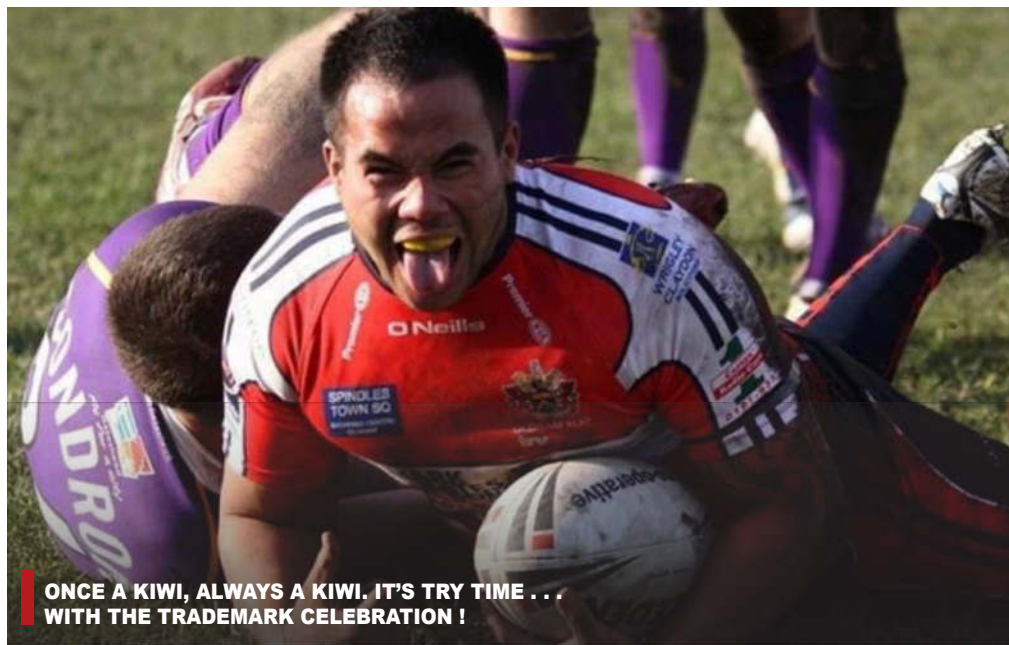
A: The 2010 away game at Blackpool in Championship One. It was a crucial game near the end of the season and we both battled for positions near the top of the table. They had a team full of star players, but we beat them 24-22 in a fantastic game. We finished second and Blackpool were fourth.

Q: Which sports star do you most admire, and why?

A: I've got two -- my Dad, Andy Bentley, the best-ever role model and, secondly, my brother Andrew. He always gave 200 per cent and he never backed down to anyone. As a Rugby League player, he was a true warrior!

Q: What would you consider to be your biggest professional achievement?

A: Playing with my Dad and Uncle for two seasons and then playing with my brothers, Andrew and Kane.



**ONCE A KIWI, ALWAYS A KIWI. IT'S TRY TIME . . .
WITH THE TRADEMARK CELEBRATION !**



MARKET FORCES ! ME AND MY BOY TANE ON DUTY BEHIND THE COUNTER.



AS WELL AS RUNNING A MARKET STALL, I'M AN INSURANCE CONSULTANT, WORKING FOR EUNISURE. I'M RECEIVING AN AWARD HERE FROM MY MANAGER, DAN GARRATT. FAT CATS ? THAT'S THE NAME OF THE EUNISURE TEAM I'M IN.



ON THE BALL !

Q: And your biggest disappointment?

A: Losing the Grand Final against York in 2010. We had beaten them a fortnight previously in a qualifying semi-final, but they beat Blackpool in a final eliminator and then they demolished us 25-4 in the Grand Final.

Q: How would your Oldham team mates have described you?

A: As a hard-grafting, ball-playing loose-forward .

Q: What did you like most about being in the Oldham squad?

A: The tightness of the group. We played for each other and gave it our best every time. The fans always gave us that extra boost too.

Q: What prompted your decision to leave Oldham ?

A: When Tony Benson got the Oxford job, he offered me a big contract that I couldn't refuse.

Q: What is your current day job ?

A: I like to keep busy, so as well as having my market stall (Freshly Baked Bakery Products) I'm also an insurance consultant, specialising in Personal Protection (Life Cover-Income Protection-Critical Illness-Accident Protection), particularly looking after rugby players, fans and their families.

Q: What would be your dream role in life?

A: To carry on being a great dad to my kids and to enjoy life to the full.

FAMILY MAN . . . THAT'S ME (EXTREME RIGHT) WITH DARCY (10), WIFE SHELLEY, MORGAN (18), TANE (18), JUNIOR (15), PARKER JACK (3) AND COOPER, THE PUR.



MY BEAUTIFUL WIFE, SHELLEY



IN THIS WORLD CUP YEAR, WHICH PROMISES TO BE THE BEST AND BIGGEST YET, WE HAVE TEAMED UP WITH THE OLDHAM RL HERITAGE TRUST TO BRING YOU A POTTED VERSION OF THE TOURNAMENT'S HISTORY, COURTESY OF MICHAEL TURNER, THE HERITAGE TRUST'S WELL-KNOWN HISTORIAN.

By Roger Halstead

Continuing our World Cup series as we look ahead with eager anticipation to this year's massive event here in the autumn, we have now reached the last three tournaments, held in 2008, 2013 and 2017.

The first of those tournaments, 13 years ago, provided a final of rare quality at Lang Park, Brisbane where New Zealand pulled off one of the biggest shocks in World Cup history by beating Australia 34-20 to start massive celebrations in New Zealand, from Auckland in the north to Dunedin in the south of that fascinating rugby-mad (League or Union) little country on the edge of the world.

No wonder the country was ecstatic --- it was the one and only time the Kiwis have won the World Cup, although they were beaten finalists in 1988, 2000 and 2013.

Of the 15 tournaments played so far, going back to the inaugural series in 1954, Australia have won 11 and have been runners-up in another three -- a mind-blowing record of consistency and durability.

The green-and-golds won six World Cups in a row between 1975 and 2000 and they've won ten of the last 12, the exceptions being Great Britain's win in 1972 and New Zealand's in 2008. In each case the Aussies were beaten finalists.

Indeed, so often have they finished on top of the world that many Aussie rugby league fans right now, including my mate Bob McKenzie in Sydney, say his nation's media has become blase about internationals over the years and now attach far more importance and prestige to State of Origin and the high-intensity clashes of New South Wales and Queensland.

That's a shame, but come the autumn the Aussies will be here again and so will their country's top sporting journalists like the brilliant Roy Masters, not to mention the better known (in this country) Steve Mascord, who now lives in London and is famously known for his rugby league globe-trotting.

A columnist for the Sydney Morning Herald and a former school teacher and rugby league coach, Masters coached the first-ever Australian Schoolboys side which toured this country in 1971 with future stars of the game like Ian Schubert, he of the flowing, golden locks, Craig Young, Les Boyd and Roy Ayliffe. Not only did they win 11 games out of 11 but they rattled up, wait for it, 108 tries against their opponents' one.

When my non-league son-in-law asks me the very reasonable question: "How is it that, year after year, decade after decade, they're superior to us?" the answer may have a connection to how they groom those with talent, even while they're still at school.

Can the men in green and gold be beaten this time? A resounding Yes. Will they be beaten? Let's say it would take a brave man to bet against them, but the likes of England, New Zealand and maybe Tonga will give it a good go.

England are grouped with Samoa, France and Greece.

Australia go with Fiji, Scotland and Italy. New Zealand meet Jamaica, Ireland and Lebanon.

Tonga are faced with Papua New Guinea, Wales and Cook Islands.

It's going to be a fantastic World Cup. I can't wait.

2013 — SINNY CAPTAINED ENGLAND

Local legend Kevin Sinfield, whose elder brother Ian played for Roughyeds, captained Englandi in the 2013 World Cup tournament when the trophy went on display at the Mahdlo Youth Centre in Oldham town centre.

Terry Flanagan, Kevin Sinfield, Steve Molloy and our club mascot Roary were on hand to personalise this World Cup publicity project on our own doorstep, while young people of the town could get autographs and have their pictures taken with the famous trophy and, among others, with the England captain. How cool was that?

In group A, England qualified to go into the quarter-finals with wins

against Ireland and Fiji and a defeat by Australia. Coached by Steve McNamara, they beat France 34-6 in the last eight before going out to New Zealand in a fantastic semi-final at Wembley.

A Shaun Johnson try on the last play of the match gave the Kiwis a thrilling 20-18 win to set up a final between Tim Sheen's Australia and Stephen Kearney's New Zealand at Old Trafford.

Australia cruised to a 34-2

World Cup Final crowd of 74,468 -- a marvellous effort when considering both teams were from the other side of the world.

USA, in for the first time, did exceptionally well to advance beyond the groups stage, but they lost 62-0 to the mighty Australians in the last eight.

England strolled past Ireland (42-0) and Fiji (34-12) in the group, but lost narrowly to NZ in the semi-finals.



THE WORLD CUP AT MAHDLO, 2013. LEFT TO RIGHT: STEVE MOLLOY, ROARY, TERRY FLANAGAN, KEVIN SINFIELD.

2017 — TONGA AND THE BRIGHT- RED ARMY

**KIWIS CELEBRATING THEIR
2008 WORLD CUP WIN**



After the 2013 tournament it was decided the World Cup would take place every four years. In 2017 it was held in Australia, New Zealand and, for the first time, in Papua New Guinea, the only country in the world where rugby league is the national sport.

Australia beat England 6-0 in the final at Brisbane -- the lowest score in World Cup Final history -- but the nation that captured the world was Tonga with its magnificent support of a loud army of fans, singing hymns and spiritual chants and all carrying large, bright-red banners.

The world-wide TV audience loved it and the atmosphere when Tonga beat NZ 28-22 in the group stage was said to be the best-ever at an international rugby league

game. It was the first time a team from outside the big three had beaten Australia, NZ or Great Britain in more than two decades.

New Zealand, also beaten by Fiji, 4-2, didn't even make the knock-out stage --- another first because one of the leading nations had never before been despatched at such an early stage.

In the semi-final, Tonga, coached by the current St Helens boss Kristian Woolf, conceded 20 unanswered points against England before scoring three tries in the last seven minutes to pull them back to 20-18

and to give England the fright of their lives. England, coached by Wayne Bennett and captained by Sean O'Loughlin, hung on to go into the final. It was close --- oh, so close -- but the Aussies nicked it 6-0 thanks to a try-saving ankle tap near the end on Kallum Watkins.

Tonga will want to go one better this time, NZ will want to make up for their worst-ever World Cup, Australia will be determined to continue their dominance and Shaun Wane's England will be hoping there are no more ankle-taps. Bring it on !

**HOW THE CHRONICLE
WEBSITE REPORTED
MAHDLO'S WORLD CUP
EXPERIENCE IN 2013.**

The screenshot shows the Oldham Evening Chronicle website. The main headline is "World Cup inspiration". Below it, a sub-headline reads "YOUNGSTERS had a ball in the presence of an Oldham legend at Mahdlo's Rugby League World Cup." The article text mentions England captain Kevin Sinfield and former Waterhead junior player Terry Flanagan. A photo shows a group of young players and adults. The website layout includes a search bar, navigation links, and a sidebar with "News Categories".

OLDHAM EVENING Chronicle

World Cup inspiration

Reporter: Andrew Rudkin
Date online: 17 June 2013

YOUNGSTERS had a ball in the presence of an Oldham legend at Mahdlo's Rugby League World Cup.

England captain and former Waterhead junior player Kevin Sinfield returned to his roots to inspire young people at the youth zone event.

Terry Flanagan, another Oldham rugby league great and Mahdlo's chairman, joined the Leeds Rhinos star and Oldham Roughyeds players in sharing their tales of rugby stardom, as well as watching starlets battle it out in a tag rugby tournament.

The event was part of Mahdlo's "Try, Train, Team" programme, which encourages young people to scrum on down and try a sport.

Wouldn't it be great if your check-outs

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Oldham Rugby League World Cup at Mahdlo, with England's Kevin Sinfield, along with Terry Flanagan, Roughyeds players and youngsters

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RUGBY LEAGUE EVENT



ROUGHYEDS were represented at a major rugby league event at Mahdlo, Oldham's youth zone, by Josh Crowley, Mo Agoro, Sam Singleton and Rory the mascot. Also pictured here is Oldham-born Kevin Sinfield, the captain of England and Leeds Rhinos.

The event was part of Mahdlo's "Try, Train, Team" programme which encourages young people to participate in sport against teams from other youth zones across the region.

The Rugby League World Cup starts here in England in October and the 200 or so visitors who turned up to the Mahdlo event could talk to Kevin, the England captain, and look at the World Cup silverware which will be up for grabs come the autumn.

Roughyeds were proud and privileged to be there.

Anyone aged 8 to 12 can go to Mahdlo every Saturday morning and 'Try Rugby' or call Claire on 07507-038 160 or visit the Mahdlo website at www.mahdloyz.org.





Can you name this man? He used to play for us...

In the last issue of 'Roughyeds Review' we used the two pictures above and posed the question: Can you name this man? He used to play for us.

Well, we can now reveal he is **RICHARD BLACKMAN**, who came up from London as a promising young winger -- he could fly --- and signed for us in 1989 at the age of 18 or 19.

In that period we had a lot of quality young players. He didn't get much chance in the first team. but he played in each of the three pre-season friendlies while Roughyeds were on tour in the South of France in August, 1991.

He scored a try at Pia in the tour opener and also played in the other two games at Carcassonne (the battle of Carcassonne, if you remember) and at Villeneuve-sur-Lot.

It was after Oldham's win at Villeneuve that the team coach set off in a hurry because it was to travel through the night to catch an early-morning ferry, hundreds of miles away, back to England.

Roger Halstead, who was travelling with team for the Oldham Chronicle, remembers it well.

He recalled: "We had been on the road for several miles when suddenly somebody at the back of the bus, yelled: "Where's Keith Atkinson? We've left him at Villeneuve"

"The driver pulled in and stopped. Then, while Peter Tunks and club officials were in a huddle about what to do next, a car screeched to a halt in front of the bus and out jumped a red-faced Atky, full of apologies but clearly relieved to have caught up with his mates as they headed off through the night, homeward-bound."

Anyway, back to Richard, who did well on that tour, but whose main claim to fame in rugby league terms was to be a key part of the Oldham squad that won the prestigious Wigan sevens at Central Park.

Roughyeds beat St Helens, Halifax and Wakefield to become surprise winners of the trophy with the following squad: Steve Warburton,

Paul Round, Abe Phillip, Simon Longstaffe, Ian Bates, Vince Nicklin, Richard Blackman, Richard Russell.

Now aged 51, Richard (Blackman) lives in the Netherlands with his wife Marjan and 11-month-old pet dog, a Doberman Pinscher, whom they both adore.

Thinking back to the sevens win at Central Park, he said: "I think our victory was as much a surprise to us as it was to everyone else !

ANSWER: RICHARD BLACKMAN

"Most of my boyhood heroes were at Wigan's famous old ground that day and I was in awe of everyone and everything.

"I will never forget the small band of Oldham supporters, who cheered us on and did us proud."

And what of those pictures with the bow and arrow?

Added Richard: "They were taken a couple of years ago with the intention of highlighting my loss of weight. I had been working hard on that.

"It was a bit of fun at the time but it also served as a reminder to me that there was life after rugby and that there was still life in this old dog yet."

Richard wishes to be remembered to all his old friends in Oldham, to whom he sends his very best of wishes.

The Oldham sevens team that won the 1991 Wigan tournament.

Back row: Steve Warburton, Paul Round, Abe Phillip, Simon Longstaffe. Front-row: Ian Bates, Vince Nicklin, RICHARD BLACKMAN, Richard Russell.



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How the Chronicle reported the signings of Richard Pachniuk, Tommy Martyn and Richard Blackman in 1989 -- two years before Blackman starred in the sevens win at Wigan.

Left to right: Pachniuk, Martyn, Blackman, coach Tony Barrow. By the time Oldham were shock winners of the Wigan sevens, the coach was Peter Tunks.



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01	Dan Abram	Rugby Oldham
02	Tommy Brierley	David and Val Webster
03	Ben Heaton	Stephen Butterfield
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14	Matty Wilkinson	John & Lynda McAndrew
15	Luke Nelmes	Gareth Hughes
16	Tyler Dupree	Gerry Jones & Caroline Hughes
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24	Max Roberts	Available - Ring 07904 898177
25	Danny Bridge	Gerald Brierley
26	James Barran	Available - Ring 07904 898177
27	Ben Holcroft	Available - Ring 07904 898177
28	Joe Hartley	Available - Ring 07904 898177
30	Dec Gregory	John and Lynda McAndrew
31	John Hutchings	Available - Ring 07904 898177
33	Jamie Abram	Available - Ring 07904 898177
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04	Matt Fleming
05	Will Oakes
06	Paul Sykes
07	Liam Finn
09	Reiss Butterworth
10	Tom Garratt
11	Jason Walton
12	Michael Knowles
13	Chris Annakin
14	Sam Day
15	Keenen Tomlinson
18	Davey Dixon
20	Aaron Hall
23	Jon Magrin
24	Jordan Schofield
25	James Thornton
26	Bayley Liu
27	Lewis Carr
29	Rhys Davies
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