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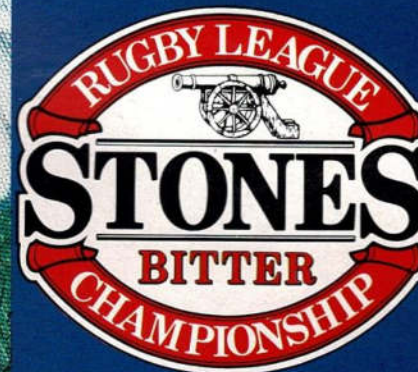
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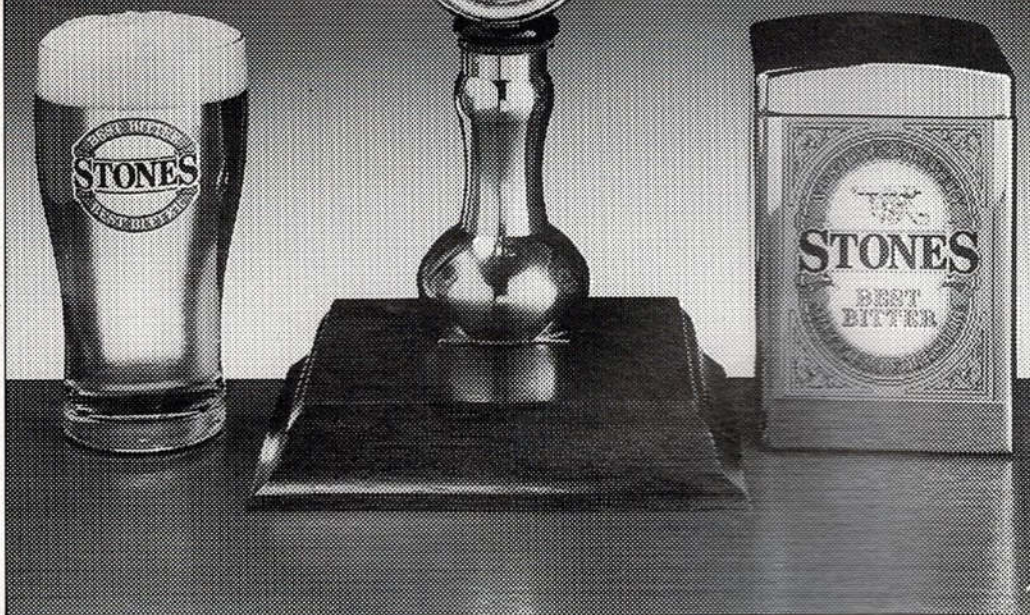
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1935-36; 1937-38; 1958-59; 1968-69; 1970-71; 1972-73;
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Beaten Finalists: 1919-20; 1947-48; 1961-62; 1964-65

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PREMIERSHIP TROPHY WINNERS: 1974-75; 1978-79

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21 May, 1947

Most Tries (Match): 8 — F. Webster v. Coventry, 12 April, 1913;
E. Harris v. Bradford Northern, 14 September, 1931

Most Tries (Season): 63 — E. Harris, 1935-36

Most Tries (Career): 391 — E. Harris, 1930-39

Most Goals (Match): 13 — L. Jones v. Blackpool Borough,
19 August, 1957

Most Goals (Season): 166 — L. Jones, 1956-57

Most Goals (Career): 1,244 — L. Jones, 1952-64

Most Points (Match): 31 — L. Jones v. Bradford Northern,
22 August, 1956

Most Points (Season): 431 — L. Jones, 1956-57

Most Points (Career): 2,920 — L. Jones, 1952-64

Most Appearances: 626 — John Holmes, 1968-89

Most Consecutive Appearances: 91 — Carl Gibson
21 February 1988 to 7 October 1990

Most Consecutive Try-Scoring Appearances:
17 — E. Harris, December 1935 to March 1936

TODAY'S VISITORS

OLDHAM

JOHN COGGER: Born in Sydney, spent 2 seasons with Runcorn before signing for Oldham in February 1989. His team in Sydney was Western Suburbs. A tearaway loose forward he skippered Oldham to promotion in 1989-90.

JOHN FAIRBANK: Born in Halifax and one of the famous five farming and Rugby League brothers. John signed for Oldham in the deal that took Hugh Waddell to Leeds in the late summer of 1988. Hard working prop-forward.

JOHN FIELDHOUSE: Oldham pack leader and former Warrington, Widnes and St. Helens star. Seven full caps for Gt. Britain and voted man-of-the-series against New Zealand in 1985. Joined Oldham from Saints.

MIKE FORD: A young man of 24 who has already played at Wembley and toured Australia. While with Wigan he picked up a Challenge Cup Winners medal, three Lancashire Cup medals (one losers), two John Players Trophy medals and a 1st Division Championship medal. After a short spell at Leigh he joined Oldham in January 1988.

DES FOY: First signed for Widnes as a youngster but returned 'home' to Oldham in the Brian Hogan deal in August 1982. Played twice for Gt. Britain under 24's in 1983 and went on to play in three full tests, including the 1st test against Australia in Sydney on the 1984 tour. Played stand-off opposite the great Wally Lewis. Played nearly 200 games for Oldham despite a spell with Aussie club Newcastle Knights.

JOHN HENDERSON: Another local lad. First turned pro for Leigh but signed for Oldham in September 1988. A prolific try scorer in a pacy Leigh back division, he has scored more than 100 tries in his career, none more vital than his first-half try in Oldham's shock 3rd round Challenge Cup win at Widnes in season 1989-90. Had a spell with Wests in Sydney.

GARY HYDE: Spent a decade with Castleford, his home town club and played twice for Gt. Britain under 24's in the early 1980's. Played at left centre in the Castleford team which beat Hull K.R. 15-14 in the 1986 Wembley final and joined Oldham in December 1988.

PAUL LORD: Signed for Oldham as a 17 year old from amateur rugby in Wakefield where his great pace attracted Oldham scouts. Came as a stand-off but has made his home on the left wing. One of Oldham's most prolific scorers.

TOMMY MARTYN: Baby of the squad at 18, Tommy has the perfect pedigree. His father and uncle both played for Gt. Britain as forwards. Signed from Leigh Minors, Tommy Jnr. toured Australia with BARLA Young Lions in 1989 and hit the headlines when he scored the winning try in Oldham's fantastic comeback against Hull K.R. in the 2nd Division Premiership Final at Old Trafford in May 1990.

CHARLIE McALISTER: Big centre or wing, now playing in the back-row of the pack. Charlie was spotted playing Union for Bradford and Bingley. Signed after trials in January 1988. Before coming to England he played for New Zealand Maoris at Union and was an All-Blacks trialist. Talented with the ball and a powerful runner, he had a spell with Sydney League club Newcastle Knights in 1988.

KEITH NEWTON: Widnes born and bred, Keith signed for the Chemics from local amateur rugby. Made around 50 appearances, many of them as substitute, and jumped at the chance to sign for Oldham in January 1989. He was voted man-of-the-match in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup 3rd round at Widnes in 1990.

DUNCAN PLATT: Another Widnes player, signed for Oldham in December 1988 and was one of Tony Barrow's first signings. Landed 125 goals last season despite damaging an ankle in the Lancashire Cup Final and missing the next seven matches.

PAUL ROUND: Signed from St. Helens. Played twice for Gt. Britain under 21's in 1984 and represented Saints at Wembley in 1987, scoring a try in an appearance as substitute.

ANDY RUANE: Started his career with home town Widnes and moved to Rochdale Hornets from where he joined Oldham in the summer of 1988. Scooped most of the Club's Player-of-the-Year Awards in 1988/89 but had bad luck with injuries in 1989/90 when he began to face competition for the hooking job from Richard Russell.

RICHARD RUSSELL: Oldham snapped him up from Wigan in the summer of 1989. A Gt. Britain Colts and under 21 player as a centre but switched to hooker in a master stroke.

SHAUN ALLEN: Began his career with St. Helens for whom he did enough to earn Gt. Britain under 21 honours as a centre in the 1984 match against France. Joined Oldham in March 1989. Usually plays second-row but also turned out as loose forward, hooker and centre.

BRETT CLARK: An Aussie who first came to England to play for St. Helens. Was the Saints stand-off in their 19-18 defeat by Halifax at Wembley in 1987. Joined Oldham at the start of the 1989/90 season.

TONY ANDERSON: Signed from Halifax in the Spring of 1990. Had wretched luck since moving from Thrum Hall. In his second game for Oldham he broke his nose and on his comeback, at Workington, he broke his ankle. Spent summer of 1990 getting back to fitness and looking forward to 1990-91 season after recuperating at Lilleshall.

DEREK PYKE: Former Leigh and Widnes prop, known as a ball-player, who joined Oldham from the Chemics in the summer of 1990. One of the most experienced front-row men in the game and a player whose ball skills can unlock the toughest defence.

NORMAN FRANCIS: Joined Oldham from Leeds for an undisclosed fee early on in the 1990/91 season. Scored four tries for Leeds 'A' against Oldham 'A' at Headingley in 1989/90 with Tony Barrow watching in the stands. Big, strong and fast, he is hoping for more senior chances at Watersheddings than he got at Headingley.

RONNIE DUANE: Signed from Warrington. Ronnie burst on to the international scene as a young centre in the early 1980's and toured in 1984 only to suffer serious knee damage in the opening game at Darwin, Northern Territory. He joined Oldham as an experienced utility man who can play in the back-row of the pack or in the centre.

BIG MATCH PREVIEW

OLDHAM have been regular visitors to Headingley on New Year's Day and the clashes usually provide plenty of excitement.

Two years ago, on Oldham's last visit, Leeds played superbly to win convincingly, but two years previous to that it was Oldham who triumphed in a thriller.

And, indeed, many of the meetings between the sides in the eighties produced close tussles with last-minute wins a speciality of the fixture.

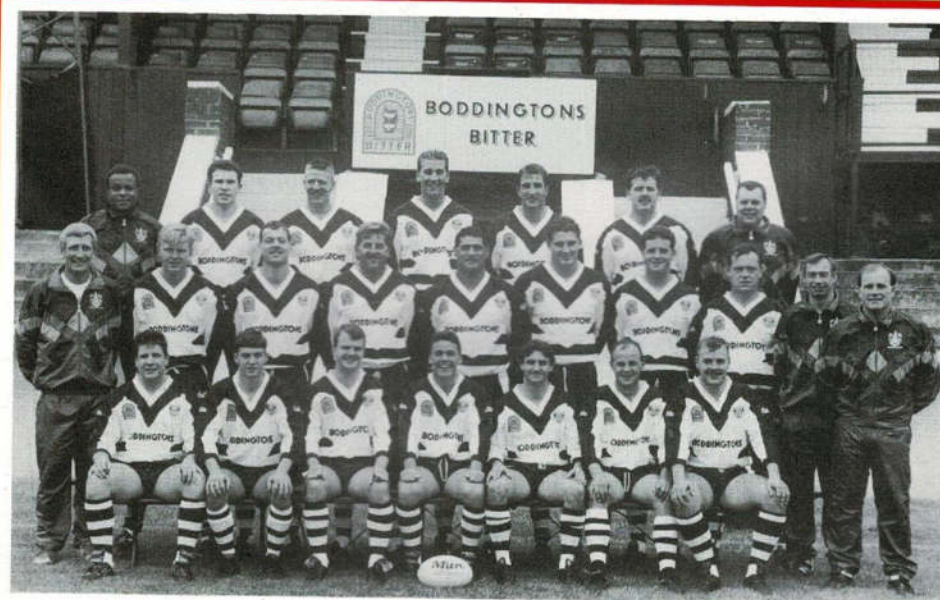
Of course, things have not gone too well for Oldham recently. They made a cracking start to their return to the top flight, including an opening day victory over Leeds at the Watersheddings.

Since then, however, they have slipped into the relegation zone and were controversially beaten by Batley in a Regal Trophy shock.

But despite that slump in form they have a talented squad of footballers, wisely recruited, and with scrum-half Mike Ford calling the shots can more than hold onto their place in Division One.

Leeds meanwhile, will be looking to strengthen their own League position and know they can't afford any slip ups at home.

It all points to an interesting start to 1991 at Headingley.



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*The Directors, Officials and Players are pleased
to take this opportunity of wishing all our
Supporters a Happy New Year*

A NEW YEAR WELCOME: It is exactly two years ago today since we had the pleasure of a visit by our friends from Oldham, whom we welcome warmly to Headingley this afternoon. On that occasion, over 14,400 spectators saw Leeds win by 48 points to 4 and they saw also a hat-trick of tries from a man who was making his very first appearance in a Leeds jersey. The player concerned was left wingman Phil Ford, who had joined Leeds from Bradford Northern just forty-eight hours earlier. The win completed a "double" over Oldham by Leeds in that season, but this afternoon it will be our visitors turn to attempt to achieve the feat as they won deservedly at Watersheddings by 32 points to 22 when we went there for our opening League match of this season, last September.

In receiving Oldham today, we express thanks to the club for their ready agreement to our invitation to come to Headingley for our New Years' Day fixture, as this is one of three holiday dates in the season which the Rugby League Authorities allow clubs to agree mutually to arrange their own fixtures.

HULL v LEEDS: Supporters intending to travel to Hull next Sunday, 6th January, are asked to note that the kick-off time will be 6.30 p.m., as the match is on BSB Satellite Television.

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: After the sides first twelve League matches, shortly before Christmas, our Slalom Lager Alliance team had won half of its fixtures, with the players experiencing some contrasting fortunes in results up to mid-December. In September, for instance, the side scored forty-six points against Warrington, then conceded thirty-six points just one week later at St. Helens, and then in late November Leeds ran up some forty points at Salford only to go down heavily at Halifax on the following Friday night, losing when the Thrux Hall side scored forty-two points. In the big win at Salford, incidentally, stand-off Francis Maloney — who is currently in very good form — scored half the Leeds points with three tries and four goals. The Alliance team returns home for our next match, which will be this Friday, 4th January, when the Hull Alliance team will come to Headingley, kick-off time is 7.30 p.m. as usual.

FORMER PLAYERS: The Leeds Rugby League Club Players Association was formed last month and former players wishing to join should telephone Bev Risman, any Thursday or Friday on Leeds 624637, Ken Rollin on Wakefield 275147, or Bill Carter on Leeds 786181.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP SCHEME: This scheme, organised jointly by British Gas, our local Police and the Club, is proving as popular as ever with our younger supporters once again this season. The objectives are to encourage young people to become public spirited and law-abiding citizens. A number of Police Officers will be distributing cards at the ground today and collectors are reminded that when they have obtained the full total of twenty, the set must be taken to Weetwood Police Station, Otley Road, Leeds 16. The presentation to the winners will be at the Leeds v Hull Kingston Rovers match on Sunday, 3rd March, 1991.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES: This afternoon we welcome to Headingley, the Officials and Members of the Oldham Rugby League Supporters Club. May we take this opportunity of wishing them a Happy New Year and a good sporting 1991. Owing to the long Christmas Holidays and the printers deadline, we apologise for any notes that may seem outdated.

Social Club News: Members please note 1991 Subscriptions are now due — payable most nights and Sunday lunchtimes. It is important that all members have their card available when required by the doorman on entry. The membership of the Social Club is now closed.

The 1991 Supporters Handbook: Copies of this very good book are still available from the Leeds Club Shop, the Social Club, the Supporters Shop (match days only) or various points round the ground on match days, price £1.00. It can be obtained by post from Mrs. D. Hall (Secretary), 22 Raynell Drive, Ireland Wood, Leeds LS16 6BS, price £1.30 (includes postage).

Regarding these programme notes, any Branch wishing to have their Branch Activities published in these programme notes, should contact Mr. H. Falkingham, 14 Norman Towers, Spen Lane, Leeds LS16 5ER, Tel: 757904, one clear week before the game. Come on Branch Secretaries let's have some news.

Finally, to David Ward and all playing staff, a Happy Sporting New Year to you all, not forgetting all supporters and members.

HOSPITAL BROADCASTS: Commentary on today's games from Headingley and Elland Road will be provided by the Hospital Broadcasting Association. Donations for this very fine cause can be received by our New Treasurer, Mr. John Rex, 52 Moor Grange View, Leeds LS16 5BJ. Cheques or Postal Orders made out to the Leeds Hospital Relays Association. Thanks in anticipation, large or small, we need your support.

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Teamtalk

with David Ward



We may not have won any trophies in 1990 but generally things have progressed reasonably well.

Then there have been a lot of big games involving Leeds and we have played some very good rugby at times.

Obviously winning trophies is what it's all about, but nobody can take away from us the fact that we finished last season in second position in the championship.

We will be striving to go one better this time and if we can pick up plenty of points around Christmas time it will set us up nicely.

Then of course, there is the Challenge Cup, though we can't afford to even think about that competition yet.

Every League game, in fact, is like a Cup-tie these days.

Rugby League is more competitive than it has ever been and the game goes into the new year in pretty good shape.

I think we have one or two things to sort out though.

For instance, the Regal Trophy competition has to be better structured.

I know in the last couple of seasons Tours have complicated matters, but hopefully next season we can have at least a couple of weeks between rounds.

Playing the semi-finals over the Christmas period makes no sense either. It puts the League fixtures in doubt and asks an awful lot of spectators.

We are in a recession and to ask people to turn out for extra Cup-ties at Christmas is just too much, particularly when the most committed fans no doubt forked out to go to the Three Tests.

Another point about the Regal Trophy. Why is it that we have one player registration law for that competition and another one for the Challenge Cup?

A newly-signed player can turn out for his new club in the Regal Trophy, providing he misses one round of the competition after signing.

But for the Challenge Cup all players must be registered in early January before the competition starts.

That can leave clubs with some awkward decisions regarding short-term signings from overseas and is one of the reasons for Leeds pursuing overseas players on long-term contracts.

Hopefully that policy will benefit the club and help us to attain the success we are all working very hard to achieve.

Best Wishes for the New Year

D. Ward

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IN THE SP[★]TLIGHT

SIMON IRVING

SIMON IRVING'S debut in first team Rugby League was somewhat overshadowed by the start of John Gallagher's Headingley career.

Nevertheless, Irving has grabbed his fair share of headlines since the opening day of the season and as his first year in Rugby League comes to a close it is worth reflecting on his contribution to the Leeds cause.

Irving was signed by Leeds last February from the world of Rugby Union. The 23-year-old centre had been an outstanding player for Headingley RUFC and was an England 'B' international.

Frustration with the international selectors, however, saw the Cleckheaton born youngster turn his attentions to Rugby League, just as, in fact, his great mate John Bentley had done.

Irving's family had plenty of connections with the League game and his uncle had played for Bradford Northern, so the progression into the League ranks seemed a natural one.

And Irving, an ambitious footballer, had no hesitation in signing on the dotted line when Leeds came in with an offer.

Just, however, as his debut was put in the shade by Gallagher's debut, his signing was also overshadowed by the arrival at Headingley of another big money Union capture.

David Young, the Welsh international and British Lion, was also signed during the month and his much-heralded arrival grabbed the media's attention.

But, perhaps, Irving benefitted from a sheltered entry into League and he certainly benefitted from playing out the rest of the season in the Alliance side.

Under the watchful eyes of David Ward and Norman Smith, Irving steadily learnt his trade, improving with every game.

And by the time this season's pre-season friendlies came around he had been groomed to move up to the first team.

The points flowed against Bramley and

Ryedale-York and in late August he was catapulted into the super-charged atmosphere of the Yorkshire Cup first round tie with Bradford at Headingley.

Irving kicked an early goal and showed signs of real promise before a collision with Karl Fairbank saw his debut ended with concussion before half time.

Irving bounced back with five goals against Oldham and then two tries and three goals against Hull, but Irving's fine showings were spoiled by Leeds defeats.

Five more goals against Warrington, however, and a marvellous defensive effort, saw Irving play his part in the season's first victory at Wilderspool.

And he has gone from strength to strength since then, scoring in every single game and impressing on both attack and defence.

His calmness under pressure is also a vital asset and though the unfortunate sending-off setback at Sheffield was a blow, Irving will no doubt bounce back an even better player for the experience.

The nineties look very bright indeed for Simon Irving.



SIMON IRVING

GIVE IT A TRY



Here's something for you to tackle at half time. General knowledge questions on Rugby League.
There are a few bruisers in the pack so you might have to form a scrum.

- 1 Surname of New Zealand hooker in the team who defeated Great Britain 12-10 at Christchurch on the 17th July 1988?
- 2 Forename of Krewanti, the Papua New Guinea Test winger.
- 3 Malcolm Reilly, Doug Loughton, David Ward are all.....?
- 4 Which club signed John Gallagher in the summer of 1990?



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DAVID WARD

"When we throw the ball out wide we are dangerous, but defensively, we know we need to tighten."

RICHARD GUNN

"It was great to see the number of Leeds supporters at Widnes despite the terrible weather conditions, and advice not to travel across the Pennines."

GARRY SCHOFIELD

"It would be an honour to be selected for internationals, but I concentrate on playing for Leeds and take the rest as it comes."

JOHN GALLAGHER

"It is a busy period just before Christmas and over the New Year. Confidence is still high that we can still get something trophy wise."

MIKE KUITI



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TEST winger Phil Ford made his debut for Leeds and another debutant Chris Vasey, from Dewsbury, was on the substitutes bench as the Loiners looked to continue a three match winning run.

Oldham, meanwhile, came to Headingley with three victories from their last four games and were hoping to repeat their 1987 New Year's Day success over Leeds.

The visitors made a no-nonsense start to the game, with old boy Hugh Waddell a particular target and as early as the 2nd minute paid the penalty.



Phil Ford — Leeds debutant

John Bentley hoisted the first of his eight goals in a superb kicking exhibition and four minutes later Lee Crooks and David Heron combined for Andrew Ettingshausen to score the first try.

Bentley converted and Leeds led 8-0. Atkinson missed a penalty shot for the visitors and then a Mike Ford break had the Leeds defence in trouble before the move broke down through lack of support.

In the 29th minute Leeds made Oldham pay for the misses. Colin Maskill made the initial break and Phil Ford skipped past two defenders for a glorious 50-yard try.

Bentley converted and then just before the break, Ford added his second score in Leeds colours.

Gary Price, Lee Crooks and Carl Gibson combined brilliantly and Ford finished again in electrifying style.

Bentley's goal made it 20-0 and two minutes after the break tireless man-of-the-match Roy Powell scored his first try of the season.

Cliff Lyons added a magical solo effort before Sam Backo put Price over. The big Queenslander then showed some nifty footwork with a clever chip through and regather to put Bentley in for a well deserved try.

Oldham winger Steve Robinson had a try disallowed in the 67th minute before Ford crowned a memorable debut with the hat-trick.

Powell made the initial break inside his own '25' and Gibson backed up to put the flying Ford away. Bentley missed his first conversion attempt of the afternoon and Oldham's John Henderson scored a late consolation try to wrap up the scoring.

LEEDS LEEDS LEEDS ... NEWS AND VIEWS

THE 12-MAN GAME

THE Leeds victory at Sheffield demonstrated once again that 13 men are not always better than 12.

Last season the Loiners produced one of their great displays to thrash St. Helens after losing David Cruickshank in the 2nd minute.

And at the Don Valley Stadium they again played the majority of the game a man down after the unlucky Simon Irving was dismissed for tripping.

Against Saints though it was devastating attack which pulled the Loiners through. In Sheffield, Leeds relied on a determined, dogged defence which completely frustrated the home side.

Last season other notable 12-man performances saw Great Britain beat New Zealand in the Second Test and Wigan draw at Headingley in the Regal Trophy quarter-final.

On both occasions Steve Hampson was the offender in the early stages of the matches.

The new Don Valley Stadium is certainly a one-off in Rugby League.

The 25,000 all-seater ground is quite unlike anything else in our game and is more akin to the Sydney Football Stadium.

It certainly has a modern almost space-age feel to it, though that was somewhat dimmed when the spectacular floodlights shut down for nearly a quarter of an hour in the middle of the match.

The fact that it is primarily an

athletics track and the spectators are so far away from the pitch also adds to the almost surreal effect.

But variety is the spice of life and the new stadium could have a big future in Rugby League, if the Eagles can survive with the game's elite.

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The failure of the lights at the Don Valley Stadium raises an interesting point.

The game was only five minutes away from abandonment when the lights deemed to come back on and that would have meant a replayed game.

In the event of such a game, Leeds would have been restored to 13 men and Sheffield's numerical advantage would have been lost.

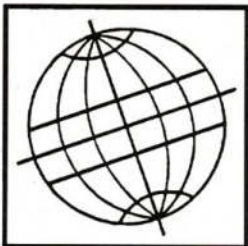
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The Sheffield props were certainly very familiar to Leeds fans and both were once heroes to the Headingley faithful.

Former Australian Test prop Peter Tunks skippered Leeds in the 1987-88 season and, despite being hampered by an injury, proved an inspirational leader.

Hugh Waddell, meanwhile, struck an instant rapport with Leeds fans after his arrival from Oldham at the start of the 1988-89 season.

The former British Test prop produced several blockbusting displays in Leeds colours before his move to Sheffield towards the end of last season.



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THE extra-ordinary impact of the magnificent Rugby League Ashes series on the nation's sporting public was confirmed when Australia's charismatic skipper Mal Meninga received the BBC's overseas sports personality of the year award.

Rugby League is usually arrogantly dismissed during the Sports Review of the Year programme with a brief clip from the Wembley Final.

To actually have one of our code's stars winning one of the prestigious awards, however, is a marvellous boost for Rugby League and a good indicator of the strides being made by the game.

There is no doubt either that the 30-year-old Kangaroo captain deserved his award. Meninga, aside from his obvious League playing talents, is a modest, articulate sportsman and a wonderful ambassador for his sport and his country.



LEADING TOUR SCORERS

Andrew Ettingshausen finished as the Kangaroos' top try scorer with 11, including two hat-tricks. Dale Shearer scored the only other hat-trick.

Greg Alexander headed the goalscoring list with 21, including the tour's best match tally of six.

Mal Meninga was top points scorer with 58 from seven tries and 15 goals.

No player scored more than 12 points in a match.



TOUR CROWD RECORDS

The Australians attracted a record average crowd for a tour of this country of 19,894 at 13 matches, beating the 16,733 at 27 matches in 1948.

This year's aggregate of 258,622 was the biggest since 22 matches drew 286,729 in 1963.

The Test series also produced a record aggregate of 131,389, beating the 114,883 in 1948 when Britain won all three Tests.

Receipts for the three-match series were a World record. Wembley produced £560,000, Old Trafford £381,000 and Elland Road £239,000 adding up to the first ever £1 million series with total receipts of £1,180,000.

This year's top tour crowd was 52,274 for the First Test at Wembley with the biggest at a club game being 25,101 at Wigan.



AUSTRALIA PLAYING RECORD

Played 13	Won 12	Lost 1
For: Tries 68	Goals 38(1)	Pts 347
Against: Tries 21	Goals 20(3)	Pts 121
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MOST APPEARANCES

Mal Meninga and Andrew Ettingshausen made most full appearances with nine each. Greg Alexander played in 12 matches including six as substitute, missing only the Second Test when he was a non-playing substitute.



ACTION

REPLAY REPLAY



ACTION FROM THE GAME AGAINST WIDNES IN THE REGAL TROPHY
Above Left: Gary Divorty is tackled by Faimalo. Above Right: Phil Ford scoring his try. Below: Mike Kuifi on a run.



UPDATE

Frustrated Leeds left fuming

Regal Trophy Second Round **Saturday, 8th December, 1990**
WIDNES 22 **LEEDS 6**

LEEDS came away from Naughton Park fuming after their controversial exit from the Regal Trophy.

Few would argue that John Bentley, sin-binned, and Paul Dixon, sent off, had not deserved their fate in the dying stages of a furious clash but on the other hand, the Loiners were justifiably upset by the refereeing of Brian Galtress.

He hammered Leeds in the penalty count and failed to spot crucial infringements which led to Widnes tries.

Those tries handed the game on a plate to Widnes and gave rise to the Leeds frustration which spilled over in a bitter last 20 minutes.

It had all looked so different in the first half, too. The Leeds supporters who had braved the arctic-like conditions to travel over the M62 would have been delighted with their side's efforts in that first period.

Leeds had spent most of the half pinned down but magnificent tackling had kept Widnes at bay.

And the rare Leeds attacks had been decisive. A brilliant break by Garry Schofield put Phil Ford over for a try and a Simon Irving penalty helped Leeds to a 6-0 lead.

Then right on the break the Loiners almost put the tie beyond the home side. Schofield put Cavill Heugh away with a superb short pass, he in turn found Mike Kuiti wide out but a misunderstanding between the Kiwi and Carl Gibson saw a try go begging with the Widnes cover shot to pieces.

Still Leeds went into the second half confident of an upset. Unfortunately, within six tackles of the re-start Widnes were level.

Andy Currier made the break down the wing and David Hulme took his clever inside kick to score, though it was touch and go as to whether he actually got the ball over the line.

Jonathan Davies kicked the conversion and then landed a penalty as Schofield was penalised for talking to the referee while Leeds had the ball.

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Widnes scarcely deserved their 8-6 lead but it was soon 12-6 as Martin Offiah scored from a suspiciously looking forward pass from Richie Eyres.

The Offiah try came after Leeds were penalised, again, while in possession.

Paul Dixon had made a great clearing run but the referee brought play back to close to the Leeds line after the touch judge claimed Shaun Wane had held Kurt Sorenson back.

It seemed to be six of one and half a dozen of the other but for his troubles Wane was floored by Sorenson. A punch which amazingly failed to land the Widnes star in the sin bin.

If Leeds felt things were beginning to go against them, they were to have even more cause for complaint a few minutes later.

John Gallagher cleverly dribbled a loose ball down the touchline side on halfway but was then clearly brought down by a Widnes player. The referee did not spot the obstruction, however, and lightning quick hands saw Widnes break in devastating style.

Davies kicked on and Currier picked up to score, with Leeds again feeling they should have had a penalty.

The Loiners were now 16-6 down but rallied bravely in the Widnes 25 until in the 72nd minute yet one more disputed non-decision led ultimately to Bentley's sin-binning and the final Widnes try.

Gallagher was brought down as he chased a chip through but the referee waved play on and Widnes counter-attacked brilliantly.

They went the length-of-the-field before a wonderful tackle by Roy Powell brought centre John Devereux down.

He managed a pass inside but the ball went to ground and in the mayhem Bentley thumped Offiah to earn himself a trip to the sin bin.

Currier immediately scored and Davies converted to give the home side a flattering 22-6 lead.

The game was now at boilover point, though, and Dixon was sent off for a punch on Paul Hulme which even Mr. Galtress was able to spot.

UPDATE

Lights go out for Sheffield

Stones Bitter Championship **Sunday, 16 December, 1990**
SHEFFIELD EAGLES 6 **LEEDS 24**

Leeds weathered an eventful storm at the superb new Don Valley Stadium before their extra touch of class paid dividends.

The Eagles made an excellent start to this re-arranged League fixture and soon went ahead with a try by Mick Cook.

He managed to brush off three tacklers to force his way over from acting half-back and Mycoe's conversion gave the home side a 6-0 lead.

The Loiners were in disarray at this stage and Sheffield almost extended their lead. A Peter Tunks slide kick produced a try which was disallowed for offside, while Daryl Powell bombed another score by taking the option to kick after being put clear.

Leeds were struggling to get their act together but a Simon Irving penalty helped settle the nerves, before the Loiners finally saw some daylight in the Sheffield 25.

Quick hands across the line saw the home defence stretched and a clever, lobbed pass by Roy Powell gave Phil Ford the chance to heave over in the corner.

Irving kicked a superb conversion from touch to put Leeds 8-6 in front but soon after the young centre turned from hero to villain.

He was wrongfooted by Sheffield's veteran full-back Keith Mumby and as he slipped backwards his foot went out instinctively. Mumby tripped over the outstretched leg and Irving was sent off.

With Leeds down to 12 men, Sheffield must have fancied their chances of breaking an eight match duck and, with

Paul Harkin off the field injured at this point, the Loiners looked in trouble.

But while everything else seemed to be going wrong Leeds continued to tackle in determined fashion.

The second half followed with much the same pattern as the first with Sheffield monopolising possession and territorial position. Leeds had a 15 minute breather when the lights went out, but Sheffield continued to press after the interruption.

Australian Ian Russell and second rower Sonny Nickle posed the Loiners particular problems, but Leeds doggedly hung in.

Every man played his part as Sheffield were frustrated by rockline defence and as the game wore on it became obvious Leeds were going to keep their lead.

And in the last ten minutes, the visitors forced their way into the Eagles half for one of the rare occasions in the second half.

Garry Schofield did the rest, brilliantly weaving his way over for a try out of nothing and then sealing the game with the pressure conversion.

Sheffield were shattered by this blow, and Cavill Heugh then Carl Gibson added insult to injury with further tries.

Leeds had perhaps made life tough for themselves, but deserved their victory for a tremendous defensive commitment.

To play the majority of a First Division game away from home with a man down and still come away with the points shows the character of the side.

A LOOK BACK AT LEEDS IN 1990

JANUARY

The New Year opened with Leeds in optimistic mood. They had given Wigan the fright of their lives in the Regal Trophy and on the League front things were shaping up nicely.

Barnstorming Aussie forward Craig Izzard had left for home by the time New Year's Day came around, but a fine performance and try by his replacement Cavill Heugh helped the Loiners to an 18-2 home success over Hull. And in the next match, Leeds produced their best showing of the season to beat Widnes 20-8 at Naughton Park.

The bubble was shattered, more than burst, the following week, however, when Bradford trounced Leeds 24-8 in the Challenge Cup Preliminary round at Headingley.

January ended on a high note though with a win over Leigh and revenge against Bradford in the League. Craig Coleman and Mark Laurie had also left for home by now, but their replacements David Cruickshank and Kiwi Mike Kuiti had settled quickly.

Garry Schofield had also been switched to stand-off and proved to be the key in a storming finish to the season by Leeds. Also during the month Lee Crooks was transferred to Castleford.

FEBRUARY

The month opened with an incredible 32-26 defeat at St. Helens after Leeds had rallied from 20-0 down.

But the Loiners, who had added Rob Ackerman from Whitehaven and fellow Welshman David Young from the ranks of the British Lions to their squad, went through the rest of the month on a high.

All sorts of records fell as they thrashed Barrow 90-0, and good wins over Sheffield at home and Leigh away kept Leeds very much in the championship hunt.

The wins also ensured a massive gate for the clash of the top two—Leeds and Wigan— at Headingley on 4th March.

MARCH

More than 23,000 fans, a first division record for Leeds, were at Headingley for the eagerly awaited visit of Wigan.

Unfortunately, for an hour the occasion proved too much for the Loiners with only Schofield and Gibson able to match it with their illustrious opponents.

Leeds were 21-2 down before they actually started to play, but when they did Wigan didn't look nearly so comfortable. Tries by Fawcett and Creasser, plus two towering Maskill goals, brought Leeds back to 21-14, but Wigan held out.

That disappointment was followed by disaster at Warrington. Leading 6-3 right on time, John Bentley kicked out on the full and Warrington took advantage with a dramatic late winner.

Bentley was distraught after the game but helped ease the pain with three tries in a comprehensive 36-17 victory over Wakefield at Belle Vue.

APRIL

The Leeds title bid was by now looking very shaky and when Cruickshank was dismissed within two minutes of the home game with St. Helens, the championship seemed to have been handed on a plate to Wigan.

12 man Leeds, however, rallied in brilliant fashion to destroy Saints 50-14 in a quite magnificent exhibition of Rugby League.

The dream was on again and Leeds travelled to Central Park for the title decider in good heart. It wasn't to be though.

In front of more than 24,000 fans Leeds

went down 16-12 in a tension packed game. The Loiners, however, were desperately unlucky and twice had tries ruled out by penalties in their favour.

Three days later, Leeds beat Featherstone but the shattered Loiners were then overwhelmed at Castleford to finish their League season in disappointing fashion.

The Premiership Trophy brought instant revenge over Castleford but Widnes proved far too good in the Semi-finals at Headingley.

THE SUMMER

Leeds captured the sporting headlines of the rugby world with their stunning signing of All Black John Gallagher.

Gallagher, the world's top union player, was very definitely one of the untouchables and his signature set season ticket sales soaring.

The proverbial thorn in the Leeds side Paul Harkin was also snapped up from Bradford and Kenyan Union Winger Eddie Rombo was added to the squad after a sensational performance in the Wigan Sevens.

Off the field, plans for a new ballroom and three tier stand were thwarted by local residents but new seats were installed in the north stand paddock.

By the time August came around, the Leeds supporters couldn't wait for the season to start and glimpses of Gallagher in pre-season friendlies at Bramley and York merely whetted the appetite.

Unfortunately, Bradford spoilt Gallagher's competition debut in the Yorkshire Cup first round at Headingley. And to make matters worse, Schofield suffered an injury which put him out for a month.

SEPTEMBER

After the setback against Bradford, Leeds were anxious to start the League campaign with victory at newly-promoted Oldham.

The early dismissal of Paul Harkin made the task considerably harder, however, and fired-up Oldham took advantage to win 32-22 as Leeds ran out of steam.

A week later and Hull, too, profited from the shaky Leeds start with a dramatic late victory.

Shaun Wane was signed meantime to strengthen the pack and he did just that as Leeds at last hit the winning trail at Wilderspool. Gallagher registered his first try in a 22-10 success and scored again as St. Helens were beaten 23-4 at Headingley.

Promising young Warrington forward Steve Molloy was snapped up for a big fee during the month and made a debut as substitute against St. Helens.

OCTOBER

Leeds started the month promisingly with victory at Bradford, but were beaten again at Headingley by Featherstone — courtesy of an injury time touchline goal by whizz-kid Martin Pearson.

Seven days later, Leeds regained their pride with a magnificent performance against Australia. Home supporters rubbed their eyes in disbelief as Leeds raced into a 10-0 lead and though they eventually went down 22-10 they had started the British roll which culminated in that marvellous Test win at Wembley.

NOVEMBER

Leeds had enough chances to win at Widnes but paid for a poor start, before big Regal Trophy victories over Rochdale and Halifax, plus an impressive League win over Castleford saw the Loiners finish the month on a high.

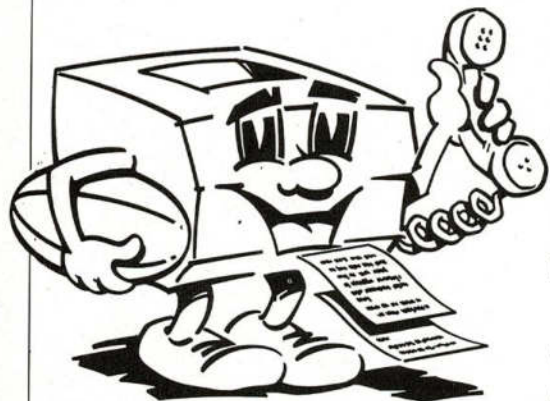
DECEMBER

A thrilling victory over Hull K.R. in the Regal Trophy gave rise to hopes of a long run in the cup, but those hopes were shattered at Naughton Park.

Leeds went down in a bitter and controversial match, which saw Bentley sin-binned and Dixon sent off.

The Loiners felt at least two of the Widnes tries came directly from infringements and were left fuming by a massive penalty count in the home side's favour.

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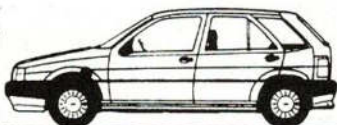
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The Garry Schofield Column

Immediately after the First Test at Wembley last October when Great Britain had such a sensational win against the Australian tourists, the Development Officer for the Rugby Union Football came to have a word with me. He was a little concerned because children in schools were preferring to play Rugby League, and not Rugby Union.

His concern was such that an emergency meeting was called at Twickenham shortly after the Wembley game. The Rugby Union authorities are now genuinely afraid of the good image that Rugby League was creating — and that is nationwide. It would appear that Rugby Union as a team sport is on the decline, and the authorities are concerned about this at junior level.

The perception of Rugby League is however totally different. The game is now much faster than it used to be, is better organised and is played by professionals who invariably play in a team strip that is 'fashionable'. Believe it or not, the youngsters of today care how they look when they're playing sport, and they like to follow a sport that is fashionable. The cloth cap image is rapidly disappearing.

These comments compare very favourably with the feed-back that I am receiving at local level as I tour the schools training and talking to both teachers and youngsters. Rugby League is gaining in popularity.

I am also particularly involved with

training youngsters through the Blue and Amber Club. We split them basically into three distinctive groups, 8 to 10 year old, 11 to 13 year old and 14 to 15 year old.

In training the younger ones, I prefer them to play and enjoy the game without any pressure ... to get a feel for the basic rules and the possibilities of running with the ball in a creative free flowing way.

The older ones I ask them to be a bit more dedicated, but with the emphasis on looking after themselves, and developing their skills and knowledge of the game. Most of the kids are (obviously) Leeds supporters, and are just looking forward to the day when they are old enough to play at senior level. A lot of them will obviously never make professional players, but it never seems to dampen their enthusiasm or desire to learn more about the game. Perhaps this is one of the big differences between League and Union.

With League the kids have more sharply defined role models, and certainly here at Headingley, the opportunity to play in a curtain raiser.

Some of the curtain raisers that we have organised between schools should be very entertaining, and will I am sure be eye-openers for some spectators. So if you see that a curtain raiser is arranged here at Headingley, please try and come to the ground a little early and cheer the lads on. It's a great occasion for them, and it all adds up to a friendly atmosphere between spectators.

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Shaun Spectacular

I WAS a Doubting Thomas though Shaun Wane was certainly a well known name and, on the plus side, at least he didn't excite feelings of lifetime rejection as would some players from the big 'W's. I'm sure we all have names we couldn't 'take' to however well they played. Shaun has silenced any doubters. In every game, he has performed as a top-class prop. Indeed, at Widnes he was one of only a very few Leeds players to whom I would have given a mark over 5.



SHAUN WANE

I can't have been far wrong because Shaun won the Players' Player of the Match Award that day, the third consecutive game in which he had taken this accolade. "After the game someone comes round and asks 'who do you think was our best player?' and at Tuesday night training we have a pennant presented. I've been top tackler in the last two as well." Top tacklers I like.

"I'm very, very critical of my own game. I never come off and say I'm happy with how I played. There's always something. I think 'I could have hit him a bit harder in that tackle' or 'I could have taken the ball up a bit stronger in that run.' I always had confidence in my own ability. I knew I wasn't injury prone; I knew I wasn't soft. I've played ten games now for Leeds whereas in three seasons at Wigan I couldn't put nine consecutive games together. I would like to have gone out on a high note. I'm looking forward to going back to Wigan when we play there, seeing what it's like from a different angle. It will be weird, after nine years going to the same peg in the same dressing room. Strange.

"I like to think I was well thought of at Wigan. Most people have made a point of wishing me all the best in my new career. When I signed for Leeds, John Monie said 'if ever you want to come and use the gym or anything, you'll be welcome!' I went down to the Wigan game last Sunday and commentated for the local radio. However, I have had my Leeds Lada attacked a few times — wing mirrors smashed, a few messages left on the windscreen. Half of them probably don't know it's my car! One or two mouth a bit when I go for a drink.

My wife wanted me to leave Wigan a few years earlier, but I make the rugby decision in our house. I do what I think's best. Now, I wish I'd done it a bit earlier. It was just making the break. Once I'd done that, I was O.K.

"Lorraine thinks I'm playing better now than at Wigan. She understands that I give everything for Rugby League. On a Sunday morning she takes the 'phone away from the

bed so it doesn't ring and takes the baby, Bethan, downstairs so she won't disturb me, so I can have a lie-in. She knows I feel better after a good sleep.

I find golf very relaxing after a game but don't like to play too close to a match." I looked sceptical. "It takes a bit out of you walking for four hours is not good preparation for peak fitness on a Sunday or before training. I try and play golf early in the week, pacing myself. After training at Leeds on a Saturday morning, I go home and lie on the couch and relax all afternoon then I'm buzzing on a Sunday. On the morning of the game, me and my missus don't speak. I just want to sit on my own and watch a match video, say an Australian Grand Final — something with good defence, to get me in the mood. I'm terrible to live with. I get some bad moods when we've lost. I take it to heart. It took me a couple of days to get over the Widnes defeat; first, because it was a very important cup match and secondly, because it was Widnes. It was a real sickener for me. It was after four o'clock the following morning before I got to sleep, trying to weigh up why we'd lost."

In mufti, Shaun wears spectacles and looked very distinguished, almost professorial. He had featured as the centre-fold in the Saturday Evening Post and, analysing the photograph carefully, I noticed a line of stitches on his knee. Had this been caused by a particularly unpleasant tackle?

"I fell down a manhole when I was ten years old — nearly had to have my leg off. It went right through to the bone. When they took the stitches out, it became infected and I had to have another operation."

Shaun is uniquely placed to solve the mystery of why Wigan have been so successful in recent years and Leeds rather less so.

"Leeds are only that far" (two millimetres between thumb and first finger) "from being a top, top side. I wouldn't have come here if I didn't think they were going to win trophies. Graham Lowe and John Monie put a lot of emphasis on defence. David Ward does that as well. They have a bit of luck at Wigan which Leeds aren't having. When I was

playing in Finals, there was always one game, one round, which they shouldn't have won. That sort of luck can be the difference in a cup run. There are great players at Wigan but so there are in the Leeds team. The training methods are similar — all the defensive drills. A lot of the moves are those we did at Wigan." Do Wigan, perhaps, simply always expect to win?

"It isn't that. Wigan are not a more positive side than Leeds.

I was very impressed with the set up here from the start. There was a car waiting for me. When I signed the contract, I was handed the keys. Little things like that show they are well organised. I knew all the Leeds lads before I came. I'd either played with them for Great Britain Under 21's or against them in the past but I can't tell a word they're saying in the dressing room, Creasser, Schoey and Masky are so broad! They take the mickey out of me and Lorraine. When I go back and meet the Wigan lads, they put on Yorkshire accents and say "thissen" and "who you lakin' today?"

(It's really not on that Wiggins should dare mock anybody).

Shaun has business interests which keep him occupied when he's not on the M62.

"I've bought a ladies only gym and my wife has just opened a designer clothes shop for children." Ladies only gym? "Motorised beds which do all the work for you."

So, can Leeds still triumph this season?

"Of course they can. A team's fortunes can change within a month. Look at Warrington last year; they were struggling with some bad injuries; they have a good cup run and they're at Wembley. If Warrington can get to Wembley ... We are far better than most teams in Division One.

"The dressing room atmosphere before a game is similar to Wigan. Quiet, players talking sensibly, encouraging each other."

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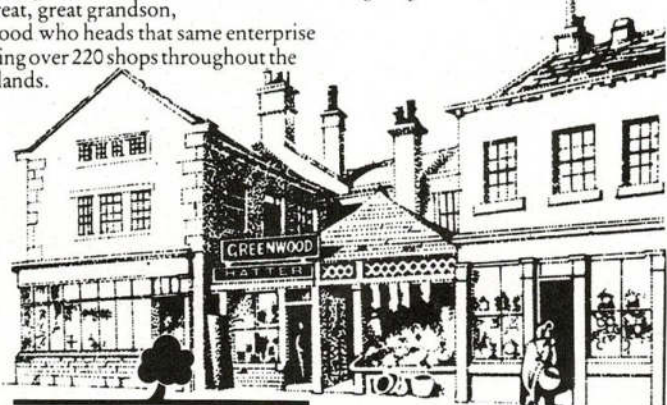
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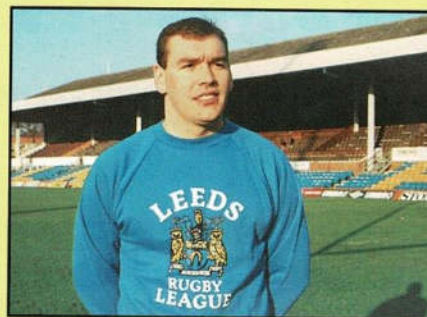
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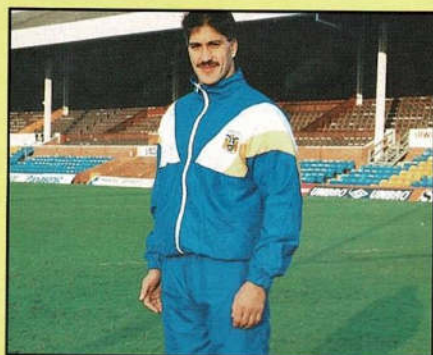


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Monday, 14th January, 1991

Guest Speaker: John McGrath
Comedian: Ivor Davies

Our first Sportsman's Dinner of the New Year will be held on Monday, 14th January, 1991 in the Pavilion, Bass Headingley.

Guest speaker for the evening is John McGrath, former soccer player with Southampton, Newcastle and Bury and ex-Manager of Bury and Preston North End. Paul has developed an excellent reputation on the After Dinner circuit and will be supported by Ivor Davies, a superb comedian.

The tickets are priced at £20.00 and we have a limited number of tables seating ten available. If you wish to reserve less than ten we can accommodate your requirements. Dinner is 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. and dress for the evening will be lounge suits.

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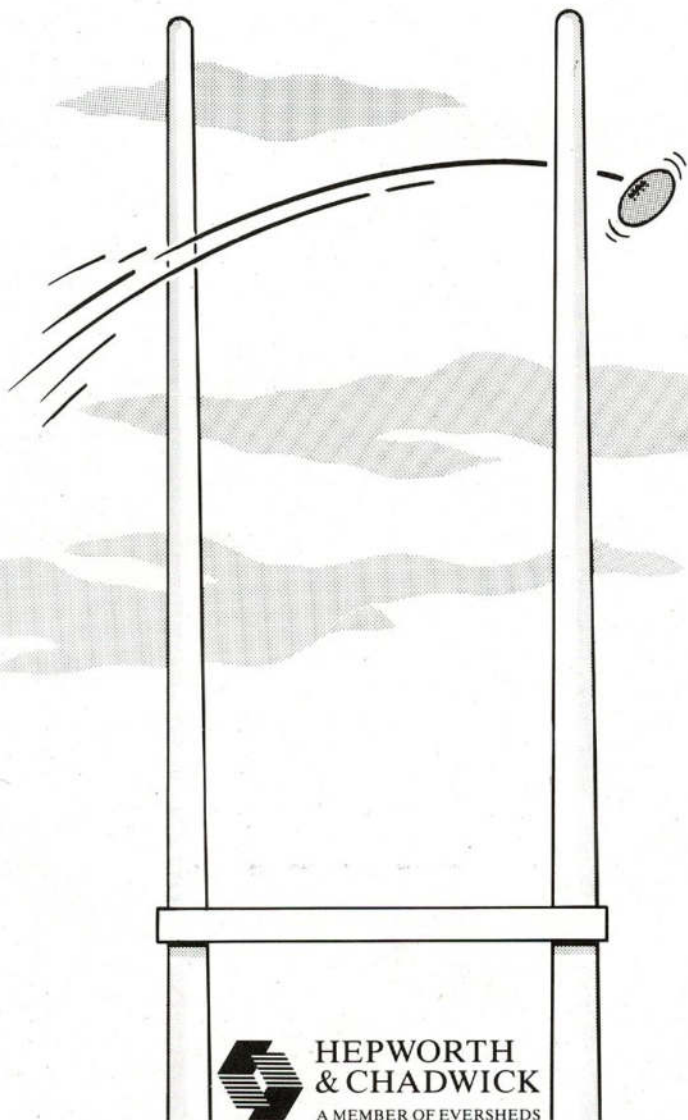


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Dear John,

Ding Don Merrily on a High, we sang on returning from Sheffield happily enjoying the festive cranes. Cav's break and your support turned the game. Chunky Tunksy seemed to make inroads at will. You were probably not aware of all the excitement on the scoreboard. At least it was even handed — blowing kisses to our scorers as well. The public address voice too was excellent doing his best to keep the crowd informed.

Wasn't it fun when the lights went out? We could hear the fuse blow quite clearly. I loved the stadium. Architecturally fabulous. The external elevation is reminiscent of the Pompidou Centre and the lovely tented roof reminds me of Lords.

In the lead-up to Christmas, I've been taking Peter Sterling to bed. Highly entertaining. Toned down whinging by Aussie standards. In fact, the first 160 pages or so were devoid of complaints about anyone at all. He made some rather telling comments about early influences on Lee Crooks in his Hull days and recounted anecdotes from Terry Webb's parties in north Leeds. Are you storing up tales for your memoirs? Write them down or you'll forget.

We had the strangest

experience a couple of weeks ago. In the aptly named St. John's Centre our attention was caught by a display of shirts in a sports shop. Even though we were supposed to be concentrating on a specific shopping list, we were drawn in to browse around the Carling Black Labels, the St. Helens Glass and the Chelsea away strip. At the front of one rail was a Widnes shirt. Furtively glancing round to make sure an assistant wasn't watching, we pretended to admire a Kangaroo jersey and then put it back — in front of the Widnes shirt. Well satisfied with this childish manoeuvre, we wandered out, only to be pulled up short by an astonishing scene. A young couple walked into the shop, straight to the shirts, foraged around, picked out the Widnes one and took it straight to the cash desk! Presumably, a poor child woke up on Christmas Day and found that Santa had left a Widnes shirt.

Again on the subject of shirts, I watched recently a video of the French Pool of Aces Final between St. Esteve and Carcassonne. A bottle of Fitou and a lump of Roquefort helped set the scene. The mascot, a little lad about five years old, was wearing a Leeds R.L. shirt. Keith Macklin and Alex Murphy were commentating and,

as the tape was slipping, they sounded even more bizarre than usual. When this little lad appeared, neither of them recognised the blue and amber. 'Is he a St. Esteve or a Carcassonne supporter' they chortled to each other 'or perhaps Perpignan'. I Couldn't support a French club side. It's heartstopping stuff all the time. All flair — no defence.

I think the Misprint of the Year appeared in the Yorkshire Post recently when the Wakefield v Castleford match was advertised as being at College Grove. Twickenham would have had a seizure. A runner-up, though, for a wonderful association of ideas, has to be a Ceefax report on the Warrington v Leeds game back in September which informed viewers that Richard Dunn had been banished to the sin-bin.

The Most Fun Try of the Year for me was Paul Medley's recent effort at Wigan. The sight of the Wigan defence looking at each other with open mouths, waiting for the referee to penalise them, was pure pantomime.

I was going to make a New Year Resolution not to watch the 'A' team away from home. I made a similar vow a while ago after Goole but slipped into old ways by going to Halifax. The return game at Headingley a week later marked the start of the weekend

blizzards. If I hadn't been so unbelievably frozen, I could have waxed quite poetic on the swirling sleet silhouetted in the floodlights. A steward handing out team-sheets had clearly been influenced by Delia Smith. As he picked one sodden offering out of a puddle he remarked: 'This has been marinating for an hour.' I think I'll resolve not to watch the 'A' team in Lancashire. I might stick to that. However, the splendid win against Wigan has restored my faith in the Friday nighters. Any win against Wigan is to be savoured.

Remember today that Oldham beat us early in the season. Norman Francis and John Fairbank will want to do well and Charlie McAllister must not be allowed to run. One to watch is Tommy Martyn. I picked him out in the Premiership at Old Trafford; he played well against us in the game at Watersheddings and I've read good reports of him since.

Weren't you lucky that Sheffield is on the way to London? I'll bet you were sweating when the lights flickered. What time did you arrive? In fact, can the Review really have been live?

Let's make very, very sure we have a Happy New Year's Day.

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AUGUST 1990

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31 (Fri)	Wakefield Trinity.....A	38-8	7.30

SEPTEMBER

7 (Fri)	OLDHAM.....H	18-12	7.30
14 (Fri)	Hull.....A	1-16	7.30
21 (Fri)	WARRINGTON.....H	46-24	7.30
28 (Fri)	St. Helens.....A	22-36	7.30

OCTOBER

4 (Thurs)	Ryedale-York (YSC Cup — Round 1).....A	20-14	7.30
12 (Fri)	Featherstone Rovers.....A	20-10	7.30
19 (Fri)	Bradford Northern (YSC Cup — Round 2).....A	14-24	7.30

NOVEMBER

2 (Fri)	WIDNES.....H	10-20	7.30
9 (Fri)	Castleford.....A	17-20	7.30
16 (Fri)	WAKEFIELD TRINITY.....H	26-24	7.30
23 (Fri)	Salford.....A	40-11	7.30
30 (Fri)	Halifax.....A	25-42	7.30

DECEMBER

7 (Fri)	HALIFAX.....H	4-12	7.30
14 (Fri)	WIGAN.....H	36-17	7.30
21 (Fri)	Hull Kingston Rovers.....A		7.30
28 (Fri)	Oldham.....A		7.30

JANUARY 1991

4 (Fri)	HULL.....H		7.30
10 (Thurs)	Leigh.....A		7.30
18 (Fri)	ST. HELENS.....H		7.30
25 (Fri)	Warrington.....A		7.30

FEBRUARY

1 (Fri)	CASTLEFORD.....H		7.30
8 (Fri)	Wigan.....A		7.30
15 (Fri)	Alliance Challenge Cup — Round 1.....H		
22 (Fri)	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS.....H		7.30

MARCH

1 (Fri)	Alliance Challenge Cup — Round 2.....H		
8 (Fri)	LEIGH.....H		7.30
15 (Fri)	SALFORD.....H		7.30
29 (Fri)	Widnes.....A		7.30

APRIL

5 (Fri)	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS.....H		7.30
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Friday, 7 December, 1990

LEEDS 4 HALIFAX 12

Deakin, Rombo, Jones (Sub. Hill), Ackerman, Fawcett, Maloney, Stephens, Young, Middleton, A. N. Other, Lord, James (Sub. Worthly), Rowse.

Goals: Maloney (2).

Friday, 14 December, 1990

LEEDS 36 WIGAN 17

Deakin, Rombo, Bentley, Ackerman, Jones, Maloney, Delaney, Young, Gunn, A. N. Other, Lord (Sub. Stephens), James, Divorty (Sub. Worthly).

Tries: Jones (2), Rombo, Bentley, Young, Gunn, James. Goals: Maloney (4).



FORD CAN TAKE GREGORY'S SPOT



ANDY GREGORY'S retirement from international football has left the Great Britain management with a massive gap to plug. Oldham's wonderfully talented scrum-half Mike Ford may well be the man called upon to fill Gregory's shoes.

At only 25, he still has time on his side and his experience of touring will stand him in good stead when the British party is selected for the 1992 Tour of Australia.

Ford was a member of the 1988 Lions squad but a succession of injuries saw him make just seven appearances during the tour of Papua New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand.

He scored five tries in his limited appearances though and back in 1988, Ford was considered the number two to Gregory.

Of course, since then there has been the emergence of Wigan's teenage sensation Bobby Goulding who was Britain's first-choice scrum-half on the Summer Tour to New Zealand.

Others such as experienced Test footballer Deryck Fox also stand in Ford's way, but if Oldham can stay in the first division Ford will be one of the main contenders for the British number seven jersey.

And no one will work harder to make sure that Oldham do remain in the top flight than the local boy Ford, who tasted the heights of glory at Wigan before returning to his hometown club.

Ford signed for Wigan, in fact, from Oldham St. Annes ARLFC after touring New Zealand with the 1983 BARLA Young Lions in a fabulous side which included the likes of Garry Schofield and David Creasser.

While at Wigan, Ford was an integral member of the side which won the Challenge Cup, Championship, John Player Trophy twice and Lancashire Cup.

Indeed, Ford was particularly outstanding during the Riversiders 1985 Challenge Cup run. He played brilliantly in the semi-final win over Hull K.R., almost

carrying the off-form Brett Kenny, and also played his part in a memorable Wembley triumph over Hull — when Kenny was definitely on-form.

His showing at Wembley earned him an off-season stint with Australian club Eastern Suburbs and Ford also picked up four Great Britain Under 21 caps between 1985 and 1987.

Ford had a somewhat unfair reputation of being a hot and cold player at Central Park, though, and in 1987 the ultra-professional Wigan club signed Andy Gregory.

Ford's days with the champions were numbered and he started the 1987-88 season at neighbouring Leigh.

Life at Hilton Park, however, was not to Ford's liking and in January 1988 he jumped at the chance to join his hometown club and first love Oldham.

Since then Oldham have become something of a yo-yo side with a spell in the second division keeping Ford out of the limelight.

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League Match

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LEEDS: P. Gill, A. Smith, D. Healy, T. Currie, H. Sharp, N. Hague, C. Lyons, J. Grayshon, T. Clark (Sub. C. Maskill), R. Powell (Sub. B. Hill), T. Webb, P. Medley, Kevin Rayne.

Leeds Scorers: Tries: Currie, Lyons, Medley.
Goals: Gill (5).

**TEN
YEARS AGO
4/1/81**

LEEDS 13

**HULL KINGSTON ROVERS 16
League Match**

LEEDS: I. Wilkinson, T. Naylor, D. Heselwood, J. Holmes, J. Atkinson, J. Sanderson (Sub. A. Mackintosh), K. Dick, M. Harrison, S. Miller, S. Pitchford, G. Eccles, R. Dickinson, J. Carroll (Sub. J. Townsend).

Leeds Scorers: Tries: Wilkinson, Holmes, Dick.
Goals: Dick (2).

**FIFTEEN
YEARS AGO
1/1/76**

LEEDS 30

**HULL KINGSTON ROVERS 5
League Match**

LEEDS: D. Marshall, A. Smith, N. Hague, L. Dyl, P. Fletcher, J. Holmes, K. Hepworth, M. Harrison (Sub. C. Sanderson), G. Eccles, R. Dickinson, R. Batten (Sub. D. Ward), B. Adams, P. Cookson.

Leeds Scorers: Tries: Dyl, Cookson, Harrison, Hepworth, Eccles, Fletcher.
Goals: Marshall (6).



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LEEDSTATISTICS

1990	Opponents (Kick-off 3.00 p.m. unless stated)	Att.	Result F A	1	2	3	4
Aug. 26	BRADFORD N. (John Smith's Yorkshire Cup — Round 1) H	14,223	16-24	Gallagher	Bentley	Irving 1G	Gibson
Sept. 9	Oldham (A)	6,388	22-32	Gallagher	Bentley 1T	Irving 5G	Gibson 1T
16	HULL (H)	11,404	22-24	Gallagher	Bentley	Irving 2T 3G	Gibson 1T
23	Warrington (A)	6,477	22-10	Gallagher 1T	Bentley	Irving 5G	Gibson 1T
30	ST. HELENS (H)	6.30 12,720	23-4	Gallagher 1T	Ford 1T	Irving 1T	Gibson
Oct. 7	Bradford Northern (A)	11,248	21-12	Spencer	Ford	Irving 1T 4G	Gibson
14	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS (H)	11,937	16-18	Gallagher	Ford 1T	Irving 4G	Creasser
21	AUSTRALIA (H)	16,037	10-22	Gallagher 1T	Ford	Irving 1G	Gibson
Nov. 3	Widnes (A)	2.45 6,163	8-26	Gallagher	Ford 1T	Irving 1T	Creasser
11	ROCHDALE HORNETS (H)	8,038	64-4	Gallagher 1T	Ford 1T	Irving 1T 10G	Creasser 2T
18	HALIFAX (Regal Trophy — Preliminary Round) (H)	9,761	58-6	Gallagher	Ford 1T	Irving 1T 9G	Creasser 1T
27	CASTLEFORD (H)	7.30 11,221	41-16	Gallagher 1T	Ford	Irving 1T 5G	Ackerman
Dec. 2	HULL K.R. (Regal Trophy — Round 1) (H)	6.30 9,853	26-22	Gallagher 1T	Ford	Irving 5G	Creasser
8	Widnes (Regal Trophy — Round 2) (A)	2.15 3,465	6-22	Gallagher	Ford 1T	Irving 1G	Gibson
16	Sheffield Eagles (A)	3.15 4,500	24-6	Gallagher	Ford 1T	Irving 2G	Gibson 1T
23	Wigan (A)						
26	BRADFORD NORTHERN (H)	11.30					
1991							
Jan. 1	OLDHAM (H)						
6	Hull (A)	6.30					
13	SHEFFIELD EAGLES (H)						
20	St. Helens (A)						
27	WARRINGTON (H)						
Feb. 3	Castleford (A)	3.30					
10	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Round 1)						
17	WIDNES (H)						
24	Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Round 2)						
Mar. 3	HULL KINGSTON ROVERS (H)						
10	Rochdale Hornets (A)						
17	Hull Kingston Rovers (A)	3.15					
29	WAKEFIELD TRINITY (H)	7.30					
April 1	Wakefield Trinity (A)	3.30					
7	Featherstone Rovers (A)	3.30					
14	WIGAN (H)						



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Fixtures...Results...Scorers

5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Ford 2T	Schofield 1T	Harkin	James	Maskill 1G	Dixon	Powell	Heugh	Heron	Creasser 5/3	Kuiti 5/13
Ford	Creasser	Harkin	James	Maskill	Dixon	Powell	Heugh 1T	Kuiti	Lord 5/8	Gunn 5/9
Rombo	Creasser	Harkin	Powell	Maskill	Dixon 1T	Lord	Heugh	Kuiti	Delaney 5/6	Gunn 5/11
Fawcett	Creasser	Harkin	Powell	Maskill	Wane	Dixon 1T	Heugh	Gunn	Ford 5/2	Kuiti 5/10
Fawcett	Schofield 1T 1G	Harkin 1DG	Powell	Maskill	Wane	Dixon	Heugh	Gunn	Creasser 5/3	Molloy 5/9
Fawcett	Schofield 1DG	Harkin	Powell	Gunn	Wane	Molloy	Heugh	Dixon 2T	Creasser 5/7	Kuiti
Fawcett	Schofield	Harkin	Powell	Maskill	Wane	Molloy	Heugh 1T	Dixon	Gunn 5/9	Kuiti 5/5
Fawcett	Schofield	Harkin	Molloy	Gunn	Powell	Dixon 1T	Heugh	Kuiti	Delaney 5/7	Divorty 5/8
Gibson	Schofield	Harkin	Molloy	Maskill	Wane	Dixon	Powell	Kuiti	Delaney 5/7	Divorty 5/12
Gibson	Schofield 2T	Harkin	Molloy	Maskill	Wane	Dixon 3T	Powell	Kuiti	Delaney 5/6	Divorty 5/11 1T
Gibson	Schofield 2T	Harkin	Molloy	Maskill 1T	Wane	Dixon 1T	Powell	Kuiti 2T	Delaney 5/7 1T	Divorty 5/10
Bentley	Schofield 1T 1G	Harkin 1DG	Molloy 1T	Gunn	Wane	Dixon	Heugh	Kuiti 3T	Divorty 5/13	Powell 5/8
Gibson	Schofield 2T	Harkin	Molloy	Gunn	Wane	Dixon	Heugh 1T	Kuiti	Divorty 5/11	Powell 5/8
Bentley	Schofield	Delaney	Molloy	Maskill	Wane	Dixon	Heugh	Kuiti	Divorty 5/3	Powell 5/12
Fawcett	Schofield 1T 2G	Harkin	Molloy	Maskill	Wane	Powell	Heugh 1T	Kuiti	Lord 5/15	Divorty 5/7

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP as at 20/12/90

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull.....	11	9	0	2	227	120	18
Widnes.....	10	8	0	2	245	138	16
Bradford N.....	12	7	0	5	238	218	14
Hull K.R.....	12	6	1	5	198	259	13
Leeds.....	10	6	0	4	263	152	12
Wakefield T.....	9	6	0	3	155	150	12
Castleford.....	11	6	0	5	239	264	12
Wigan.....	9	5	1	3	224	132	11
St. Helens.....	9	5	0	4	224	169	10
Featherstone R.....	11	4	1	6	190	227	9
Warrington.....	12	4	0	8	186	178	8
Oldham.....	12	4	0	8	204	268	8
Sheffield E.....	11	2	1	8	183	271	5
Rochdale H.....	11	1	0	10	136	366	2

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 as at 18/12/90

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull.....	13	13	0	0	346	161	26
Castleford.....	12	8	0	4	307	275	16
Hull K.R.....	13	8	0	5	255	234	16
Leeds.....	13	7	0	6	303	252	14
Oldham.....	12	7	0	5	236	194	14
Featherstone R.....	13	7	0	6	308	271	14
Halifax.....	13	7	0	6	271	294	14
Widnes.....	11	6	0	5	229	245	12
St. Helens.....	12	5	0	7	310	298	10
Leigh.....	12	5	0	7	200	261	10
Wigan.....	11	4	0	7	210	245	8
Salford.....	11	4	0	7	164	248	8
Wakefield T.....	13	2	0	11	218	279	4
Warrington W.....	11	2	0	9	204	304	4

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