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Welcome back for the next chapter of the 2021 season.

A CHAT WITH THE CHAIRMAN

CHRIS HAMILTON

This time against Featherstone Rovers who sit second in the league, due to the anomalies of the way this season's placings are calculated.

We know we are in for a very tough game but hopefully so do Featherstone!

The performance last week was one of which everybody connected with our club should be very proud.

To put in that display against the full-time, big-spending team from across the Channel was nothing less than fantastic and although, at the end of the day, it was another defeat, I think lots of people were very surprised at just how much we restricted Toulouse and imposed ourselves on the game.

Many people would have been expecting a cricket score - similar, in fairness, to many of the Toulouse results so far this season - so it was particularly nice to prove those people

wrong and maybe prove a point to others.

The desire of the team to stay in the game and to keep working for each other means we still have plenty to play for this season and another similar performance this afternoon would be most welcome.

For their part, Featherstone have continued this season like they have for the past few years now. They are rightly considered one of the top teams knocking on the door of Super League.

It seems a lifetime ago since we were playing them at Headingley in the 2007 National League Two Grand Final in front of 22,00 people.

Does anybody remember that Co-operative Grand Final ? Adam Hughes scored the first try with a long-range interception, but we were badly hit during the game by injuries to Byron Ford, Tony Tonks and Geno Costin and

Rovers went on to win 24-6.

This year they won the 1895 Cup at Wembley which was, without doubt, a fantastic day for the club. We wish them well for the rest of the season, after today of course !

There are four games to go, including today, and everybody at the club is totally committed to finishing the season on a high with as many wins as possible.

It then remains to be seen what happens, but I think last week amply demonstrated there will be no surrender at this club. Performances like last week, and the undoubted moral victory it gave us, are an indication of just how hard the players and staff are working to improve week on week.

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ON THE INSIDE . . .

with Brian McDermott

A FUNNY thing happened last week in the game against Toulouse.

First let's credit them for the win. They have to get up for each and every game in the knowledge that they're more than likely going to win. That is an extremely unique and challenging situation to be in and in itself is a huge challenge for their coaches and players to manage.

That said, on the other side of the coin, it isn't often that teams go into games in the knowledge that they're probably going to get beaten, given the disparity of spending and the size and speed of the athletes they're facing.

It's in that context that I'd like to highlight the 'funny thing' that unfolded in last week's game.

For the first time this year, the team performed for the whole game. Up to this point we've had periods of good defence; we've had periods of reasonable attack; and

we've had a sporadic and inconsistent kicking game. Add to this our tendency to throw possession away for fun... ? ... then we are where we are.

But back to last week. The team put together more good periods than bad ones. So far we've had more bad periods than good, but against a team much bigger and faster with more miles on the clock in terms of experience and the number of games played our team defended on a level I doubt they've reached before.

Our attack looked threatening and caused Toulouse all manner of problems and we had a kicking game which we can build upon.

Our kicking game so far has been Japanese kamikaze style. Whatever we were doing it was only putting pressure on our own forwards, not the opposition, yet last week we finally saw a team put under pressure and struggling to get out of their area.

The task this week is to extend those 'good periods' long enough to stay 'in the contest'.

The same unwritten rules apply whatever standard of Rugby League you're playing at. You've got to:

- 1: Have enough possession to be threatening
- 2: Kick well enough to apply some pressure
- 3: Defend strongly enough so you're not missing silly tackles or inviting the referee into making a decision

We did all three... but not for long enough.

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YOUR CAPTAIN CALLING

Gareth Owen on the ball

I said last week we were going to keep fighting until the final hooter at the end of the last match of the season and I think the fans who were at the game last Sunday against Toulouse Olympique will agree that we really did have a good crack at them.

For periods of the game we were definitely on top but for the entire 80 minutes, every single player gave everything he had to give.

In the end Toulouse were too fit and fast for us. When they got a roll on we struggled to handle them but, like I said before, for periods of the game we matched them shot for shot.

That attitude will also roll on to this week against Featherstone Rovers, who are second in the Betfred Championship.

Rovers or Olympique are, quite rightly, hot favourites to be in Super League next year, so Rovers will provide us with just as tough a task as did the French side, if not more so.

As I say, though, we'll be bidding to emulate last week's performance.

We don't need telling we've got another tough task ahead, but we play every game to win . . . and stranger things have happened !

Finally, a massive thank-you to you all for the great support you gave us last week. It was really inspirational and it certainly touched a note with Toulouse. You can read in Chris's notes on page 3 that they emailed him on Monday and made special reference to the atmosphere our fans generated.

It was a nice gesture by the French club and, on behalf of all the players here, I would like to add to it by saying that we might not have the biggest fan base in the Championship, but we firmly believe in the dressing room that we've got the best.

Thanks again from all the players,
Gareth

Player Focus 1

Tommy Brierley



Our right-winger TOMMY BRIERLEY has played in 16 of a possible 19 games so far in this his first season at the Roughyeds. He's scored five tries from the wing to emerge as our highest-scoring back, in joint third place behind Tyler Dupree (9), Martyn Reilly (6) and on the same total as Danny Langtree, who also has five.

The 19 games have yielded 51 tries, scored as follows: Dupree (9), Reilly (6), Brierley (5), Langtree (5), Dan Abram (3), Heaton (3), Charnock (2), Hewitt (2), Ince (2), Kirk (2), Nelmes (2), Roberts (2), Barran (1), Bibby (1), Croft (1), Green (1), Holcroft (1), Pick (1), Roby (1), Senior (1).

That's 26 by the forwards and 25 by the backs . . . does that tell us something ?

Back to Tommy, who was in the same Leeds Rhinos nursery as Tyler Dupree. He played scholarship and academy rugby at Headingley from the age of 14 until he was 20, after which he played for York City Knights, Hunslet and Coventry Bears before signing for Roughyeds as a free agent last close season.

While at York, he suffered a serious anterior cruciate ligament injury (knee) which threatened a career that had earned him Yorkshire Academy honours during his Leeds days. He fought back from that injury and now says he is feeling as fit and as strong as he has ever felt.

While at Leeds, he was also selected to take part in a scheme in which certain youngsters were invited to train with the first-team squad in a bid to fast-track their development.

At the time he signed for Roughyeds before the start of this season, Tommy said it was obvious the Oldham club was ambitious to do well and was moving in the right direction and he wanted to be part of it.

The Q and A with Tommy went like this:

Q: What's your day job ?

A: I'm a warehouse manager at Euro Car Parts, which has 30 branches nationwide with several in Leeds and West Yorkshire.

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

A: I turned off the electricity in half the school so I didn't have to do a computer lesson.

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

A: I'd probably buy myself a big, expensive car.

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**Out for a bonding session...
That's me with a few of the
Oldham lads**



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

A: Rob Burrow. I had the pleasure of being coached and trained by Rob during my time at Leeds. His rugby career speaks for itself with the amount of stuff he learned and the trophies he won, but it isn't widely known he also helped loads of young players to develop their game by coaching them behind the scenes. Then there's the way he has coped with his illness. A great bloke.

Q: How would your team mates describe you?

A: They would probably say I moan a lot, but I would like to think I'm a good lad to have around the group -- someone who likes a laugh.

Q: What's your biggest achievement in rugby?

A: Playing regularly for Oldham in the Championship.

At home in Dewsbury... that's me and my partner Nicole.



Q: And your biggest disappointment?

A: Probably my ACL injury -- a nasty one.

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

A: I enjoy a good meal out with my girlfriend, also going to the cinema. And I like to watch Leeds United.

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

A: It's great to be part of a really tight-knit group. Then there are our fantastic fans who get behind us week after week.

Q: What would be your dream role in life ?

A: To go to countries that don't play rugby league, to teach them about our terrific sport.

Player Focus 2

Martyn Reilly



Martyn Reilly, a 'middle man' who knows his way to the line, has had a fine first season at the Roughyeds, playing in 17 of our 19 games so far.

His try against unbeaten table-toppers Toulouse Olympique last Sunday was his sixth of the season and placed him in second place in our club try-scoring charts behind Tyler Dupree on nine.

A Leeds lad, Martyn started off at Drighlington ARLFC before joining Wakefield Trinity. Halifax came next and then Dewsbury Rams, who offered him new terms for the 2021 season. He made what he called the "desperately tough" decision to reject the Rams offer and, instead to come to Oldham with his fellow Yorkshire forwards Dupree, Liam Kirk, Shaun Pick, Jode Sheriffe and Luke Nelmes.

Q: What's your day job ?

A: I teach maths and P.E at an alternative High School in South Leeds -- a school for pupils with social, emotional, mental health and problems of behaviour, who have been previously excluded from a mainstream school or are at risk of being excluded.

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

A: I couldn't pinpoint one particular thing I did in school -- I was just a constant nightmare!

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

A: Ronnie O'Sullivan; the best in the world at what he does, and he's maintained that standard for more than 20 years. Not many people could do that for so long. He's entertaining to watch and he is still on top after a lot of ups and downs.

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

A: A take-away and a few beers to celebrate (ha-ha), then a house with a nice, big indoor swimming pool.

Q: What's your biggest achievement in rugby ?

A: Getting back to playing again after having my anterior cruciate ligament (knee) reconstructed and being out for nearly a year. It took a lot of work and commitment and I had a lot of low days. When I finally got back on the field it felt as if all my hard work and effort had paid off.

Q: And your biggest disappointment ?

A: That's a tough one. I don't really know the answer. There have been a few disappointments, but I try to see the positives. Easy to say, I know, but that's what I try to do.

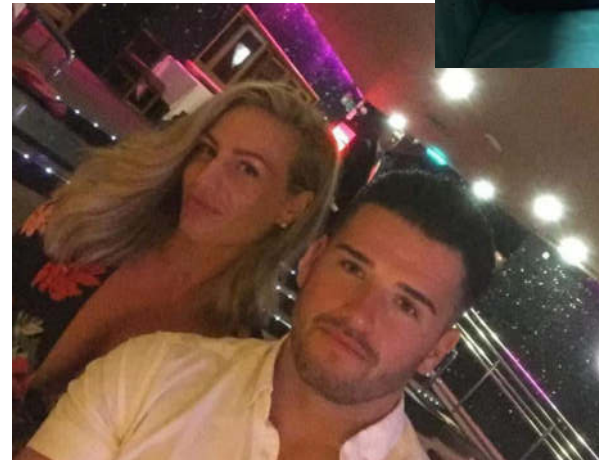
Q: How do you think your team mates would describe you ?

A: Ha-ha. That would depend on who you ask. I think they would say I'm slightly annoying and think I'm funnier than I actually am; always with a story to tell and maybe a wind-up merchant. I give Nelmesy (Luke Nelmes) and Kirky (Liam Kirk) a lot of hammer, but I'd like to think most of them like me.



MARTYN REILLY IN ACTION

**Time to relax after a game.
Me and some of the lads.**



Me and Laura, my partner.

Q: Away from rugby and your day job, what do you like to do most ?

A: I coach my local amateur team where most of my mates play and I spend a lot of time at my Mum and Dad's home. I'm passionate about food and I love going out to eat, either that or enjoying a meal on the sofa with the missus and my dog Kinder, while watching documentaries or Denzel Washington films. After rugby on Sundays, I like a drink with my mates too.

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

A: As this was my first year at Oldham, I didn't know what it would be like, but I can honestly say it's a great squad to be in with lots of different characters. I immediately

felt at home. The lads are class; no egos; nobody thinks they are better than the team which is very important to me and to my way of thinking.

Q: What would be your dream role in life?

A: I'd probably say being a stay-at-home son. I try to spend as much time at my Mum's as I can because she loves doing everything for me and even more so since I moved out. So to get paid to stay at my Mum's while she did everything for me would be even better. Haha.

Spirited teamwork, oozing with pride and passion

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TYLER DUPREE



HARVEY SPENCE



SHAUN PICK



LUKE NELMES



MARTYN REILLY

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS

Hot on the heels of promotion rivals Toulouse Olympique, Featherstone Rovers arrive at Bower Fold today fully focussed on keeping up the chase for a place in Super League.

Rovers currently find themselves in second position in this year's Championship table despite having accrued more league points than any other team.

The win percentage nature of this season's competition places Toulouse Olympique in top spot since they have won 100% of their games played. Rovers have lost just one game — to Olympique — and thus occupy the lower position with a win ratio of %88.23.

Today's fixture is the third meeting between Oldham and Rovers this year. They first met in a pre-season friendly at The Millennium Stadium, Featherstone back in March.

The game represented a return to action for both clubs after the Covid suspension and presented the opportunity for each to blow away a few cobwebs.

Featherstone won the game 58-10 with each side fielding as many squad members as possible to give each player some much needed game time.

Mid-May saw the season's first competitive game between the two clubs.

An evening kick-off — again over in Featherstone — saw the home side race to a 40-0 half-time lead.

Oldham played down the slope in the first half and after their first set, Dan Abram kicked deep into the home side's 20-metre zone. Dane Chisholm attacked the ball at speed, brushed off two weak challenges and finished off under the posts at the other end of the field.

The Chisholm try set the tone for the remainder of the game and by the time the final hooter sounded, Oldham had conceded 68 points without reply.

Featherstone have been steadily going about their business this year. Coach James Webster has put together a strong side that has proved too good for every opponent other than table topping Toulouse.

Sides in the mid-to-lower reaches of the table have all been defeated with the Rovers scoreline passing the 50 mark on several occasions. Halifax, York and Batley all came close pulling off wins against Rovers but our visitors had the resilience to hold on and grab the spoils.

A much anticipated match-up between high flying Toulouse and Rovers took place on the first day of August. The French side travelled to West Yorkshire where Rovers lay waiting.

3500 fans packed into the old Post Office Road ground to witness the two top teams go at each other hammer and tongs.

It was Toulouse who would claim a victory by scoring four tries to one in their favour. Gareth Gale scored the only try for Rovers and it wasn't enough to stop the French team bagging the two points. It's highly likely the two teams will meet again when we reach the business end of the season unless there's a dark horse lurking further down the league waiting to cause an upset.

Featherstone can boast some impressive firepower in their squad with Super League quality players. Dane Chisholm, Kris Welham, James Harrison and Brett Feres are just a few of the stars within their ranks and they're sure to put out a strong team today. In view of Oldham's performance last week, the Rovers team will not be taking the Roughyeds lightly.

DAVE NAYLOR LOOKS AT ROVERS AND PICKS OUT THREE TO WATCH

Three To Watch



DANE CHISHOLM

31 year-old full-back or half-back from New South Wales in Australia.

After playing for junior club Mullumbimby Giants he signed for Melbourne Storm in 2011. He made one senior NRL appearance in round 10 of the 2011 season against the Canberra Raiders.

Moved to the UK to play for Hull Kingston Rovers at the end of the 2015 season before spending time with both Sheffield Eagles and Bradford Bulls.

Signed for Rovers at the start of the 2019 season.

Dane has represented France at international level, scoring three tries in four games.



JAMES HARRISON

Leeds born second-row or prop who began his career at Drighlington ARLFC.

Spent time with the Huddersfield Giants youth set-up before joining the Bradford Bulls academy.

Signed for Championship side Batley Bulldogs in 2015 and was part of John Kear's side that finished in a highly respectable third place.

Left Batley for Featherstone in 2019 and spent a period of time on loan at Leeds Rhinos in 2020 when he made four Super League appearances.

James is the son of former England International and Super League coach Karl Harrison. He is due to move to Warrington Wolves in 2022.



TOM HOLMES

Half-back who joined the Castleford Tigers from Castleford Lock Lane ARLFC in 2014. Made his Super League debut in 2015 against the Catalans Dragons and went on to score four tries in twenty appearances for the West Yorkshire club.

First joined Featherstone in 2018 before leaving for Huddersfield Giants where he made nineteen Super League appearances.

Returned to Featherstone initially on loan but is now a contracted Rovers player at the Millennium Stadium.

TRACING THE ORIGINS OF THE PAST PLAYERS' ASSOCIATION

Roger Halstead investigates

The Oldham Ex-Players Association is keen to build its associations with fellow Rugby League organisations in the borough, such as Oldham RLFC, the Oldham Amateur League, Rugby Oldham and the Oldham RL Heritage Trust.

There is some wrap-over already, with representatives of some bodies sitting on the committees of the others, but the men who have worn the jersey, and have put their bodies on the line on behalf of our club and our town, clearly think there is more to be gained from closer liaisons.

To that end, Oldham RLFC is delighted to offer a slot in its online programme for news and views on what the Ex players are up to. It won't appear in every programme, but whenever there is anything to share with you from the Ex-Players you will be able to read about it here.

To kick it off, they are again sponsoring Phil Joy for this 2021 season, but on the question of a match sponsorship, which has been affected by Covid, lockdowns, closed turnstiles and the like, they have decided to put it on hold until 2022 when they will review it again.

Adrian Alexander, an ambassador for Oldham RLFC and a leading member of the Ex Players, will report back to the next monthly meeting at Springhead Liberal Club on September 6 (7.45pm) about how the association can best get involved with the

parent club, over and above current links.

Talking of the next meeting, it's for members only, but any former players of Oldham RLFC who would like to join (£10 a year membership fee) would be made most welcome.



On a similar theme, the EX Players are keen to forge more links also with Rugby Oldham, the Supporters Trust, and to develop the ideas that both organisations have to keep alive both the legacy and the future of Oldham Rugby League Club. On behalf of the Ex-Players, Ray Hicks will be asked to attend the next meeting of Rugby Oldham.

As with Rugby Oldham and Oldham RLFC, the Ex-Players will continue to develop links with the Oldham Amateur League, who are currently trying to secure a date and venue for the 2022 Standard Cup.

Interestingly, the Ex-Players believe the organisation may be coming up to its 50th Anniversary. There is no definitive documentation of when it was first formed, but secretary Joe Warburton has discovered minutes dated 1973 at a meeting at the Parkfield Hotel, Ripponden Road.

Tommy Leyland (chairman), Fred Howarth (sec) and Roland Barrow (chairman) headed a committee comprising of B Ambler, A Bell, A Clarke, E Foote, N Harris, A Jarman, H Lomas, K Lowe, W Mitchell, A Ogden and N Pugh. Vice-presidents were named as K Fisher, E Mellor, S McBride, L Palmer and A Taylor.

If anyone has any information about the original launch of the organisation it would be much appreciated.

Mike Turner of the Oldham RL Heritage Trust has, in fact, unearthed evidence of a meeting held in February, 1970 and of a Past Players' dinner held in May that year which refers to the event as the association's 'first reunion'. The organisation is also called 'The Cherry-Whites'.

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JOE Warburton back in the day as an Oldham player. He's now taken on the job of secretary of the Past Players' Association.



JOHN Watkins -- ring John for Past Players' dinner tickets on 07974612038



RAY Hicks as Roughyeds fans will remember him. Now heavily involved with the Past Players Association.



It would appear, therefore, that the association's 50th birthday could be reasonably accurately placed in the year 2020, so it will now be up to the Past Players to determine whether they wish to celebrate in retrospect or wait for another milestone in years to come.

Because of the strange circumstances surrounding 2021 (Covid etc), this year's membership fees will run over to 2022, but £10 renewals and payment for new members are due in January, 2022.

Tony Finan asked at the last meeting for updates on the Oldham RLFC Heritage display in Oldham Library. It was decided that approaches should be made to all stakeholders with a view to approaching local community clubs and local schools to encourage young people to visit the display in the hope it might arouse their interest.

It was reported that Past Players' annual dinners in the area were coming up as follows:

OLDHAM: Friday, October 15, at St Herbert's Parish Hall on Broadway. Guest speaker, Lestyn Harris. Tickets £30 from Joe Warburton or John Watkins. Donations for raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. Ring 07882848340 or 07974612038.

There will also be a social evening on Friday, December 3 at Springhead Liberal Club with a comedian and music provided by DJ Bing Findlater, the former Fitton Hill and Waterhead forward. Tickets cost £5.

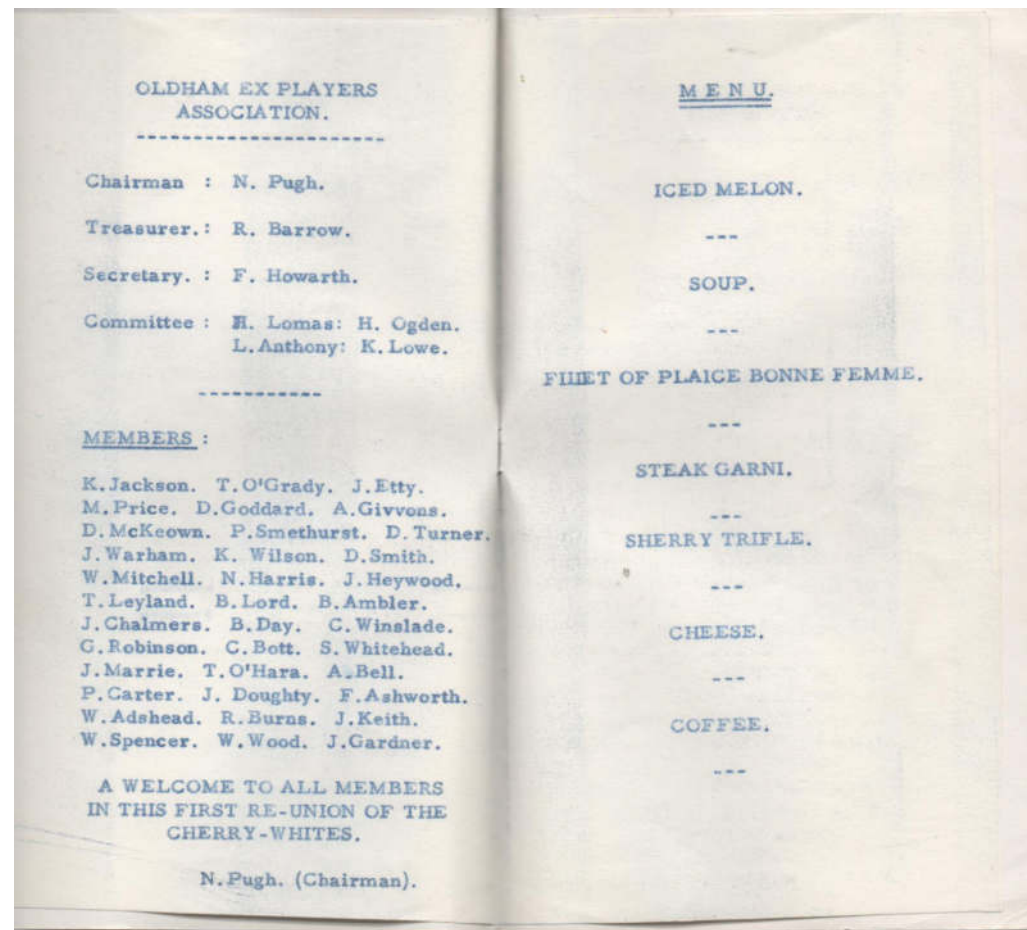
HUDDERSFIELD: Friday, October 22. Listen to Mick Morgan and Ian Watson. Anyone wishing to go can get more information from John Watkins.

ROCHDALE: Friday, February 25, 2022 at Rochdale Golf Club, More info nearer the time.



ADRIAN Alexander in his playing days. He now has the dual role of Roughyeds Ambassador and leading member of the Past Players.

Menu from the Past Players' dinner in May, 1970.



Our thanks and gratitude go to Michael Turner and the Oldham RL Heritage Trust for their constant and continued help in the production of these Online programmes.



FULL MARKS TO MAX, BUT HE'S A LOT TO DO TO BEAT JOE LAWTON!

Full marks to young centre Max Roberts who, in his first season of senior rugby, is within four games of recording a fantastic achievement --- playing in EVERY game.

Not only that, he has been a starting centre in each of Roughyeds' 19 games this year in cup and league and he's the only player at the club who can say that.

Danny Langtree has played in all 19, but once as a sub, and Liam Bent has also gone through the season without missing a match, although he has been on the bench in the last three games

Only Roberts, the young kid from Wigan, has made 19 starts and in most of those games, if not all, he's been on the field for the full 80 minutes. Well done Max ! What a start to rugby league life outside Wigan !

The prospects of the youngster going through the year as an ever-present made

us think about other players down the years who have done the same and we are once again indebted to Mike Turner and the Oldham RL Heritage Trust for providing the facts and figures.

The daddy of 'em all must be Joe Lawton, a half-back who was born in Scouthead and played for Highmoor and Mayfield, before signing for Oldham for whom he played in every match between September 4, 1897 and November 2, 1901. He never missed a game in FOUR consecutive seasons and his 134 appearances in a row will probably be a club record that remains unbeaten for all time.

Tommy Rees (1933-34 and 1934-35) and Lee Doran (2003 and 2004) did two seasons in a row but in more recent times few did better than Josh Crowley, who completed THREE full seasons without missing a game in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Seasonal ever-presents (pre-war)

1897-98 Joe Lawton
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Sam Wilson
Arthur Lees
Em Bonser
1900-01 Joe Lawton
1902-03 Harry Topham
1918-19 Rod Marlor
1926-27 Jack Read
1928-29 Emlyn Watkins
1933-34 Tommy Rees
1934-35 Tommy Rees
1937-38 Fred Ashworth
1938-39 Jack Read
Billy Moore

Seasonal ever-presents (post-war)

1963-64 Charlie Bott
1966-67 Kevin Taylor
1971-72 Martin Murphy
1972-73 Mike Elliott
1974-75 Mike Elliott
Fred Hall
1977-78 Roger O'Mahoney
1980-81 Terry Flanagan
1981-82 Mick Parrish
Brian Caffery
1982-83 Ray Ashton
Alan McCurrie
1984-85 Mick Parrish
1987-88 Kevin Meadows
Mal Graham
1990-91 Mike Ford

Seasonal ever-presents (from 1998 onwards)

1999 Joe McNicholas
Aidie Mead
Daniel Brown
2000 Mark Sibson
John Hough
2001 Phil Farrell
Pat Rich
Neil Roden
2003 Lee Doran
2004 Lee Doran
Nick Johnson
2005 Gavin Dodd
2008 James Coyle
2010 Paul O'Connor
Lucas Onyango
Mick Fogerty
Martin Roden
Dave Ellison
Joe Chandler
2011 Paul Noone
2012 Jason Boults
2013 Josh Crowley
Adam Files
2014 Josh Crowley
Michael Ward
2015 Josh Crowley
2019 Scott Law



JOE LAWTON --
134 games in a row,
a club record



ADAM FILES --
every game in 2013



JOSH CROWLEY -- played every
game across three seasons



MICHAEL WARD --
didn't miss a game in 2014

REMEMBER THIS ? HOW ROVERS BROKE OUR HEARTS IN THE 2007 GRAND FINAL

It was Sunday, October 7, 2007. Headingley was alive with mingling crowds and the air was buzzing with excitement and eager anticipation of what was to come.

On the one hand there were red and white shirts, scarves, bobble hats. And there were hundreds, if not thousands, of metal-grey flat caps worn by Rovers fans - mass symbols of Featherstone's proud past as a small Yorkshire mining community sitting on top of the black stuff hundreds of feet underground that was at the very core of Featherstone's heritage.

This was more than a National League Two Grand Final in Rugby League --- it was Oldham v Featherstone Rovers, Lancashire v Yorkshire, Cotton v Coal. If Cotton was King on the red side of the Northern hills that form our geographical spine in this part of the world, Coal was all that and more on the other side where roses bloom in white, fed and nurtured as they are by the rich, organic soils of what was once the mighty Yorkshire coalfield.

On this autumn day 14 years ago, the teams were to line up like this, each seeking the ultimate prize of promotion to NL1:

OLDHAM: Gareth Langley; Byron Ford, Craig Littler, Adam Hughes, Lucas Onyango; Neil Roden, James

Coyle; Anthony Tonks, Simeon Hoyle, Richard Mervill, Ian Sinfield, Robert Roberts, Geno Costin. Subs: Ian Hodson, Alex Wilkinson, Said Tamghart, Matty Brooks.

ROVERS: Loz Wildbore; Danny Kirmond, Jon Whittle, Wayne McHugh, Ade Adebisi; Andy Kain, Paul Handforth; Gareth Handford, Joe McLocklan, Stuart Dickens, Jamie Field, Richard Blakeway, Tom Haughey. Subs: Jamie Benn, Ian Tonks, James Houston, Gavin Swinson.

Centre Adam Hughes, one of six Tykes in the Oldham 17, opened the scoring with a long-range interception try, but Roughyeds were to be badly hit by injuries to Byron Ford, Tony Tonks and Geno Costin and Rovers ran out worthy 24-6 winners to book their passage into the higher division.

For the record, Hughes (try), Langley (goal) scored Oldham's points, while McHugh (2) and Handforth scored tries for Rovers, with Dickens kicking five goals from six attempts and Wildbore slotting a couple of drop goals.

Both clubs have progressed since then, but they go head to head again today, with Oldham battling to stay in tier two and Rovers fighting to get out of it at the top end and then go on to Super League.

CHRIS HAMILTON (cont. from page 3)

Last Monday I also received an email from Toulouse congratulating the team on their performance and also congratulating the fans for the atmosphere they generated.

We can't lie and say the attendance was anywhere near what we want it to be, but we all appreciate these

are difficult times and we will continue to give 100 per cent every time we go on the field.

After today, our next home game, against Newcastle Thunder on Sunday 12th September, is also our last Bower Fold fixture of the 2021 season so please

spread the word among friends, relatives, neighbours, work mates etc.

Please continue to get behind the side like you have all season and who knows...

Enjoy the game
Christopher Hamilton
Chairman

BRIAN MCDERMOTT (cont. from page 4)

This week we face possibly a bigger challenge than last week.

Featherstone are on the hunt and are chasing Toulouse and promotion. They're hungry and have got momentum. Credit must go to the club and its chairman, Mark Campbell, for how he has driven standards over the last decade and created a club worthy of a Super League place.

Coach James Webster, too, needs recognition for how

well Rovers are playing. Their recent loss to Toulouse will serve them well. They can be a more clinical team than Toulouse and I can see them nailing the big day if they're willing to be brave in how they defend and attack.

That said, our men must 'get up again' and reach those standards we got to last week

Our target remains the same and coming out of these two games with our integrity

intact is something we need to do to be in good shape for the last three games of the year.

Thanks to every one for last week's post-game reception for the players. I could see you all appreciated the effort that went into the game and the players really appreciated your support.

Regards,
Brian

How unlucky can you be?

Fenton Rogers's 5-match ban is the latest of several Roughyeds' setbacks suffered this season involving loan players.

Full-back Tom Nisbit, from St Helens, was sent off in his first loan game at York and was transferred back without playing another game. Prior to his dismissal for a high tackle, he had impressed.

Teenage centre Jack Croft, from Wakefield, scored the winning try against Halifax, but

damaged a knee against Whitehaven next time out and never played for us again.

Then former Castleford Tigers youngster Bradley Jinks signed on trial from local amateurs Waterhead only to damage a shoulder on debut after making a brilliant dummy-half break that had stamped him as a young player with lots to offer.

Will our bad luck ever end ?



OLDHAM RLFC



FEATHERSTONE ROVERS



01	Dan Abram	Rugby Oldham
02	Tommy Brierley	David and Val Webster
03	Ben Heaton	Stephen Butterfield
05	Ryan Ince	Oldham RL Heritage Trust
06	Lewis Charnock	Anne Kearns
07	Dave Hewitt	Gordon Sedgwick
08	Phil Joy	Past Players Association
09	Gareth Owen	CDX Security
10	Jack Spencer	Graeme Lee
11	Danny Langtree	David and Val Webster
12	Liam Bent	Pam Taylor/ LTS
13	Martyn Reilly	Dynasty Denture Solutions
14	Matty Wilkinson	John & Lynda McAndrew
15	Luke Nelmes	Gareth Hughes
16	Tyler Dupree	Gerry Jones & Caroline Hughes
17	Liam Kirk	Fab-tek Installations Limited
20	Jode Sheriffe	The Property Buying Co
21	Shaun Pick	Available - Ring 07904 898177
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

Brian McDermott	Property Buying Company
Brendan Sheridan	Property Buying Company
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01	Craig Hall
02	Ben Blackmore
03	Kris Welham
04	Josh Hardcastle
05	Gareth Gale
06	Tom Holmes
07	Dane Chisholm
08	Craig Kopczak
09	Fa'amanu Brown
10	James Harrison
11	Brett Ferres
12	Brad Day
13	James Lockwood (C)
14	Connor Jones
15	John Davies
16	Jack Bussey
17	Thomas Minns
18	Luke Cooper
19	Callum Field
20	Frankie Halton
21	Dean Parata
22	Jake Sweeting
23	Joe Summers
24	Dale Ferguson
25	Louis Sheriff
26	Jimmy Beckett
27	Loui McConnell
28	Jacob Doyle
30	Liam Whitton
31	Junior Moors

Head Coach: James Webster



Referee: M. Smail

Touch Judge 2: A. Johnson

Reserve Referee: S. Houghton

Time Keeper: P. Smith

Touch Judge 1: P. Marklove