

Town crash again, cruelly exposed by Roughyeds

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WORKINGTON Town crashed to their 11th straight defeat in Co-operative Championship One – hammered 60-6 at home by Oldham.

What was more disturbing was that the Roughyeds played for an hour of the game with only 12 men.

In a poor, disjointed display by the Cumbrians the only bright spot was the new half-back combination of Chris Frodsham and Rob Lunt.

Frodsham has joined until the end of the season after being released by Swinton Lions while Lunt has returned to the club, having recovered from injury and enjoyed recent spells in the amateur code and on trial with Huddersfield Reserves.

They offered a glimmer of hope midst a sea of mediocrity as generally Town were not big enough, not organised well enough, not fit enough, not fast enough or not tough enough.

With trips to the two teams below them – London Skolars and Rochdale – and only two home games out of the last six fixtures (Keighley and Blackpool) there's a very real possibility that Town will finish rock bottom for the first time in their proud history.

Nobody really expected Town to turn-over high-flying Oldham but when they had Danny Helliwell sent-off on 20 minutes for punching, and were also down to eleven for a spell with Phil Joseph in the sin-bin the score should have been kept to more reasonable proportions.

Oldham had raced into a 28-0 lead by the time Town responded with a try right on half-time. Andrew Beattie and Martyn Wilson did the early running; Jarrad Stack took the ball in and Jason Mossop finished off, with Lunt converting.

Three tries in a five minute spell – from the 51st to the 56th took the game right away from Town and left them again looking at damage limitation.

But even then Oldham controlled the game – looking capable of scoring every time they got in the Workington half – and three more touchdowns in the last 12 minutes put them up to the 60 point mark.

Workington get a break from League rugby this week-end with the Blackpool Nines before facing successive trips to York City Knights and London Skolars. Defeat, particularly in the second of those fixtures, will heighten the possibility of Town picking-up the wooden spoon.