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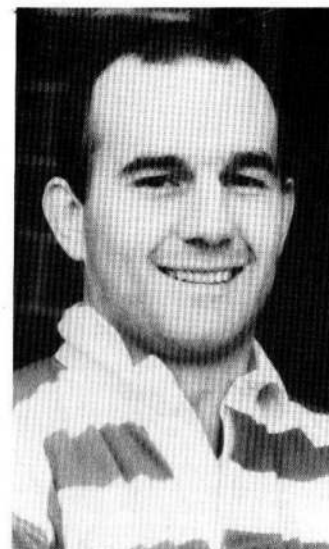
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# PLAYERS PROFILE

## Terry Flanagan



### PLAYER PROFILE NO. 2

Full Name: Terry Flanagan  
Nick Name: Flash  
Birthdate: 27.11.60  
Birthplace: Oldham  
Married Status: Sue./Daughter Louise  
Occupation: Telecommunications Engineer  
Car: Cavalier  
Fav. TV Show: The Money Programme  
Fav Film: Jungle Book  
Fav. Music: Billy Joel, Simple Minds  
Fav. Food/Drink: Steak au Poivre with Lemon Twist.  
Fav. Reading: F.T. Index  
Hobbies: Family  
Fav. Other Sports: Athletics, Soccer  
Likes about Game: Comradeship  
Dislikes about Game: Hangers-on, people commenting/without thought.

Superstitions: Always sick before match  
Fav. Ground: Watersheddings  
Fav. Position: Loose-Forward  
Best Moment: 1984 Aussie Tour  
Worst Moment: Not being picked originally.

Hardest Player to tackle: Wally Lewis  
Hardest Tackler: All players  
Fav. All-Time Player: Brother Kevin

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## **FACE IN THE CROWD**



**JACK DEARDEN** — our man on the terraces

Well, good to see us on top of the league again, (let's hope we can remain there), and all credit to Sheffield for producing some entertaining rugby. In particular, the try scored by NELSON. And they appear to have unearthed a useful looking loose forward in Daryl Powell.

After the previous weeks trip to Huddersfield it was good to be back home again, especially if you, like me, were saddened by the poor state of the facilities at Huddersfield. Although the ground has been renamed ARENA '84, I could not help thinking that the place had not seen a coat of paint since my last trip there in 1964 (our semi-final replay against Hull K.R.). There must be many reasons for the demise of this once-thriving club and I found it sad to see a R.L. stadium in such a state of delapidation.

Another surprise for me was to hear of two of our leading coaches once again banging their heads together. I'm referring to Wigan's Graham Lowe who said "I don't want my players used for Lancashire". and the Lancashire boss Alex Murphy who replied, "If there're fit they're playing". They both have a point, but I believe that with the Gt. Britain tour to Aussie only 7 months away, everyone should be working towards preparing our players to be in the right frame of mind. I hardly think that when we have two experienced coaches at loggerheads it is ideal preparation.

Finally, just a word about Mick Worrall, whose transfer to Salford has gone through. On his day Mick is a great asset to any team. This season, however, I don't think the supporters at Oldham have seen the best of him, and perhaps a move to pastures new will be just the boost he needs to reproduce his old form. It's always unfortunate to lose good players, but the parting of the ways in this instance seemed inevitable. I'm sure all the supporters wish him well and hope to see him reclaim a place in the Gt. Britain squad. Good luck Mick.

**JACK DEARDEN**

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# 'WATERSHEDINGS SCENE'

(News and views from inside the club)

MICK WORRALL

Salford finally won the much-publicised tug-of-war with their neighbours Swinton for the signature of Mick Worrall, who had been transfer-listed at his own request at £75,000.

Swinton were in first with an offer of £55,000, but it was generally felt that Salford would be favourites despite Mick's regard for the Lions boss Peter Smethurst. Even so, it was a hard decision for the player to make. "Only time will tell whether I've made the right one," he said later.

At that stage Salford had offered only £45,000, but the Oldham directors were determined to get the £55,000 offered by Swinton and, in the end, they did, thus setting a Salford club record.

For the record, Mick played a total of 175 senior games for Oldham, excluding occasions when he was on the bench and not used. Through the Great Britain under-24 side he graduated to full Test honours, playing in three Tests, including the first two against Australia in Sydney and Brisbane on the 1984 tour.

### TIPS FOR PLAYERS

SEVERAL of the Oldham players are to take part in a coaching award scheme at Failsworth School, starting tomorrow morning. There is a need for qualified coaches to help in schools and we are delighted to report that the club will be represented on the course by Ian Sanderson, Hugh Waddell, Mick Burke and Des Foy as well as our three Aussies, Mal Graham, Peter Walsh and Bryan McCarthy.

Date for your diary - Wednesday, November 4 (7.0 pm) at Rochdale Hornets when Australia's National Director of Coaching, Peter Corcoran will give a lecture followed by a question-and-answers session.

### PAUL ROUND

Paul Round made his second Lancashire appearance at prop-forward when the Red Rose men played the touring Papua New Guinea side at St. Helens. He was not included in the original Lancashire team, having played against Yorkshire at Wigan in the War of the Roses tussle, but coach Alex Murphy again called on his former club player when Warrington's Tony Humphries was ruled out of the county match by the Warrington club doctor. Paul came through well and will be out to produce a storming season in the hope of winning a place on tour next summer.

### JOHN PLAYER ODDS

William Hill, the bookmakers, quote Oldham at 100-1 for the John Player Special Trophy while Fulham, our preliminary round opponents, are 2,000-1 alongside Bramley, Dewsbury, Carlisle, Huddersfield, Keighley, Rochdale and Mansfield. If you fancy a flutter you can get the following odds on the major challengers - Wigan (6-4), Warrington (9-2), St. Helens (8-1), Widnes (8-1), Leeds (9-1), Castleford (12-1), Halifax (14-1), Bradford (16-1) - our first round opponents if we beat Fulham - Hull KR (16-1), Hull (20-1), Leigh (40-1), Salford (100-1) and Oldham (100-1).

Barrow, our opponents today, are quoted at 200-1 and are the second best fancied Second Division side, after Oldham.

### MRS. ANITA LEES

Mrs. Anita Lees - 'Anita' not only to everyone at Watersheddings but to scores of supporters too - has been appointed full-time club secretary to succeed that great club stalwart Fred Howarth, who had been doing the job in an honorary capacity for some time. Thanks to Fred and welcome to Anita, although 'welcome' is hardly the right word when she has served the club loyally for 14 years already. Indeed, it was the terrific impression she has made on everyone over those years that doubtless had a major bearing on the directors decision to appoint her from a list of 20 applicants.

Anita has worked alongside a lot of secretaries in her time and it is true to say that her knowledge of the office and its working is second to none. She is, in fact, the first woman to be appointed club secretary in her own right and she joins a growing list of females in the secretarial hot-seat throughout the League, including Rita Winter (Bradford), Lynda Thomas (Bramley), Denise Cackett (Castleford), Julie Bush (Sheffield) and Mary Charnock (Wigan).

While announcing Anita's appointment, the board also reaffirmed the appointment of Eddie Bayliss as administration manager in a post he has held since shortly after the new directors came to office in the summer.



MRS. ANITA LEES  
our new secretary

# FLASHBACK

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

A regular feature in which we delve into the photographic files of the Oldham Chronicle.



1. 20.4.81. Mick Parrish makes a determined run against Salford with a young Mick Worrall on his right. Score: 18-18.



2. 24.8.80. Roger O'Mahoney on attack against Salford in Oldham's 15-13 Lancashire Cup second-round victory. In support - Terry Flanagan, then aged 19.

# MATCH REPORT

## STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP/DIVISION 2

### OLDHAM v SHEFFIELD

SHEFFIELD'S stay on top of the Second Division was a short one. They came as leaders, but Oldham were in no mood for letting them write a fairy tale and the Eagles had to return home well beaten by 44-20.

The Eagles swooped first to go into a 6-0 lead, but once Oldham got into their stride they produced their best attacking display of the season to run in eight tries - four in each half.

Paul Round once more had a stunning game, scoring twice to take his tally for the season to six in eight appearances. Mick Burke also scored two Aussie pair Bryan McCarthy and Peter Walsh crowned their home debuts with one each, and Paddy Kirwan and Mal Graham also crossed the Sheffield line with Walsh landing six goals.

Des Foy played his first senior game of the season and came through well but this was another match in which "Roundy" caught most of the headlines.

## CARLISLE DISAPPOINTMENT

OUR scheduled Division Two game at Carlisle last Sunday was the first victim of the weather this season. It was a bitter disappointment to everyone - our players, officials and supporters - when the news came through on Sunday morning that the Brunton Park pitch was waterlogged.

In such circumstances it is difficult to let everyone know but we did all that was practicable, such as contact the local radio stations and man the club telephones and, at least, by 9.15 am, news that the match was off was on the Oracle service on ITV.

Apparently, the Carlisle chairman Mr. Alan Tucker and another director, inspected the pitch at 8.30 am in the company of Carlisle United representatives, whose pitch it is, of course.

One of the problems is that Brunton Park doesn't only accommodate League and soccer these days but it is also adjacent to the River Eden and is always liable to flooding when the river is running high.

No new date has been fixed when the programme went to press but with dates set aside for the early rounds of the John Player it may be that there will be a blank Sunday for both clubs over the next few weeks.

If not, the match may have to be an evening game later in the season although we will try to avoid that and Carlisle will doubtless do the same because they will not want to miss out on income from our travelling army of support.

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## **CORKY'S COMMENTS ...**

**Ian McCorquodale — on the local scene.**

THE Oldham under-15s town team did us all proud in their Lancashire Cup final against the powerful Wigan side at St Helens. Coached by Eddie Barton, they lost narrowly in the last few minutes although everybody agreed that the local lads played the better rugby and in many ways deserved to lift the cup.

The players are due to have their photograph taken at half-time today and there will be a special award to man-of-the-match Craig Mort of St. Augustine's.

All the other Oldham schoolboy sides have played five games to date with the under-13s leading the way with victories over St. Helens (40-4), Warrington (38-0), Barrow (24-0) and a solitary 10-8 defeat by Wigan after leading 8-0 with four minutes to go.

Going forward to the trials for South Lanes next month will be full back Lee Bradbury, centre Mick Martindale, scrum-half Joe Diveney (all St. Augustine's) as well as winger Chris Eckersley, hooker Jason Wardle and loose-forward Philip Russell (all Saddleworth) though other players could be added after the next fixtures against Salford and Widnes.

The under-11s, captained by Ian Knott (Parish Church), have also recorded four wins out of five with victories over St. Helens (30-22), Warrington (46-0), Leigh (10-8) and Barrow (16-4) but they, too, lost to Wigan by 16-4. Leading try scorer is Damian Munro (St. Edward's), whilst third-year boys Christian Wheeler (Watersheddings) and Paul Sculthorpe (Thorpe) have been outstanding. Tackling-machine Nigel Dombavand (Stoneleigh) and Ian Mullin (Knotts Lane) have also impressed and, overall, coach Paul Scott has been delighted with his squad's performances.

The under-16s, back in action after a three-year gap with the teachers' dispute, are in the capable hands of Keighley loose-forward and Breeze Hill teacher Mark Ragan, but they have struggled in all their games to date and have yet to record their first victory. Captained by Eddie Aspen (Counthill), they have played well in patches but have failed to concentrate throughout the whole game. There have been encouraging displays by Damien Walker (Our Lady's), Phil Swift (Saddleworth), Neil Hilton (Our Lady's) and Tony Brown (Royton and Crompton).

Most valued performance awards are presented after each game and the winners to date are: under-11, Paul Sculthorpe (2), Ian Mullin, Nigel Dombavand, Damien Munro; under-13, Jonathan Eastwood, Martin Hawkyard, Lee Bradbury, Mick Martindale, Jason Wardle; under-16, Phil Swift (2), Mike Barnes, Craig Mort, Tony Brown.

There is a guess-the-crowd competition in today's fixture against Barrow with the money raised to assist tours planned for the following year: under-11s to Scarborough with games v Hull and York in the February half-term; under-16s to Australia in June/July; under-14s and under-16s to France at Easter.

Before the Test featuring Great Britain and Papua New Guinea at Wigan yesterday, Oldham's under-13 squad gave a 20-minute display of ball-handling skills and a video made by Paul Bradbury (Oldham's video man), showing some of their tries over the past two seasons, is being used by National Director Phil Larder to promote the game in developing areas.

It was also used to demonstrate high level of RL skill at a coaching conference at Rugby Union headquarters at Twickenham last week.

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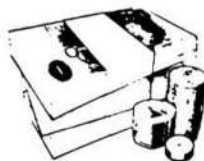
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## **THE BOSS TALKING...**

*(A personal view by Oldham coach Eric Fitzsimons)*

THE basic requirements of Rugby League in either first or second divisions are simple to talk about, but usually more difficult to apply. You defend well, you play in your opponents' half, you move their defence about to create opportunities (which you take with both hands) and you minimise errors when you have the ball.



Three recent games fell short of these aims by a long way – Springfield, Doncaster and to a lesser extent Huddersfield, where the main problem was our inability to create a regular attacking rhythm. Against the other two teams serious questions arose about (a) discipline (sin-bin, sending off) (b) our control of the ball (52% error rate v Doncaster) (c) individual defence (26 missed tackles) (d) our kicking game (49 play-the-balls in our 22-metre zone v Doncaster, 15 in theirs) and (e) attacking pattern (little penetration by forwards and few running opportunities for the backs).

The few opportunities we did get were ruined either by errors or by players turning the ball back into the middle when it was necessary to go wide.

The performance against Sheffield was a big improvement in terms of discipline, controlling the ball, playing out of our 22-area and our general attacking rhythm. Our defence was poor though, and all the Sheffield tries could have been prevented. Our mistakes were clearly to blame.

We noted how well Sheffield backed up any break and their third try was a great example of good support play right from their own 22.

Players need time to get together – it doesn't just happen – and the most critical position is stand-off. Peter Walsh is beginning to settle in well with Mal Graham and there were occasions against Sheffield when things went very well: the handling was good and the running was strong.

We haven't yet reached the regular playing standards of which we are capable. Consistency is the key with a good level of performance in the main areas; namely, defence, control, support, kicking and discipline. As soon as all our players are achieving these levels I will be much happier.

Being in the second division is no excuse for second division performances. The cup games will give us a chance to measure ourselves against quality opposition.

All individuals must be aware that to have a future at Oldham will depend largely on performances in this class of football.

The second division games are bread and butter and, to be honest, players struggling now will have no chance in the higher standard. You can't just turn it on when you feel like it. Good habits must be laid down now and reinforced week by week.

Individuals who want to play for this club will need a pride in personal performance that makes them reduce mistakes and increase those things which are good for the team.

The road ahead is by no means smooth for all concerned – directors, coaches, players and administrators. But one thing is very clear to me. There can be no passengers. You have to work to the best of your ability and you have to have your heart and soul in Oldham Rugby League Club if you want to survive the important years ahead.

### TELEPHONE NEWS LINK

For the first time, an all-round-the-year telephone news service is now available for Rugby League fans. The Rugby League and British Telecom have launched the exclusive service as part of the Clubcall operation which already caters for top First Division soccer sides. Fans can now telephone for up-to-date news and information from around the Rugby League professional scene 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are charged at the special rate of 25p a minute after 6.00 pm and at weekends, and 38p a minute between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm. The Rugby League number is 0898 121177.

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# Appearances & Scorers

SEASON 1987-88  
(to date – 8 possible)

|              | APPS<br>(inc. Subs) | T | G  | DG | PTS |
|--------------|---------------------|---|----|----|-----|
| Atkinson K.  | 7                   | 1 | 27 | –  | 58  |
| Irving R.    | 8                   | 1 | –  | –  | 4   |
| Hawkyard C.  | 8                   | 1 | –  | –  | 4   |
| Meadows K.   | 8                   | 4 | –  | –  | 16  |
| Edwards J.   | 6                   | – | 1  | –  | 2   |
| Peters S.    | 5                   | – | –  | –  | –   |
| Kirwan P.    | 6                   | 2 | –  | –  | 8   |
| Sherratt I.  | 4                   | 1 | –  | –  | 4   |
| Sanderson I. | 8                   | 2 | –  | –  | 8   |
| Waddell H.   | 8                   | 1 | –  | –  | 4   |
| Worrall M.   | 6                   | 2 | 2  | –  | 12  |
| Graham M.    | 8                   | 4 | –  | –  | 16  |
| Flanagan T.  | 7                   | 2 | –  | –  | 8   |
| Round P.     | 8                   | 6 | –  | –  | 24  |
| Sherman P.   | 3                   | – | –  | –  | –   |
| Copeland T.  | 3                   | – | –  | –  | –   |
| Morrison T.  | 1                   | – | –  | –  | –   |
| Bardsley M.  | 2                   | – | –  | –  | –   |
| Marsden R.   | 1                   | – | –  | –  | –   |
| Burke M.     | 3                   | 2 | –  | –  | 8   |
| Walsh P.     | 3                   | 2 | 6  | –  | 20  |
| Bates I.     | 1                   | 1 | –  | –  | 4   |
| Clawson N.   | 3                   | 1 | –  | –  | 4   |
| McCarthy B.  | 2                   | 3 | –  | –  | 12  |
| Foy D.       | 1                   | – | –  | –  | –   |

## John Player Special Trophy

The Oldham versus Fulham preliminary round tie in the John Player Special Trophy will take place at Watersheddings on Sunday, November 8. The winners will meet Bradford Northern at home on the following Sunday, November 15 in the first round. Seat tickets for the Fulham game, priced £5 are now on sale to season ticket seat holders and any remaining by November 2 will go on general sale. Our league programme is unaltered as we had an open date on November 8. Hutchins Stand Seats, Also £5, are on general sale now.

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| Opponents | At            | F  | A   | 1   | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
|-----------|---------------|----|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Aug 20    | Whitburn      | 3  | 122 |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Sep 6     | Barrow        | 2  | 281 |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Sep 13    | Barrow        | 4  | 46  | -6  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Sep 20    | Barrow        | 5  | -11 |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Sep 27    | Doncaster     | 3  | 42  |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Oct 4     | Doncaster     | 1  | 18  | -20 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Oct 11    | Huddersfield  | 2  | 20  | -4  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Oct 18    | Huddersfield  | 3  | 774 | -20 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Nov 1     | Barrow        | 4  |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Nov 15    | John Player   | 1  |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Nov 22    | John Player   | 2  |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Nov 29    | Workington    | 3  |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Dec 6     | Doncaster     | 4  |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Dec 11    | Barrow        | 5  |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Dec 18    | Barrow        | 6  |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Jan 3     | Spenfield     | 7  |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Jan 10    | Whitburn      | 8  |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Jan 17    | Runcorn       | 9  |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Jan 24    | Warrfield     | 10 |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Feb 14    | Challenge Cup | 11 |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Feb 21    | Challenge Cup | 12 |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Feb 28    | Fatherstone   | 13 |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Mar 6     | Workington    | 14 |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Mar 13    | Barrow        | 15 |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Mar 20    | Huddersfield  | 16 |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Mar 27    | Stafford      | 17 |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Apr 4     | Rochdale      | 18 |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Apr 11    | Rochdale      | 19 |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Apr 18    | Warrfield     | 20 |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Apr 25    | Carlisle      | 21 |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |



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The supporters club and committee would like to welcome all our friends and supporters of Barrow to today's game at Watersheddings.

We hope for a good clean entertaining game and invite all home and away supporters to use our canteen facilities around the ground.

We will soon be selling match videos at £10 and they will be available for hire to Supporters Club members between 8.30 am 10.0 pm on Monday nights.

Xmas Eve and New Year tickets will be on sale soon. Please order soon as they go almost before the printing ink is dry.

Due to changes at the club, the holiday draw in conjunction with Stuart Hall Travel, Shaw will now be held on Boxing Day. Tickets are available for £1 from any canteen on match day.

Forthcoming events — Friday, October 30, Halloween fancy dress disco and family night (best witch and wizard). Tickets £1 and 50p.

Friday, November 6, Grand Bonfire family night, barbeque and dance, Bonfire and barbeque 7 to 9 pm, followed by disco. Tickets £1.50 and £1, including food.

Please book early for the coaches to Keighley next Sunday and if you are not a member of the Supporters' Club why not consider joining. There is a sense of 'belonging' to the club, there are reductions on coach travel, and each member gets a season 1987-8 diary with interesting features and pictures about the club.

Junior Reds membership is worth considering too, for the youngsters as membership entitles a boy or girl to free 'A' team admission and a 50p reduction on first team games, and two of the club's keenest fans, Donna Hartley and Bev Holder have joined the Committee to help to promote activities for the young Reds.



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This week — GREG PACHE

As a new board — three of the four directors had no previous experience of Rugby League administration — it has taken us time to settle in, but we are now beginning to find our feet and discover what the job is all about.

It is a lot of things — challenging, exciting, inspiring and sheer hard work.

The signing of Paul Round will be only the start of our team—building plans because we know we have to be preparing to compete in the First Division, and we recognise that we must have a nucleus of good quality players, and a sound squad, in order to do so.

Round cost us £65,000 by order of the tribunal and although it was a little bit more than we expected we believe we have a player who will prove a sound investment.

In the boardroom we were sorry to see Mick Worrall go, but he has been struggling to find his form this season and we think we have done a good deal at £55,000 when you consider that it was considerably in excess of anything that had been offered over the previous 18 months at the times Mick was on the list.

My particular involvement has been in the forthcoming share issue. It is progressing well and I can promise you this: it will be unique in Rugby League and the biggest thing to hit our club, probably in its long history.



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# SPOTLIGHT ON BARROW

STEVE TICKLE

One of the games most consistent fullbacks. He joined Barrow from the Rugby Union side Waterloo and had no difficulty in changing codes. Club Captain Steve is equally impressive in attack or defence and is also a more than useful goalkicker.

TONY KAY

A local product and another of Barrow's bright young stars. Tony is a tall, rangy player with bags of pace and could well end up as a loose-forward.

MICK JAMES

Elusive winger James has been a loyal servant to the club for several seasons. What he lacks in size he more than makes up for by courage and non-stop effort.

STEWART WILLIAMS

Joined Barrow at the start of the 1985/86 season in a loan exchange deal with Salford for second row Steve Herbert. Williams impressed the Craven Parkers while Herbert did likewise at the Willows. The clubs agreed to a permanent switch and Williams has continued to shine with his classy centre play.

BRIAN BLACKER

Signed from Huddersfield for a substantial fee. Brian is a clever player and likes to score tries — a firm favourite with Barrow fans.

PAUL BURNS

A local product, Paul won an Amateur Great Britain Under-19 Cap from local club Barrow Island. Has plenty of class and pace and one for the future.

TONY McNICOL

Once again a local player and, again, with plenty of pace. A youngster with an old head on his shoulders and a big future ahead of him.

STEVE REA

The little fellow won Colt International Honours as a fullback but prefers the stand off position. Plenty of pace and backs-up any half chance.

PAUL IRVING

Another exciting product of local amateur rugby. Irving has genuine pace and can play fullback, winger or even second row. Joined Barrow from Ulverston and has already made several senior appearances.

JOHN LIGHTFOOT

Ball-handling hooker who joined Barrow from Workington. A Cumbria county regular over the years and a good ball winner.

MALCOLM FLYNN

One of the game's hard men in the best possible sense. Flynn's tackling is his strongpoint and his experience has proved vital in many tough matches. Flynn is in his eleventh season with the club. Another fierce tackler who never gives less than 100%. Has his best game in the club's Lancashire Cup Final victory. Mossop moved from loose forward to second row and proved a success for both the club and player.

STEVE MOSSOP

RUSS WALKER

In his third season with the club after signing from amateur side Barrow Island. Walker has bags of pace and has made a quick transformation to the pro game.

GARY KENDALL

Another young forward with a big future. Gary had a spell with Brisbane side Brothers and is possibly Barrow's most potential player. Brother of Gary and equally promising. Dave was also at Brothers and is one of the fastest prop forwards in the game.

DAVE KENDALL

PAUL CRAREY

Signed last season from local junior club Dalton. A promising hooker and former Colt player.

GARY HEWER

18-year-old Gary hails from West Cumbria and is rated highly in the game. A BARLA international at scrum-half and last term made his professional debut for Barrow against Featherstone.

SYD LOWDEN

A goal kicking half back who spent several years with Sale and Egremont Rugby Union.

STEVE MAQUIRE

Another West Cumbrian product — a skilful loose forward who came from Workington last season and a strong kicker of the ball.

STEVE MORRISON

A former BARLA International loose-forward and, at 19, has a great future in the game.

PHIL STOTT

Working in the Barrow area and currently on loan from Wigan. A strong player with potential.

NICK DuTOIT

South African Nick was a very important signing from Wigan last year. Injury last season restricted his appearances in the first team but we look forward to his being a strength this season.

ROD REDDY

Barrow's latest capture from down-under. Reddy was the star running forward in the 1982 Australian side. Could be just the tonic Barrow needs.

MARK POCOCK

Joins Reddy from down under, plays for top Sydney side Manly. A powerful prop who is denied a first team place by Castleford's Keven Ward.

JEFF BUTCHER

Another recruit from Australia where he played with Sydney Club for Manly. Born in Sydney, Jeff is 25 and plays Stand off half. Made his debut with the 'A' team at Dewsbury.

## FOLLOW THE 'A' TEAM

OUR quarter-final tie at Warrington in the Lancashire Shield last weekend was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch and was tentatively fixed to go ahead during the past week.

At York we drew 24-24 after going into a 24-4 lead five minutes into the second half.

It was our third draw in six league games and puts us in sixth place in the second division of the Alliance. Having lost only one league game so far we are handily placed to strive for top spot, but we certainly won't get there if we throw away substantial leads like we did at York.

It was a disappointing display, to be truthful, and we gave away 15 penalties and kept the ball for six tackles only five times out of the 34 occasions we had the ball.

Tony Morrison (2), Martin Hall and Tom Nadiola scored our four tries while Mick Parrish landed four goals and did enough to win the club's man-of-the-match title. He and Bob Marsden were called up for the first team squad for the Sheffield game.

Judging by the league table our defence seems to be a major area of concern. Our scoring record is good, but we have conceded 20 tries in six games and of the teams in the top half of the table only Huddersfield have let in more.

## COMMERCIAL CORNER

(Development Office topics with Ray Hill)

There used to be a saying that the town of Oldham's heart-beat was in the pubs, and to some extent that is still true today. What we are out to do at Watersheddings is to involve publicans and their regulars in the rugby scene and last week we extended an open invitation to licencees to join us at a buffet and reception in the social club.

Another scheme we have in mind is to 'blitz' all the pubs in the town, over a period of time, by dropping in to 'sell' Oldham Rugby via the players, directors and commercial department.

If we covered one main road at a time — for example, Manchester Road, Hollins Road, Ashton Road, Rochdale Road, Lees Road, Huddersfield Road, Ripponden Road and Shaw Road it would be quite an operation — and we would still have the town centre and the districts to go at!

We have already struck up a lovely association with the handicapped people at New Vale House and I would love to get some of these cheerful people up to the club on match days if only it could be arranged.

Latest Lifeline winners are J.S. Cooper and Eric Proctor of Rochdale and Derker respectively. Well done, lads!

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## PRESS BOX CHATTER

(Roger Halstead, Oldham Evening Chronicle)



Oldham remained on top of the Second Division last weekend despite being inactive, but I wonder if, long term, it might have been better for Sheffield Eagles to have regained their lofty perch on high?

Had the Eagles beaten Wakefield Trinity at Owlerton they would have regained the divisional leadership.

More importantly, they would have inflicted Trinity's first league defeat of the season and in the long run that would have done Oldham's title chances far more good than anything to be gained from the academic 'value' of staying on top at this early stage of the campaign.

Sheffield have a tiny squad and over the course of a long season that will probably prove a big handicap. To some extent the same goes for many of the other early challengers, such as Runcorn and Batley, still beaten only once.

After last weekend's matches, Wakefield were the only unbeaten side in the division and they and Barrow look like being formidable rivals in the long chase to the title with Oldham.

Featherstone must have been desperately unhappy to lose at Fulham. Two factors emerge from that: the Londoners cannot be taken for granted when they come here in the John Player Special Trophy and no team, let alone Rovers, can expect an easy ride when visiting some of the lowly clubs.

Wakefield must still be smarting at dropping a point at Mansfield, while Doncaster took two points off Oldham and one off Barrow at Tattersfield.

Featherstone have now lost three times and will have a lot of work to do to get back with the pace-setters like Oldham and Barrow, whose clash today will be of great significance on the final placings six months from now.

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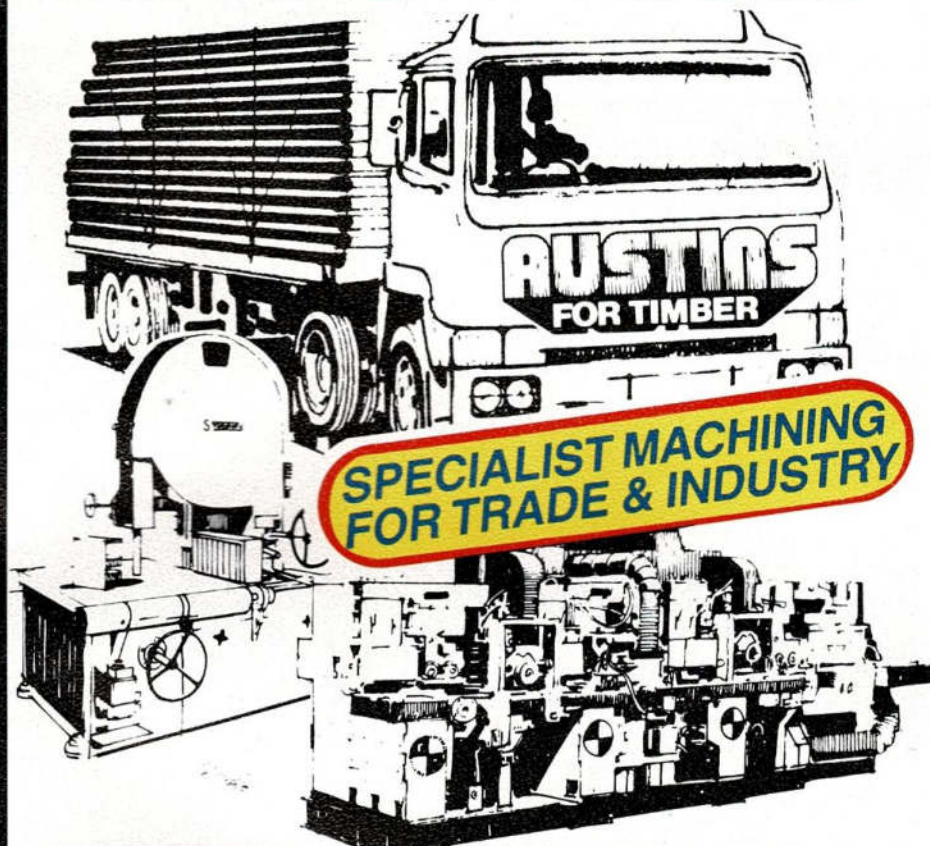
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