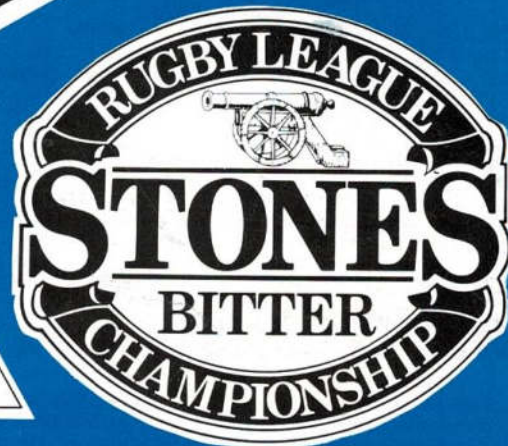
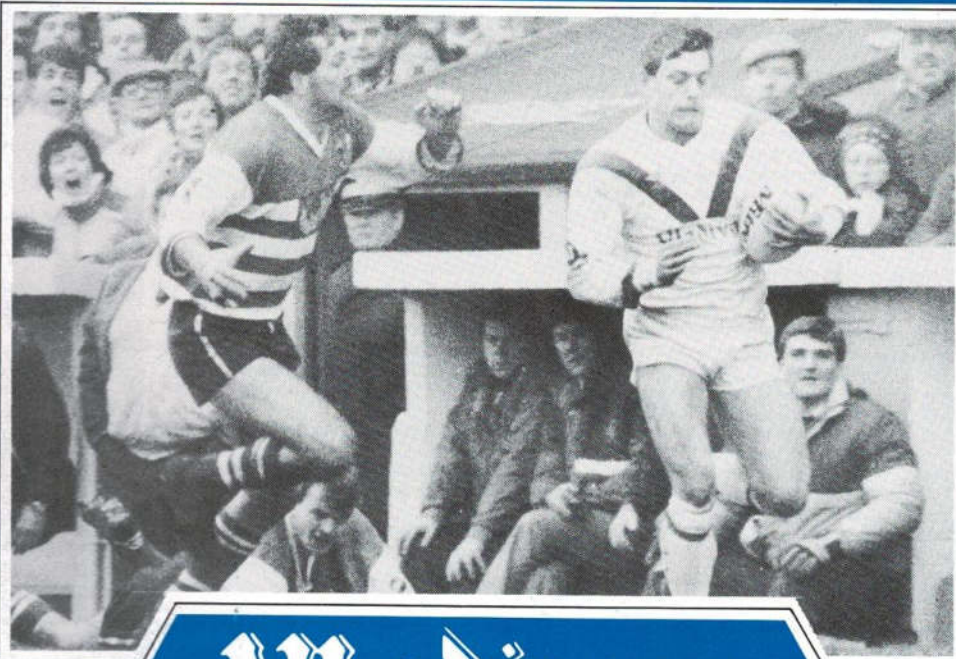




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TODAY we warmly welcome the directors, players, staff and supporters from Oldham in the first of consecutive games at Wilderspool. Today's game is our first meeting this season in the Stones Bitter Championship and next Sunday the sides meet again in Round One of the John Player Special Trophy.

We welcome also the representatives of our Match Sponsors RTZ Metal Stockholders Ltd., who have premises in major cities in the U.K. as well as The Wardley Industrial Estate, Priestly Road, Worsley, Manchester. We thank RTZ for their continued support and trust that they enjoy a pleasant afternoon's sport and hospitality. RTZ will nominate their own Man of the Match at the close of the game.

Our Club Sponsors VLADIVAR VODKA have chosen JOHN WOODS as their October Player of the Month and before the start of play John will receive a gallon bottle of Vladivar Vodka from representative Alan Dixon.

Pre Match entertainment is provided by the Miller Sevens with St. Barnabus meeting Birchwood C. of E. in the last of the First Round ties.

Our commiserations to MARTIN CROMPTON who after a fine display in the Wizards game against Hull K.R. last Sunday was stretchered off with an ankle injury. Martin was operated on — on Monday at St. Helens Hospital when pinning was required leaving Martin alongside rival Keith Holden — out for the rest of the season.

Mark Forster after scoring a brilliant try in the same game picked up a groin strain and will be doubtful this week.

Fellow wingers Brian Carbert, (more knee trouble) and Mike Bacon (broken wrist) have also been sidelined. Not much joy in the centre department either with Barry Peters (wrist scaifoid injury) and Paul Cullen in his second week of recovery at Lillleshall. Others still way off the pace include Neil Harmon (knee ligaments), Mark Knight, Chris Rudd (Achilles Tendon), Gary Chambers and Darren Harris who collected an industrial injury . . .

On the recovery front, Rocky Turner (concussed in the Battle of Agincourt) and Ian Percival, both appeared in the Wizards game last week.

Whoever turns out today, I am sure that the sport loving fans will give them every encouragement to offset the damage done by that miserable but vociferous few whose continuous carping neither helps the game, the club nor the players.

With Christmas on the horizon (a few Santas have already been spotted) why not have a look in our Club Shop? Sweaters, T-Shirts, etc. are always a welcome present.

FRONT COVER: Mark Forster begins a run in a previous meeting with Oldham.

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Control of the ball is vital to winning tight games and it does not need me to tell our supporters that this season losing the ball at crucial moments has been our biggest failing, perhaps never more evident than in our poor showing against the French side. I was a little happier after the Castleford game when there were indications that things can come right again. Castleford have enjoyed a good injury free run with their top players in sparkling form. Winning in Yorkshire is never easy but with a little luck we could have won this game and confounded our critics. In the end it was goal kicks which divided the sides in a highly entertaining game. Again it was handling errors at vital moments which cost us dearly and possibly a couple of tries.

The weaknesses in our game are worked at hour after hour on the training ground. There is no other recipe for success, we have to build up confidence in players who were adversely affected by the hyped up problems at the end of last season and the repercussions which have followed this. Even "Hall of Fame" celebrity Brian Bevan would have had difficulty playing with a 90lb pack on his back. We cannot change what is now history but as I said earlier, R.L. needs needle and edge to be competitive. Lose that and you will be watching the floppy Union game.

Today we are back to the cut and thrust and in recent seasons we have had some very tight battles with Oldham. Like ourselves they have struggled with injury problems losing a few games narrowly which with a little luck (we don't get much in Yorkshire) they might well have won. Your support, as ever, is welcome.

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MATCH REPORT

TOUR GAME — SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER 1988 at Wilderspool

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Turner 1
Drummond 2
Blake (1T) 3
Thorniley 4
Carbert 5
Woods (1G) 6
Bishop 7
Roach 8
Thursfield 9
Humphries 10
Sanderson 11
McGinty 12
Duane 13
Roberts 14
Tamati 15

Scrums 14-6

Score rate: 0-4, 0-10, 0-14 (HT)

0-15, 6-15, 6-17, 6-23, 6-29.

Subs (Wire) Roberts for McGinty (19)

Tamati for Duane (40)

Ref: R.F. Tennant. Attendance: 3,145.

FRANCE 29

Frison
Ratier (2T)
Vergniol
Delaunay
Pons (1T)
Palisses (1T)
Dumas (1G,1D/G)
Montgaillard
Tisseyre
Buttignol
Storer
Verdes
Moliner (1T)
Pech
Bourrell (3G)
Pens 10-9

The game had hardly caught the imagination of the Warrington public and the players did not seem too keen either. On three minutes Ratier found the Wire cover (or lack of it) to his liking and scored unopposed in the corner. On 24 a missed tackle allowed opposite flanker Pons to score with a Dumas conversion. Slick passing saw Palisses make the Wire defence look foolish and at the interval the fans were not ecstatic at 14 nil down. An early second half dropper by Dumas could have been answered as Wire opened up the cover only to throw the chance away by poor passing. Sub Pech changed his shirt and Blake once more went off in pursuit of his footwear whilst Roach continued his one man war with the referee. On 63 minutes Blake chipped over the constantly offside French and shoeless once more touched down, Woods made it 6-15. Was there hope? No chance, Roach's efforts conceded yet another penalty and in the last ten minutes France added tries from Ratier and Moliner. All three shots were driven home by sub Bourrell. Few of the Wire camp covered themselves with glory and Rocky Turner's hard earned MOM was only rewarded with concussion in the last few minutes. Mr. Tennant's allegiance to the Common Market saving Delaunay from the Bastille. Vive la France. Vive le Wire. Vive L'Official — they all need living.



'Bootlegger' Phil Blake on his way to Wires sole try.

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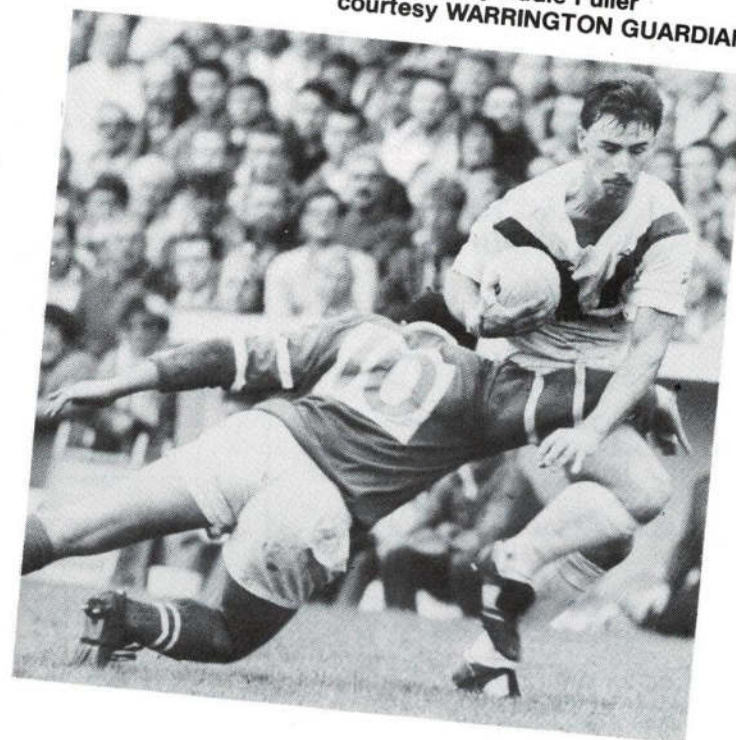
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Neither Tony Humphries
(left) nor Brian Carbert
(below) could make much
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STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP — SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER 1988
AT WHELDON ROAD, CASTLEFORD

CASTLEFORD 23

Belcher
Plange (1T)
Marchant
Boothroyd (1T)
S. Horo
G. Anderson (1T, 1D/g)
R. Beardmore
Ward
K. Beardmore
England
Ketteridge (5G)
Gibbs
Joyner
Rookley
Sampson

WARRINGTON 16

1 Lyon
2 Drummond
3 McGinty
4 Thorniley (1T)
5 Forster
6 Woods (2G)
7 Blake (1T)
8 Roach
9 Tamati
10 Humphries
11 Davidson (1T)
12 M. Gregory
13 Duane
14 Sanderson
15 Roberts

Scrums 6-2 Pens 14-13

Score rate: 6-0, 6-2, 12-2, 14-2, 14-6 HT.
14-12, 16-12, 18-12, 22-12, 22-16, 23-16.

Subs: (Cas) Sampson for England (58)

(Wire) Roberts for Humphries (72)

Ref: D.G. Kershaw, Att: 5,220

A hungry looking Cas took Wire off their feet in the opening exchanges and on three minutes with Thorniley prostrate on the ground the cover was stretched for ANDERSON to nip in. KETTERIDGE goaled. On 15 minutes WOODS hit back with a penalty but on 18 Davidson departed for ten at Mr. Kershaw's invitation. Five minutes later Cas again caught Wire shorthanded as BOOTHROYD scored to give KETTERIDGE another goal. The same boot added a penalty before a brilliant Woods break saw his sure fire try scoring pass to Blake go astray. Belcher lost the ball and THORNILEY hacked on to get the touch down to make the interval score 14-6. Two into the second half saw a Roach drive and pass to BLAKE who conjured up a try out of nothing. WOODS brought the score-line to 14-12. An over generous burst of penalties gave CAS in the shape of KETTERIDGE two more goals before on 72 Joyner cleverly put PLANGE in at the corner 22-12. Not done with Wire came back for DAVIDSON to extend a long arm from close in and touch down. No goal, or was it???

ANDERSON wrapped it up with a dropper two from time. A little steadiness and Wire could have won this. No lack of commitment. Yorkie crowd, Yorkie air, Yorkie officials. You get nowt o-er t'Pennines. Don't be fooled by the penalty count — Cas' were given where it hurt most. Good effort lads. Woods and Blake our best...



PHIL BLAKE



JOHN WOODS

STONES BITTER RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 88/89

AWAY HOME													
	Bradford N.	Castleford	Featherstone R.	Halifax	Hull	Hull K. R.	Leeds	Oldham	St. Helens	Salford	Wakefield T.	Warrington	Widnes
Bradford N.	*				32-20					42-18			17-20
Castleford		*		30-0				22-19		38-12		23-16	
Featherstone R.	20-48		*	21-17			18-32	18-14					
Halifax	26-14			*								4-16	26-20
Hull		8-18			*		14-12				10-16		
Hull K. R.	24-22		15-30	12-4		*			22-30				
Leeds						21-8	*		32-0			14-30	22-14
Oldham						30-16	22-28	*	22-26				
St. Helens	23-16	14-14			9-20				*		30-14		
Salford					24-14			38-20		*		25-18	15-12
Wakefield T.								12-12		18-36	*	14-10	14-28
Warrington			30-22		20-14				14-25			*	
Widnes			58-2	5-4	38-6								*
Wigan		12-20				32-16		40-18			34-12		*



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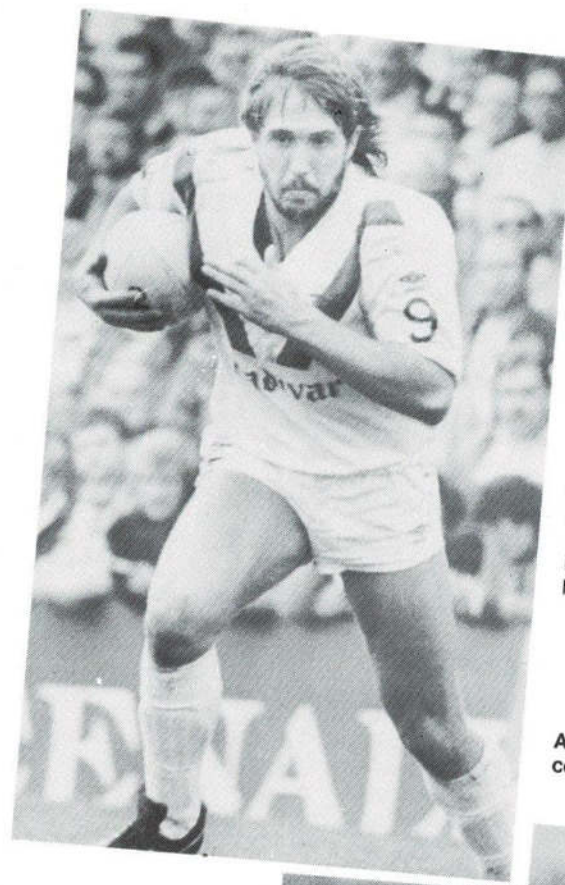
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John Thursfield (left) last season's young player of the year, has played in six first team games this season showing great promise.

Steve Roach (below) has yet to strike his best form for Wire. Phil Blake and Mark Roberts provide back-up here.

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ELLERY HANLEY

Ellery Hanley of Wigan needs one try to become the joint top Division One scorer of league tries with a career total of 165.

Keith Fielding set the record with 165 Division One tries for Salford from 1973-74 to 1980-81. Salford were then relegated and the remainder of Fielding's career was in Division Two.

The career record will complete Hanley's remarkable collection of Division One tryscoring feats.

He holds the record for most Division One tries in a season with 44 for Wigan in 1986-87, having set the record with 40 for Bradford Northern in 1984-85.

He equalled the record of five in a match for Wigan against Bradford Northern on 1 March 1987. Although that was beaten by Shane Cooper's six for St. Helens last season, Hanley's five is still the best by a forward.

He is the only player to have scored 20 or more Division One tries in each of the last four seasons, having headed the charts three times.

Hanley turned professional with Bradford Northern as a 17-year-old on 2 June 1978 from Corpus Christi amateurs, Leeds. He made a tryscoring debut as a substitute in a 30-18 Division One home defeat of Rochdale Hornets on 26 November 1978.

He was then absent for a period and did not make his full debut until 16 August 1981 when he scored a try in a Yorkshire Cup tie at Halifax. His full Division One debut followed on 30 August when he scored a try at stand-off in an 11-12 home defeat against Widnes.

Wigan signed him in a then world record £150,000 deal on 16 September 1985, making his debut in the centre in a 32-10 Division One home win over Widnes on 22 September 1985.

Hanley has scored 18 Division One hat-tricks including four four-try feats and five once.

BRAMLEY RECORD

Bramley ran up a club record score when they won 62-14 in a Division Two match at home to Dewsbury on Sunday.

They scored 12 tries compared with the 10 when they set the previous record of 52-17 in a Yorkshire Cup first-round tie at home to Doncaster on 1 September 1974.

LEADING TRY SCORERS

Leigh winger Barry Ledger has joined Martin

Offiah (Widnes) and Garry Schofield (Leeds) at the top of the try chart with 15.

Others in double figures are: Derek Bate (Swinton) and Peter Lister (Bramley) 12; Keith Bentley (Salford) and Phil Blake (Warrington) 11; Dean Bell (Wigan) and Paul Geary (Batley) 10.

100 POINTS

Steve Carroll of Bramley is the first player to reach a century of points for the season. The scrum-half's 18 points in Bramley's record 62-14 Division Two home defeat of Dewsbury on Sunday takes his total to 102 made up of 39 goals and six tries in 10 matches.

WINNING RUN

Bramley's club record 62-14 home defeat of Dewsbury extended the current longest winning run to seven matches — all in Division Two.

Doncaster are on a club record winning run of eight successive League victories. Their last League defeat was 30-14 at Sheffield Eagles in the final match of last season.

LOSING RUN

Chorley Borough's losing run now covers seven matches, including one Grunhalle Lager Lancashire Cup tie.

Huddersfield have now gone 17 Cup and League matches without a win, including a draw. Their last victory was on 6 March when they won 17-0 at Fulham.

TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS

1. Martin Ketteridge (Castleford)	43
2. David Hobbs (Bradford N.)	41
3. David Noble (Doncaster)	40
4. Steve Carroll (Bramley)	39
5. David Stephenson (Leeds)	38
6. Steve Guyett (Fulham)	35
Chris Vasey (Dewsbury)	35
8. Andy Rippon (Swinton)	33
9. Steve Ella (Wakefield T)	32
Andy Currier (Widnes)	32
Steve Turner (Rochdale H)	32

MILESTONES

Des Drummond of Warrington needs four tries for a career total of 200.

Neil Holding of St. Helens needs four tries for a career century of Division One touchdowns.

Bob Beardmore of Castleford needs three tries for a career total of 100.

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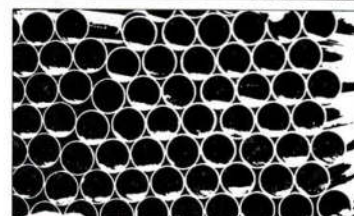
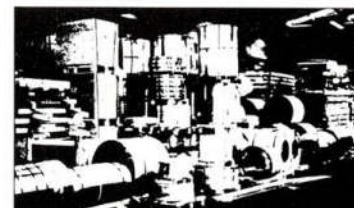
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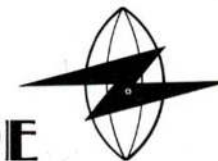
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WELCOME

Welcome to the Roughyeds Part 1. Today is the league encounter. Premiership glory has given way to the hard reality of First Division survival, and at the present time Oldham lay entrenched at the bottom. A win for either side would be a welcome boost.

SPORTS QUIZ

Since our last home programme the first two rounds of the Warrington Quiz League Supporters Trophy have taken place — here is how things went.

First round on Wednesday 19th October. The 'A' team travelled to the Stag (an intermediate venue) to face Moore R.U. 'B' and came away 20 points to seven victors. The 'B' team at home to Chapel House (who?) had a bye!

Second Round on Wednesday 26th October. The 'A' team travelled away, once again, this time to the Ring 'O' Bells in Daresbury and unfortunately came a 'cropper' at the hands of a very good team. Back at the Causeway pub the 'B' teams home venue Garry, Stan and Ken won through in an interesting clash 27-19 (against Newtown) to book a semi-final spot. Date for this match, one for the diaries, is Wednesday 23rd November. Opposition will be given in next week's programme.

SOUVENIR SHOP

Christmas is not too far away now so why not make your way to the Souvenir shop at the Fletcher Street end of the ground. New in are leather key rings at 50 pence, coasters again at 50 pence (or six for £2.00), Wire pens at 30p. or a set for £1.99. Coaches for away travel organised only by Barbara Johnson (and not the Supporters Club) can be booked on here, or give her a ring on Warrington 39842.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Voting takes place at each First team match and recently the Aussie connection of Blake and Davidson have been picking up more points towards the Player of the Year.

The 'A' team have been giving some inconsistent performances (can't think of the last time the Wizards lost three home matches on the run). Against Hull K.R. 'A' last Sunday they let another lead slip. Martin Crompton was the supporters vote (taking 7 points) before being stretchered off. Half back 'Rocky' Tur

ner bagged 4 points. Nice to see 'Rocky' being awarded No. 1 full back in this months Open Rugby form team for Division One. Steve Molloy (5 points), Kevin Tamati and Gary Sanderson (1 point each) completed the voting.

YORKSHIRE FEDERATION

On Saturday 26th November the Yorkshire Federation of R.L. Supporters Clubs are holding their annual Christmas dinner at the Leeds R.L. ground. Fred Lindop (retired referee) will be amongst the guest speakers. Price is £10 and if you are interested contact Graham Littler at 6 Fanny Street, Saltare, Shipley BD18 4QB.

ROUTEWAYS

Recently a number of supporters have asked for details of routes to away grounds for forthcoming Wire fixtures — where possible this will be given in 'pre-away' programmes — this being of benefit to new fans.

HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to two former Warrington players on their inclusion to the Whitbread Trophy Hall of Fame. Brian Bevan (who scored an amazing 740 tries in 620 games for Warrington) and Alex Murphy (captain and coach in 1974 Cup wins). To visit the shrine, the Benley Arms in Oulton, take the M62 turn off at Junction 30 and go north on the A642. Lots of R.L. memorabilia for the fans to see there.

S.C. RUGBY

The Supporters Club Rugby team were in action recently at Victoria Park. Bramley Supporters Club were the visitors and after a hard fought first half Warrington led 8-2. Warrington however asserted their authority in the second period and ran out comfortable winners by 42 points to 2. Scorers being tries Holland (3), Cudlip, Berry, Hatton, Evans and Swanton who was given a bottle of whisky from match sponsor M. Riley Grocers.

Last weeks return friendly at Bramley had to be cancelled due to a breakdown on the M62! Watch out for more adventures — check next week's programme.

Any views or comments, please write to the Warrington R.L. Supporters Club, Wilderspool Stadium, Fletcher Street, Warrington WA4 6PY.





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TODAY AT WILDERSPOOL

OLDHAM

MICK BURKE (Full back): Won almost every honour in the game with Widnes and joined Oldham in a £40,000 deal last January. The only player to have won both the Lance Todd Trophy and the Harry Sunderland Trophy for the Man of the March in a championship final.

PAUL ROUND (Full back): Joined Oldham at the start of last season for a tribunal fixed a £60,000. Usually a second row forward but has recently been tried in the full back and wing roles.

RICHARD IRVING (Wing): Snapped up by Oldham from Huddersfield amateur circles. Won both G.B. and Yorkshire amateur honours. Oldham expects great things from him as he gains experience.

COLIN HAWKYARD (Centre): Former second row player who has been playing in the centre. Due for a benefit next year, given tremendous service to Oldham.

DES FOY (Centre): Toured Down Under in 1984, younger brother of Martin Foy. Originally played for Widnes but figured in the deal that took Brian Hogan back to Naughton Park. G.B. International, very pacy centre.

JOHN HENDERSON (Centre): Recent £50,000 signing from Leigh. Represented Lancashire. The 24 year old is rated as one of the fastest inside backs in the game and he scored 90 tries in almost 150 games for the Hilton Park Club.

KEVIN MEADOWS (Wing): Experienced wingman who has played for St. Helens and Warrington. Joined Oldham, with team mate Steve Peters, last season. Scored the vital try that won the Premiership Trophy for Oldham last campaign.

CHRIS O'SULLIVAN (Stand off): Clever footballer, who came over from the Canberra club in Australia. Match winner on his day, who made a try scoring debut in the 64-2 thrashing of Workington Town.

IAN BATES (Scrum-half): Nephew of Dewsbury duo of Alan and John Bates. Good pair of hands and a capable defender, despite his size.

MIKE FORD (Scrum-half): Former Wigan player who spent several good seasons at Central Park. Played in the magnificent Wembley Final against Hull, alongside Brett Kenny. Moved on to Leigh, then to Oldham. Toured Down Under this summer.

NEIL CLAWSON (Prop): Son of former G.B. player Terry. Clawson. Neil was a £5,000 bargain buy from Featherstone Rovers two years ago. Regular pack member last season.

JOHN FAIRBANK (Prop): Signed for Oldham in the package deal that took G.B. prop Hugh Waddell to Leeds. Hails from a famous family and looks to be an exciting prospect.

ANDY RUANE (Hooker): Recent signing, who not only is a good hooker but a very useful goal kicker. Originally played for Widnes, but found his chances limited.

IAN SHERRATT (Prop): Local lad who joined Oldham from Bradford Northern. Big, strong, front row player who has spent the summer playing for Stanthorpe, a Queensland Country Club.

ASHLEY GILBERT (Second row): Australian, who scored 2 tries in Oldham's first league win of the season against Hull K.R. Formerly with the Canberra side, Down Under. He also was a try scorer in his debut against Workington Town.

TERRY FLANAGAN (Loose forward): In his benefit year. He has made more than 300 appearances for his home-town club. Former captain, first appointed at the age of 19. Has County, Test and Tour honours.

PAUL TAYLOR (Loose forward): Newly appointed captain, who made his debut against Featherstone Rovers last month. Makes up the Overseas contingent and is himself a very experienced Sydney First grade player.

Results Summary (Wire first)

	Home	Away
1973/74	W 27-12	W 22-15
1975/76	W 18- 3	W 19-10
1976/77	W 45-11	W 43- 4
1980/81	W 30- 2	W 22- 2
1982/3	W 17-12	L 12-22
1983/4	D 22-22	W 14-11
1984/5	L 12-18	W 16-15
1985/6	W 8- 4	L 20-26
1986/7	W 22-18	L 14-15

Wire Div. One Record v. Oldham

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt.
Home	9	7	1	1	201	102	15
Away	9	6	0	3	182	120	12
Totals	18	13	1	4	383	222	27



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Top tries: 21, Des Foy
Top goals: 62, Keith Atkinson, Peter Walsh
Top points: 164, Peter Walsh
Average crowd: 3,790

LAST FIVE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Sept. 25 — CASTLEFORD 22 OLDHAM 19
Scorers: G. Ruane 4(1D/g), T. Round, Henderson, Gilbert.
Cas' superior pace took them into a 22-9 second half lead after a scrappy first half. Sheer guts and effort brought Oldham close with new signing £50,000 John Henderson hitting the try line.

Oct. 2 — OLDHAM 30 HULL K.R. 16

Scorers: G. Burke (4), Ruane, T. Gilbert (2), Hawkyard, Burke, Casey

After being 6-12 down early in the second half, Oldham's Aussie duo Gilbert and O'Sullivan struck a chord and brought the home side back on song. Rovers waiting for Gavin (Not Glen) Miller.

Oct. 9 — WAKEFIELD 12 OLDHAM 12

Scorers: G. Burke (2), T. Fairbank, Robinson.

Wakefield on the way 12-2 at the break despite the absence of key man Mark Graham. Once again Oldham showed character in getting back into the game. A try three minutes from time by Robinson snatched a point.

Oct. 16 — SALFORD 38 OLDHAM 20

Scorers: G. Ruane (2), T. Hawkyard, Robinson, Bardsley, Round.

Plenty of action with Gibson sent off for Salford and Fairbank (dissent) for Oldham, the latter when his side were staging a recovery. Salford's pace won the day. Oldham had previously lost 2-18 to Salford at home in Rd. 2 Lancs Cup.

Oct. 23 — OLDHAM 22 ST. HELENS 26

Scorers: G. Ruane, T. Henderson, Round, Bardsley, Sherratt, Meadows.

Five tries to four but one goal to five shows the importance of Saints Loughlin in this game. Another plucky display from a patched up Oldham side.

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STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP — SEASON 1986/87

WARRINGTON 22 18 OLDHAM

Johnson, Meadows, Forster (1T), Duane (1T), Thackray, Bishop (5G), A. Gregory, Capewell, Webb, Jackson, Eccles, Rathbone, Sanderson.

Subs: Kelly, Humphries (1T).

Half time: 8-12. Attendance: 4,393. Referee: J. McDonald (Wigan)

Progressive score: (Wire first) 2-0, 2-6, 4-6, 8-6, 8-12 (HT) 10-12, 10-18, 16-18, 22-18.

Atkinson, Sherman, Foy, M'Barki (1T), Taylor, Ashton, Kirwan, Clark (1T), Flanagan, Hobbs (3G), Clawson, Hawkyard (1T), Worrall, Subs. Edwards, Nadirole.

After losing their opening two league encounters at home to Castleford and away at Leigh, Tony Barrow shuffled his pack and gave debuts to Phil Capewell and Tony Humphries. Following a Bishop penalty, Hawkyard gleaned full advantage from a Worrall break to score, Hobbs added the conversion. Another Bishop penalty was followed by a Duane try after a Jackson burst gave the wire the lead, but then Aussie Clark found acres of room to give the visitors a half time advantage, increased to 8-12 by the Hobbs conversion.

Bishop closed the gap with another penalty but ex-Wire M'Barki collected his own hack on to score and give Hobbs another successful shot at goal. Bob Eccles fed new boy substitute Tony Humphries who barged past three defenders to touch down, with Bishop's conversion bringing the deficit down to two points again. With just two minutes to go, an Andy Gregory kick saw the ball rebound off an Oldham defender into Mark Forster's welcoming hands. The Wire centre gratefully accepted the gift to score by the posts. Bishop wrapped up the game with his fifth goal of the afternoon and the sigh of relief could be heard at Market Gate.

The ever persistent Andy Gregory was voted 'Man of the Match' with both Messrs Capewell and Humphries enjoying fine debuts as Wire sought to find the right blend.





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1. A.N. OTHER
2. BACON
3. WILLIAMSON
4. D. GREGORY
5. A.N. OTHER
6. A.N. OTHER
7. CROMPTON
8. MOLLOY
9. ROSKELL
10. SUMNER
11. RICHARDS
12. MAYO
13. CAPEWELL
14. PERCIVAL
15. A.N. OTHER

SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER 1988

Lancashire County Challenge Shield Round Two.
WIZARDS 22 CARLISLE 'A' 20.

Wizards grip on the Lancashire Shield was almost kicked into touch by Carlisle as lack of a goal kicker kept Carlisle in the hunt. Only Basil Richards was successful with the boot whilst the visitors Brian Tunstall landed four. Despite looking out of touch Wizards went into a 22-10 lead early in the second half courtesy of tries from Damian Gregory, Mike Bacon, Paul Williamson and two from the trialists. Carlisle came back late with two tries and a goal and with only that two points slender lead Wizards owed their win to a trialist full back who brought off a try saving tackle on the Carlisle winger with only five minutes to go. Wizards are clearly suffering from first team demands . . . The club also suffered a £100 fine for not being able to field a team against Hunslet two weeks previously. Talk about kicking a man when he's down . . .

TEAM

1. A.N. OTHER
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3. WILLIAMSON
4. D. GREGORY
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6. BISHOP
7. CROMPTON
8. MOLLOY
9. ROSKELL
10. SUMNER
11. ROBERTS
12. CAPEWELL
13. THURSFIELD
14. MAYO
15. RICHARDS

FRIDAY 21st OCTOBER 1988

Slalom Lager Alliance.

WIZARDS 21 CASTLEFORD 'A' 26

A late start due to traffic hold-up on the M62 but Wizards quickly got into their stride when a Roberts break saw BISHOP touch down then add the two. On 12 minutes Cas No. 5 Great back touched down but three minutes on Bishop again was prominent when he sent CROMPTON in with a super pass. BISHOP goaled. Keeping up the pressure Bishop was again involved in a move with Thursfield which sent CAPEWELL behind the posts. BISHOP again on target and added a penalty for good measure. A lead of 20-4 was reduced on the half hour when Cas No. 12 made a good break to turn the ball inside for Southernwood to score with No. 12 obliging with the conversion. CROMPTON completed the first half with a drop 21-10 for Wizards.

Richards replaced Roberts but the second half began disastrously for Wizards as Cas ran in two tries and two goals in the first ten minutes to take a one point lead. 15 minutes into the half saw Bishop leave the field to be replaced by Mayo and at the same moment Capewell a forceful forward was sent off for keeps. With first Roskell then Thursfield having a go at No. 7 Wizards were in disarray and Cas completed an unhappy night for Wizards with a late try in the corner. Frittering away a sixteen point lead needs close scrutiny. Some fingers need to be pulled out

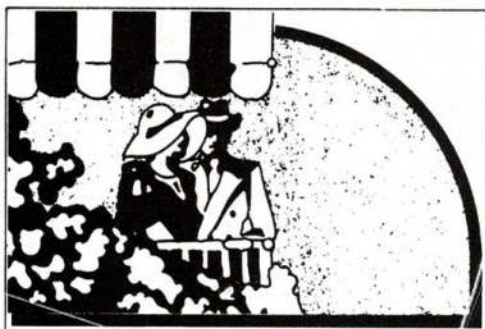
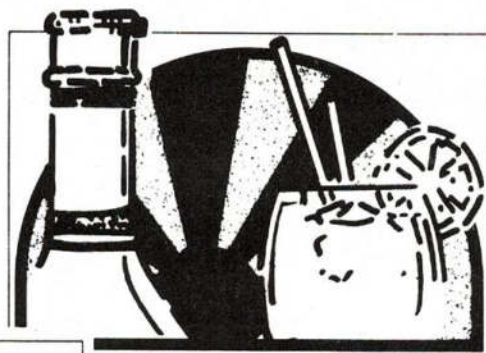


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BACON, M.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	
BISHOP, P.	4	—	—	—	—	61	7	26	169	30	
BLAKE, P.	10	—	11	—	2	29	—	33	—	3	
CAPEWELL, P.	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	
CARBERT, B.	2	1	—	—	—	83	3	37	118	—	
CROMPTON, M.	2	5	2	—	—	22	7	4	—	1	
CULLEN, P.	7	1	—	—	—	159	5	31	—	—	
DAVIDSON, L.	6	—	2	—	—	6	—	2	—	—	
DRUMMOND, D.	11	—	1	—	—	59	—	27	—	—	
DUANE, R.	6	—	1	—	—	148	9	49	28	—	
FORSTER, M.	8	—	2	—	—	141	9	59	1	—	
GREGORY, M.	6	—	—	—	—	149	18	37	—	—	
HARMON, N.	4	1	2	—	—	17	9	3	—	—	
HOLDEN, K.	—	—	—	—	—	31	—	5	—	1	
HUMPHRIES, A.	6	5	1	—	—	35	17	6	—	—	
KELLY, K.	—	—	—	—	—	301	15	73	—	10	
KNIGHT, M.	—	—	—	—	—	3	10	2	—	—	
LYON, D.	7	—	—	—	—	29	3	8	—	—	
McGINTY, W.	5	—	—	—	—	48	25	10	—	—	
MOLLOY, S.	2	1	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	
PERCIVAL, I.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	
PETERS, B.	3	1	1	—	—	44	17	9	—	—	
ROACH, S.	6	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	
ROBERTS, M.	4	2	4	—	—	98	15	43	—	—	
ROSKELL, M.	4	—	—	—	—	26	1	4	—	—	
RUDD, C.	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	
SANDERSON, G.	8	—	2	—	—	63	15	7	—	—	
SUMNER, P.	2	1	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	
TAMATI, K.	2	1	—	—	—	96	10	5	—	—	
THORNILEY, P.	6	—	3	—	—	18	3	5	—	—	
THURSFIELD, J.	6	—	—	—	—	8	2	—	—	—	
TURNER, R.	5	—	1	5	—	7	4	1	9	1	
WOODS, J.	10	—	3	26	—	47	—	16	173	5	

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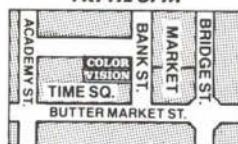
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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

AUGUST

Sun. 14 Wigan (Locker Cup) A W 30-28
Sun. 28 Wakefield T. A L 10-14

SEPTEMBER

Sun. 4 St. Helens H L 14-25
Sun. 11 Salford A L 18-25
Sun. 18 Runcorn (LCC1) A W 42-4
Sun. 25 Hull H W 20-14
Wed. 28 Carlisle (LCC 2) H W 34-18

OCTOBER

Sun. 2 Halifax A W 16-4
Wed. 5 County Cup (S/F)
Sun. 9 Featherstone R. H
Sun. 16 France H L
Sun. 23 Castleford A L
(Also Lancs Cup Final)

NOVEMBER

Sun. 30 H
Sun. 6 Oldham H
Sun. 13 John Player (1) A
Sun. 20 Leeds A
Sun. 27 John Player (2) A

DECEMBER

Sun. 4 Castleford H
(Also John Player (3))
Sun. 11 Oldham A
(Also John Player 1st SF)
Sun. 18 John Player (2nd S.F.) H

JANUARY

Mon. 26 Widnes H
Sun. 1 Wigan A
Sun. 8 Hull K.R. H
(Also John Player Final)
Sun. 15 Bradford Northern A
Sun. 22 Wigan H
Sun. 29 Challenge Cup (1) H

FEBRUARY

Sun. 5 Hull K.R. A
Sun. 12 Challenge Cup (2) H
Sun. 19 Wakefield Trinity H
Sun. 26 Challenge Cup (3) H

MARCH

Sun. 5 Bradford Northern H
Sun. 12 Hull A
(Also Chall. Cup 1st S.F.)
Sun. 19 Halifax H
Fri. 24 Widnes A
Sat. 25 Challenge Cup 2nd S.F. H
Mon. 27 Salford H

APRIL

Sun. 2 Leeds H
Sun. 9 St. Helens A
Sun. 16 Featherstone R. A

ALLIANCE FIXTURES 1988/89

AUGUST

Sat. 20 Millom (Friendly) H W 42-0
Fri. 26 Wigan H W 16-15

SEPTEMBER

Fri. 2 St. Helens A L 18-27
Fri. 9 Salford H W 36-25
Fri. 16 Halifax H W 42-6
Fri. 23 Hull A L 10-22

OCTOBER

Sat. 1 Workington (LCCS1) H W 36-13
Fri. 7 Hunslet (at Bramley) A
Sat. 15 Carlisle (LCCS1) H W 22-20
Fri. 21 Castleford H L 21-26
Wed. 26 Widnes (LCCSsemi) H L 15-16
Sun. 30 Hull K.R. H L 24-32

NOVEMBER

Fri. 4 Swinton C. A
Fri. 11 St. Helens H
Fri. 18 Leeds A
Fri. 25 Hunslet H

DECEMBER

Fri. 2 Castleford A
Fri. 9 Salford A
Fri. 16 Carlisle H
Sat. 24
Fri. 30 Swinton C. H

JANUARY

Fri. 6 Hull K.R. A
Sat. 14 Whitehaven H
Fri. 20 Wigan A
Fri. 27 Widnes A

FEBRUARY

Sat. 4 Alliance Cup (1)
Fri. 10 Leeds H
Sat. 18 Alliance Cup (2)
Sat. 25 Whitehaven A

MARCH

Sat. 4 Carlisle A
Fri. 10 Hull H
Fri. 17 Halifax A
Wed. 22 Widnes H