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2		4		M. SHAW	6	P. WALSH		2	4
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				~~G. DEAN~~ PRESCOTT	10	H. WADDELL			
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				P. FRASER	12	M. GRAHAM		1	4
				J. COGGER	13	S. PETERS			
	1	4		K. BLYTHIN	14	P. ROUND			
				~~E. PRESCOTT~~	15	T. FLANAGAN			

PROGRESSIVE SCORING

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SCRUMS

RUNCORN	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
OLDHAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

PENALTIES

RUNCORN	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
OLDHAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

Touch Judges: J.C. STANTON - Red Flag

H.T. Score: 7-18

F.T. Score: 8-34

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GOALS IN A SEASON	- 126 P. WOOD 1984/85
TRIES IN A SEASON	- 28 J. MALONEY 1930/31
POINTS IN A SEASON	- 240 P. WOOD 1984/85
GOALS IN A MATCH	- 11 P. WOOD v BATLEY OCTOBER 1984
TRIES IN A MATCH	- 5 J. MALONEY v BRAMLEY APRIL 1931
POINTS IN A MATCH	- 24 T. ROSE v WORKINGTON T. OCTOBER 1987
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CLUB TOPICS

Good afternoon and welcome to Canal Street for our potentially very exciting Second Division fixture against the powerful Oldham side.

For a number of weeks now we have not been firing on all cylinders and it is difficult to pinpoint exactly what is wrong. Certainly, in the game at Mansfield, we were totally outplayed, out-thought and well beaten by a side which can, at best, only be described as average. After scoring a superb early try by Peter Marsden we then managed to miss tackles, to drop the ball on regular occasions when in possession and to generally play as if the game were an end of season one with little or nothing riding on the result. All in all it was a particularly dispiriting performance by our team and one which gave little encouragement to the supporters who had made the long trip. We really do have to improve, and quickly, if we are to capitalise on our fine early season form.

In view of the above, it was with some trepidation that we viewed the New Years Day game with Keighley. After a poor start, Keighley have been improving steadily and recently recorded a fine victory at Springfield Borough. In addition, today's visitors were more than happy to come away from Lawkholme Lane with a two point victory earlier in the season. As it was, the game was played in atrocious conditions and our first half performance down the hill was a creditable one in which we scored some fine tries to build up a 20-6 interval lead. In the second period, we were never really in trouble although we did miss one or two scoring chances which would have put the game way beyond Keighley's reach. In the event, our visitors scored ten points in the last five minutes to make the game a real nailbiter at the death. In this game our performance generally was a good one, although we are still giving points away at times when we really should be tightening up. Still, it was a very welcome two points and Keighley are certainly a vastly improved side. The only incident to mar our day was the injury to Paul Durnin which has resulted in Paul entering hospital for a cartilage operation. We wish him a speedy recovery.

In two weeks time, we will be contesting the first round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. We have been lucky with the Cup draws this season having been drawn at home in the first round on each occasion. It is now time that we took advantage of home territory and recorded our first victory. Admittedly, defeat against Widnes in the Lancashire Cup was perhaps not too unexpected but, our defeat by Mansfield in the John Player Trophy, certainly was. The game will not be an easy one as Springfield are one of the better Second Division sides. However we already have one victory over them and are quite capable of repeating the dose if we reproduce our normal form and start the game with the correct attitude. Please come along to support Highfield as we hopefully start on a long Cup run.

Last Sunday's game at Fulham was again very disappointing from a Runcorn point of view. Our defence was again very suspect and we should not really lose away from home after scoring four tries. In addition, Peter Marsden suffered a nasty hamstring injury and will be out of contention for some time.

We would thank you for your attendance today and look forward to seeing you in two weeks time for the Springfield game.

Today we welcome . . .

FACTS AND FIGURES

<i>Club Name</i>	- Oldham RLFC
<i>Ground</i>	- Watersheddings
<i>Colours</i>	- Red and White
<i>Nickname</i>	- The Roughyeds
<i>Coach</i>	- Eric Fitzsimons/Mal Graham
<i>Record Attendance</i>	- 28,000 v Huddersfield 1912
<i>Goals in a Season</i>	- 200 B. Ganley 1957/58
<i>Tries in a Season</i>	- 49 R. Farrar 1921/22
<i>Points in a Season</i>	- 412 B. Ganley 1957/58
<i>Points in a Match</i>	- 30 A. Johnson 1928
<i>Highest Score</i>	- 67-6 v Liverpool City 1958/59
<i>Highest Against</i>	- 67-11 v Hull 1978/79
<i>First Season</i>	- 1895/96
<i>Results 86/87 League</i>	- Div.1 P.30 W.13 D.0 L.17 F.554 A.679 Pts.26
<i>Results 86/87 Cup</i>	- LC Final L. to Wigan JPS1 L. to Bradford N. CC2 L. to St. Helens
<i>Av. Home att. 86/87</i>	- 3,915
<i>Most Tries 86/87</i>	- 16 - Des Foy
<i>Most Goals 86/87</i>	- 49 - David Hobbs
<i>Most Points 86/87</i>	- 124 - David Hobbs
<i>Most Appces 86/87</i>	- 35 - Terry Flanagan

RESULTS BETWEEN OUR CLUBS OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Season	- 1982/83
	There were no meetings between the clubs this season
Season	- 1983/84
Results	Oldham 28 Huyton 10 12.2.84 (Chall Cup Rd1)
Season	- 1984/85
	There were no meetings between the clubs this season
Season	- 1985/86
	There were no meetings between the clubs this season
Season	- 1986/87
	There were no meetings between the clubs this season

. . . OLDHAM

Making their first ever visit to Canal Street, we are delighted to welcome all players, supporters and officials of the Oldham Club. Please feel free to use the facilities of our ground and enjoy your afternoon with us.

It was a major shock last season when our visitors were relegated following a disastrous six match losing sequence at the end of their League Campaign. There is little doubt however, (despite the thoughts of Ray French), that Oldham are a First Division side in all respects and that the club will return to Division One next season. There is simply too much class in the side for this not to happen. Already this season, First Division Bradford Northern and Warrington have been defeated in Cup competition and this gives an indication of the Oldham strength.

One player we can expect to see this afternoon is Mick Burke the former Waterloo Rugby Union and Widnes full back. Mick is well known in this area of course and the former Great Britain full-back was signed for a reported £40,000 fee just about a year ago. Possibilities for the wing positions would be Kevin Meadows, the ex-St. Helens and Warrington player who once scored five tries in a game, and Paul Sherman who learnt his Rugby League in the Junior Leagues in Widnes. Steve Peters could well play at No. 7 this afternoon. Steve is a true clubman and tackles more like a forward, regularly topping the thirty-five or forty mark. Ex-St. Helens and Warrington.

Another ex-Saints star we need to look out for is second row man Paul Round who has superb pace and vision. Paul is well up with the leading try scorers this season and together with Aussie Mal Graham and the vastly experienced Terry Flanagan, Oldham can boast one of the best back row trios of players in either the First or Second Division.

At Prop. Forward this afternoon will probably be Neil Clawson and Hugh Waddell. Clawson, at six feet four and sixteen stones, is a handful for any defence and since leaving Featherstone, is now establishing himself as a fine player in his own right away from the image of his famous father Terry. In contrast, Hugh Waddell is slowly regaining the form he showed earlier in his career when gaining an England Cap whilst playing for unfashionable Blackpool Borough. Waddell signed for the Watersheddings outfit for £15,000 back in 1985. He is also a fine soccer player who had trials with Leicester City.

Others we can expect to see this afternoon include loyal clubman Colin Hawkyard. Aggressive hooker Ian Sanderson and Ian Sherrat, a local lad who joined Oldham in a deal that saw David Hobbs move to Bradford Northern.

Eric Fitzsimons is now coach at Oldham and the former Oldham, Hunslet and Rochdale player took over this position from Frank Myler earlier this year. Frank, of course, now runs our Linking Scheme but his association with Oldham continues as his son Chris is now playing with the Watersheddings outfit.

Matches between our clubs in recent seasons have been relatively rare but, as Liverpool City and Huyton, we have upset the Oldham applecart on more than one occasion although generally our visitors have had much the better of the exchanges.

We trust, as always, that the game will be played in the best spirit of Rugby league and that all of our visitors will have a safe homeward journey upon its completion.

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HIGHFIELD IN PICTURES



Jamie Cogger races to the posts for his first try against Huddersfield



A happy new year picture as Highfield's youngest ever mascot, 2 year old Leon Odgear takes the field together with 7 year old Natalie Meichan



Mick Moore who is at present still recovering from his bad arm injury, sustained in the win at Batley

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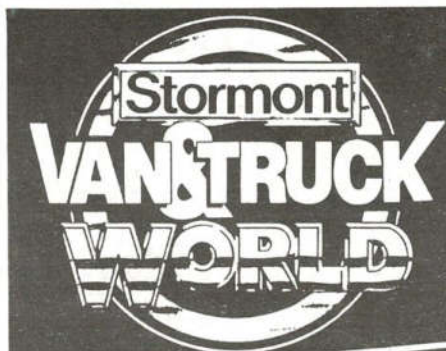
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SECOND DIVISION TABLE (as at 11th January 1988)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield	19	12	1	6	355	233	25
Oldham	14	12	0	2	359	172	24
Workington	15	12	0	3	237	179	24
Featherstone	16	11	1	4	375	224	23
Wakefield	14	10	1	3	366	162	21
Runcorn	14	10	0	4	265	185	20
Barrow	17	9	1	7	209	254	19
Keighley	18	8	0	10	287	306	16
Springfield	15	8	0	7	229	256	16
Rochdale	17	8	0	9	187	283	16
Carlisle	14	7	1	6	199	227	15
York	16	7	1	8	271	319	15
Mansfield	17	7	1	9	250	299	15
Doncaster	18	6	2	10	287	321	14
Fulham	16	6	0	10	243	313	12
Batley	16	5	1	10	185	225	11
Whitehaven	15	5	0	10	212	222	10
Bramley	18	5	0	13	249	406	10
Huddersfield	16	4	0	12	227	291	8
Dewsbury	15	3	0	12	188	303	6

Date	Opposition	Venue	Comp	F.A.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Referee	Attend.
1987																					
30 Aug	Rochdale H	A	Div.2	8-0	R'Ison T	Smith	Jackson	Rose 2G	Durnin	Hunt	Blythin	Dean	Moylan	Fraser	M'hurst	Hunter	Daley	A'croft	Moore	Burke	1082
6 Sept	Fulham	H	Div.2	23-16	R'Ison	Smith	Jackson	Rose T 3G	Durnin	Hunt	Blythin T	Dean 2T	Moylan	Fraser	M'hst d/g	Hunter	Daley	B'wood	Moore	Tickle	350
13 Sept	Widnes	H	LC1	6-40	R'Ison	Smith	Jackson	Rose T G	Durnin	Hunt	Blythin	Dean	Moylan	Moore	M'hurst	Fraser	Daley	Ewer	Booth	Burke	3250
20 Sept	Mansfield M	H	Div.2	28-16	R'Ison	Smith	Jackson T	Rose 4G	Durnin	Ewer 2T	Cogger T*	Dean	Moylan	Moore T	M'hurst	Hunter	Hunt	Booth	Campbell	Berry	400
27 Sept	York	A	Div.2	19-16	R'Ison	Smith	Hunter T	Rose T 3G	Booth	Ewer	Cogger*	Campbell	Moylan	Dean	M'hst T d/g	Moore	Hunt	Shaw*	Fraser	Simpson	1313
4 Oct	Workington T	H	Div.2	41-4	R'Ison T	Smith	Hunter	Rose 2T8G	Booth	Ewer 2T	Cogger*	Campbell	Moylan	Dean	M'hst d/g	Fraser T	Hunt	Shaw*	Moore	Drinkwater	525
18 Oct	Barrow	A	Div.2	7-18	R'Ison	Smith	Hunter	Rose TG	Booth	Ewer	Cogger*	Campbell	Moylan	Dean	M'hst d/g	Fraser	Hunt	Moore	Prescott	Houghton	1671
1 Nov	Springfield B	H	Div.2	26-20	R'Ison T	Smith T	Shaw+	Rose 4G	Durnin	Ewer	Cogger*	Shaw*	Moylan T	Dean	M'hst 2d/g	Hunter T	Fraser	Marsden	Prescott	Shrimpton (NZ)	480
8 Nov	Batley	A	Div.2	15-2	R'ison T	Smith	Shaw+	Rose 3G	Durnin	Marsden	Cogger*	Shaw*	M'hst d/g	Dean	Hunter	Moore	Fraser	Blythin T	Prescott	Bowman	754
15 Nov	Mansfield M	H	JP1	4-6	R'ison	Smith	Shaw+	Rose 2G	Durnin	Marsden	Cogger*	Shaw*	M'hst	Dean	Prescott	Hunter	Fraser	Blythin	Campbell	Dockray	550
29 Nov	Huddersfield B	H	Div.2	20-6	R'ison	Smith 2T	Shaw+T	Rose 2G	Durnin	Marsden	Cogger*	Campbell	M'hst	Dean	Prescott	Hunt	Fraser T	Blythin	Shaw*	Holgate	525
6 Dec	Carlisle	A	Div.2	11-13	R'ison T	Smith	Shaw+	Rose G	Durnin	Marsden	Cogger* T	Campbell	M'hst d/g	Dean	Hunt	Prescott	Blythin	F'patrick	Cogger^	Tickle	550
13 Dec	Batley	H	Div.2	23-18	R'ison T	Smith	Shaw+3G	F'patrick	Durnin T	Marsden	Cogger* 2T	Campbell	Moylan	Dean	M'hurst	P'cott d/g	Fraser	Blythin	Cogger^	Kershaw	400
27 Dec	Mansfield M	A	Div.2	4-18	R'ison	Smith	Shaw+	Rose	F'patrick	Marsden T	Blythin	Dean	Moylan	Prescott	M'hurst	Hunter	Fraser	Cogger^	Shaw*	Dockray	309
1988																					
1 Jan	Keighley	H	Div.2	20-16	R'ison	Smith T	Hunter T	Rose T 2G	Durnin T	Marsden	Cogger*	Shaw*	M'hurst	Dean	Hunt	Fraser	Cogger^	Blythin	Moylan	Burke	400
10 Jan	Fulham	A	Div.2	20-22	R'ison T	Smith T	Shaw+	Rose 2G	Booth	Marsden	Cogger* T	Shaw*	M'hurst	Dean	Hunt	Fraser	Cogger^	Blythin T	Prescott	Tennant	650
17 Jan	Oldham	H	Div.2																		
24 Jan	Keighley	A	Div.2																		
31 Jan	Springfield B	H	CC1																		
7 Feb	Rochdale H	H	Div.2																		
14 Feb			CC2																		
21 Feb	Whitehaven	A	Div.2																		
26 Feb	Barrow	H	Div.2																		
6 Mar	York	H	Div.2																		
13 Mar	Working T	A	Div.2																		
20 Mar	Dewsbury	H	Div.2																		
27 Mar	Whitehaven	H	Div.2																		
1 Apr	Springfield B	A	Div.2																		
4 Apr	Oldham	A	Div.2																		
5 Apr	Dewsbury	A	Div.2																		
10 Apr	Carlisle	H	Div.2																		
17 Apr	Huddersfield B	A	Div.2																		

*Glyn Shaw
 *Jamie Cogger
 + Mark Shaw
 ^John Cogger

SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

Welcome this afternoon to the supporters of Oldham R.L.F.C. It remains one of the mysteries of last year how this great club came to find itself in Division Two and a glance at last seasons league table will show that we could just as easily have been welcoming the supporters of Widnes, Leeds or Hull, for todays fixture. The writer of these notes was present when Oldham dismissed Warrington from the John Player Special Trophy last November. Just as impressive as their teams performance on the field was the sportsmanship of the Oldham supporters off it. We look forward to Easter Monday and our visit to the Watersheddings.

While on the subject of supporters conduct, the secretary received a number of complaints after the game at Mansfield about the insulting and threatening behaviour of a section of the Mansfield crowd. We don't need it in rugby league and we have, therefore, written to Mansfield to complain about this. This is the first and we hope the last time such a letter has been written to another club by the committee and we hope the day never dawns when a similar letter of complaint is received at Canal Street. Visiting supporters have commented in the past about the friendliness of the Runcorn fans so lets keep it up.

Congratulations to Jamie Cogger on being voted Player of the Month by the Highfield supporters club. We hope this will be an ongoing award and provide some encouragement to the team to continue the good work.

Looking back over the home attendances for the first half of the season, we see that we are averaging about 440 supporters to each league game. If we subtract the numbers of people who regularly travel from outside the Runcorn boundaries to support Highfield, I would suggest that there are only about 350 rugby league fans in Runcorn. If the local bingo halls were so poorly frequented they would be sold off as cinemas!

But as bingo appears to be to Runcorn what cricket is to the West Indies, there is not much chance of this happening. It does make you wonder though, if Runcorn really would like a first division team and if a first division team could survive on our gates.

Anyone wishing to travel to Keighley for our next away game is advised to give their names to Chris Johnson in the Linnets after todays game. To secure your seat on the coach, a deposit would be appreciated.

Today's mascot is Michael Dean aged 5 from Wigan. Michael attends St. Aidens R.C. School. His favourite player is Danny Campbell. He would like to be a rugby player when he grows up so he can count on plenty of encouragement from dad and Runcorn prop, Geoff.

Have a nice afternoon Michael.

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A HISTORY OF RUNCORN HIGHFIELD - Part 3

'Back North to Liverpool'

After the disappointment of the London venture a return North was made in 1934 to the Stanley Greyhound track in Prescott Road, Liverpool. Clearly the Club had to be renamed and this time 'Highfield' was dropped in favour of a local identity and so Liverpool Stanley came into being. Interestingly it was to be 50 years and three further changes before 'Highfield' was re-introduced.

Initially hopes were high for success on Merseyside. Despite management and financial difficulties the playing performances in London had improved: Liverpool had a flourishing schools league and with Mr Jim Green still a driving force at the Club - one of the game's best respected pre-war administrators - it all served as an encouraging foundation for extension and progress.

The future seemed more secure than it had done as 'Highfield' in either Wigan or London.

Success did come initially at Liverpool. In only the second season at Stanley Track the 1935/6 Lancashire League Trophy was won and the team finished second in the Northern Rugby League, earning a place in the top-four play-off. Hopes of even greater success were shattered in this championship semi-final as Widnes won 10-9 with a successful goal in the dying minutes of the game denying Stanley a place in the final.

Nonetheless, by any measure, Stanley were established and a force in the game. The attendance at the semi-final with Widnes, at Prescott Road, attracted 14,000 spectators and that still stands as a Club record today.

The same season two players were selected for 1936 Australasian Tour. Both Belshaw, a fullback, and Woods, a forward, made their GB debut in the first test at Sydney on 29th June 1936. Belshaw won 6 caps in total whilst with Stanley and Woods 5, both players gaining further honours later with Warrington and Leeds respectively.

A year later Stanley again finished in the top-four but once more lost out at the semi-final stage falling 15-7 at Salford, who were to be the ultimate champions.

Incredibly, despite this playing success, the Club was in financial difficulties and a £15,000 deficit at the end of 1937 brought a surprise resignation from the League. This was only averted by a last-minute reprieve on the understanding that 1,000 season tickets would be sold. In the event 800 was achieved, a dramatic increase from the previous 79 and sufficient to ensure the survival struggle continued.

At the beginning of the 1939 season the Club moved to Prescott Cables AFC ground a few miles away and gates showed some improvement. However, came the war, progress halted and the team disbanded for the duration of the hostilities.

Six years' on resumption at the Prescott Cables ground was not possible and efforts to move to St. Helens or Orrell came to naught. The only option proved to be a return to the vast emptiness of the unsuitable Stanley Track. Improved spending power and the boom in spectator sports generally saw most organisations flourish but Stanley did not share in this euphoria, either financially or on the field.

Increasingly the main priority was a new ground and, thanks to the tremendous efforts of the small but active Supporters Club, they were able to move, in 1951, to Knotty Ash and begin a new chapter.

WORLD OF RUGBY LEAGUE

RUGBY LEAGUE COLLECTORS FEDERATION

A new association for collectors of Rugby League memorabilia has been formed. The Rugby League Collectors Federation has been given the Rugby Football League's blessing as a service for the sale and/or exchange of old photographs, programmes, badges, books etc.

Regular meetings and fairs are to be held along with the publication of a regular information pack. Annual membership of the Collectors Federation is £1.50 which includes the receipt of eight news booklets per year.

For further information and a membership enrolment form please contact: The Rugby League Collectors Foundation, 10 Glendare Terrace, Lidget Green, Bradford, West Yorkshire. BD7 2QH.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCES - DIVISION TWO 1987/88 SEASON (LEAGUE ONLY)

BATLEY	888	MANSFIELD	345
BARROW	1816	OLDHAM	3707
BRAMLEY	792	ROCHDALE	898
CARLISLE	615	RUNCORN	440
DEWSBURY	643	SHEFFIELD	550
DONCASTER	1824	SPRINGFIELD	1240
FEATHERSTONE	1615	WAKEFIELD	2200
FULHAM	650	WHITEHAVEN	2053
HUDDERSFIELD	643	WORKINGTON	1131
KEIGHLEY	1025	YORK	1212

RUGBY LEAGUE FOUNDATION

The newly formed Rugby League Foundation has granted £67,000 for projects in the first phase of the 13-a-side code's new development programme.

A joint pro-am venture, the 10-man Foundation is currently seeking charitable Trust status, while preparing to launch a massive fund raising exercise.

The Rugby Football League donated £50,000 from the profits of the 1986 Australian Test series to establish the Foundation and has recently invested a further £60,000.

The Trustees of the Foundation are Bob Ashby, Les Bettinson, Harry Jepson, David Oxley, Joe Seddon, Roy Waudby and David Wigham from the Rugby Football League; Bob Beal and Maurice Oldroyd from BARLA; and Bill Watt representing English Schools. Sports Council official Robin Barron has also been invited in an advisory capacity.

The aim of the Foundation is to encourage and finance the development of the game, particularly at school and youth level.

In recent weeks, the Foundation has undertaken major financial assistance for three projects. A pledge of £23,000 over two years has been made towards the introduction of a Rugby League Development Officer in Sheffield with Tim Butcher having been appointed. English Schools Rugby League has been granted £21,000 for the current season, including an Easter Tour of France while the University and Colleges Association received £13,000.

The production of 2,000 sets of four full colour posters to support the National Coaching Scheme was financed to the tune of £5,000 with £2,000 to both Carlisle and Mansfield Marksman clubs to aid schoolboy development programmes.

Administration grants of £1,000 each have been made to the following amateur leagues - Carlisle, London, Midlands and North West, Midlands and South West, Wales, the North East and Stafford.

The Rugby League Foundation has been given its own identity with the design of a special logo and letter style.

David Oxley said: "The formation of this independent Rugby League Foundation is the most positive and progressive step undertaken to encourage the development and expansion of the game. Legal steps are being taken to establish the Foundation as a Charitable Trust with a fund raising drive among business houses being launched to help finance this ambitious and vital development programme"

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CHAIRMANS LETTER

The workload of fund-raising, meetings, and travelling is a tremendous burden to those 'dedicated few' and lately with the general improvements of the standard of play in our respective leagues, we are called

upon to even greater efforts in order to merely keep pace with the others.

We have now reached a point for both the Soccer and Rugby League Club where a decision has to be made on the question 'where do we go from here'?

Is it worth asking 'the few' to carry on withstanding the crippling financial pressures in order to stay as we are or do we go to the people of Runcorn and ask YOU to decide.

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Do you want YOUR Rugby League club in the first division?

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We earnestly urge you to join our Linnets Link Line, give us the support we need and watch us 'Go for it'.

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KNOW YOUR TEAM

No. 10



PETER MARSDEN

Name: Peter Marsden

Date of Birth: 29th March 1967

Birthplace: Hervey Bay Q.C.D.

Now resides: St. Helens

Age: 20

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 12st 4lbs

Previous Club(s): Norths, Brisbane

Favourite Player: Wally Lewis

Favourite Ground: Bishop Park, Brisbane

Favourite Food: Seafood

Favourite Drink: Malibu and Coke

Likes: The beach and winning

Dislikes: Losing and Monday night training

Most memorable game: My first rep. game for Q.C.D. (we beat N.S.W. 14-12)

Area to improve: My general fitness and my positional play

Ambition: To help Runcorn into the play-offs and to promotion

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Position(s): Stand-off, Loose forward

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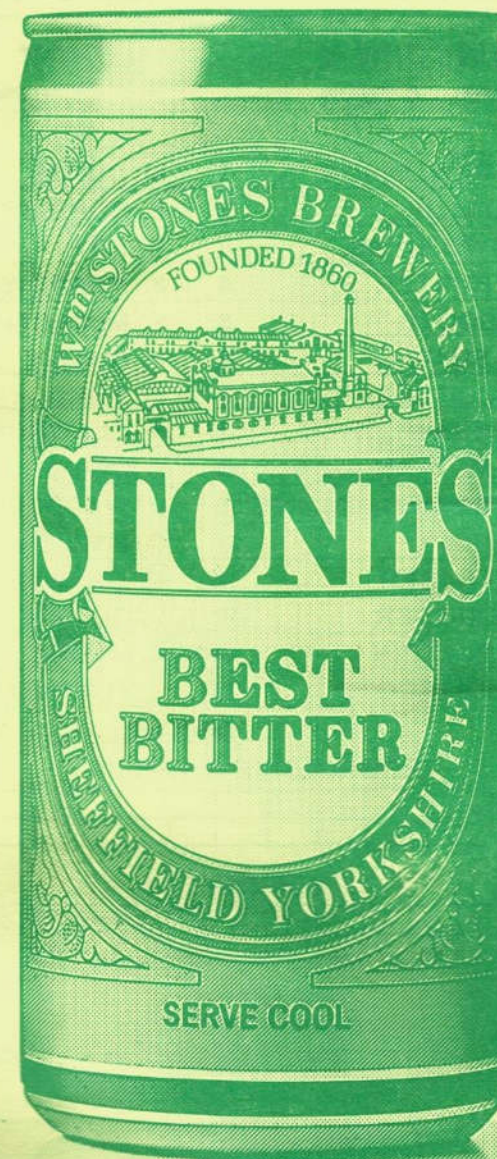


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