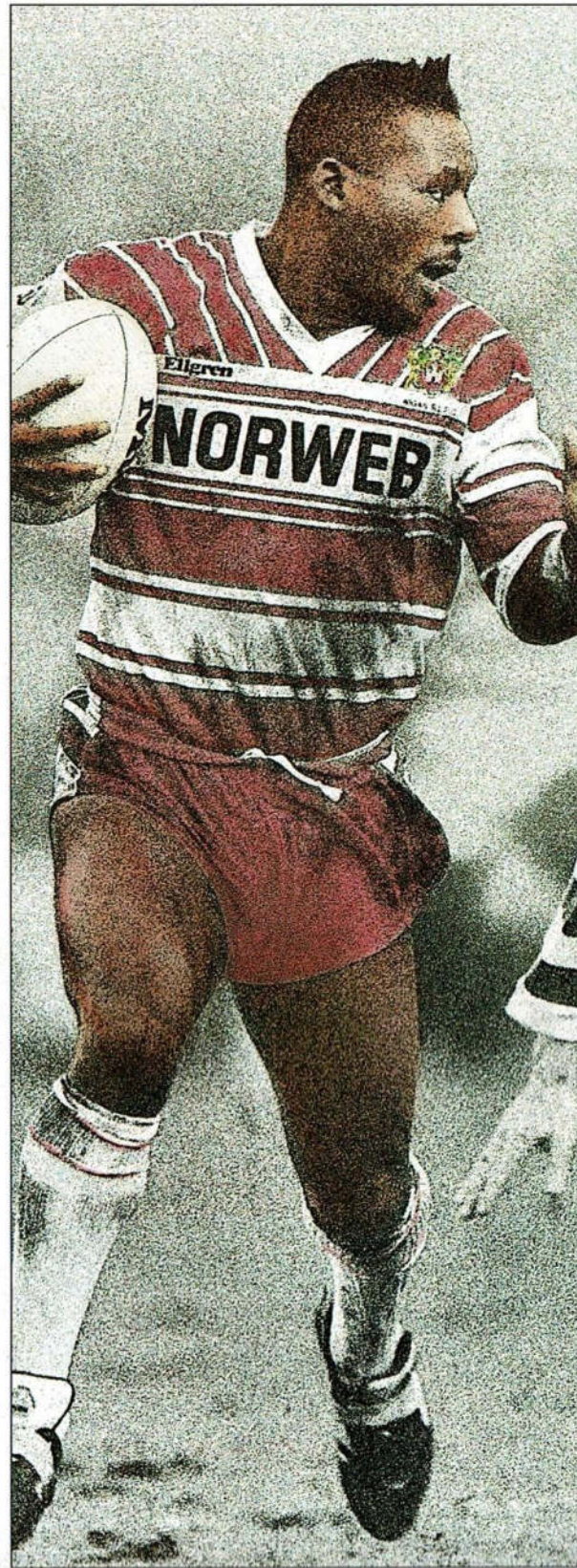




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monie talks

I HAVE to start off today by congratulating Great Britain on their fine victory in the first Kangaroo Test at Wembley. My whole-hearted praise goes out to all the players, the coaching staff and the administrators for a fine job well done and a win which has set the sport alight in this country.

These might seem strange sentiments coming from an Australian, but I appreciate it when the better team wins and when I see a side well prepared.

Indeed, I had trouble deciding if I was an Englishman or an Australian last weekend.

I was honoured to be asked by the BBC to work alongside Ray French in the commentary team, although I think they expected me to be rooting for Australia so that the match analysis was balanced.

I think at first I was favouring the Kangaroos, but during an interview before the game with Desmond Lynam, I actually said that I fancied Great Britain to win, only for my lucky guess to be edited out.

As the game progressed it became more and more obvious that my unheard prediction was about to come true.

The British lads grew in confidence and stature as the game wore on, their tackling was top class and the Aussies were rattled into uncharacteristic mistakes.

The Brits had more ideas, more tactics and a far superior kicking game, the latter was to win them the Test although all three

tries were polished off in a thoroughly professional fashion.

Mid-way through the second half I think I was turning into an Englishman so impressed was I with the performance.

The Great Britain results stands in stark contrast to our efforts against the tourists last month, and I would like it to be known that I shared the bitter disappointment of the thousands of fans who turned up that day.

We learned a few lessons from that match, especially about the wisdom of selecting players who are not a hundred percent fit.

We must not make the same mistake again.

Finally, allow me to welcome our visitors Oldham to Central Park today.

Our Pennine neighbours and friends are a prime example of the strength in depth throughout the current first division.

The coaching staff have built up a fine team of all-round strength, and I was impressed when I watched them beat Warrington at the Watersheddings the other week.

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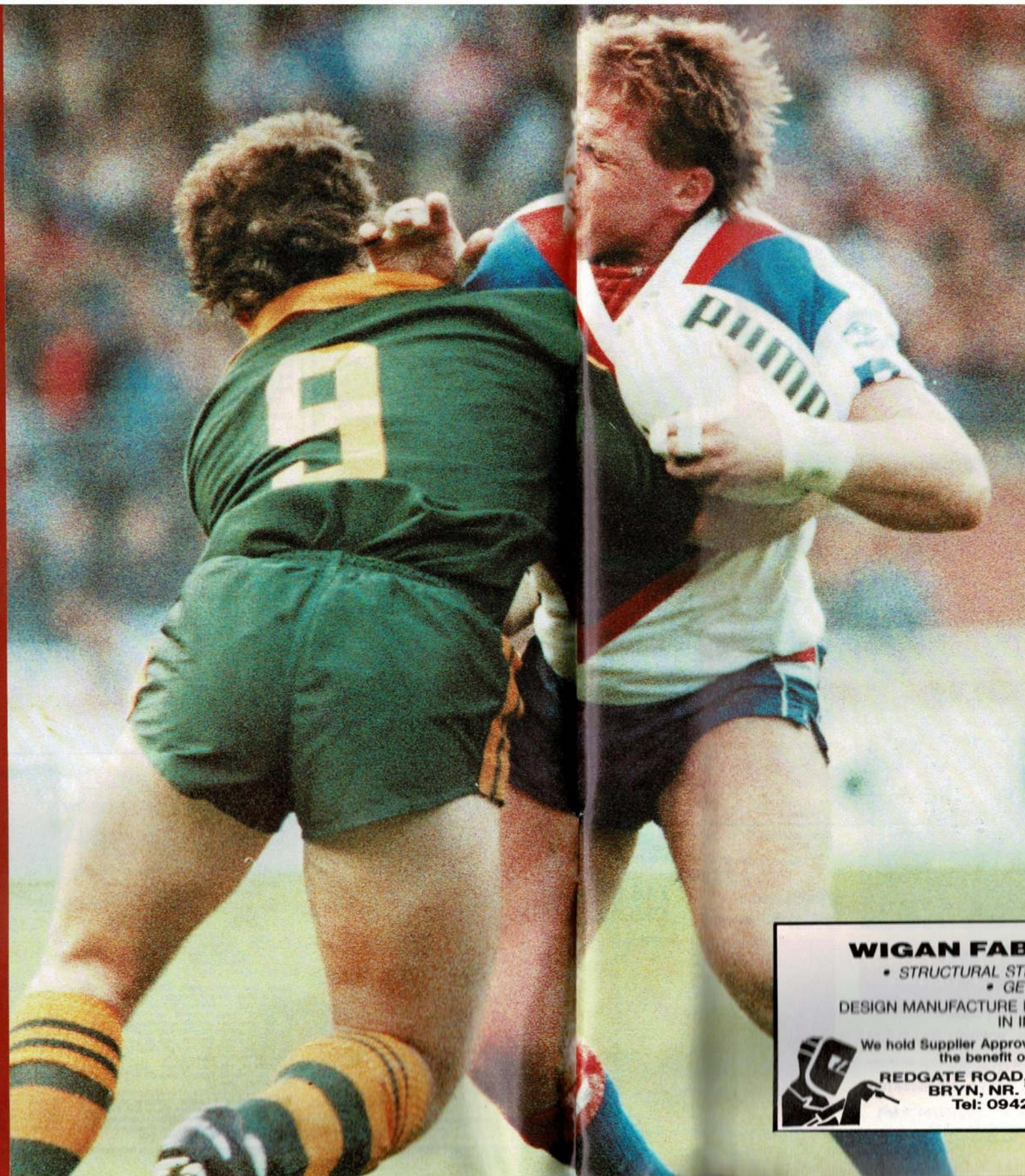
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MATCH REPORT

Great Britain 19pts Australia 12

ELLERY HANLEY and his gallant warriors finally silenced the Aussies at Wembley yesterday.

The Kangaroos had notched 37 consecutive wins on British soil in the last 12 years.

But coach Mal Reilly's men ripped the form book apart in the first Test.

And how skipper Hanley, winger Paul Eastwood and stand-off Garry Schofield deserved a rousing standing ovation from the 52,000 crowd.

Heart

Hanley proved beyond doubt that he is the finest player in the world with a magnificent man-of-the-match performance.

Eastwood, drafted into the squad in place of Welsh wizard Jonathan Davies, scored two magnificent tries and kicked three goals.

And Schofield, switched to stand-off during Britain's successful tour of New Zealand in the summer, ripped the heart out of the Aussies with some superb tactical kicking.

But the entire British team played their part in Britain's first Test triumph for years.

World champions Australia, so confident of victory, were cut down to size and face a tremendous battle if they are to come back and stop Britain carrying off the Ashes for the first time in 20 years.

It was Britain who created all the early pressure and midway through the half they got their reward when Eastwood landed a penalty after Aussie loose forward Robert Lindner had been penalised at the play-the-ball.

Just before the interval Steve Hampson, who had brilliantly taken a high ball, was penalised for kicking out in a tackle and Aussie skipper Mal Meninga levelled the scores.

Power

Britain rocked them five minutes into the second half when Hanley made a superb break before kicking ahead and from the play-the-ball centre Daryl Powell put Eastwood over for a try.

The Australians hit back almost immediately with a superb break from centre Mark McGaw, who put Meninga in for a try.

But Hanley hoisted a high kick from which fullback Gary Belcher fumbled and there was Offiah to pick up and plunge over for a try that Eastwood goaled.

Schofield dropped a goal but McGaw raced in for a try that Meninga superbly goaled.

The Aussies were just one point behind but Britain never gave up and when Schofield kicked ahead, collected the ball and passed to Powell, there was Eastwood to power over for another try.

In the final two minutes Eastwood made certain of victory when he landed a penalty.

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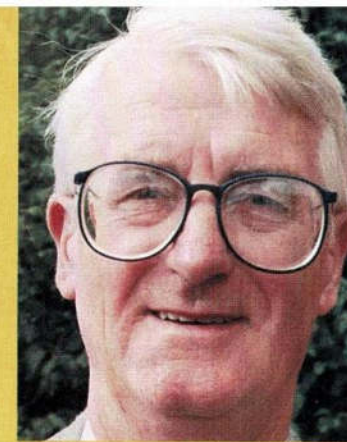
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MAIL ON SUNDAY

EVEN after a full week it is difficult to shrug off the euphoria that surrounded Great Britain's historic First Test victory over the ex-invincible Australians.

Neutral scribe that I am, I was caught up in the tide of emotion that land of Hope and Glory cascaded over Wembley. I cannot think that Sir Edward Elgar, in 1901, ever imagined how inspirational that particular section of Pomp and Circumstance would turn out to be.

A week yesterday, Land of Hope and Glory became part of some cunning psychology by the Great Britain back-room boys.

Australia were not allowed to train on the Wembley pitch. They were brought early into the tunnel where, especially for first-timers, nerve ends are at their rawest. And they had imposed upon them Wembley's traditional individual introduction of the teams.

Actually the Aussies didn't fall for the peeling off by number game, as Great Britain did in their usual manner, but their decidedly nervous start suggested to me at any rate that Britain's "delaying tactics" had a considerable affect.

How about "There's Always Be An England" as an encore at Old Trafford?

Apart from Great Britain's team triumph, there were two other notable things about a win that opens up the way for Great Britain to regain the Ashes for the first time since Frank Mayler's men — who included Wigan forwards Doug Laughton and Dave Robinson — won the 1970 Test series Down Under by 2-1.

The first was the impeccable performance of French referee Alain Sablayrolles, who gave a new meaning to sign language in the realms of sport.

When big Paul Sironen indicated that the referee had missed a knock on, Monsieur Sablayrolles made it clear that, indeed, he had NOT missed a thing, simply by pointing to his eyes.

When, in the dying minutes, Paul Eastwood clearly wasted time in his preparation for the match-clinching penalty goal, he employed the superbly unambiguous gesture of stabbing a finger at his wrist watch.

After the game, Australian coach Bobby Fulton claimed that if the referee had awarded his men as man penalties as he gave Great Britain, Australia would have won by the same score.

Was it not simply a case of Alain Sablayrolles becoming the first referee on this tour to cotton on to Australia's sly offside tactics and punishing them whenever they transgressed?

I gave the Frenchman ten out of ten.

The second notable thing was the television coverage of the game by the BBC. For once they presented the event as though they genuinely cared for Rugby League, rather than giving the impression that they were doing the game a favour.

Even more impressive than that in my book was the way Wigan coach John Monie gave the whole thing a refreshingly new articulate, authoritative and

sophisticated outlook — and the way commentator Ray French responded to him by a quite brilliant reading of the game.

Monie and French were working together for the first time. They make a fine team.

Notable is scarcely adequate to describe the towering display of Great Britain skipper Ellery Hanley whose individual and inspirational brilliance overshadowed Australia's best, thrilled TV audiences across the world and earned him the Man of the Match Award.

The Black Pearl looked fit to die — or kill — for Great Britain as he headed his warriors in the Wembley tunnel. In a sporting sense it could be said that he "murdered" the world champions with his tigerish tackling, never-say-die running and, most damagingly, classical kicking which directly produced two tries.

Malcolm Reilly told me after the game that in his opinion Hanley's performance puts him among the greatest Rugby League players of all time. He is right.

That Hanley is set to equal Billy Boston's total of 31 Great Britain caps in this series puts him on a pedestal of greatness.

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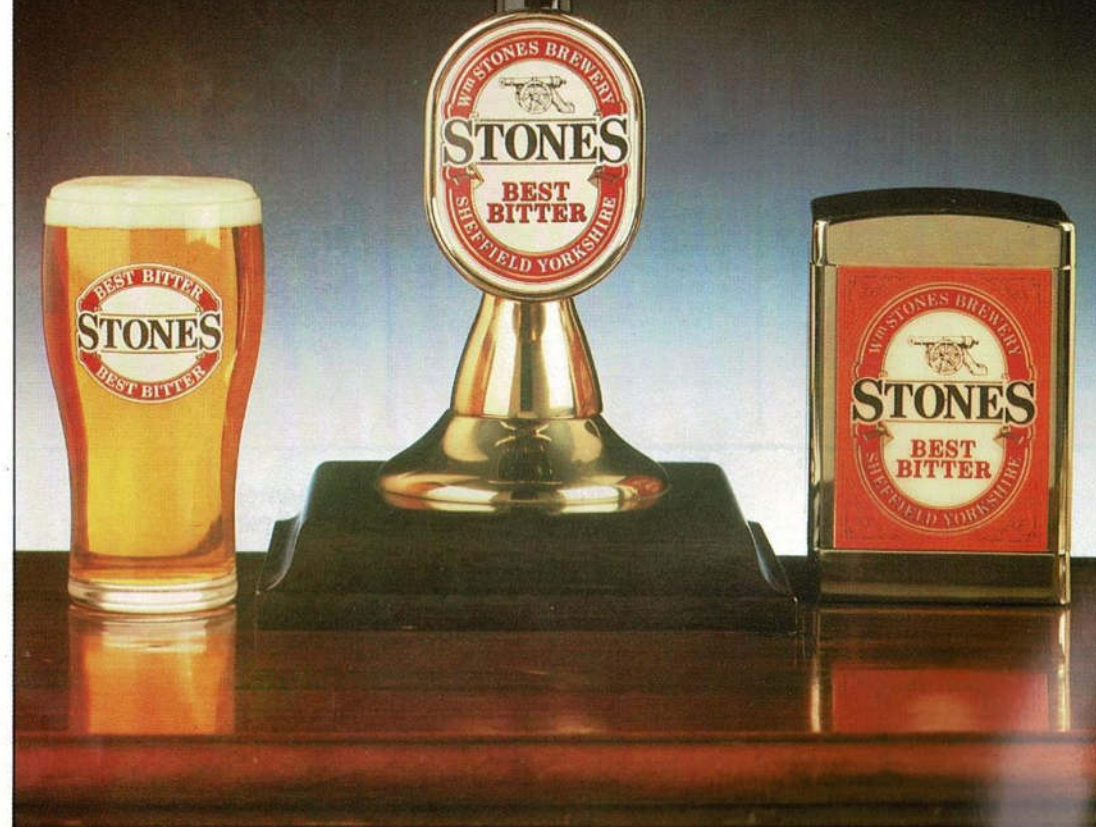
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Our next meetings guest is P.C. Riley from Wigan Police who will be explaining about the Wigan Rugby League/Wigan Police Cards and how you can obtain

these cards from police officers at different matches and collect a full set and win prizes.

December's meeting is again a fancy dress so get your thinking caps on and come and enjoy the party.

We are also going to the Pantomime at The Mill at The Pier (Humpty Dumpty) in December. Details available at the November meeting and finally our thanks go out to Malcolm who came and explained his duties at Wigan at our last meeting.

Enjoy the game and I look forward to seeing you on 13th November.

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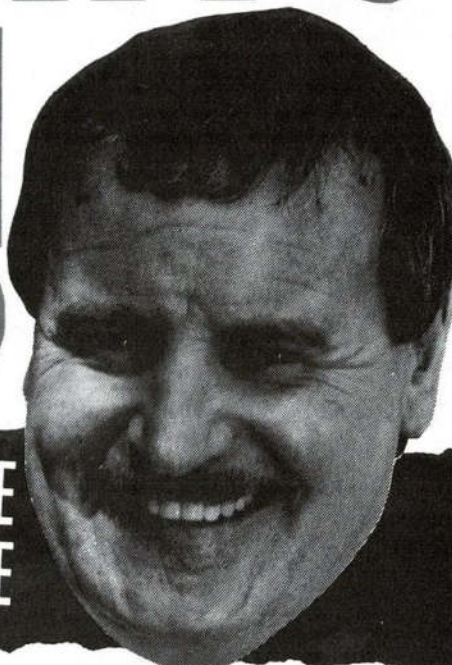
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BY FLORIMO

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So I handed over the bullion only to be told that the coach left at 7.30 IN THE MORNING which meant an early Friday night.

Bit tricky that one, so rolled up at rendezvous point after about five hours sleep ignoring the recommended hangover cure undertaken by my fellow passengers... a tin of strong at 7.40 am.

Rather pleasant trip to London even though the world cigarette smoking championships were being held on the back seat, the ambient on-bus atmosphere heightened by the video of the third Test win in Sydney two years ago.

The despond in the next row reckoned we will be watching this game for the next 30 years.

Arrive at Wembley just before kick off, about four hours before, and slip into a nearby boozer to get into the mood.

Amble up Wembley way very moody indeed and head for ticket office, the part leader consulting family brain cell and expressing a desire to stand up on the terraces.

Brill game, brill atmos, brill ref, and brill result all heartily agreed as post match analysis takes place in same bar.

Two hours on and an anxious-looking coach driver appears at the door pointing at his watch and gesticulating north.

Pile into coach ready for merry trip home totally unprepared for the unfolding of the night's events.

Twenty miles out of London the coach splutters to a standstill at the side of the motorway.

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Another passing coach driver picks us all up and ferries us all to the nearest service station amid cries of "where's Colin Whitfield?"

At this point something quite wonderful happened to yours truly, an experience which means I can never poke fun at Thatto Heath again.

Outside the service area a couple from St Helens noticed our plight and threw a lifeline.

They offered a lift home, well they offered me a lift anyway, all the way to Wigan, what a splendid gesture and back in time for a last pint.

I had better report that the rest of the lads did get back home that night.

A mechanic at the services repaired the coach and they hit Wigan around 1.30 am, just too late for last orders.

This might sound like a question for soccer pansies, but can a rugby league player head the ball?

St Helens loose forward Shane Cooper can — and does.

Against Leeds the other week, Cooper was one metre from the Leeds line, saw Waney growling at him, tossed the ball in the air and head-butted it forward in the general direction of the whitewash.

Several Saints players pounced and amid the melee, one of them claimed the try.

The referee, apparently as confused as everyone else, looked bewildered, turned down the claim and awarded a penalty to Leeds.

But was he right?

Yours truly hasn't a clue.

I would suggest that if a full back was awaiting an approaching ball which suddenly bounced up, hit him on the forehead then dropped in front of him, most referees would wave play on.

Informed sources tell me that Saints actually practice this head-the-ball

routine so they clearly regard it as legitimate tactic.

Perhaps they know something the referee doesn't.

The BSB commentators on this game were Terry Flanagan and Eddie Hemmings and they didn't know either although our Terry reckoned that Bobby Charlton could come out of retirement and get a game.

I didn't laugh either.

I was slightly amused though by the efforts of Granada to try and fill 50 unexpected minutes of air time when the Castleford coach got stuck on the motorway en route to Widnes.

You had to feel a bit sorry for the TV people, the delay is just one of the risks of live television, and although the producer had laid a few contingency plans, he clearly wasn't prepared for such a huge gap.

Hence Doug Laughton was ambushed for a protracted interview, pinned against a wall chewing the fat on just about any topic the interviewer could chuck at him.

You can just imagine the director desperately waving a bit of cardboard behind the camera reading: "Just a few more minutes, Doug. Cas are on their way. Keep it up. Have another fiver."

Doug did well actually, but once he dried up, Granada dried up too.

A few more video action shots, drag some more platitudes out of Phil Larder and that was it on the RL front.

Three poxy cartoons appeared next, "Get Rich Quick with Porky Pigg", "Tease for Two" and "Daffy Duckaroo".

God only knows what the BBC would have done in similar circumstances, but at least they've got Tom and Jerry.

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Some of the old Central Park
backroom boys. Recognisable in
the centre of the front row is the
indomitable Harry Lowe, while
trainer Jack Hesketh, father of
George and Tom, is on the
extreme right.
Photo courtesy of Jack Winstanley.

1921/22 SEASON

WHEN Wigan entertained Widnes on the 27th August 1921, the crowd at Central Park witnessed the beginning of a new era. Over the next 25 years one man alone would set many individual records tumbling, and lead the club to many famous victories. That man was Jim Sullivan. During the course of his first season in the Wigan colours, Sullivan kicked 99 goals which beat the previous highest mark by 16.

In the league championship, 22 wins and 1 draw from 32 games saw Wigan take second place. Notable results included a 55-3, 13 try rout of Warrington at Central Park. Just 18 days later the team lost the return match 6-10. The longest winning streaks were both only 5 games long, although just after the start of the season Wigan had a 7 match unbeaten run (3 wins, 1 draw + 3 wins). This inconsistency led to the club missing out on top spot.

In the Lancashire League championship, 16 wins from 22 outings gave Wigan another second place, relinquishing the trophy which they had won the previous year.

The Lancashire cup was a complete non starter. The team went down 0-5 at Broughton Rangers in the first round. Wigan did gain some revenge with a 12-3 home win in the league competition a week later.

February brought the beginning of the Rugby League Challenge Cup, and a home pairing with Wakefield Trinity. A 15-6 victory gave them another home tie in round 2. This was

won 52-6 against Hunslet and set up yet another home game in round 3. Keighley provided Wigan's rivals for a semi final spot, and were overcome easily in a 11 try 45-0 win. Wigan faced a strong Hull team in the semi final which was played at Headingley, Leeds and that was where Wigan's cup run ended with a 5-18 defeat. Hull went on to lose the final 9-10 against Rochdale at Leeds in front of a record 32,596 crowd.

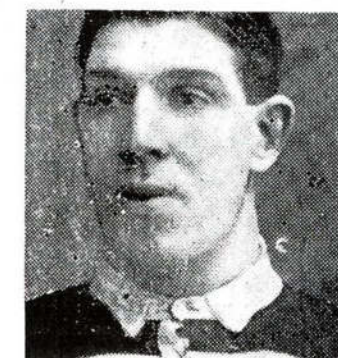
In the championship play off Wigan's second place in the league championship gave them a home game against Hull. It was a case of revenge is sweet as Wigan triumphed 27-8. Wigan's final opponents were Oldham, for the fourth time in 6 finals. In the previous 3 games Wigan had won the first meeting and Oldham the next two.

The final was played at the Cliff, Broughton. The only player surviving from Wigan's last championship final in 1913 was Percy Coldrick, now 34 years old and a regular in the Wigan team for 10 years. In a tight, hard-fought game the only try of the match was scored by Jerry Shea, a docker from Newport in Wales, who had been signed earlier in the season. Four goals from Jim Sullivan and one from Howley put the icing on the cake for Wigan's 13-2 victory.

It was trainer Tommy McCartys first Knockout competition win, and went some way towards making up for defeat in the Challenge Cup final 10-21 against Huddersfield two years earlier.

Compiled by PAUL HICKEY and CHRIS MOTT

WIGAN GREATS



1921/22 PERCY COLDRICK

WHEN Wigan lost the opening game of the 1924/25 season, the fans were seeing the end of a distinguished career. In the 3-8 defeat at the hands of Swinton, Percy Coldrick played his last game for the Wigan club.

Albert Percival Coldrick was born in Newport, South Wales, in 1888, and played his first match for Wigan on the 7th September, 1912. Widely regarded as the fastest forward of his day, he was capped by Wales and toured Australasia in 1914. He played in all three tests against the Australians, scoring one try, and he also played in the only test of the New Zealand leg of the tour.

Percy retired, after twelve years in the Wigan colours, aged thirty-six, with a Championship winners medal from 1921/22 and Lancashire Cup winners medals from 1912/13 and 1922/23. In all, he played 281 games for Wigan and scored 80 tries. He died on the 26th December, 1953 aged 65.

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IN SUPPORT

Supporters Club News

EVERYONE has been elated since the tremendous performance by Great Britain at Wembley last week, and we must begin today by congratulating all the Wigan players who took part. Full marks also to whoever it was who decided on "Land of Hope and Glory" as the teams entered the stadium, as it was a master stroke that fired up the crowd as well as the players. Now we are all looking forward to the next step at Old Trafford next Saturday.

TRAVEL

As a full house is expected for next week's Second Test our coaches will leave early, especially as those supporters who are standing up will want to find good positions. Coaches leave Central Park at **11.30 a.m.** Adults £3, Juniors £2. Bookings can be made today at our shop on the Douglas side, or during

the week on 46371.

Our fixture for the following day, 11th November, at Hull K.R., is likely to be postponed because we have so many players in Great Britain's squad. If this match goes ahead on the Sunday coaches will leave Central Park at 11.45 a.m., but if as expected it becomes a mid-week fixture we will leave at 4.30 p.m. Adults £6.50, Juniors £5.

We will also be organising transport to the Third Test at Elland Road on Saturday 24th November. Details in the next home programme (18th November v. Featherstone).

PROGRAMMES

At the moment we are short of display space for programmes with being based in the small shop on the Douglas side, but we are trying to obtain some programmes from every Australian tour game. Whatever pro-



grammes we have been successful in getting will be on sale this afternoon.

We have definitely acquired some programmes from the 1990 Salford versus Widnes Lancashire Cup Final and these will be on sale today at *half price*, just 50p each.

The only Wigan away programmes we have been able to get hold of this season are from the Hull match on 7th October. This is because every club we visit tends to sell out because of the large number of our travelling supporters, but Hull Supporters' Club kindly saved a few for us.

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After the Australian game we had just 53 of our diaries left in stock. These are only 50p and will soon be snapped up, so get yours today!

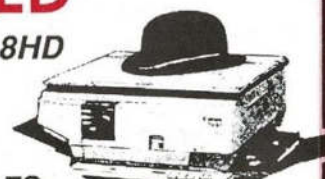
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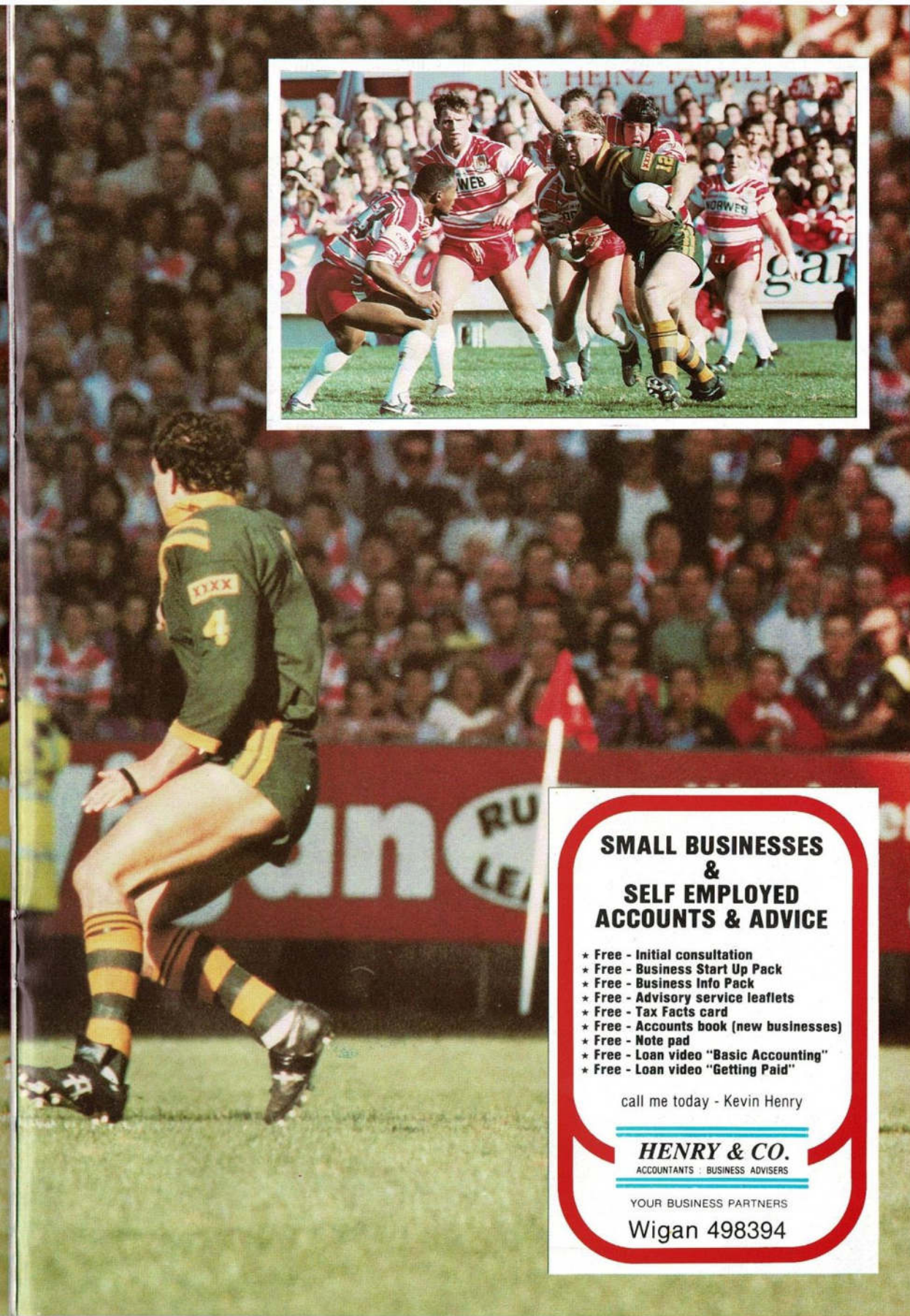
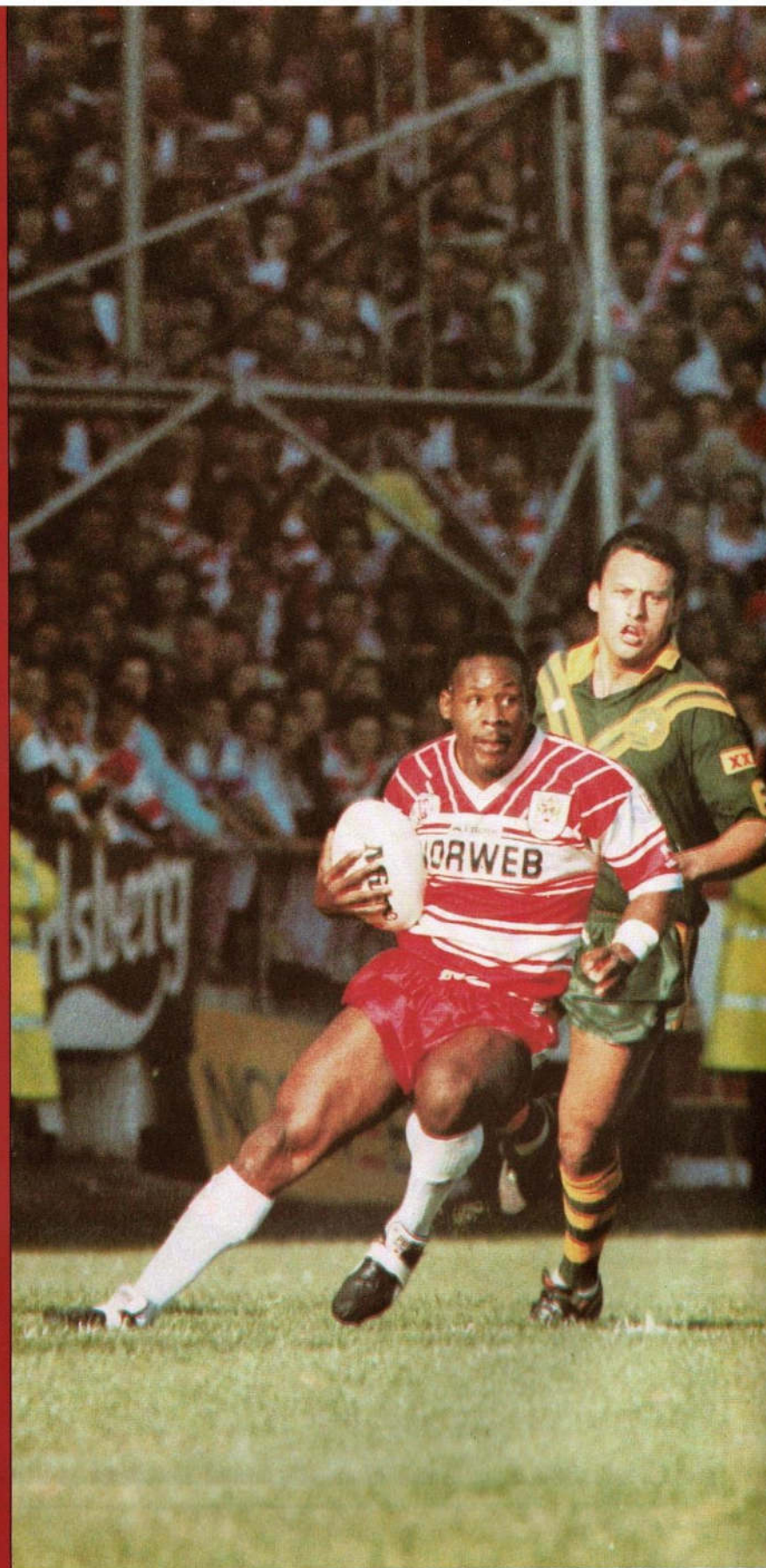
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PLAYER PROFILE

Full name: Frano Michael Botica. It's a Yugoslavian name I inherited from my grandfather.

Nickname: A few, I was known as Terry by the All Blacks but Botts seems to be in favour here at Wigan. The lads call it me even more now I've told them I don't like it.

Place of birth: Mangakino, North Island, New Zealand. It's a one-horse town and you would be hard pressed to find it on a map. My father was working on a dam construction nearby and we moved to civilisation when I was very young.

Personal: I'm married to Tracey with two children, Benjamin 11 months and Chante, three.

PLAYER PROFILE FRANO BOTICA

Occupation: Open to offers at the moment. I was a self-employed truck driver back in New Zealand and I would like a job in Wigan. It can get boring being stuck at home all day.

Education: West Lake Boys High School in Auckland. I left with a standard school certificate, but I was more interested in playing rugby than academic pursuits.

Car: A Ford Sierra sponsored by Alan Darlington Motors.

Pets: My beautiful wife Tracey is my little cuddly pet.

Best friends: All the Wigan players are very friendly and made me feel very welcome. I also make friends quickly with anyone carrying a pack of cards.

Hobbies: Here in Wigan, playing cards with fellow Kiwis, the Iro brothers, Gary Mercer, George and Duane Mann. We play Manila and sometimes they let me win. Back home I like scuba diving for sea food, snorkelling and playing touch rugby on the beach. Limited opportunities for these pastimes here in Kitt Green.

Earliest memory: I can remember being forced to eat Macaroni when I was five. I was sick all over the table and have never touched the stuff since.

How can rugby league be improved? Referees should be more lenient around the scrums because the habit of making the scrum half feed the ball again slows the game down. It's a Micky Mouse arrangement at the moment, six pairs of legs trying to kill the ball. Just the hooker should be allowed to strike.

What do you wear in bed? Nothing. Even in winter I just pull on another blanket.

Favourite away trip: I've only been to Swansea, Castleford and Bradford so it has to be Castleford for the obvious reason.

If you weren't a rugby league player what would you have been? A skier, I have done quite a bit, especially when I played rugby union in Italy for two years. I'm not too sure I could have made a career out of it though, I have tried a few black runs, just for fun, and it wasn't.

After match routine: Go out for a few beers around town usually with Tracey if we can get a baby sitter. We like the Bees Knees, the Royal Oak and Boston's. I love English pubs, they have such a great atmosphere.

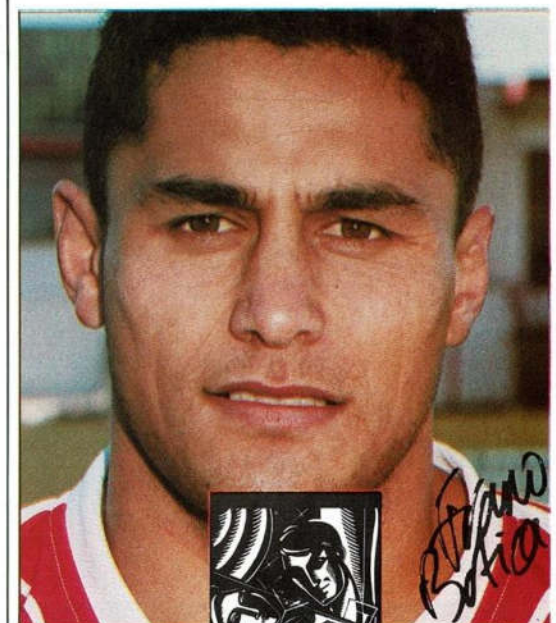
When did you last have a bet? About two hours ago when I played cards. I have been to Haydock races for a flutter and basically will bet on anything. I tried the rugby league coupon the other week but I only got one result right.

How many suits do you own? Just one and I only wear it on very special occasions. I even went to the races in my track suit.

Fantasies: To make lots of money the easy way, then to be stranded on a desert island with my wife, a big house surrounded by a big ocean teeming with seafood and not a Yorkshire forward in sight.

Greatest team: 1. Gary Jack. 2. Kevin Iro. 3. Mal Meninga. 4. Joe Stanley. 5. John Ferguson. 6. Laurie Daley. 7. Andy Gregory. 8. Steve Roach. 9. Howie Tamati. 10. Kevin Tamati. 11. Mark Graham. 12. Graeme West. 13. Michael Jones. 14. Zin Zan Brooke. 15. Dean Bell.

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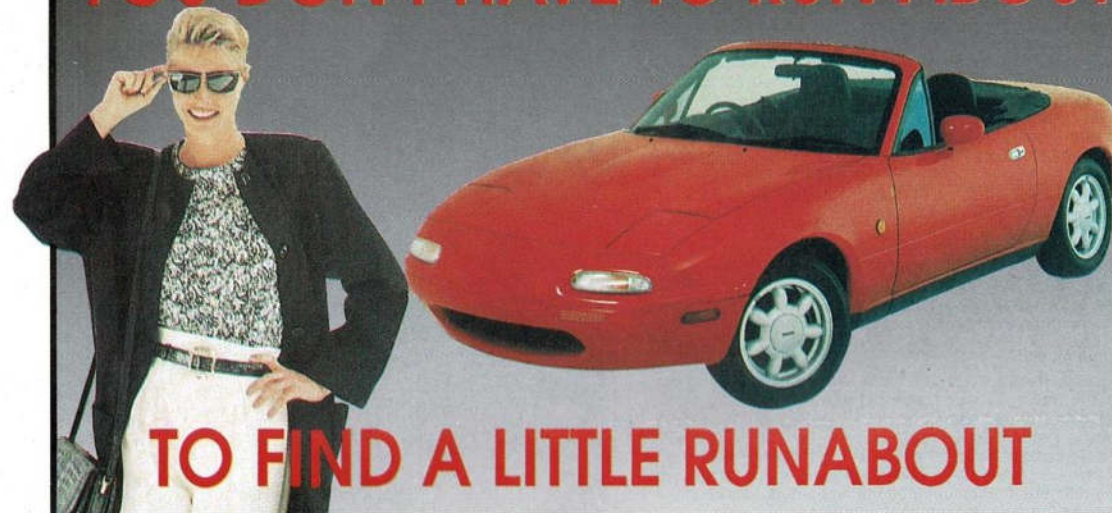
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Your Letters

Dear Editor,

After a surfeit of success it may seem churlish for Wigan supporters to complain when the team loses. However, it was the nature of the defeat at Hull which must have caused concern to others besides myself who shelled out a considerable amount of money and time (12 hours in my case) to travel to the Boulevard.

In recent years praise has been heaped on the players' heads by management, media and supporters alike. It is not remiss, therefore, to criticize when criticism is due, and the other Sunday was one of the darker days in the annals of Wigan Rugby. Suffice it to say that it was an occasion when it was an embarrassment to be a Wigan fan.

Let us hope that there are better days ahead. It would be a start if the powers that be insist that Wigan players accept referees' decisions without question.

Yours The Reverend John Macaulay,
Liverpool College, Queens Drive,
Mossley Hill, Liverpool L18 8BG.

Dear Sir,

We would like to bring to your attention the OUTRAGEOUS behaviour we were subjected to at the HULL v WIGAN match on the 7th Oct. 1990. We entered the Tripenny Stand because this is where we thought the best view was. On entering this stand we were told by the Steward that there was no segregation and we had every right to be there. It was at this point that the abuse and foul language began. Young 'so called' fans and to our surprise some of the older generation all joined in with the abuse. At one point we were told "Get out of our stand Or die." We decided that it would be best for our safety to leave this stand. We thought this was shocking behaviour as rugby is supposed to be a family game, we are

also seriously contemplating our return to the Boulevard.

Yours, Two disgusted fans.

Dear Sir,

After Ellery Hanley's dismissal for dissent following scrum penalties against Wigan at Odsal, the RL needs not the elimination of scrums but full-time, properly paid professional referees.

The scrum is the hardest part of the game to referee consistently. Surely the answer is professional referees under a regional refereeing officer who may be retired from the game or a still-serving official.

Full-time referees would be able to work on fitness and to study the laws of the game and videos of their performances and those of others.

One day a week, the referees of an area could meet under their regional controller to discuss laws, interpretation of laws and look at videos.

This practice is usual in American Football when the officials for a game are gathered in a hotel in the city in which they are to officiate several days before the game to discuss the rules and study videos of games to see how and when rules should be applied.

The variety of technical offences in RL is astonishing and the main problem is that some referees apply parts of the laws more strictly than others thus, there is no consistency. If players know they are going to be penalised, they have no excuse for breaking some laws. Standing in an offside position though not attempting to join in play: foot up in the scrum; feeding the scrum etc.

With reference to scrums, they should not be eliminated as they provide the basis from which inventive attacking moves can develop. It is easier to attack from a scrum than a play-the-ball as half the defence is involved in the struggle

for possession in the scrum.

To ensure credibility they must be controlled consistently, as should all other aspects of the game and in order to do this, full time referees will be much more able to cope.

The game is becoming more professional with players devoting more time to the game as its demands increase. There is no reason why the referees should not be able to do the same paid for out of RL's central funds.

Yours, Bruce Partington,
Ealing, London.

Dear Sir,

Events are proceeding apace with the formation of an amateur League Club in Oxford. In the process an unlikely alliance is being forged between people from Wigan, St. Helens, Wakefield, Warrington and New Zealand etc.

If anyone has any contacts in the area please get them to contact me. In particular if anyone knows of Wiganer Tony Dillon now in Whitney, Oxon., please ask him to get in touch at the address shown.

Yours, Trevor Holcroft,
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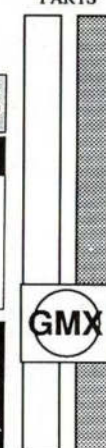
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HULL K.R. 7 WIGAN 12 (21.9.90.)

This was a well earned win at Craven Park, where we survived a fierce second half onslaught from the home side. Using the strong wind to keep us pinned in our own half Rovers put us under constant pressure, but the defence cracked only once.

Andy Collier grabbed an early try, converted from the touchline by Sean Tyrer, and Tyrer added two more points with a penalty twelve minutes before the interval. Rovers only first half points came from a penalty and a drop goal.

Soon after the break Dave Marshall forced his way past two defenders to score in the right corner after Wayne Reid and Mark Welsby moved the ball well from a scrum. This gave us a nine point lead, and despite the dubious nature of the Rovers' try we kept our concentration and finished the stronger in the final ten minutes, Paul Gartland going over near the posts but being recalled for a forward pass.

FEATHERSTONE 31 WIGAN 26 (28.9.90.)

We played most of the second half with only twelve men after Andy Collier was sent off for retaliation. Collier took the law into his own hands after a boot stud caused a nasty injury to his ear, and although his action cannot be condoned it can be understood.

It was a most unsatisfactory evening, with Mike Forshaw lucky to escape serious injury when a third tackler charged in with Forshaw already grounded by two men.

Phil Clarke and Mike Forshaw set up a try for Dave Marshall, and Wayne Reid sent Sean Tyrer over on the right, whilst Featherstone's Fisher also grabbed two tries before half time. Three goals to each side, ours kicked by Tyrer, made the score 14-14 when Collier was dismissed. Despite this Wayne Reid pulled out of two tackles to send Paul Gartland in, then Tyrer linked up from full-back for his second try and also kicked two more goals. However Featherstone's extra man proved vital in the last fifteen minutes.

ALLIANCE UPDATE

Date	Opponents	V	K.O.	R	F-A	Tries	Goals	D.Goals	M.O.M.
Sat.Aug.18	Rochdale (H)	H	2.00	W	18-16	Collier (2), Chambers	Tyrer (3)		
Sat.Sep.1	Salford	H	3.00	L	6-22	Collier	O'Donnell		Russ Bridge
Thu.Sep.1	Leigh	A	7.30	L	4-20	Byrne			
Fri.Sep.14	Castleford	H	7.30	W	52-0	Gartland(2), Reid, Preston, Stazicker, Tyrer(10), Welsby, Collier, Forshaw			Mike Forshaw
Fri.Sep.21	Hull K.R.	A	8.00	W	12-7	Collier, Marshall	Tyrer (2)		
Fri.Sep.28	Featherstone	A	7.30	L	26-31	Tyrer(2), Marshall, Gartland	Tyrer (5)		
Fri.Oct.5	Warrington LSI	A	7.30	W	28-24	Gartland (2), Marshall (2), Forshaw (2)	Goulding(2)		
Fri.Oct.12	Castleford	A	7.30	L	12-52	Reid	Tyrer (4)		
Sun.Oct.21	Oldham (LC2)	A	3.00	W	16-14	Chambers, Preston, Stazicker	O'Donnell(2)		
Fri.Nov.2	Salford	H	7.30						
Fri.Nov.9	Hull K.R.	H	8.00						
Fri.Nov.16	Featherstone	H	7.30						

WARRINGTON 24 WIGAN 28 (5.10.90.) Lancs. Shield 1st Round

A ten try thriller at Wilderspool was decided by a Paul Gartland try, converted by Bobby Goulding, just three minutes from the end. We scored three tries in the first half through Paul Gartland, Dave Marshall and Mike Forshaw, but Sean Tyrer could not find the target with his goalkicks. Mistakes on defence allowed Warrington to go into a 16-14 half time lead, and worse was to come early in the second half when they widened the gap to ten points, but tries from Marshall and Forshaw, plus a Goulding conversion levelled the scores. Extra time seemed inevitable, but Warrington then landed a long range penalty before Tyrer sent Gartland over for the winner.

CASTLEFORD 52 WIGAN 12 (12.10.90.)

We travelled to Wheldon Road with a young team containing five 1 year olds to take on an experienced Castleford outfit determined to gain revenge for the 52-0 beating we gave them at Central Park four weeks earlier. Despite this we did well in the first half, holding them to 12-12 until just before half time, with a neat try by Wayne Reid and four goals by Sean Tyrer, but as the game went on we just could not cope with the sheer muscle power and size of the opposition.

OLDHAM 14 WIGAN 16 (21.10.90.) Lancs. Shield 2nd Round

Despite having Bobby Goulding dismissed for dissent early in the second half we overcame this disadvantage to play our best rugby in the last twenty minutes and go through to the Lancashire Shield Semi-Finals. Playing against a strong, bitterly cold wind in the first half we trailed 10-8 at half time, scoring tries by Steve C...

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teve Blakeley led the try scorers with trick while Chambers, Bardsley ar ough grabbed two tries apiec ottam, Cassidy, Hepplestone. Whit Williams and Gartland scored a try eac ith Gartland kicking eleven conversion: Despite this result, the real test is yet

ome as much more difficult opposition i wait, beginning with the strong Oldha DA whom we play next at the Wate neddings on November 14th.

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The DDA have sponsored a new kit for the Wigan and District Amateur Rugby League at Open Age and Under 17's town team level. In their Inter-League competitions the Under 17 went down 21-14 to a strong Leigh side but the Open Age had an excellent away victory over Wakefield by 7 pts to 6.

CONGRATULATIONS

ngratulations to Ian Halsall, the e gan DDA and St. Patricks player who cently turned professional with Roch le Hornets. During his two years with DDA Ian made rapid progress as eedy and elusive back — we wish him all for the future.

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Our special November offer for Fan Club members is a 20% discount off shirts and shorts. Just bring along your

Membership Card and you will get an extra 10%. It's a great idea for early Christmas presents.

Along with the Wigan Evening Post, our Fan Club sponsors we shall be running a competition in their newspaper every night next week. The prize is an adult and child kit, why not have a go, you might win!

SPECIAL FAN CLUB DRAW
We shall be having lots of draws and competitions for our Fan Club members

throughout the season. And to get things started our first winner is: MEMBERSHIP No. 97 — MRS. JULIE TEASDALE, of ELLESMERE ROAD, PEMBERTON, WIGAN. Julie will be receiving two free Ground tickets and Players Bar tickets to our game against Featherstone Rovers on the 18th November. Congratulations Julie — our first winner.

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Whilst it was a fine team effort it was good to see Ellery, leading by example and so often lighting the blue touch paper creating excellent chances to win. Perhaps this is why he recommends our **Super Ten Weekly Draw** — and why not — it's the BIGGEST in Wigan. Over the past three months £15,000 has been paid out in prizes and this is for just 50p weekly subscription.

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1990															
AUGUST															
Sun. 26 Barrow (LC 1)	H 3.00	W 70-8	8,377	Hampson T	Borica T.68	Bell T2	Lydon G	Preston	Edwards T4	Gregory	Goodway T	Dermott T2	Plant	Betts T	Gildart
SEPTEMBER															
Sun. 2 Widnes (LC 2)	A	L 22-24	13,889	Hampson	Preston	Bell T	Lydon G5	Byrne	Edwards	Gregory T	Sherrett	Dermott	Plant	Betts	Gildart
Sun. 9 Sheffield E.	H 3.00	D 18-18	11,808	Hampson	Myers T	Bell	Lydon G	Borica	Edwards	Byrne	Sherrett	Goulding T.62	Plant	Betts	Goodway T
Sun. 16 Castleford	A 3.30	W 38-18	9,477	Hampson	Myers T2	Iro T	Bell	Borica T2.64	Edwards	Gregory	Lucas	Goulding G	Goodway	Betts T	Gildart
Sun. 23 Rochdale H	H 3.00	W 24-2	11,108	Hampson	Myers	Iro	Bell	Borica T.62	Edwards	Gregory	Lucas	Goulding G2	Plant	Betts	Goodway
Sun. 30 Bradford N	A 3.30	L 30-31	9,231	Hampson	Myers T	Lydon T.63	Bell	Borica	Edwards T	Gregory	Lucas	Dermott T	Plant	Betts T	Goodway
OCTOBER															
Sun. 7 Hull	A 3.15	L 4-24	9,500	Lydon	Myers	Iro	Bell	Preston	Edwards	Gregory	Lucas	Dermott	Sherrett	Betts	Gildart
Sun. 14 Wigan v AUSTRALIA	3.00	L 6-34	25,101	Hampson	Myers	Iro	Lydon G	Marshall	Edwards T	Gregory	Lucas	Dermott	Sherrett	Betts	Goodway
NOVEMBER															
Sun. 4 Oldham	H 3.00														
Sun. 11 Hull K.R.	A 3.00														
Sun. 18 Featherstone R.	H 3.00														
Sun. 25 Wakefield T.	A 3.30														
DECEMBER															
Sun. 2 Regal Trophy - Rnd 1															
Sun. 9 Regal Trophy - Rnd 2															
Sun. 16 Leeds	H 3.00														
Wed. 26 St Helens	A 3.00														
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Tue. 1 Warrington	H 3.00														
Sun. 6 Sheffield E	A 3.15														
Sun. 13 Bradford N	H 3.00														
Sun. 20 Widnes	A 3.00														
Sun. 27 Hull	H 3.00														
FEBRUARY															
Sun. 3 Hull K.R.	H 3.00														
Sun. 10 Silk Cut Challenge Cup - Rnd 1															
Sun. 17 Featherstone R	A 3.30														
Sun. 24 Silk Cut Challenge Cup - Rnd 2															
MARCH															
Sun. 3 Wakefield T	H 3.00														
Sun. 10 Widnes	H 3.00														
Sun. 17 Rochdale H	A 3.00														
Sun. 24 Warrington	A 3.00														
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Sun. 14 Leeds	A 3.00														

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NICKY KISS

Popular 30 year old hooker Nicky Kiss was, sadly, forced to announce his retirement from the game recently. He had been with Wigan since December 1977 when he signed from Saddleworth Rangers A.R.L.F.C. His record for the club reads as follows:

Year	App.	Sub. App.	Tries	Goals	D. Goals	Points
1977-78	2	—	—	—	—	—
1978-79	15	2	1	—	—	3
1979-80	8	—	1	—	—	3
1980-81	32	—	3	—	—	15
1981-82	40	—	5	—	—	40
1982-83	9	—	—	—	—	32
1983-84	30	—	10	—	—	16
1984-85	39	—	8	—	—	8
1985-86	19	—	2	—	—	8
1986-87	31	1	4	—	—	—
1987-88	26	—	2	—	—	—
1988-89	6	—	—	—	—	—
1989-90	—	—	—	—	—	—
1990-91	257	3	36	—	—	134
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

Nicky also represented G.B., G.B. Colts and Lancashire and was a travelling reserve for G.B. Under 24. In 1977 he toured with the British Youth Squad and he completed a well-deserved testimonial year in 1988-89.

He never gave less than 100% and was an expert in stealing the ball in the tackle. Yes, this son of Hungarian parents will be greatly missed on the Rugby League pitches of England.

By Paul Ogden

PUMA BALL CHALLENGE

To mark the launch of a new match ball specifically designed for Rugby League, Puma are to stage an international goal kicking competition before the Second British Coal Test at Old Trafford on Saturday 10 November.

Four of the world's top goal kickers will be representing their native country as follows:

New Zealand	FRANK BOTICA
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Wales	GARY PEARCE
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The four goal kickers will compete for a £1,000 winner-takes-all Puma prize, the pre-match tournament kicking off at 1.30 pm.

Puma have signed a three year contract with the Rugby Football League for the launch of the official ball to be used at all major matches. Already this season the new Puma match ball has been used for the CIS Insurance Charity Shield and the First British Coach Test at Wembley.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull	7	7	0	0	167	72	14
Widnes	7	5	0	2	167	104	10
Oldham	7	4	0	3	141	129	8
Featherstone	7	3	1	3	152	151	7
Hull K.R.	7	3	1	3	116	159	7
Leeds	6	3	0	3	126	100	6
Warrington	7	3	0	4	104	88	6
Bradford	7	3	0	4	137	142	6
Wakefield	6	3	0	3	101	122	6
Castleford	7	3	0	4	151	189	6
Wigan	5	2	1	2	114	93	5
Sheffield	7	2	1	4	136	147	5
St Helens	5	2	0	3	100	102	4
Rochdale	7	1	0	6	82	196	2

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Salford	7	7	0	0	248	46	14
Halifax	8	6	0	2	262	93	12
Swinton	7	6	0	1	184	106	12
Carlisle	7	5	1	1	202	104	11
Leigh	6	5	0	1	188	58	10
Trafford	7	5	0	2	182	89	10
Doncaster	7	5	0	2	129	106	10
Whitehaven	7	5	0	2	114	92	10
Ryedale	7	4	1	2	165	104	9
Hunslet	7	4	0	3	189	132	8
Workington	7	4	0	3	113	100	8
Fulham	7	4	0	3	111	103	8
Huddersfield	7	3	0	4	125	146	6
Barrow	5	2	0	3	57	66	4
Dewsbury	7	2	0	5	87	201	4
Keighley	7	1	0	6	69	132	2
Bramley	6	1	0	5	82	198	2
Chorley	7	1	0	6	79	261	2
Nottingham C	7	0	0	7	71	247	0
Runcorn	7	0	0	7	73	261	0

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