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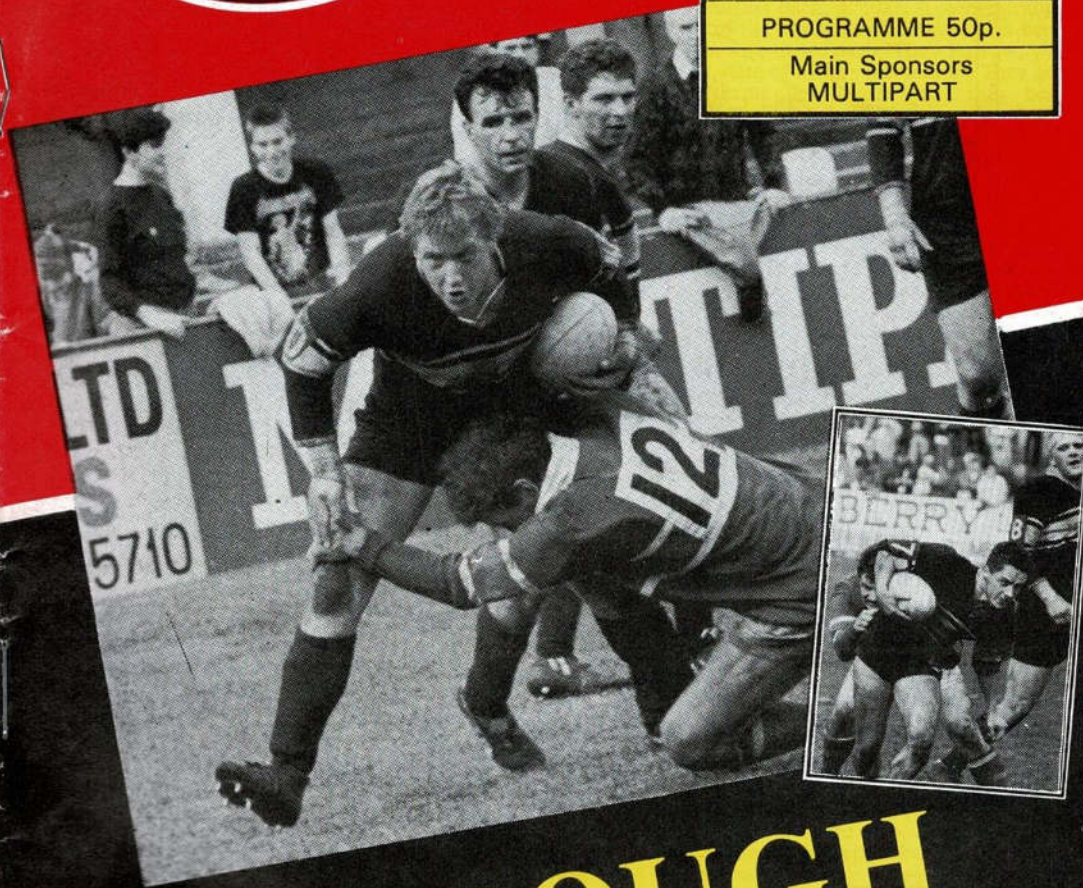
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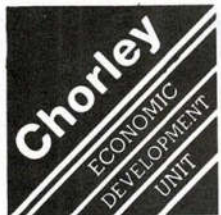
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We extend a most hearty welcome to the Directors, Players, Officials, and, above all, their faithful supporters who, we hope, will have swelled our gate today. Oldham R.L.F.C. are one of the most famous clubs in the Rugby League and in 5 years time they will be celebrating their centenary. They have had many ups and downs during that time but generally speaking they have always had a good team, they have won the R.L. Championship 3 times, but the last one was as long ago as 1957. They have also won the R.L. Challenge Cup 3 times, but the last occasion they got their hands on that trophy was even further back, in 1927. It seems strange that they are one of the top clubs who have never been to Wembley, I am sure their coach, Tony Barrow, will want to alter that state of affairs this season. They got over the first hurdle last week when they beat Huddersfield comfortably in the preliminary round. He has already taken them to the Lancashire Cup final this season, beating 3 first division clubs on their way there, only to fall to Wigan in a tremendous final. As a neutral spectator that day I thought Oldham put up a terrific display and were a shade unlucky.

Over their 95 years existence they have taken part in 34 finals of various R.L. competitions, winning 17 of them. Oldham are in effect a first division team, they are geared for it, but even the best laid plans sometimes go astray. In 1987/88 they gained promotion to division one, after only one season in division two, they spent about £200,000 on new players to keep them up there, coach Tony Barrow was pinched from Warrington to help keep them there, but it was a shock to their system when they were relegated again last season, after finishing 3rd from the bottom. Their aim this season is to go straight back up again, and they are on course for it, but it is going to be tight, they are in fourth position, with matches in hand on some clubs, but they cannot afford any slip ups. I know Tony Barrow wants to take the team to Wembley for their first time, (to play, not just to watch) and we wish them the best of luck, a Wembley appearance and promotion would bring the crowds back to Watersheddings.

Oldham used to be a Members Club, but about 4 years ago when their fortunes were at a low ebb it was made into a Limited Company, with a small board of directors. One of my former colleagues at Blackpool Borough, John Chadwick, joined their board in June last year and was appointed chairman in September, many congratulations to him and we hope the club goes from strength to strength.

When the NEW Chorley Borough was formed last June we promised that we would hold a social event during the season. We held one last September and we have organised a Sportsman's Evening for Friday, January 26th, at the Kilhey Court Hotel, which is situated between Wigan and Chorley. Guest speakers are David Howes and Mick Morgan, both well known R.L. personalities. Tickets, priced £18, can be obtained from any director or the commercial manager. Why not join us, it will be a 'real good do'. Mick Morgan will be auctioneering R.L. Mementoes, don't miss it.

The next scheduled event will be a Race Night, in the social club, date to be announced later.

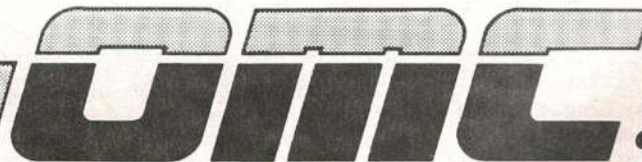
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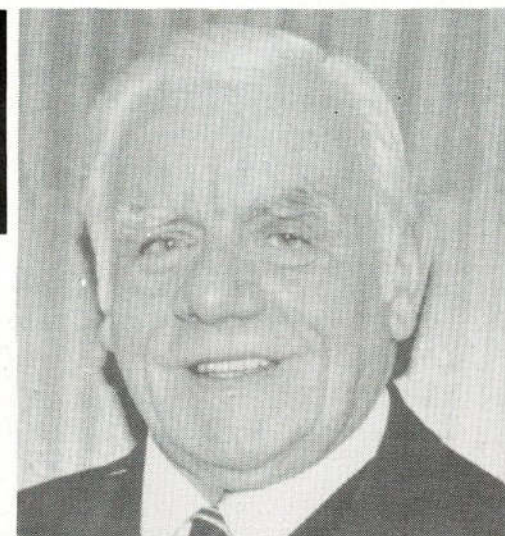
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George Lunn's Rugby League Round-Up

After 3 successive victories, 2 away from home, we just failed to make it 4 in a row last Sunday, just why we didn't win at Trafford Borough was because we just didn't take our chances. At only 10-6 down in the second half we threw away 2 try scoring chances, one was bad luck when Stewart Williams went over, but the ball slipped out of his hands as he was about to touch down, but the biggest miss was when David Wood failed to pass to an unmarked colleague, a scene at that stage would have rejuvenated our lads. We also failed to take advantage of at least two reasonable penalty kicks at goal, the usual reliable boot of Mike Smith seemed to desert him. Disappointed we may have been, especially against our keen rivals Trafford, but on the credit side our lads had registered a hat-trick of wins. Before then and over the last 2 months we have seen a gradual improvement in our play. Slowly but surely our coach Stan Gittins is getting it right. Let it not be forgotten that we are still in our first season, remember this season, in particular, he is having to experiment by bringing in players for trial games who have been recommended to the club, we cannot leave any stone unturned, for we may discover a player with tremendous potential. I would point out that when Sheffield Eagles entered the league in 1984/85 they only won 8 matches in that season, they are now doing well in division one, we have already won 7 and I am sure we have more to come.

OUR NEWCOMERS

In November our coach asked the Directors for a sum of money to help to strengthen the team, he knew our weaknesses and felt that if the right players could be found with experience, and at reasonable prices, we should sign them, not just with this season in view, but next. The Directors agreed to make more money available, within reason, despite our heavy spending to start our new club, and our search has resulted in 3 players being signed before the cup deadline. They are Stewart Williams, aged 28, a centre and



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Kenny Marshall, aged 23, a full back/centre, they have both experienced first division football with Barrow and the former with Salford previously. The latest signing was David Wood, aged 26, a centre or half-back from Rochdale Hornets, he was a regular choice in their successful team up to a few weeks ago, but after losing his place he was allowed to leave. Before this season he had made 119 appearances for them, scoring 25 tries and kicking 125 goals. All have agreed to 2½ year contracts with the club. We give them a welcome to Victory Park, we feel sure that when they have settled down in the team and get to know their colleagues better, they will be an asset to the club in its team building process.

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP

The "Road to Wembley" is on its way, the preliminary rounds last week saw the fall of 2 top clubs, Leeds and Castleford, in their matches against equally famous clubs,

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Bradford Northern and St. Helens, the latter being a surprise after the recent dramatic events at the Saints.

It is a great pity that Leeds went out so soon, they are an attractive team to watch with the next to the best following in the league, and being a Yorkshireman I am sorry to see 2 of the top Yorkshire Clubs go out so soon, our only remaining hope I feel is Bradford Northern as one of the finalists, and if they can be kept apart I fancy Widnes as the other, but even if we get there, ah, ah, it is a sell out. As you should all know, we have been drawn at home to Keighley, who play attractive rugby, we are actually 2 points above them in the league so it is going to be a very competitive game between two equally matched teams. All cup ties are shared gates and please note it an an ALL PAY game, which means season ticket holders must pay and complimentary tickets are restricted.

As it is a clash of second division clubs we have agreed not to put up the general admission charges, only the Stand and Paddock transfer from 50p to £1. Special guests will be the Mayor and Mayoress of Chorley, the Mayor and Mayoress of Warrington, together with our President, Mr. Doug Hoyle M.P. for Warrington. We sincerely hope you will persuade some friends to come along with you to give us a lot of vocal support, I am sure our lads will respond to it.

AWAY SUPPORT

We are very grateful that the Blackpool R.L. Supporters club are following us, home and away, and it is encouraging that they are making themselves heard on away grounds. Last Sunday they set up a chart of "Come on Chorley" to get an immediate response from the Trafford supporters of "Come on Trafford", friendly rivalry, nice to hear, as for myself, after shouting "Come on Borough" for over 30 years, I just could not get out of the habit, some wag asked me which Borough? Considering my age I am blessed with good lungs and I did not realise

that my raucous shouts upset anyone, until I saw at least two people move away from in front of me, I do apologise, but old habits die hard.

Talking of travel, we are gradually getting more of our Chorley supporters going to our away games. I am sure there would be more if there was sufficient people to fill a coach. There has been a suggestion from players wives and girl friends, that if they could join forces with these supporters then it may be possible to jointly afford a coach, starting from Chorley, then picking up players wives etc. in Wigan. If you are interested, I feel sure that the supporters club secretary would help to organise it he and his wife have to travel by car at present, if you are interested get in touch, his address is, Brian Green, 27 Stump Lane, Chorley. Tel. 62577.

PROGRAMME ERROR

Being writer and compiler of club programmes for many years, I do take a pride in doing the arduous task and I like to get my facts correct. It seems that this is not so with some clubs. In the Workington programmes review of our players they mentioned two players who have never even signed for us. Alan Fairhurst and Dave Brown, also Martin Lee, whom we had on a months loan at the beginning of the season, but who returned to Swinton in October, they also got the name of Steve Merrick, when it is actually Martin Meyrick, getting the right information is only a telephone call away.

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Have you visited the Supporters Club Shop yet? It is well worth a vist, they have a wide selection of programmes, this seasons and others, also club badges, scarves, pennants and copies of the Rugby Leagues first Fanzine magazine, The Tangerine Dream, a pot pouri of sarcasm, wit and opinions, the latter may amuse or irritate, depending on your sense of humour.

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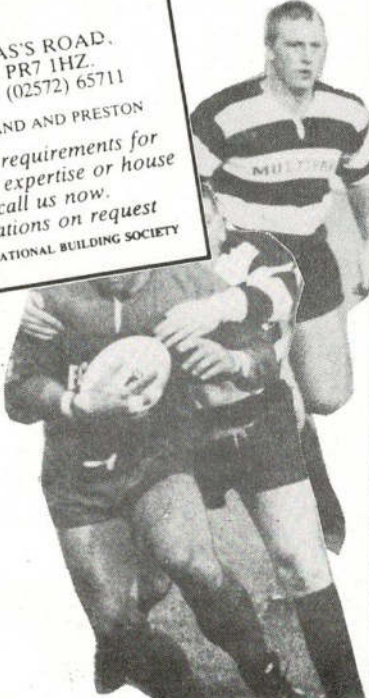
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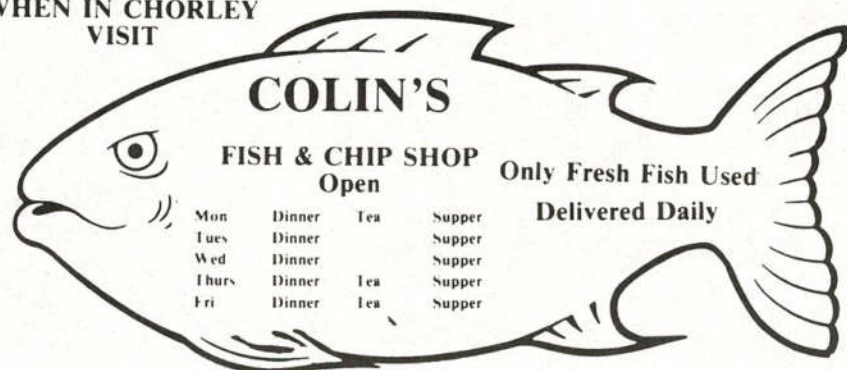
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IN TOUCH

JOHN WOODS' RECORD

John Woods of Rochdale Hornets equalled the Division Two record try sequence of 10 successive matches when he touched down in the 38-12 win at Keighley.

He shares the record with Roger Millward who scored at least one try in Hull KR's last 10 matches of 1974-75 before they were promoted.

Woods' try scoring run has been achieved in single touchdowns except for two in the third of the stand-offs sequence.

The former Test player also holds the following League records:

DIVISION TWO

Most points in a match: 38 for Leigh v Blackpool Borough 11 September 1977.

DIVISION ONE

Most points in a season: 295 for Leigh in 1983-84. Most career goals (854) and points (2130) for Leigh, Bradford Northern and Warrington.

FASTEST 100

Mike Fletcher needs two goals in Hull KR's next match to equal the record for the fastest century in a season. The centre has scored in all 17 of Rovers' matches this season for a total of 98 goals.

The record fastest 100 was achieved in 18 and is shared by three players:

BERNARD GANLEY who did it in 17 matches for Oldham and one for Great Britain in 1957-58.

DAVID WATKINS equalled the record in 18 matches for Salford in 1972-73.

STEVE QUINN became the third record holder with a century in 18 matches for Featherstone Rovers in 1979-80.

FLETCHER'S match by match record is as follows:

8-9-8-2-2-9-7-8-2-5-5-7-3-10-2-4-7

TRY SCORING RUN

St. John Ellis's try scoring run for Castleford ended at six matches when injury prevented the winger playing at Bradford Northern.

POINT SCORING RUN

Mark Aston has scored in 56 successive matches for Sheffield Eagles. The scrum half's run has brought him a total of 444 points from 216 goals including 16 drop goals and seven tries. He has scored in every Sheffield match since the start of last season.

WINNING RUN

Halifax's winning run ended at six matches when they lost 18-14 at Ryedale-York. Wigan now have the longest winning run of five matches made up of three Stones Bitter Championship games and two Regal Trophy ties. Their unbeaten run extends to 12 matches including one draw against Leeds in the Regal Trophy. Wigan's last defeat was 22-20 at home to Castleford on 29 October.

TOP TEN TRY SCORERS

1	Martin Offiah (Widnes)	29
2	Mark Preston (Wigan)	25
3	Andy Goodway (Wigan)	20
4	Shaun Edwards (Wigan)	19
5	Steve Larder (Castleford)	18
	Wilf George (Halifax)	18
	John Cogger (Oldham)	18
8	Paul Newlove (Featherstone)	16
	Brimah Kebbie (Widnes)	16
	Gerald Cordle (Bradford)	16
	Greg Austin (Hull KR)	16

TOP TEN GOAL SCORERS

1	Mike Fletcher (Hull K.R.)	99
2	Paul Loughlin (St. Helens)	96
3	Steve Turner (Rochdale H)	83
4	Mark Aston (Sheffield E)	69
5	David Hobbs (Bradford N)	67
6	Jonathon Davies (Widnes)	66
7	Colin Maskill (Leeds)	64
8	Mark Conway (Wakefield T)	63
9	Robert Turner (Warrington)	59
10	Steve Kerry (Salford)	54

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP TABLES Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	15	13	0	2	488	126	26
Leeds	14	11	0	3	344	224	22
Widnes	15	10	0	5	393	224	20
Wakefield	15	10	0	5	321	243	20
Warrington	16	9	1	6	277	253	19
St. Helens	14	9	0	5	378	288	18
Bradford	13	9	0	4	293	203	18
Hull	15	6	1	8	266	272	13
Castleford	13	6	0	7	272	262	12
Leigh	15	6	0	9	260	358	12
Sheffield	15	5	1	9	292	316	11
Featherstone	15	4	0	11	258	434	8
Salford	15	2	1	12	246	429	5
Barrow	16	1	0	15	151	633	2

Division Two

Rochdale	16	14	0	2	591	242	28
Hull K.R.	15	13	0	2	549	234	26
Oldham	15	13	0	2	406	183	26
Ryedale York	17	12	1	4	364	191	25
Swinton	17	12	0	5	387	257	24
Halifax	15	11	0	4	374	205	22
Batley	17	11	0	6	298	215	22
Doncaster	16	9	2	5	326	197	20
Huddersfield	16	10	0	6	273	210	20
Dewsbury	16	10	0	6	308	279	20
Trafford	17	9	0	8	327	295	18
Fulham	16	8	1	7	217	292	17
Bramley	17	7	0	10	247	250	14
Whitehaven	17	6	0	11	259	352	12
CHORLEY	16	6	0	10	221	328	12
Hunslet	19	5	0	14	275	364	10
Keighley	16	5	0	11	297	410	10
Carlisle	17	4	0	13	287	437	8
Workington	16	4	0	12	194	453	8
Nottingham	16	2	0	14	194	539	4
Runcorn	17	0	0	17	136	587	0

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SUPPORTER'S EYE VIEW

by Brian Green

Times are Getting Better

Already we are well into January and allowing for the fact that these notes are being written before the Trafford match a feeling of euphoria exists following our hat trick of wins. The Runcorn match producing three records for our newly formed club. They were highest match score, most tries in a match and most goals in a match. Also it was the first time a substitute had got on the score sheet.

Having written the column for the Runcorn programme prior to the Swinton game much has happened and in a very positive way. It will be recalled I posed the question, could we possibly achieve a total of 24 pts for the season and speculated that 18 or 20 maybe more realistic. From a level of 6 pts these were optimistic words. Now that these have been doubled to 12 pts a different picture has emerged. We can now anticipate reaching 24 pts and not hoping we do.

Why Do It?

Many of my friends and acquaintances cannot understand the motivation that drives Jean and myself to travel to Leeds on Boxing Day and Workington on a dreary January Sunday to participate with a few hundred hardy souls in watching Rugby League from the lower reaches of the second division. They can understand travelling to watch success in the shape of your Liverpool's, Arsenal's in football or your Wigan's and Widnes's in RL but not the poorer relations. The answer is that hope springs eternal. One day we will be up there. But suffice to say for now the journeys from Hunslet and Workington assumed a different dimension and put me on another cloud level.

Rugby Leaguer — It Could Do Better

If you are a keen Rugby league football enthusiast and want to know what is going on where do you turn for the necessary information? The national and local press are an obvious source, but what about the specialist press? Do you buy the Rugby Leaguer? I do, and quite often ask myself why. The answer is quite simple, there may not be much of immediate interest but the alternative is no information at all.

Obviously I am interested in what is happening across the whole game but query the Rugby Leaguer approach. Are they supplying what the fans want or giving the supporter what they think

he wants? Short sharp reports on all clubs and aspects of the game would be more beneficial than some of the long winded parochial articles that appear. We are all interested in what is happening, when and where, but a multitude of words on a player is only of interest to a limited number of people.

Examples from the current issue are — 300 words on the transfer of Marquis Charles from Dewsbury to Hull, 500 words on Andy Pucill of Swinton and 400 words on Andy Dickinson of Huddersfield. None of these players have yet set the rugby league world on fire and at least one never will. Unless you are a supporter of one of the three clubs concerned are you really that interested in reading that volume of wordage about relative unknowns? I am not.

In the edition mentioned, of 35 clubs in the first and second divisions only half received articles or a mention of note. What sound reason is there for buying Rugby Leaguer on a regular basis? None if your team never features. By all means print "Profile" articles but lets have some basic items as well. For example - Printing team details from the previous week-end matches such as team sheet, man of the match, exceptional highlights, records, the unusual, in fact anything of interest. Secondly an update on team news, transfers, injuries, etc. A couple of paragraphs on each club every week would be enough for this. After all we are also interested in the teams we are matched against. Whatever its other failings a weekly magazine has to be topical feeding out current information. The Rugby Leaguer falls far short of these standards much of its content more suited for a monthly publication.

Local Press

The Chorley Guardian continues to give us good coverage. A new feature introduced last week was one from Carl Briscoe. An excellent idea. Perhaps they have some more goodies up their sleeve.

A Personal Hope

Our match today against Oldham is particularly significant for me in a small way. I currently work in Failsworth which is on the Oldham boundary with Manchester. Staff I work with are Oldham supporters. As underdogs they expect us to lose and I shall have to put up with a few friendly digs. But a win for us would allow me an ascendancy that will endure at least until we visit them in a few weeks time. **BEAT 'EM BOROUGH!**

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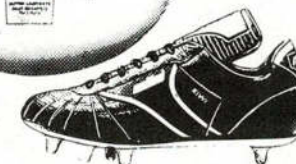
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J. Aylward.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
D. Bacon.....	18	-	-	-	-	9	36
J. Bimson.....	13	-	-	-	-	4	16
C. Briscoe.....	17	-	-	-	-	1	4
P. Broxton.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
K. Burnette.....	13	-	-	-	-	3	12
M. Cheetham.....	5	1	-	-	-	-	-
S. Cimmond.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
J. Duffy.....	15	-	-	-	-	5	20
M. Edwards.....	6	6	-	-	-	2	8
G. Ellis.....	2	7	-	-	-	-	-
S. Galbraith.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
T. Gittins.....	14	-	-	-	-	2	8
T. Grundy.....	3	4	1	-	-	-	-
T. Hodson.....	18	-	-	-	-	1	4
D. Jones.....	6	-	-	-	-	1	4
M. Knight.....	19	-	-	-	-	2	8
M. Lee.....	4	-	-	-	-	1	4
P. Massey.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
K. Marshall.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
J. Mayo.....	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. Meyrick.....	5	2	-	-	-	2	8
M. Nanyan.....	1	6	-	-	-	-	-
M. O'Hara.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
B. Price.....	16	3	-	4	2	1	14
D. Robinson.....	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
P. Roberts.....	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
C. Schofield.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. Smith.....	18	-	-	40	3	-	83
B. Torpy.....	18	1	-	-	-	1	4
A. Whittaker.....	11	-	-	-	-	3	12
S. Williams.....	7	-	-	-	-	2	8
D. Wood.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	-



Answers to Quiz

1. John Dorahy
2. Graham West
3. Eric Grothe
4. Martin Offiah
5. Fred Ah Kuoi
6. Dean Bell
7. Alex Murphy
8. Rod Reddy
9. Sam Backo
10. Kevin Iro

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Mr. Steele has the distinction of being the youngest Grade 1 official in Rugby League, he was actually only 26 when he was promoted to that grade, it seems amazing when you consider that a lot of would be referees don't even start to think about it until after that age. You may ask how on earth did he manage it, had he an uncle on the R.L. Council, the answer is no, he obtained it on merit. As a youngster his ambition was to referee in R.L. and he took control of his first game in junior league on his 16th birthday, after passing the Barrow Referees Society's verbal examination. From then onwards he made steady progress, graduating into the Colts League and then the Alliance League. His reports from the latter must have been good for he was promoted to Grade 1 at the commencement of season 1987/88. He is a member of the Barrow Referees Society, the Cumbrian Referees Society and the Senior Referees Association. He tells me he hasn't time to get married because of his interests in R.L. He is employed by Vickers Shipbuilders as a draughtsman, having been with them since he left school.

Once again both touch judges are from the Barrow Referees Society, Mr. B.J. Walker and Mr. W.D. Goulding

RECORD ENTRY FOR B.N.F.L. NATIONAL CUP

The British Amateur Rugby League Association's remarkable progress is mirrored with a record entry of 221 teams for the B.N.F.L. National Cup, sponsored by British Nuclear Fuels, and gives the game a tremendous start to the 90s and the next decade.

B.A.R.L.A.'s major knock-out event, which passes the 200 entry mark for the first time, is believed to be the world's largest rugby competition of either code. It has attracted wide national appeal with 28 entrants from the pioneer development regions and student rugby with teams spread from Newcastle to Plymouth. The London League provide nine teams including South London, Hornsey Lambs, Streatham Celtic, London Colonials, Fulham Travellers, Hemel Hempstead, Milton Keynes and Peckham. Whilst the Midland and South West provide Nottingham Crusaders, Wolverhampton, Reddich Halcyon, Stoke, Bristol, Bath and the West Midlands Police.

Student Rugby provides a record entry of nine teams with Lancaster and Loughborough Universities together with St. Mary's College, Twickenham giving some idea how far the Amateur game has spread in the academic centres of the country.

The Competition is seeded with the National League First Division and Regional Premier Division Clubs being exempt until the third round along with the holders Crosfields from Warrington.

An exciting new award will be made to the 'Team of the Round' for each round of the competition up to the quarter final stage. The award, an inscribed salver, will be presented to the team giving the outstanding performance of each round - thus encouraging giant killing attempts, which provide the thrills and excitement of all knock-out competitions.

In addition, a 'Man of the Match' Tie will be awarded in every game, with the winner being chosen by the Referee.

The two teams ultimately qualifying for the Final will again be invited to play in next season's Regal Trophy along with the Professional Clubs.

As usual the pioneer development leagues of London, Midlands and South West, together with Student teams have been given a special dispensation to play their games on a Sunday.

WELCOME TO... OUR VISITORS

by Chris Garstang

This afternoon we welcome all the players, officials and supporters of Oldham for their first ever visit to Victory Park. TONY BARROW the former Warrington Coach has taken over this season and seems intent on taking Oldham back into the First Division.

Regular full-back is goalkicking DUNCAN PLATT who signed from Widnes just over 12 months ago. Platt is the brother of Wigan and Great Britain second rower ANDY. Winger RICHARD IRVING was signed from Moldgreen A.R.L.F.C. in 1987 by ERIC FITZSIMMONS who was then the Oldham Coach. KEVIN MEADOWS is in his second spell at Oldham previously playing in the first division with Warrington and St. Helens. MEADOWS, who can play wing or centre, once scored 5 tries for Oldham in 1984 against Salford. Utility player CHARLIE McALISTER was signed 2 years ago from Bradford & Bingley R.U.F.C. McALISTER who is a New Zealander played in Australia for Newcastle Knights.

Centre JOHN HENDERSON is a former Leigh player who has also represented Lancashire. RICHARD RUSSELL was a close season signing from Wigan where he played in every position in the backs and has actually played at hooker for Oldham this season.

Former Castleford centre GARY HYDE was signed by TONY BARROW and appeared for 'Cas' at Wembley in their defeat of Hull K.R. in 1986.

Oldham are particularly strong at half back with Aussie stand-off BRETT CLARK the St. George half-back, who played a season at St. Helens in 1986/87, and scrum half MIKE FORD. This former Wigan and Leigh player toured down under 2 years ago with the Lions and scored 5 tries in seven games, and has also had a spell with Sydney Club Eastern Suburbs.

Prop forward LEO CASET was signed from St. Annes A.R.L.F.C. 5 years ago, while the other regular prop forward is ex St. Helens, Warrington and Great Britain player JOHN FIELDHOUSE. Hooker ANDY ROANE was signed last season from neighbours Rochdale Hornets and previously played for Widnes. Second rower PAUL ROUND was signed from St. Helens in 1987 for £65,000 and has recently been taken off the transfer list.

Second rower KEITH NEWTON is an ex Widnes player who was signed from the champions last season.

Ex St. Helens player SHAUN ALLEN can play at centre or second row and will likely play in the pack today.

Utility player COLIN HAWKYARD is in his benefit year and can play centre or anywhere in the pack. He also played on loan at Huddersfield in 1981/82.

Star man in the pack is Aussie skipper JOHN COGGER who made a name for himself at Runcorn where he played for several seasons. A prolific try scorer in both 1st and 2nd Divisions COGGER is particularly dangerous at play the ball situations and I well remember his first game in this country for Runcorn 5 seasons ago at Borough Park, Blackpool, where he scored 2 tries for his team and they narrowly won the game. COGGER who started off as a stand-off plays mainly now as a loose forward.

Two other players who are likely to figure in the squad today are ex Widnes and Great Britain centre DES FOY who scored 5 tries two weeks ago and former Elland and Leeds forward JOHN FAIRBANK who is a former B.A.R.L.A. International. Finally in a game that promises to give us our biggest gate of the season lets hope both teams put on a display of open Rugby for the expected large crowd.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH UNDER 21 INTERNATIONAL

France will be seeking their fourth win in the last five Under-21 international matches when they meet Great Britain at Villeneuve on Sunday. They have not lost at home since March 1987 when Britain won 40-7 at St. Jean de Luz.

In all games since the age limit was reduced from under-24 in November 1984, Britain have won six and France four.

Britain's highest score and widest winning margin was 54-6 at St. Helens on 21st March, 1987 when individual records were set with seven goals and 22 points by Paul Loughlin and three tries by Neil Puckering.

REGAL TROPHY FINAL RECORDS

Ellery Hanley became the first player to score three tries in a Regal Trophy Final when he grabbed a hat-trick in Wigan's 24-12 defeat of Halifax at Headingley. The Wigan captain also became only the second player to twice win the Man of the Match Award, having won it last season. Paul Harkin also won it in successive seasons for Hull K.R. in 1984-85 and 1985-86.

Wigan extended the record for Trophy wins to five in as many Finals.

LOSING RUN

Runcorn Highfield have now gone 40 matches without a win with this weekend marking a year since they last avoided defeat.

**News &
Views**



On 22 January 1989 Runcorn drew 8-8 at home to Workington Town since they have lost 29 successive matches. Their last win was 20-12 at home to Fulham on 30th October, 1988.

QUIZ

Can you answer the following.
Identify the players with the following nicknames.

1. Joe Cool
2. Tex
3. Rolling Thunder
4. Chariots
5. Fredmun
6. Mean Dean
7. The Messiah
8. Rocket
9. Slammin Sam
10. The Beast

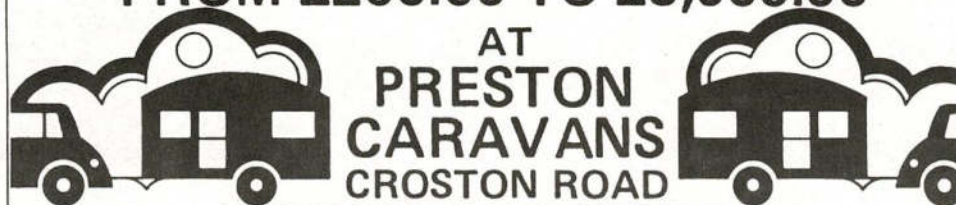
Have a go before looking for the answers on page 15

WINNING RUN

Wigan's 24-12 Regal Trophy Final defeat of Halifax at Headingley took their winning run to six matches. Their unbeaten run now covers 13 matches, including one draw with their last defeat being 22-20 at home to Castleford on 29th October.

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25 Leigh.....(Friendly)A	12	18
30 Grunhalls Lager Lancs Cup		
Pre. Rd. Trafford B.....H	12	6
SEPTEMBER		
3 Swinton.....A	4	48
10 Whitehaven.....H	13	9
17 1st Rd. Lancs. Cup		
Wigan.....H	4	50
24 Fulham.....H	8	20
27 Lancs. Cup 2nd R.		
OCTOBER		
1 Keighley.....H	12	25
8 Bramley.....3.30 p.m. A	10	46
15 Hunslet.....H	16	8
29 Dewsbury.....2.30 p.m. A	16	32
NOVEMBER		
5 Nottingham City.....H	22	8
12 Dewsbury.....H	6	26
19 Halifax.....A	16	26
24 Ryedale York.....7.30 p.m. A	10	28
DECEMBER		
5 1st Rd. Regal Tro. Castleford.H	18	42
17 Swinton.....H	10	22
26 Hunslet.....A	14	2
JANUARY		
1 Runcorn.....H	46	12
7 Workington.....2.30 p.m. A	12	6
14 Trafford B.....3.30 p.m. A	6	14
21 Oldham.....H		
28 Challenge Cup 1st Rd KeighleyH		
FEBRUARY		
4 Workington.....H		
11 Challenge Cup 2nd Round		
18 Oldham.....A		
25 Ryedale York.....H		
MARCH		
4 Halifax.....H		
11 Whitehaven.....A		
21 Bramley.....H		
25 Keighley.....3.15 p.m. A		
APRIL		
1 Trafford B.....H		
8 Nottingham C.....3.15 p.m. A		
13 Fulham.....2.30 p.m. A		
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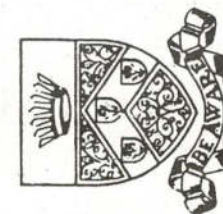
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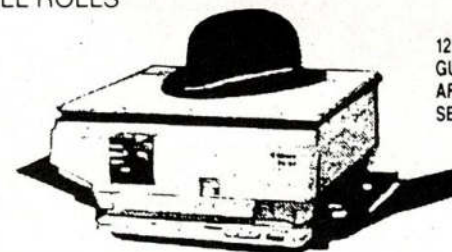
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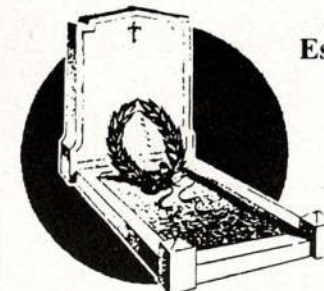
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