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from Gary Hetherington

The opening month of the season has certainly provided Rugby League fans with some fascinating matches and results. The highly competitive nature of the First Division has resulted in a string of close scores, with every team except Rochdale recording a win and only Hull remaining unbeaten.

For those fans looking for exciting finishes then Sheffield Eagles are the team to follow. The nail biting last ten minutes at Central Park, Wigan on the opening day was followed by an equally absorbing contest against Rochdale. Almost the whole of the Wakefield match belonged to us but Warrington brought us down to earth with the narrowest of victories by 22-20. Last week at Featherstone we once again scored over 20 points, but were left to rue a succession of costly penalties which proved to be our downfall.

The closeness of matches puts even more pressure on the referee and we can see how influential he is becoming in the final outcome on so many occasions. Coaches and fans now have the benefit of the video to scrutinise decisions. In the Warrington match we could clearly demonstrate that Sonny Nickle scored what would have been a match winning try and that Mark Gamson did likewise at Wigan.

While we can feel a little aggrieved over the past few weeks, decisions for and against tend to even out throughout the course of a long season, let's hope they take a turn in our favour before too long.

CONGRATULATIONS to all those who participated in the SPONSORED WALK to Featherstone, your efforts were much appreciated by the players. Thanks also to the hundreds of people who pledged money through sponsorship. Pat Parkinson once again did a marvellous job in surpassing her total of last season (over £600) — the money raised will be put to good use.



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TODAY'S VISITORS

We welcome to Sheffield International Stadium, **OLDHAM RLFC.** Founded in 1895 and known as the **ROUGHYEDS.** After some investigative reporting I found out that the nickname **ROUGHYEDS** was given to the people of **OLDHAM** who used to make hats in the town some 150 years ago. The name **ROUGH HEADS** was adopted by the Rugby League Club and shortened to **ROUGHYEDS.**

Oldham were the first Lancashire team to win the Rugby League Challenge Cup in 1899 defeating Hunslet 19-9. Names from the past include Forward, Joe Ferguson who appeared in 634 matches between 1899-1923. The names of Jim Lomas, the first Lions tour captain in 1910, Tom Holliday, Bernard Ganley (219 goals in 1957-58 season), Derek "Rocky" Turner and Keith Jackson spring to mind when talking about the Roughyeds.

In the late 70s as Rugby League progressed into a money sport, Oldham avoided being involved in an over priced players market by adopting a youth policy under coach Frank Myler, the success of this was reflected in 1984 when five Oldham players, Andy Goodway, Mick Worrall, Terry Flanagan, Ray Ashton, Des Foy all toured along with Great Britain to Australia.

Present coach Tony Barrow is also a great believer in the youth policy as showed in the 1989-90 Second Division Premiership victory over Hull K.R. The names of ex-Sydney Western Suburbs player **JOHN COGGER**, **DUNCAN PLATT**, new signing **NORMAN FRANCIS**, industrious scrum half, **MIKE FORD**, along with youngsters **TOMMY MARTYN**, **TONY BARROW, JNR.** and **NEIL FLANAGAN** hold the key to Oldham surviving and becoming a major force in the First Division.

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AROUND AND ABOUT

DAVID 'NELLY' NELSON

DAVE "NELLY" NELSON was the butt of quite a few jokes from the Eagles players after a slight car accident in Leeds before training. Yours truly suggested that Nelly had no passengers on the return journey to Leeds after training at Sheffield. However Nelly had the last laugh as I proceeded to reverse into one of the lamp-posts in the car park.

Sheffield Eagles gift shop is promoting for Xmas, Teddy Bears dressed in Eagles playing strip. Rumour has it that Neil Kellet was the original model.

The press was quick to report recently the feud between a top RU convert and a GB player over money. It was revealed here in this column in September.

Congratulations to all Sheffield Supporters from Eagles players, who participated in the sponsored walk to Featherstone last week. Boss, Gary Hetherington, is considering sending some Eagles players on the route march after Eagles defeat last week.

Well deserved call up to the GB squad for Captain Daryl Powell for the First Test at Wembley. Daryl hopes Eagle supporters will travel to Wembley to support him and his GB team mates do battle against the Aussies.

All Eagles players would like to apologise to the faithful Sheffield supporters after 2 disappointing performances. We are going to put things right this week with a much improved display against todays visitors OLDHAM.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

British Coal Tour Match

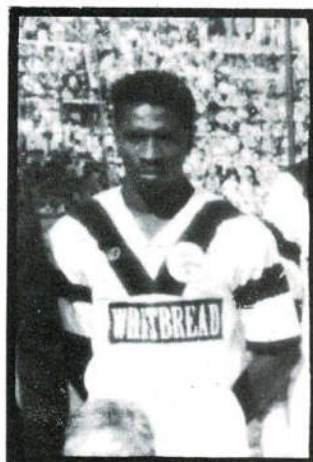
Wigan -v- Australia 3.00

Stones Bitter Championship First Division

Castleford -v- Wakefield Trinity ... 3.30
Hull KR -v- Widnes 3.00
Leeds -v- Featherstone Rovers 3.00
Rochdale H -v- Bradford N 3.00
Sheffield Eagles -v- Oldham 3.15

Stones Bitter Championship Second Division

Bramley -v- Chorley 3.30
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Whitehaven -v- Doncaster 3.30



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TIM BUTCHER
PLAY THE BALL

The Play the Ball is unique to Rugby League and occurs after a tackle has taken place.

Many of the laws governing the play the ball will stir some painful memories amongst Eagles fans who were at Featherstone last Sunday who saw their team give away plenty of penalties for play the ball offences — three of them converted into points.

First — the rules:

- ★ A tackled player must be released and not touched until the ball is back in play.
- ★ The tackled player must regain his feet **WHERE HE WAS TACKLED, NOT 10 METRES UP THE PITCH**, lift the ball clear of the ground, face his opponents goal-line and drop or place the ball in front of his foremost foot.
- NO PART OF THE PLAYERS PERSON** may be in contact with the ground except his **FEET** when the ball is released.
- ★ One opponent may take up marker position immediately opposite the tackled player.
- ★ When the ball touches the ground, either player may kick or heel the ball in any direction, but dangerous or premature kicking will be penalised.
- ★ The ball is in play when it is clear of the two players involved. If no marker is in position the ball is clear as it touches the ground. **THIS MEANS A PLAYER CAN PLAY THE BALL FORWARDS — TO HIMSELF.**
- ★ An **ACTING-HALFBACK** from both teams can take up position immediately and directly behind their own player involved in the play the ball, and must remain in this position until the ball has come clear of the play the ball.

RULES CLINIC

Some Referees are pretty keen at play the ball situations. Here's some popular offences and the referees signals.

1. Tackled player delays regaining his feet — Ref flicks his hand in an upward direction.



2. Tackled player dummies when dropping the ball — exaggerated mime.
3. Tackled player fails to drop the ball correctly — points to the side or through the legs.
4. Tackled player does not lift the ball clear of the ground — lifting movement with the hand.
5. Tackled player does not face opponents goal-line — stand at angle and then towards goal-line.
6. Tackled player passes instead of playing ball — mimes play the ball.
7. Tackled player obstructs or butts his opponent while or after play the ball — mimes his action.
8. Marker kicks prematurely or dangerously — mimes the action.
9. Player marking retains his hold on player playing the ball — makes a decisive backward movement with the hand.
10. Tackler delays releasing tackled player (a very popular one as defences attempt to slow down the attack) — Ref makes a downward movement with hands in front of the body below the waist.
11. Acting half-back is not immediately and directly behind his player involved in play the ball — Ref will hold arms upwards in line and out of line.

Some would say a lot of play the ball penalties are just nit-picking, but with an average of 300 play the balls in every game its important that the ball is brought back into play as quickly and as efficiently as possible.

There is no excuse for professional players not to comply with the play the ball rules.



SONNY IN ACTION — Sonny Nickle on the charge against Warrington 'AVAGO

1. **TEAMS**
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Who, in 1914 finished seven points clear at the top of the table, but lost to Salford in the Championship Final?

Who held career try scoring record for two clubs at the end of the 1987/88 season?

Who, in 1980, was awarded a penalty after being fouled in the act of scoring a try at Wembley?

How many brothers played for Australia in the First Test of the 1967 Ashes series?

Who equalled the record of four tries in a match for England in 1975?

Which Rugby League player was awarded an MBE after being featured on "This is Your Life"?

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MARTIN OFFIAH (Widnes)
LEE JACKSON (Hull)
KARL HARRISON (Hull)
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Or has Malcolm got a spell a cast.
Will our thirteen prove to be strong
I think not, but I might be wrong.
Whatever the outcome we'll be entertained
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TEAM NEWS

The Alliance team are in the middle of a month of tough games, including matches against all the other leading clubs. At present, they lie second in the league, on points difference with league leaders, Bradford Northern, having earned this place with a narrow but deserved 15-16 win over Hunslet at Dewsbury. Unfortunately, one of the young starlets, TOMMY MOORE, broke his arm in this match and is unlikely to play many more games this season.

Hit by injuries and first team calls, the Alliance team was not so successful in the Yorkshire Senior Competition Cup, losing to Bradford Northern at Odsal. One positive point in the game was NEIL KELLETT'S performance as an emergency winger and despite the disappointment of defeat, SIMON RHOADES will surely remember his 18th birthday party after the game.

Having been eliminated from the Cup, the Eagles have brought forward their game at Huddersfield to FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER 1990 (kick off 7.30pm).

FIXTURES AND RESULTS

FRI	AUG 24	BRAMLEY	H	7.30	W	45-8
THU	AUG 30	Batley	A	7.00	L	12-27
THU	SEP 6	Ryedale York	A	7.30	W	18-16
FRI	SEP 14	DONCASTER	H	7.30	W	38-10
WED	SEPT 19	BATLEY	H	7.30	W	22-16
SAT	SEP 29	Hunslet	A	2.30	W	17-16
FRI	OCT 5	Bradford N (Yorks Cup 1)	A	7.30	L	0-20
SAT	OCT 13	Swinton C	A	2.30		
SAT	OCT 20	Yorkshire Senior Competition Cup (First Round)				
FRI	NOV 2	BRADFORD	H	7.30		
SAT	NOV 10	Trafford B	A	11.30		
FRI	NOV 16	DEWSBURY	H	7.30		
THU	NOV 22	Bradford N	A	8.00		
FRI	NOV 30	TRAFFORD B	H	7.30		
SAT	DEC 8	WORKINGTON T	H	2.30		
THU	DEC 13	Bramley	A	7.30		
SAT	DEC 22	BARROW	H	2.30		
SAT	JAN 5	Dewsbury	A	2.30		
FRI	JAN 11	RYEDALE YORK	H	7.30		
FRI	JAN 18	Doncaster	A	7.30		
FRI	JAN 25	SWINTON C	H	7.30		
FRI	FEB 1	Huddersfield	A	7.30		
FRI	FEB 8	HUNSLET	H	7.30		
SAT	FEB 16	Alliance Challenge Cup (First Round)				
SAT	FEB 23	Workington T	A	2.30		
SAT	MAR 2	Alliance Challenge Cup (Second Round)				
FRI	MAR 8	HUDDERSFIELD	H	7.30		
SAT	MAR 16	Barrow	A	2.30		

All Home Matches are played at Woodbourne Road Stadium

PLAYERS RECORDS

Name	App	Sub	Trs	Gl's	Dgs	Pts
Richard Branton	3	1	1	—	—	4
Derek Bridgeman	1	2	1	—	—	4
Ray Calvert	4	1	1	—	—	4
Phil Cartwright	3	—	—	—	—	—
David Close	5	—	—	18	3	39
Andy Dickinson	1	—	—	—	—	—
Pete Dyer	4	1	1	—	—	4
Anthony Farrell	3	—	1	—	—	4
Steve Ferres	—	1	—	—	—	—
Mark Fleming	1	—	—	—	—	—
Mark Green	7	—	1	—	—	4
Nick Grimoldby	2	—	—	—	—	—
Nick Halafihi	5	—	3	—	—	12
Dean Johnson	7	—	—	—	—	—
Neil Kellett	6	—	7	—	—	28
Dale Laughton	3	2	—	—	—	—
Tommy Moore	4	2	2	—	—	8
David Nelson	1	—	—	—	—	—
Vince Nickle	2	—	1	—	—	4
Simon Paling	1	2	—	—	—	—
Richard Picklesley	3	—	—	—	—	—
Simon Rhoades	7	—	1	2	—	8
Andy Rowley	4	—	1	—	—	4
Tim Wilby	2	—	—	—	—	—
Clive Wilson	5	—	3	—	—	12
Mark Wilson	3	—	1	—	—	4
Andy Young	4	—	2	—	—	8
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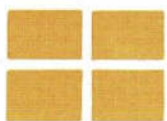
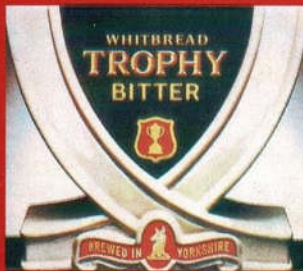
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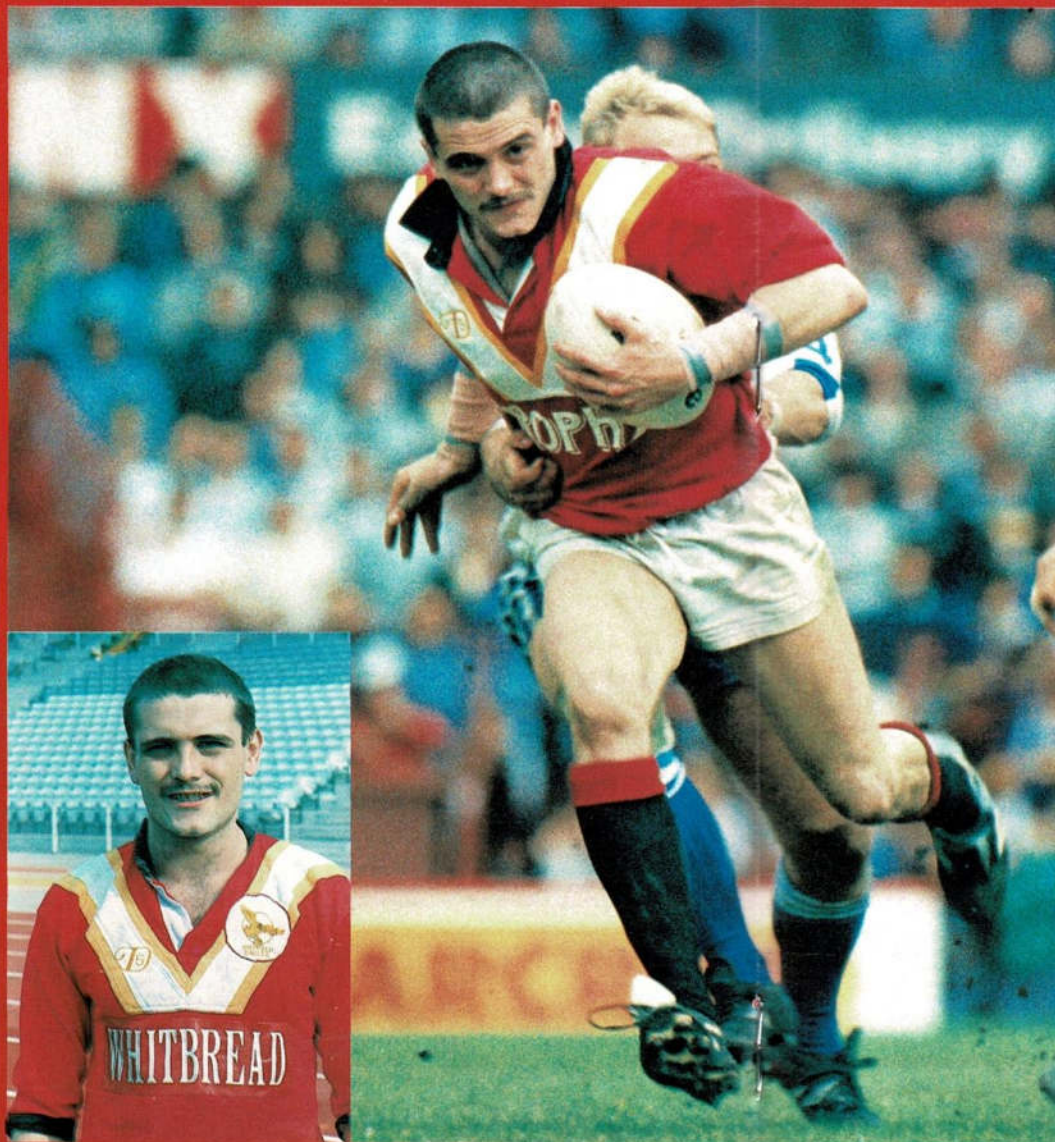
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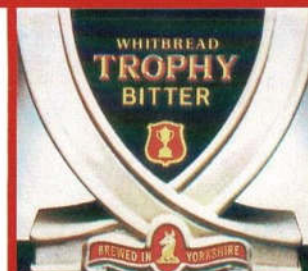
Mark Edward Gamson was born at Seacroft in Leeds in the year of our Lord 17865. His parents Leonard and Winnie have been heard to say that Marks first words were not the usual Mammy and Daddy, but "give us a Cig". It was then they knew he was to be a special child.

Mark started his distinguished RL career with Drighlington U9s. Being the runt of the litter Mark played scrum half. He progressed to St. Francis Catholic School where the Catholic teachings were to have effect on his language. At 16 Mark was already playing Open age for Drighlington before being spotted by TALENT SCOUTS of Leeds RLFC who took him to the Mecca of RL Headingley, where Mark played for the Colts side.

1984 Mark became the 2nd Sheffield player to sign and was also the 2nd highest fee paid by Sheffield boss Gary Hetherington. Comments made by an observer of the Gamson career at the time were that there is plenty of room for development.

Mark now lives in a TOWN HOUSE in the VILLAGE of Birstall with his beloved Colette who think's he's a BIT OF A LADIES MAN? Mark is knowledgeable on POP MUSIC, he knows all the names of the drummers of Led Keppelin, Mark likes to relax to the subtle tones of Helen Reddy, UB 40, and Elvis who I also think has influenced his dress, I think he has borrowed a pair of his idols Winkle Picker shoes.

GAMMA (as he has been christened by his team mates, he prefers to be known as Bullet Head, chosen by himself) likes to travel to Exotic locations of Florida and France to pursue the sophisticated pastimes of Cards, Darts, Dominoes and Pool. He likes to relax with a drink of Stella or a "BLOODY MARY". This could be by his Catholic upbringing. Gammas' favourite meal is a "late night" snack at a Curry house after an evening with his favourite drink. He has a liking for Chocolates, not fruit bonbons as Nick Halafi found out much to his surprise, when the author of this biography had the pleasure of travelling in Gamma's sponsored Sheffield vehicle with stereo and luxury seating, affectionately known as the BOG BEAST, which he uses to transport his Leeds based Sheffield team mates to training. Gamma has not had too many disappointments of his career. The only one being Sheffield's defeat by Bridgend, the only game Bridgend won that year. He has fond memories of Old Trafford and of promotion to the 1st division, where so far this season Gamma is rapidly becoming the NEARLY MAN, after NEARLY scoring tries against Bradford, 2 against Wigan and NEARLY scoring against Rochdale. We all hope Mark Nearly Gamma Bullet Head Gamson scores today.



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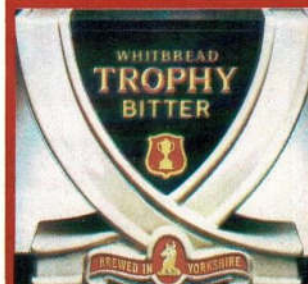
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"I wasn't happy with one or two of the referee's decisions at Post Office Road, but having said that, we didn't play well." (Daryl Powell)

(Hugh Waddell talking about Great Britain) — "I think my GB days are over they seem to want second row forwards to play prop these days. Although I think I'm playing as well as I did when I played for GB."

"We've got a great stadium, hopefully we can put up some more performances like the one against Wakefield and get some big crowds." (Tim Wilby)

"It shows we have a lot more strength in depth, when already this season we have used three scrum halves to good effect." (Mark Aston)

"We have only got ourselves to blame for last week, we were rubbish." (Sonny Nickle)

"It was very frustrating having to watch our two games at the Don Valley. I'm really looking forward to playing here." (Francis Leota)

"We fear no one, as was shown on the opening day of the season, but we must stop throwing games away, every point is vital." (Gary Hetherington)

"I have every admiration for Gary and Kath, they have worked wonders in such a short space of time, let's hope for the sake of them, Sheffield and Rugby League as a whole, the progress continues." (Kevin Ashcroft, Clubcall Summeriser).

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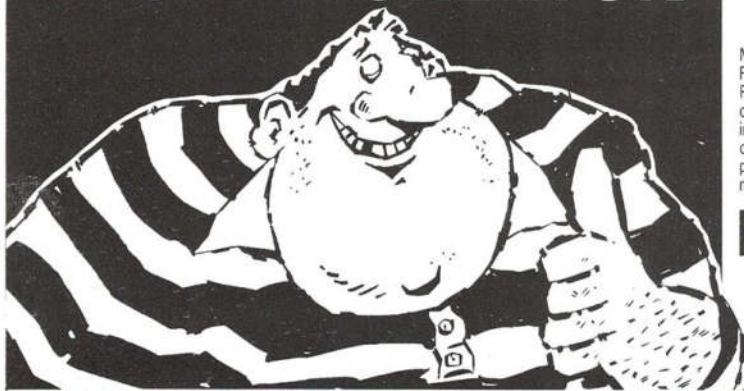
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Richard Picklesley: Eric Fitzsimons.

LEAGUE Express

The new Sheffield International Stadium is a new landmark in the city and an important landmark also in the life of Sheffield Eagles. The contrast between the present situation, where the Eagles are a genuine first division club based at a stadium which is the envy of both rugby league and soccer clubs, and the situation of just six years ago, where a newly-founded club was billeted out at a speedway track that had seen better days, could hardly be greater.

All this is due to the vision and managerial expertise of Gary Hetherington, backed by his hard-working staff and volunteers. Few outside rugby league administration (and some in it) could have a real appreciation of how much work and perseverance can have gone into this most recent achievement.

And yet not all the comments following the opening game which saw the Eagles despatch Wakefield Trinity were complimentary. "Too big" and "too far away" seemed to be the complaints of the hard-to-please. Who do they think is going to come along these days and build a stadium of this calibre solely for rugby league? And doesn't the game, which is a paragon of the modern sporting spectacle, demand an appropriately modern setting? You only have to look at the newly-published Stones Bitter Directory of Rugby League, which features photographs of every rugby league ground, to realise the sorry state that many of our grounds (though purpose-build in their day) are in. Are there really so many people who want to stand out in all the weather that the British climate can throw at them, just so that they can be closer to what's happening? There will be some, but they won't be in the majority.

What is a greater shame, however, is that this magnificent new stadium could not have hosted a match involving the Australian tourists, so that the whole game of rugby league could have benefitted. The time and the place would have been so right. But you can bet now that so much will have happened in the next four years that the 1994 Kangaroos will have added another milestone to the Eagles' brief but eventful history.

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

WOMEN

Sheffield Eagles Ladies are finding the competition pretty tough in Division Two of the Womens Amateur Rugby League, and have crashed to defeats at home to Wigan (36-6) and away to Fulham (40-4). They are currently suffering from a plague of injuries and would love to hear from potential new players. Please telephone Tim Butcher on Sheffield 337664.

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An interesting possibility of amateur Rugby League at Maltby has arisen and if you are interested in either playing or helping out telephone Harry Brooke on 0709-814824

Half-time today — U9s Mini League match between Eagles Juniors and Stocksbridge.

A collection will be made in the stands at half time in aid of the two clubs.

SCHOOLS

The Sheffield Schools' Rugby League Association has recently been formed to offer youngsters in Sheffield the opportunity to play rugby league at both school and representative levels. There are U11/U12/U13/U14 and U16 Sheffield teams, the enthusiastic approach of all concerned is ensuring rapid improvements in the standards of play.

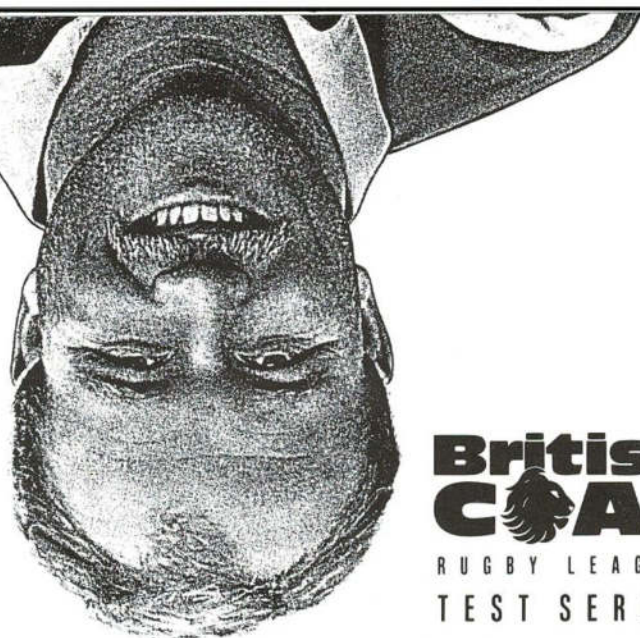
Today's ball boys are from City school which was one of the first schools in Sheffield to play rugby league. City in fact started rugby league 2 years after the Eagles came to Sheffield, when A. N. Other was the most selected member of the team. With the coaching by SADARLDA staff and Eagles players, the game has taken hold at the school so much so that many are playing outside school with the Junior Eagles and the Sheffield teams. City school will compete this season at all levels and its teams are expected to do well. Thanks to Tim Butcher, Gamel Kassim, 'Plastic' Powell and 'Tubby' Aston and not forgetting the contribution of Peter 'the intellectual' Hitch. [Love Peter Tingle xxx PE Dept. City School]

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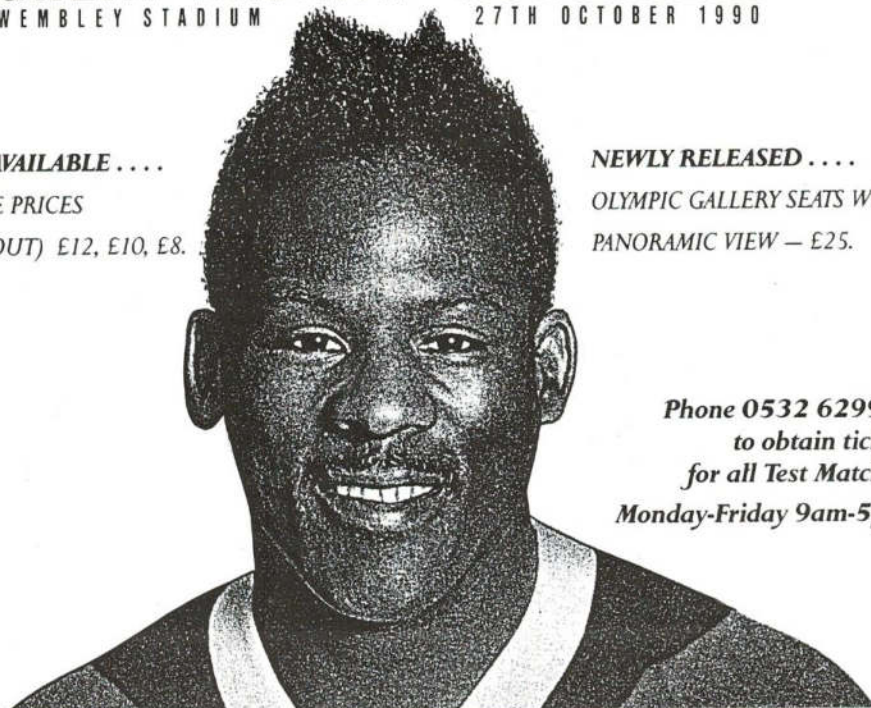
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DIVISION TWO

(HT: 6-2)

BRAMLEY 13 SHEFFIELD EAGLES 10

Team: Dave Cholmondley; Mark Gamson; (Mark Q. Campbell, 57 mins); Andy Dickinson; Daryl Powell; Roy Rafferty; Steve Lane; Paul Welsh; Billy Harris; Gary Hetherington; Kevin Farrell; (Steve Redfern 72 mins); Derek Bridgeman; John Glancy; Paul McDermott.

Scorers: Try - Farrell. Goals - Rafferty (3)

Eagles had only themselves to blame for this defeat, having more than enough chances to win. They had the better of the game territorially thanks to strong forward work from Hetherington, Farrell, Glancy and McDermott. Rafferty opened the scoring with a penalty, but Bramley struck a bad blow before half time when hooker Kelly supported Carroll and Mason three minutes before the interval.

Rafferty added another penalty shortly after the break but chances were lost when Rafferty failed to accept the final pass with the home line wide open and then Glancy, still masquerading as A. N. Other, finished strongly, only to be recalled for a forward pass.

Eventually, the Bramley defence did crack, Glancy making the break for the supporting Farrell and the Eagles seemed to be on their way to victory. But five minutes later, the defence failed to cover a chip to the line and Lister snatched an opportunist try. Kilner's conversion put Bramley ahead and Box added a late drop goal to complete the scoring.

Coach, Alan Rhodes put it simply: "When you create chances like we did and don't make them count you can't expect to win. But we deserved something out of it".

CLIFF LYONS

PAST PLAYER - CLIFF LYONS

Debut -v- Batley (Home) 23 November 1986.

PLAYING RECORD

Season 1986/87 App. 6 Trs. 3 Gl. 3 Pts. 18
Disciplinary Record: Sent Off - 0 Sin Bin - 0

The signing of Cliff Lyons in the autumn of 1986 was a tremendous slice of luck for the Eagles. Lyons' Australian club, Manly-Warringah were anxious that he should work off a suspension, imposed for a sending off in the Sea-Eagles last game of the season, so that he could start the 1987 season with a clean sheet. Consequently, the price was right.

He arrived on the eve of the First Test against the Australians at Old Trafford and spent the first month cooling his heels in the four match suspension. Anxious for a game, he made a brilliant start to his brief Eagles career in masterminding a 24-4 win over Batley, putting Steve Parkes in for a try in the second minute and scoring himself a quarter of an hour later.

Cliff took over the goal kicking role during the game after Roy Rafferty had been injured early on, but that was the only match in which he was successful with the boot. A week later, in the John Player Trophy, his goal kicking was abysmal as he kept Bramley in the game, missing two conversion attempts, including one directly under the posts. When Craig Miller scored in the last minute, Paul Kuhnemann took over the goal kicking duties.

In the second round match against Barrow, Cliff's competitiveness was all too apparent when referee Fred Lindop disallowed a try, ruling Lyons to have been held, even though he appeared to have broken free of a would-be tackler. Eagles led 8-0 after 25 minutes and could have been further ahead, but first division Barrow recovered to win 14-8.

Cliff played in three more games, with mixed fortunes. A try at York helped the Eagles to a 28-18 success, but the following week, although the Eagles scored three tries to Workington's two, Lowden's boot saw the Cumbrians to a 28-16 victory. Incidentally this match saw two Eagles' landmarks, Mark Aston's first goals for the club and Daryl Powell's only appearance as a substitute.

Lyons' last game for the Eagles was at Alfreton against Mansfield Marksman, a few days after Christmas, scoring a try and leading the Eagles to a 26-10 success. He returned to Australia to marry before resuming training for the 1987 Australian season, which ended with Manly as Premiers and Cliff winning the Clive Churchill Medal as Man of the Match, clearly as a result of his experiences in England.

1990 saw Cliff, holder of the prestigious Daily Mail Player of the Year Award as a Kangaroo for the first time. We all wish him, but not his team, well for the tour.

PAST PLAYER...



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WED SEPT 26	WAKEFIELD T	H	8.00	34-6	MEADOWHALL TINSLEY WIRE	WHITBREAD MFH
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