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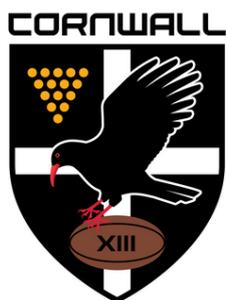
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NEIL KELLY

HEAD COACH

**WELCOME TO THE
MEMORIAL GROUND
FOR TODAY'S
LEAGUE 1 MATCH.**

**WE HOPE OUR
VISITORS ROCHDALE
HORNETS ENJOY
THEIR AFTERNOON
IN THE DUCHY.**

After two long away trips to Doncaster and Oldham it is good to be back at home and in front of our own supporters.

It was great to see such a big crowd here for the first match against Midlands Hurricanes although as I am fully aware, the result or performance was a disappointment. However, I hope that all those that came can view our project as true development of rugby league outside of its heartland areas.

A lot of the squad are either experiencing rugby league as a professional for the first time or for those that are converting from rugby union, the sport for the very first time.

I knew that the transition into a professional footballing environment would take time although in the past couple of weeks, there have been obvious signs of improvement. Against Doncaster, the margins between us and them weren't that big and I felt we got 70 to 80 per cent of the game right.

Last Sunday at Oldham it was much of the same and I thought we looked quite solid early on. But injuries disrupted us with both Jack Ray and Aaron Thomson having to go off early which forced a bit of reshuffle and Oldham took advantage.

In the second half we stayed in the fight and finished the stronger of the two teams as we exploited some gaps in Oldham's defence and fitness.

We need to build on the past two away games but know that Rochdale will be tough today. They have some household names in their team and some very good footballers at League 1 level.

We have had to dip into the loan market again to compensate for the injuries we've suffered but this is all part and parcel of football at this level.

Thank you for your support again today as the players and I really appreciate the backing we receive.



ROCHDALE HORNETS

Given the talent and experience at the hands of coach Matt Calland, expectations are high at Spotland for 2022.

In what was a disappointing season for the Hornets last year, in which they finished just outside the top six and finished as the lowest ranked heartland club in League 1, Calland will be banking on his star turns to inspire the side.

On paper, Rochdale have to be considered star-studded with former Man of Steel Rangji Chase expected to pull the midfield strings after spending part of last season at West Wales Raiders. Hooker and captain Sean Penkywicz is another member of Calland's squad who has been there and got most rugby league t-shirts around while Fuifui Moi Moi, despite his advancing years, could still prove a handful in this division at the grand age of 41. Completing the quartet of household names who will

don a Rochdale shirt in 2022 is Greg McNally. The 31-year-old Ireland international is one of the stand-out full-backs in the competition.

CLUB INFORMATION

Ground: Crown Oil Arena (10,000)

Coach: Matt Calland

Captain: Sean Penkywicz

Last season: 7th League 1

QUICK FACTS

- Rochdale are one of the 22 original founding members of the North Football Union.
- Since rugby league moved to a summer sport, Rochdale's best league finishes came in 2001, 2002, 2003 when the Hornets finished third in what is now known as the Championship.

ROCHDALE: THE STORY OF 2022 SO FAR

Rochdale arrive here in Penryn sitting second in the Betfred League 1 table behind North Wales Crusaders. Last time out, Matt Calland's men recorded a fine 56-22 win away at London Skolars - their fifth win in a row.

Despite losing to the Crusaders in Round 1, Rochdale have firmly hoisted themselves into the promotion picture after an impressive run of form.

At the New River Stadium last Saturday, London Skolars did start brightly and took the lead through Aaron Small after eight minutes. Jonathan Ball converting for the first of his three goals in the game. But Rochdale found their form soon after, Ben Calland scoring after 14 minutes. Tom Ashton (2), Gregg McNally and Fuifui Moimoi plus four Lewis Sheridan goals - he ended up with eight - put the visitors in control at half time.



Small did score a second try on 34 minutes but London still trailed 28-12 at the break.

Leighton Ball and Abevia McDonald both added second half tries inside the hour as the hosts attempted a fightback, but Rochdale proved too good on the day. Gavin Bennion was first to go over for Rochdale in the second half, quickly followed by Ashton completing his hat-trick.

Ben O'Keefe's try helped turn the screw as the second period wore on, before tries for Sheridan and Callum Marriott in the final ten minutes added extra gloss to the scoreline.

Prior to Rochdale's trip to the capital, they hosted fierce local rivals Oldham Roughyeds on Good Friday at Spotland.

Sheridan and McNally both bagged braces as the Hornets took home Easter bragging rights with a 34-18 win. However, Rochdale's victory was marred by a 55th minute dismissal of Callum Marriott for an alleged head butt.

In round three, overcame Hunslet 44-20 at Spotland. Although the final scoreline looked comfortable for the hosts, they trailed 14-10 at the mid-way point of the first half.

However, the game changed when the Parksiders' interchange Ethan O'Hanlon was sent to the sin-bin for a late challenge and Rochdale never looked back. The Hunslet cause was further hampered just shy of the hour mark when Jimmy Watson went to the bin for a shoulder charge. And further misery was inflicted upon the visitors 12 minutes from time as Kiedan Hartly was given his marching orders for dissent. Zac Baker, Ben O'Keefe and Sheridan all scored twice for the Hornets. Joe Sanderson and Jack Render touched down for Hunslet in the first half with their scoring completed by Watson in the dying embers. Rochdale's first win of the season came in round two when they defeated League 1 basement dwellers West Wales Raiders 52-12 at Stebonheath Park.

OLDHAM ROUGHYEDS 48 CORNWALL RLFC 22



A spirited comeback from Cornwall RLFC proved to be in vain as Oldham Roughyeds prevailed at a sun-drenched Vestacare Stadium to register their second win of the season.

Although the Choughs trailed 30-6 at the turnaround, they scored three tries in the second half with Oldham matching the efforts of Neil Kelly's side.

Former home favourite Harry Aaronson scored twice on his old stomping ground while Super League Grand Final winner Anthony Mullally opened his account in 2022.

Before the break, a fine finish from Liam Whitton opened Cornwall's tally but Oldham were in a position of superiority which they never looked like relinquishing despite Cornwall's late flourish.

Whitton returned to the starting line-up after serving a two game suspension while Josh Hartshorne, missing for the Doncaster defeat, was back in the second-row after recovering from illness.

Skipper Jamie Prisk was only fit enough for the bench as his recovery from a hand problem continued while Bradford Bull Sam Arundel started at centre as part of Cornwall's dual registration agreement with the Odsal side.

With Oldham smarting from a derby defeat to Rochdale on Good Friday, Stuart Littler's men raced from the traps but they found Cornwall a tough nut to crack during the early exchanges.

However, the hosts finally broke through after 11 minutes when Cornwall were unfortunately pinged on the last play for offside. From the resulting tap penalty, the ball was spun wide and Kian Morgan slid over. Martyn Ridyard added the extras and Oldham were up and running.

Cornwall were then dealt a blow just shy of the 20 minute mark when Jack Ray was forced off injured and with the visitors regrouping, prop Luke Nelmes spotted a gap in the Cornwall line and eased over.





Ridyard, who didn't miss a kick all afternoon, knocked over the extras.

The floodgates started to open for Oldham as they extended their advantage shortly after as scrum half Logan Astley, on loan from Wigan, twisted and turned to cross.

To compound Cornwall's woes, Aaron Thomson limped off with a knee problem before a marginal refereeing call saw Oldham score again. Merry whistle blower Liam Rush spotted a knock on with Cornwall looking to break from deep. The scrum went down and Oldham shipped the ball to prolific full-back Owen Restall who scored his 10th try of the season so far. Cornwall failed to crumble and scored a brilliant try before the break through the returning Whitton. Showing dynamic footwork, the former Leeds Rhinos academy graduate went in under the posts. But Oldham delivered a hammer blow after the half time hooter had sounded when a long ball found the onrushing Restall who did the rest.

The points were virtually wrapped up by Oldham five minutes into the second stanza when Rush seemed to not see a blatant knock on from Dave Hewitt whose juggling act led to another try.

Cornwall hit straight back again and Aaronson turned on the after burners to race 90 metres to score a wonderful length of the field effort but Johns couldn't add the extras.

The game was end to end at this stage and Cornwall's collective tails were very much up. However, after returning the restart with several powerful carries, the ball was spilt and in the blink of an eye, Tom Forber was over after sniping through.

Cornwall finally did cross again 10 minutes from time when Aaronson bagged his second score of the afternoon and fourth in total this season.

Oldham made a hash of the restart and Cornwall took full advantage as Mullally powered over to bring the deficit down to just 20 points.

The final word would go to Oldham as the outstanding Ridyard ran a probing line to bring Astley into play and the latter was through for his second of the afternoon

Oldham: Restall, Copland, Carr, Morgan, Cooke, Ridyard, Astley, Nelmes, Forber, Spencer, Windrow, Ferry, Whittel.

Interchange: (all used) Jinks, Thornton, Andrade, Hewitt.

Tries: Restall (2), Astley (2). Morgan, Nelmes, Hewitt, Forber. Goals: Ridyard: 8/8

Cornwall: Whitton, Nichol, Arundel, Aaronson, Myers, Jones, Purcell, Brannan, Kay, Ray, Hartshorne, Thomson, Mullally.

Interchange: (all used) Bolger, Prisk, Johns, Gilder.

Tries: Aaronson (2), Whitton, Mullally. Goals: Johns 1/2, Purcell 2/2.

Referee: Liam Rush; Touch judges: Bradley Milligan, James Collier; Reserve referee: Clint Sharrad.

Attendance: 621

TODAY'S SQUADS



Betfred League 1 Round Six
Sunday, May 1 2022
Memorial Ground 1.00pm

CORNWALL RLFC

Head coach: Neil Kelly

- 1 LIAM WHITTON
- 2 HARRY AARONSON
- 3 JOSH TORA
- 4 KYLE JOHNS
- 5 HENRY SYMONS
- 7 JOE PURCELL
- 8 ANTHONY MULLALLY
- 9 JAKE LLOYD
- 10 JACK RAY
- 11 JOSH HARTSHORNE
- 12 AARON THOMSON
- 13 LUKE COLLINS
- 14 SAM GILDER
- 15 PAUL BOLGER
- 16 SAM SNELL
- 18 DECARLO TRERISE
- 19 MATTY TURTON
- 21 ANDY KAY
- 22 JAMES COLLINGS
- 23 JAMIE PRISK (C)
- 25 CHRIS CHARD

ROCHDALE HORNETS

Head coach: Matt Calland

- 1 GREG MCNALLY
- 2 CIAN TYRER
- 3 BEN CALLAND
- 4 TOM ASHTON
- 5 DAN NIXON
- 6 RANGI CHASE
- 7 LEWIS SHERIDAN
- 8 FUIFUI MOI MOI
- 9 SEAN PENKYWICZ (C)
- 10 GAVIN BENNION
- 11 ZAC BARKER
- 12 PAUL BREARLEY
- 13 JOE TAIRA
- 14 CONNOR ASPEY
- 15 FREDDIE LOWE
- 16 JIMMY CONNAUGHTON
- 17 COBI GREEN
- 18 LUKE FOWDEN
- 19 BEN KILLAN
- 20 JOSEPH HOWE
- 21 FINLAY STEWART
- 23 RHYS DAVIES
- 24 BEN FORSTER
- 25 SCOTT PARNABY
- 27 BEN METCALFE
- 28 AIDEN RODEN
- 30 CALLUM MARRIOTT
- 31 RYAN FORSHAW

Referee: ANDREW SWEET Touch Judges: KRISTOFF YOUNG and PETER ROE Reserve Referee: PHIL JOHNSON

BETFRED LEAGUE 1 FIXTURES

All five Betfred League 1 matches are being played today with our clash against **Rochdale Hornets** starting things off at 1.00pm.

It's all eyes on Wales in the second game, where the first Welsh derby of the season will see **North Wales Crusaders** face off against **West Wales Raiders**.

It's top versus bottom at the Zip World Stadium, and the Crusaders will be confident of maintaining their perfect start to the season against their struggling rivals.

Whilst the Raiders will be aiming to grab their first points of the season, North Wales can make it six wins out of six - they've started the season excellently, and will no doubt be looking to keep their momentum going.

Elsewhere, **Midlands Hurricanes** host **Hunslet** in a battle between seventh and eighth. Both sides will fancy their chances at pushing on for a play-off spot, and will see the fixture as a chance to gain the edge over one another in the table - Hunslet are just one point behind the Hurricanes having played one game less.



Midlands followed up a comprehensive win against London Skolars with a strong performance against North Wales last week - they were leading at the interval but the league-leaders eventually had too much, edging it 22-18.

After three points in their first two games, Hunslet themselves have fallen to defeats against Rochdale and Keighley in their last two outings - they'll have to pick themselves up after losing against Keighley in the dying embers after a positive showing from the South Leeds outfit ultimately wasn't enough.

Keighley Cougars had their tails up after such a dramatic game, and marched on to a comfortable 30-0 victory against Swinton Lions last time out. They host **London Skolars** in the next match of this weekend's action.

After last season's play-off heartbreak, the Cougars have started the season with great promise - they've won four out of four so far, and have the best defence in the division with just 28 points conceded.

The final Betfred League One fixture of the weekend is a clash between two play-off challengers - last year's play-off finalists **Doncaster** welcome **Oldham** to the Eco-Power Stadium.

Doncaster sit just one point behind the Greater Manchester outfit despite playing a game less, and with a win enough to leapfrog their opponents into fifth place, we can expect a high-intensity game as the Dons look to build on their dominant display against Cornwall last time out.

Oldham also know a win can take them higher in the table, though. Only Rochdale and Swinton have scored more points than the Roughyeds this season, who will be banking on their attacking prowess to cement their stay in the play-off spots before potentially pushing on for more - it's not been the perfect start to the season by Stuart Littler's men, but some strong performances have shown they have every chance of returning to the second tier next season.

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